

have carried away many of the skulls, particularly the entire ones. I however succeeded, with the assistance of Mr. Rorbach, in collecting some of the most perfect of the remains, and took measures to insure their reaching Europe in safety, intending them for a scientific friend, from whose knowledge on such subjects, it may be hoped, that interesting results are to be looked for, should he be afforded an opportunity of examining these relics of an ancient and obscure period.

From the side of the hill rises a fountain of the most transparent water, in quantities sufficient to turn the wheel of a mill which is situated at a short distance; this is the invariable attendant of such tumuli, whether they occur in Britain, Scandinavia, or in Asia; and I could not help regretting that the tumuli of Niagara had not been inspected by some of those literary characters who have exhibited so much learning, and brought to light so much interesting and curious knowledge in their treatises upon the barrow and tumuli of Europe, Asia and Africa, as undoubtedly those at Niagara, when taken together, with the remains of a similar character, which Baron Humboldt describes as existing in Mexico, might be the means of throwing light upon a period of the history of the world, where records entirely fail us, and which seems buried in the darkness of the most remote antiquity.

List of the articles sent to England by Major Macintosh.—A skull and three thigh bones; a brass kettle; a sheet of metal; several strings of colored glass beads; some strings of beads, apparently made of shells and bones; the head of a pipe; a conch-shell entire; several pieces of the same kind of shell shaped into ornaments.

York, (U. C.) April 13.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF UPPER
CANADA.

At 4 o'clock this day his Excellency the Lieut. Governor, being seated

on the throne, in the Legislative Council Chamber, and the House of Assembly being present, His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the present Session of Parliament with the following speech.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

In closing this session of the Provincial Parliament, which has been of more than ordinary length, I find but few measures of general concern presented to me, as the result of your labours.

The bill for the further regulation of our intercourse with the United States of America, contains one provision in particular, which I should be happy to see exist; I mean the provision for admitting free of duty, the horses employed in conveying persons removing into, or travelling through this province.

I regret much that this relaxation, which may itself, I fear, seem in some measure repugnant to that part of the Canada trade act, which regulates the intercourse between this province and the neighbouring country—should have been connected with others, that appear more decidedly inconsistent with that statute. But although these circumstances compel me to reserve the bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, I will, in the mean time, take such measures, upon my own responsibility, as may give immediate effect to the provision to which I first alluded, in the confidence that it will be ultimately confirmed.

The amendments you have made to the act incorporating the Welland Canal Company, will have the effect, I trust, of facilitating the execution of a work, which if conducted to a successful termination, must be of incalculable importance to this province.

I regret to perceive that your session has terminated without affording to the government the means of carrying on the public service during the present year.