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New Moon, 24th day, 2h. 47m., morn., N. E.
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Prices Current.

CHARLOTTETOWN, March 13, 1868.

Provisions.

Beef, (small) per lb.	4d to 6d
Do by the quarter,	3½d to 6d
Pork, (carcass)	3½d to 5d
Do (small)	5d to 7d
Mutton, per lb.,	3½d to 7d
Lamb per lb,	4d to 5d
Veal, per lb,	3d to 5d
Ham, per lb.,	6d to 7d
Butter, (fresh)	1s to 1s 4d
Do by the tub,	11d to 1s 2d
Cheese, per lb.,	3d to 5d
Tallow, per lb.,	9d to 10d
Lard, per lb.,	8d to 10d
Flour, per lb.,	3½d to 4d
Oatmeal, per 100 lbs.,	21s to 23s
Eggs, per dozen,	1s 2d to 1s 6d

Grain.

Barley, per bushel,	3s 6d to 5s
Oats per do.,	2s 9d to 3s

Vegetables.

Peas, per quart	
Potatoes, per bushel,	1s 9d to 2s 6d

Poultry.

Geese,	2s 6d to 3s 6d
Turkeys, each,	4s to 7s 6d
Fowls, each,	1s to 1s 8d
Chickens per pair,	
Ducks,	1s 3d to 1s 6d

Fish.

Codfish, per qtl.,	20s to 30s
Herrings, per barrel,	25s to 40s
Mackerel, per dozen,	

Lumber.

Boards (Hemlock)	4s
Do (Spruce)	4s to 5s
Do (Pine)	7s to 9s
Shingles, per M	13s to 18s

Sundries.

Hay, per ton,	70s to 80s
Straw, per cwt	1s 6d to 2s
Timothy Seed,	15s to 18s
Clover Seed, per lb.,	1s 3s to 1s 4d
Homespun, per yard,	4s to 6s
Calfskins, per lb.,	6d to 9d
Hides, per lb.,	4d
Wool,	1s to 1s 4d
Sheepskins,	3s to 5s.
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GEORGE LEWIS, Market Clerk.

A. HERMANS,
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BEGS to inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has again commenced Busines on Dorchester Street, next door to the Reading Room Building, where he is prepared to execute all orders in his line with neatness and despatch.

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A neat assortment of Tinware, Kitchen Utensils, &c. &c.

Including the patent Bon Ton Coffee Pot, which received the Gold Medal Prize, at the Paris Exposition of 1867. Also, BON TON LANTERNS, which will surpass everything in the Market, and suitable for either Farm use or on board Vessels.

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January 22, 1867. 1y

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DOMINICK DEAGLE, Master.

January 29, 1868. 1 y

Legislative Library,
February 25th, 1868.

ORDERED, by the Committee, that all Books issued previously to the 14th of the present month be returned before the opening of the Parliamentary Session on the 4th of March next.

L. C. JENKINS, Librarian.
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ALTERATION IN BUSINESS.

Notice to Debtors.

THE Subscriber hereby notifies that a complete change being about to be made in the business carried on at Orwell, heretofore, by the late Patrick Stephens, deceased, and subsequently by the undersigned,

And this is to give notice to those parties indebted to Mary Stephens, Executrix, and to the undersigned, by Judgments, Notes of Hand, and Book Accounts, that unless they pay their respective accounts in full this Fall, they shall be sued without further notice on the closing of the Navigation.

All kinds of merchantable produce taken in payment.

R. J. CLARKE.

Orwell Cheap Store, Sept. 18, 1867. i e tf

Butler's Rosemary Hair Cleaner,

AN elegant preparation for the Toilet and Nursery possessing, in the highest degree, the property of removing Scurf and Dandruff from the Head, and by its invigorating qualities, increasing the growth of the Hair.

W.R. WATSON.

City Drug Store, Nov. 23, 1867.

COTTON DUCK,

HAVING been appointed Agent for the sale of the celebrated

Russel's Mills Cotton Duck,

the Subscriber is prepared to receive orders for all the different Numbers, in quantities to suit purchasers.

I. C. HALL.

Charlottetown, May 22, 1867.

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Alexandra,	Guards,	Fragebane,
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The Bard of Avon's Perfume, in a neat Box; Sydenham Eau de Cologne, Treble Lavender Water, Extract of Lavender Flowers, Verbena Water, Tercentenary Sachet, Perfumed, Tercentenary Souvenir, Shakespear Golden Scented Locket Extract of Lime Juice and Glycerine, for making the Hair soft and glossy; Rose Leaf Powder, an improvement oil Violet Powder; Bloom of Ninion, for the Complexion. Depilatory Powder for removing superfluous hairs without injury to the skin; Napoleon Pommade, for fixing the Mustaches, and instantaneous Hair Dye, for giving the Hair and Whiskers a natural and permanent shade without trouble and danger.

Rimmel's Rose Water Crackers, a new and amusing device for evening parties.

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ROGERS' MILLS, Western Road, on Township No. 5. These Mills are in good working order, placed on a good and never-failing stream, with 150 acres of as good Land as this Island can afford, well covered with large Hard and Soft Wood. This property is invaluable to a person of small capital. There is an industrious and thriving settlement—Bloomfield—fast improving the lands around this property, and Lumber always in demand. There is a Cottage at the Mill, a small clearance of 6 or 8 acres, with a Dwelling House and Stable. The Mill is new, well-made, and double-geared.

Information may be had on application to Mr. Rogers, on the premises; Benj. Rogers and Herbert Bell, Alberton; or to the subscriber in Charlottetown.

I. C. HALL.

January 20, 1867. 2m

DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1868.

This being the day appointed by proclamation for the meeting of the Legislature, at three o'clock His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor came to the Council Chamber, and, being seated in the Chair of State, commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, who being come, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I am glad to meet you at the Commencement of another Session, and to have recourse again to your assistance and advice.

During last Session you passed an Act to authorize the raising of a Loan: It was deemed advisable that, during the recess, a Delegate should proceed to England to carry out your intentions in this matter; and, also to apply to the various Proprietors of Township Lands resident in England, with the view of ascertaining from them the terms upon which they would be willing to dispose of their Estates.

I regret that the negotiations with these Proprietors have not, thus far, been productive of any results: Nevertheless, the efforts of the Government continue to be directed to a full and final settlement of all questions connected with the Land Tenures.

As one of your principal objects in passing the Loan Act was to enable the Government to make extensive purchases of Land, it has not, as yet, been deemed advisable to proceed with that Loan.

Papers on these subjects will be laid before you.

I have recently received a petition from certain Persons who have purchased their holdings on the Selkirk Estate. The petitioners allege that the amount paid by them, as instalments has already been more than sufficient to pay for this Estate, and that it was not the intention of the Legislature in passing the Act under which this Property was purchased, that a larger sum should be exacted from the Tenants than would render the purchase self-sustaining.

I deemed it necessary to refer this Petition for the consideration of the Law Officers, and I have directed that their opinion should be laid before you, in full confidence that you will mature such measures as may be deemed equitable and convenient on this subject.

A Bill will be submitted to you for relaxing the provisions, enacted by the Land Purchase Act, for the Sale of Wilderness Lands on Public Estates, with the view of encouraging their speedy settlement and disposition.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

The Public Accounts for the past year will be laid before you.

I am glad to observe, that notwithstanding the commercial depression of the past year, the Revenue was larger than could have been anticipated, and including that derived from the sale of Public Lands, was in excess of the expenditure.

I have directed that estimates for the current year be submitted to you, and I ask with confidence such supplies as may be required for the public service.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

When I released you from the Legislative duties of last Session, I expressed the hope that you would, at your next meeting, take into your consideration a measure, calculated to impart to your system of education a degree of efficiency and practical benefit more commensurate with your liberal provision for that service.

A measure for consolidating the pesent Laws on this subject, and for amending them in certain particulars, will be submitted for your consideration.

The Committee which you appointed last Session, to report the best method of improving the Highways throughout this Island has concluded its labors, and its report will be laid before you.

I would direct your special attention to a subject of such manifest importance to the people whom you represent.

I venture to hope that the success which attended the Exhibition of articles of local industry during last Autumn, will encourage you to repeat and extend the stimulus which such exhibitions undoubtedly give.

I now leave you to the performance of the duties of the Session.

The speech being ended, the House of Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire. After prayers by the Chaplain, the Hon. James Yeo was introduced to the House by the Hon. Mr. Beer and the Hon. Mr. Lord, as one of the members elected to represent the first district of Prince County, who thereupon took the customary oath, and was conducted to his seat. The House then proceeded to the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES:

To prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech—Hon. Messrs. Walker, Palmer and Balderston.

To receive tenders for printing and binding the Journal of this House—Hon. Messrs. McDonald and Gordon.

To regulate the expenditure of this House—Hon. Messrs. Lord and Walker.

On engrossed bills—Hon. Messrs. Gordon, Beer and Walker.

To make arrangements for the publication of the debates and proceedings of this House—Hon. Messrs. Beer and Haythorne.

To revise the journal—Hon. Messrs. Walker and Palmer.

On expiring laws—Hon. Messrs. Palmer and Beer.

POSTAGE.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald moved the following resolution, which was agreed to by the House.

"*Resolved*, That the postage on all letters and printed papers, both foreign and inland, to members of this House, and the postage on the same when inland only, from members of this House, shall be charged to the contingent accounts of the House."

Adjourned till to-morrow at three o'clock.

THURSDAY, March 5.

ADDRESS—ANSWER TO SPEECH.

Hon. Mr. Walker, from the committee appointed to prepare an address to His Excellency, in reply to his speech at the opening of the present session, presented the following draft thereof, which was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow:

To His Excellency George Dundas, *Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.*

May it please Your Excellency:

We, the Members of the Legislative Council, in General Assembly convened, respectfully tender Your Excellency our thanks for your Speech delivered at the opening of the present Session.

Your Excellency having deemed it advisable that, during the Recess, a Delegate should proceed to England, to carry out the intention of the Legislature respecting the Act of the last Session passed to authorize the raising of a Loan, and also to ascertain the terms upon which the Proprietors of various Township lands would be willing to dispose of their Estates, it is to be regretted that the negotiations with those Proprietors have not been productive of any beneficial results.

As the making extensive purchases of lands was one of the principal objects of the Legislature in passing the Loan Act, we can fully understand that necessarily, it has not, as yet, been deemed advisable to proceed with the contemplated loan.

When your Excellency is pleased to lay before us the opinion of the Law Officers on the case of the petitioners who have purchased from the Government parts of the Selkirk Estate, and who have applied to your Excellency to be relieved from the payment of any more of the prices at which they purchased than will be sufficient to pay for the total amount which the Estate cost the Government, the Petitioners' claim shall receive our attentive consideration, with the desire, and in the hopes of our concurring in such measures as may appear equitable and convenient on the subject.

The Bill to be submitted to us for relaxing the statutable provisions for the sale of Public Wilderness Lands will readily meet our attention, and we trust when matured it may be rendered conducive towards the more speedy settlement and disposition of those Estates.

We will cheerfully proceed to consider the subject of Education, and when the measure for consolidating the present Acts on this most important subject is submitted to us, our earnest endeavors will be applied towards rendering more perfect the system of education which at present prevails, so that its practical benefits may prove more commensurate with the Public provisions made for that object.

In whatever manner the subject of the improvement of the Highways—one of such vast utility to the people of this Colony—shall be laid before us, it shall claim our anxious attention, and in giving it our consideration we will gladly avail ourselves of the valuable information respecting the best method of improvement, we anticipate, will be found in the Report of the Legislative Committe on this subject, when laid before us.

It is very gratifying to us to hear of the success which attended the Exhibition of articles of local industry last Autumn. Whatever encouragement is offered by the other Branch of the Legislature to further stimulate this object of Colonial enterprise, shall receive our willing concurrence.

Council Chamber, }
March 9th, 1868 }

Adjourned till to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 6.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING JOURNAL.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald, from the committee appointed to receive tenders for printing and binding the Journals of this House for the present session, reported that they had received three Tenders, viz: One from Mr. Henry Cooper, offering to print the journals at £1 7s. 6d. per sheet of eight pages, and to bind each copy for 3s. 6d.; one from Mr. Thomas Reilly, at £1 9s. 6d. per sheet, binding 3s. 6d.; and one from Messrs. Hughes and Malone, at £1 14s. 6d. per sheet, upon superior English paper, a specimen of which accompanied the tender, and was marked No. 1, and £1 10s. upon paper marked No. 2; binding per copy, 3s. 6d.

The House then resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the above report, Hon. Mr. MacDonald in the chair. After some desultory debate, it was resolved, upon motion of Hon. Mr. Gordon, that the tender of Mr. Cooper be accepted, it being the lowest.

TENDERS FOR PRINTING DEBATES.

Hon. Mr. Beer, from the committee appointed to receive tenders for the publication of the debates and proceedings of this House, reported that they had received two tenders, viz: One from Mr. Thomas Reilly, at 19s. 6d. per sheet of four pages, to bind each copy for 9d., and to publish in the *Herald* newspaper for £10 15s.; and one from Messrs. Hughes and Malone, at £1 3s. per sheet, and to publish in the *Examiner* for £12.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the above report, and after some time spent therein, it was resolved, on motion of the Hon. Mr. MacDonald, that Mr. Reilly's tender be accepted, it being the lowest, and that he be instructed to publish the debates of a uniform size with those of last session.

JOINT COMMITTEE.

A message was brought from the House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr. Coles, with a resolution to the effect that they had appointed a committee, consisting of the Hon. Col. Secretary, Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Haviland, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Yeo, and Hon. Mr. Davies, to join a committee of this House for the purpose of keeping up a good correspondence between the two branches of the Legislature during the session. Hon. Messrs. MacDonald, Walker and Gordon were then appointed a committee on the part of this House to join the above named committee of the House of Assembly.

Adjourned till Monday next at eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, March 9th.

PUBLISHING DEBATES.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald asked if any provision had been made for having the debates and proceedings of this House published in any of the newspapers besides the *Herald*.

Hon. Mr. Beer said that if any of the other newspaper publishers should publish the debates in a satisfactory manner they would probably receive a grant at the end of the session, as some of them did last year. He thought it was understood that the Clerk of this House should notify them to that effect.

Hon. Mr. Lord said this was the only Legislature, as far as he was aware, which granted any remuneration for publishing their debates in the newspapers. In the neighboring Colonies the newspaper publishers published them for the benefit or information of their subscribers without such legislative assistance.

Hon. Mr. Dingwell observed that the contractor to whom the reporter would send his manuscript would be paid, and he thought it would be unfair not to pay all who would publish them in a satisfactory manner, as people in the country should be informed of the views and sentiments of their representatives in this branch of the Legislature. It should be left to the House, however, to grant such remuneration, at the end of the session, as they considered just and reasonable.

PRINTING JOURNALS.

Hon. Mr. Lord asked if the contractor for printing the journals would be required to have the work completed within any given time. He did not know that it was any great consequence to the members of the House as long as it was done before the next session; but, at the same time, as the work had to be paid for, he thought it should be completed within a reasonable time. Besides, as one-half of the amount would probably be paid at the end of the session, good security should be required for the performance of the contract.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald submitted the following resolution, which was agreed to by the House:

"*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this House be instructed to have the publication of the Journals completed within six months from the time of the prorogation of the Legislature: that the contractor be required to enter into bonds with sufficient security for the performance of his contract, and that one-half of the estimated amount of the contract be paid at the close of the session, and the balance when the work is completed to the satisfaction of the committee."

ADDRESS—ANSWER TO SPEECH.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. MacDonald, the House resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration the address in answer to His Excellency's speech at the opening of the present session—Hon. Mr. Walker in the chair.

First paragraph.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald: The paragraph which has just been read refers to the question of a loan which was proposed to be negotiated for by the Act passed last session, so as to enable the Government to purchase the remaining proprietory estates on this Island. It was considered advisable to send a delegate to England to open negotiations for a loan, in accordance with the provisions of that Act, and also to enter into communication with the proprietors, in order to ascertain upon what terms they would be willing to sell their estates. The gentleman selected was the Attorney General, in whom, I believe, almost every person places the greatest confidence, and who was considered the most suitable, inasmuch as he is connected with persons on the stock exchange in England. He accordingly entered into communication with the proprietors, and though the prices they asked were, in most cases, so high, that the Government could not think of purchasing, yet he placed matters upon such a footing that further negotiations can be entered into at any time, if it is thought desirable to purchase those estates. With regard to the question of a loan, Mr. Hensley found that, though money was very cheap, yet there was a general want of confidence felt in monetary circles, and, therefore, it was not thought advisable to take up the loan at that particular time. It also happened that there was another loan upon the market under similar circumstances, and it appeared that they only had a tender for a very small portion of the sum they required. It was not, therefore, deemed advisable by that Government—the Government of Tasmania—to accept the offer, but they withheld it till the autumn, when it was put upon the market and taken up on terms very advantageous to the Colony. However, as there were none of the proprietors' estates in the market, the Government did not deem it advisable to proceed with the negotiations for a loan.

Hon. Mr. Palmer: I do not intend, your honors, to offer anything different from what is contained in that paragraph, but I cannot help observing that what I said in this House last year has recurred to my mind with great force, that is, that little hopes could be entertained of procuring the loan, and that we would serve the interests of the country better by passing a measure to authorize a further issue of treasury notes. Experience has shown me, and I think it must have convinced others, that such a measure would have afforded some relief, for there has been a great dearth of money felt through the last year, and particularly during the last six months. And though there is a considerable amount of deposits in the banks, yet it is well known that a large portion of the community is suffering for want of an adequate amount of circulating medium. It was not so much for the purpose of placing the Government in a position to purchase proprietory lands, as to relieve the commercial depression of the community, that the loan bill was passed last year, and I am of opinion that the object would have been more speedily and more effectually attained by an issue of treasury notes. However, the Government thought otherwise, and they made an experiment which has not proved successful; whether anything else is contemplated, it now rests with them to say. Procuring the loan is one thing, and getting the proprietors to consent to sell is another. They are not so intimately connected as we are liable to imagine. We may, perhaps, get the loan in the ensuing spring or summer, but that is no guarantee that the proprietors will sell their estates. It now remains for the Government to say whether it would not be a greater relief to have an issue of treasury notes than to wait for any good we may expect from the operation of the loan bill, together with the chances that the proprietors will consent to sell their lands. I would be happy to see that matter taken into consideration before the session is over, and such a measure matured as would warrant a further issue of treasury notes.

Hon. Mr. Beer: I must confess that I deeply regret that no progress appears to have been made in the purchase of proprietors' estates. I did hope, when that large proprietor, Mr. Cunard, consented to sell his estate, that there would be little difficulty in procuring the consent of the rest, especially as they are nearly all small proprietors; but, to my surprise, I find they are very stiff and unwilling to sell, so that I suppose this land question is to be an everlasting subject before the politicians of this Colony. It has been agitated ever since I came to this country, thirty-six years ago. Many successive governments have come in and gone out upon this question. The present Government is desirous, I believe, of having this question settled, but it appears as if all Governments were afraid to take that decided stand which I think they should take. And now that the great bulk of the proprietors have sold their lands, and the tenants have purchased their holdings from the Government, I think it is time that some measure should be adopted to compel the remaining ones to take a fair renumeration, so as to have this question settled. Not that I would be an advocate for taking their lands from them, but that they should not be allowed to stand in the way of having this long agitated question brought to a close. I therefore wish to know whether the Government contemplate bringing forward such a measure. It would increase their popularity, and the British Government cannot do any more than refuse to pass it. Many instances are on record wherein important questions have been brought before them perhaps a dozen times, and at last acceded to, such as the emancipation of the slaves in the West Indies. Private rights have frequently to give way for the public advantage upon proper compensation being given. The old Seignorial titles in Canada have been abolished and they were of far greater importance to those who held them than are the small estates now held by proprietors in this Island. The "Encumbered Estates Bill" in Ireland, and many other instances might be referred to in proof of this point. It is high time that this question was settled, and I want to know whether the Government is prepared to bring forward a measure for

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