

## AMERICAN NEWS.

New York, May 15.  
The Herald's Washington dispatch states from a reliable source that the secret remains of Washington have been removed from Mount Vernon by Col. Washington, who has recently joined the Confederate army. In the sale of Mount Vernon, Col. Washington reserved to himself not only the tomb of Washington, but also an acre of ground around it. He also bound himself to renovate the tomb.

The 5th Massachusetts Regiment have received marching orders. It is supposed they will go to the Relay House.

The President takes the deepest interest in the desperate struggle now going on in Tennessee between the secessionist and Union men. Measures are in contemplation for the support of the gallant Andrew Johnson and his gallant friends in their devoted efforts for the Union.

Massachusetts regiments have been purposely selected for opening the way to the Federal troops through Maryland, in order to render the humiliation of the secessionists the greater. The triumphant re-entrance of the 6th proved a pill of indelible bitterness to the bloodthirsty.

Mr. Frederick Seward and the Secretary of State entertained to night a distinguished company, including the officers of the New York 7th and 11th, Massachusetts 5th, and Rhode Island Regiments, the members of the Cabinet, the diplomatic corps, and army officers. Among these were Lieut. Gen. Scott, together with other guests, and a fair proportion of ladies.

It is altogether improbable that a demonstration against Harper's Ferry will be undertaken by Federal troops from either Pennsylvania or Maryland, without a simultaneous advance of strong corps from this city to some point between Richmond and Harper's Ferry to cut off succor from the Southern part of Virginia.

The *Panacea* is increasing her armament, as though she were expecting an early brush with the rebels at Alexandria. Two more heavy Dahlgrens were mounted on her today.

The Secretary of War announced last night to the President that Gen. Sickles has offered his brigade, 5,000 strong, direct to the Government for the whole term of the war, fully equipped and ready for any service.

"It must be accepted immediately," said the President. "I have accepted it," said the Secretary. "You have done well," said the President.

Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, has satisfied the War Department that several of the officials at Fort Leavenworth and Riley are open sympathizers with the Southern rebels. A thorough clearing has already been ordered.

Parties from Northern Missouri are here urging the Government to station an army in that part of the country.

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The Virginia newspapers received today note continued arrival of Confederate troops and their departure for points not designated.

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temptation to many to try a business so hazardous.

The peace, security and immunity from military service enjoyed in Canada will doubtless be regarded by many in the States with favor, and especially by Canadian settlers there. Already French Canadians have returned in great numbers, and some English and American families from various parts and especially from the Southern States have, it is said begun to arrive in Canada, as the land of refuge. If the war goes on, this immigration will doubtless increase, and dwelling-houses, village lots, farms, &c., will in that case be in demand, and consequently increase in value.

We do not say that any of these results are to be desired at the expense of our neighbors, but merely that they are likely to take place. Canadian interests, upon the whole, would be best promoted by the peace and prosperity of the great nation with which we are so intimately connected that we must, to a certain extent, be affected, by its condition, whether for good or evil.—Witness.

THE WILSON HOUSE.  
This fine hotel underwent a thorough overhauling since Messrs Wilson and Dana came into possession. From top to bottom bedrooms, parlours, and drawing-rooms have been painted and papered in the finest style, and furnished with new carpets and new furniture. Rooms may now be obtained at the Wilson House equal in elegance to any hotel in Canada.

All who know Mr. Wilson are aware that when he says so, so it is; and that when he makes up his mind, he neither falters nor looks behind. He having built the hotel, and his name having been associated with it ever since, like a cap with his ship, the name and fame of the establishment are endeared to him by ties of no ordinary nature. All this is shown in the manner in which the present improvements have been carried out, nor is he likely to rest satisfied till the elegance and comfort of the hotel is universally admitted by the patronage given.

As to the table and other et ceteras, one trial will prove that in those matters also, the Wilson House cannot be surpassed. Willson now stands ready to entertain prince, peer, peasant or potentate, the honest homely farmer being as welcome to him as the soft silky gloved hand of the wealthy and great his house, like his heart, being big enough for all.—Recorder.

QUACKERY—GIFT HUMBUGS AND WITCHCRAFT.  
Sir,—Will you kindly grant a small portion of your valuable space to make a few strictures on some practices which obtain here. The quackeries referred to are Quackery, Gift-books and Witchery. Perhaps some of our readers will say, why trouble us writing about these? They concern only fools. Let them work their own cure. If people will be duped, let them pay for their folly. The force of this I admit; the argument is good as far as it goes. If people will be duped by the pretensions of the Quack or the gifted gift of the Bookster, or the weird vaticination of the would-be Witch, let then pay for it. But then there is something more involved than merely the being duped. It is the essential immortality and wickedness of the system which is to be repudiated and condemned, and against which many of the unthinking need to be warned.

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## Prorogation of Parliament.

Quebec, Saturday, p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

This day, at two o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Chamber of the Legislative Council in the Parliament Buildings.

The Members of the Legislative Council being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, the following Bill was presented by His Majesty's name by His Excellency the Governor General, viz:—

An Act to incorporate the Guelph General Hospital.

To incorporate the Wesleyan Female College of Hamilton.

To incorporate the Les Dames Religieuses de Jesus Marie.

To incorporate the Stadacona Club of Quebec.

To incorporate the Society named the Union St. Joseph de L'Industrie.

An Act to amend the charter of the Assiniboine and Guarantees Society of the Bank of Montreal.

To amend the Act incorporating the Montreal Asylum for aged and infirm women.

To incorporate the Montreal Skating Club.

To incorporate the St. Antoine Association of Montreal.

An Act to amend the 11th chapter of the consolidated statutes of Canada, intituled an Act respecting the Provincial Penitentiary of Canada.

To abolish the rights of Courts of Quarter Sessions and Records' Courts to try treasons and capital felonies.

To amend the 108th chapter of the consolidated statutes of Canada, intituled an Act respecting a Lunatic Asylum for criminal convicts.

Further to increase the capital stock of La Banque du Peuple.

To amend the charter of the Ontario Bank.

To incorporate the Church of England Female Orphan Asylum at Quebec.

To consolidate the debt of the town of Peterboro', and to authorize the issue of debentures on the security of town property, and for other purposes.

To incorporate the Canada Central Railway Co., and to amend the Act intituled an Act to provide for the encouragement and construction of a Railway from Lake Huron to Quebec.

To abolish the mode of procedure in criminal cases, called recording sentence of death.

To amend the Prison and Asylum inspection Act.

To provide for the separation of the County of Bonaventure from the County of Lanark.

An Act to prevent vexatious indictments for certain misdemeanors.

An Act to amend and extend the law in respect to persons injured in this Province and dying abroad.

To change the name of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Montreal.

An Act for the relief of David Rintoul and Walter Armstrong.

To change the name of the College of Bytown, and to amend the act incorporating the same.

To enable the Municipalities of Dorchester and Ingersoll to pass by-laws to ratify the agreement with the Dorchester, Ingersoll and Dorchester Plank and Gravel Road Co., and to legalize the said agreement.

To amend the 28th chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled an Act respecting the Public Works, in so far as respects the powers of Official Arbitrators.

To amend and explain the Act respecting Duties of Customs as regards packages in which goods are imported.

An Act to amend chapter 89 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada respecting Extradition of Fugitive Felons from the United States of America.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the 12th year of Her Majesty's reign intituled an Act to Incorporate La Communite des Peverendes Sœurs de la Charite at Bytown.

To confirm certain roads in the Township of Northampton, and provide for the closing of other road allowances in the said Township.

To amend the Acts relating to the Common of the Seigneurie of Yamaska, and to authorize partition of the said Common.

An Act to amend the Charter of the South Eastern Mining Company of Canada.

For the Incorporation of the Lake St. Peter Navigation Company.

To amend the Charter of the British American Manufacturing Company.

To authorize the Incumbent and Canon, Wardens of St. Paul at London to sell, lease, or mortgage a portion of that block of land on which is situated the Church of St. Paul.

An Act to incorporate the Montreal Baptist Church under the name of the 1st Baptist Church of Montreal and for other purposes.

To revive and amend an Act to Incorporate the Kingston Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

To confirm the settlement made under the Will of the late Hon. Thos. Mackay by the devise therein named.

To confirm and legalize a certain agreement entered into between the Church Societies of the Diocese of Toronto and Huron, relative to certain Church Lands in the Diocese of Huron.

To incorporate the Merchants Bank.

A Bill respecting Mining Rights.

To place the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Parsonage property in the town of Stratford, County of Perth, under the direction and provisions of the Model Deed of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada in connection with the English Conference, for the better management thereof.

To incorporate the Marine College at Quebec.

For the better preventing of the fraudulent use of the false Invoices for Customs purposes.

To amend chapter 54 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada intituled an Act respecting Incorporated Banks.

To amend chapter 102 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada intituled an Act respecting duties of Justices out of sessions.

An Act in relation to persons charged with indictable offences.

To amend an act relating to constables.

To amend an Act respecting trade marks.

To provide for the registration of designs.

To remove certain obstructions to the navigation of Riviere des Prairies.

To repeal certain clauses of act 10th of the 14th Chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada.

Further to amend the acts to provide for the management and improvement of the harbor of Montreal and the deepening of the ship channel between Montreal and Quebec.

For the consolidation of the debt of the City of Hamilton, and for other purposes.

To amend an act for the separation of the County of Victoria from the County of Peterboro', and to fix the county town at Lindsay.

To incorporate the Montreal and Vermont Junction R.R. Co. for 1861.

To incorporate the Boys Home of the City of Toronto.

To confirm a re-survey of part of the town of Godolich.

To amend and extend an act intituled an Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the Agricultural Loan Association of Canada.

To remove all doubts as to the validity of certificates of the Judges of the County Courts to insolvents under an act of 1855.

To incorporate the Montreal R.R. Terminal Co. To extend the application of certain provisions of an act respecting certain Municipal Institutions of U.C.

To amend chap. 18 and 20 of the Consolidated Statutes for L.C. respecting the creation of Parishes, and the registration of Marriages, Baptisms and burials.

To confirm certain surveys of the townships of Lingwick, Bury and Oxford.

To confirm the Union of Certain Presbyterian churches therein named.

To vest in the City of Hamilton, the water works of that city.

To extend the period fixed for the completion of the work on the R.R. Co. of Arthabaska and other purposes.

To amend chapter 63 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, respecting Joint Stock Companies.

To amend the charter of Drummond and Arthabaska Counties Railway Company.

To authorize the trustees of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, at Beauharnois, to sell certain lots held by them in trust for such congregation.

To incorporate the Montreal Hydraulic and Dock Co.

To confirm the survey of certain parts of the City of Ottawa.

To incorporate the Toronto Street Railway Co.

An Act to vest certain real estate of the late John Knatchbull Roche in the hands of trustees.

To amend the acts incorporating the St. Lawrence Warehouse, Dock & Wharfage Co. and the Board of Notaries to admit, after examination, Jules Huguenin and Joseph Lefevre to practice as Notaries.

To enable the Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Anne de la Perade to establish certain tolls on bridges over the River St. Anne.

To incorporate the Montreal City Passenger Railway Company.

To alter the limits of the village of Actonvale in the County of Bagot.

To amend the Acts incorporating the Carillon and Grenville Railway Company.

To incorporate the St. Michael Congregation.

To enable the City of Toronto to issue debentures for \$200,000 and to consolidate the public debt of the city.

To remove doubts as to the validity of By-law 15 of the Corporation of the County of Grey, and of certain debentures the validity of certain bonds contained in the last will of Nathan Gage deceased, and to enable trustees under the said will to carry into effect the said bequests.

An Act respecting Maps, Plans of Towns or Villages in Upper Canada.

To amend the Act respecting a Commissioners Court in the Municipality of Herbyville in the County of Cheochee, notwithstanding any deficiency in the number of the electors.

An Act further to extend the time for the registration of Conveyances to religious institutions in Upper Canada.

An Act further to amend the Act respecting Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada.

An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Ottawa to continue William Street to the Market Square.

An Act to amend the Act 23rd Vic. chapter 25 and chapter 26 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada as respects the exemption of certain articles from seizure in satisfaction of debts.

An Act to provide for the separation of the City of Toronto from the United Counties of York and Peel for Judicial purposes.

The Joint Stock Company's Bill Classes Consolidation.

To incorporate La Banque Jacques-Carrier.

To amend the Charter of Bank of Montreal.

To incorporate St. Lawrence Navigation Company.

To amend the Lower Canada Consolidate Municipal Act.

To amend the Joint Stock Company's Judicial Incorporation Act.

To amend the Act respecting Mutual Insurance Companies in Upper Canada.

Further to amend the Act incorporating Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of the City of Toronto.

To amend chap. 7th of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada, intituled an Act respecting the Notarial profession.

To amend chap. 89 of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada respecting the Registration of Deeds and other instruments.

To explain certain parts of chap. 72 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada relating to stock of rifled shot in the possession of an Advocate.

To amend the law relating to unlawful administration of poison.

To incorporate the St. George's Society of Ottawa.

To continue for a limited time the Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes.

To consolidate the debt of the town of Port Hope.

For the better assignment of Dower in U.C.

To incorporate the St. Lawrence Grain Elevating and Floating Store Company.

To incorporate La Societe de Colonization du Bas Canada.

To amend the Agricultural Act.

To amend chap. 68 of the Consolidated Statutes for Lower Canada respecting Mutual Insurance Companies.

To authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and citizens of the City of Montreal to borrow an additional sum for the purpose of completing the new Water Works in the said City, and to restrict the annual expenditure of the Council of the said City within certain limits.

To amend the Act respecting the inspection of Sole Leather.

To amend chap. 6 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada respecting the election of members of the Legislature.

For the removal of all doubts as to the right of appeal in the case hereinafter mentioned.

To amend the Act respecting the investigation into accidents by fire.

To amend the 13th chap. of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada respecting the Court of Error and Appeal.

To repeal the laws relating to Registration of Judgments of Upper Canada.

To amend and consolidate the Laws respecting Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

To incorporate the town of Lewis.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to reserve the following Bill for the consideration of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon:—

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Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

It affords me much pleasure to find that you have completed the consideration of such measures as you deem necessary for the Province, and that I am thus able to close the fourth session of this Parliament.

You have in some important particulars amended the Criminal Law; and sanctioned the transaction of public business by the means of the several messages submitted to you, and you have bestowed a patient attention on the petitions and