

proofs of the obnoxious articles, corrected by the writers. Yet it is alleged publicly that he did, and the charge is not contradicted."

CANADA.

We have papers from Montreal to the 14th, Quebec to the 16th, and Kingston and Toronto to the 10th June, by the mail arrived to day, June 29.

The Provincial Parliament was opened by Lord Elgin on the 2nd. The following are the most important paragraphs of his speech:—

The representations which have proceeded from this and the neighbouring provinces, on the subject of the Post-office, have engaged the anxious consideration of the Imperial Government. I am enabled to inform you that her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to surrender to the provincial authorities the control of that department as soon as by concert between the several legislatures, arrangements shall be matured for securing to British North America the advantages of an efficient and uniform post-office system. By a statute passed during the last session of the Imperial Parliament, the Colonial Legislatures are empowered to repeal the differential duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favour of British produce. It is probable that by exercising this power you may be enabled to benefit the consumer without injury to the revenue. I commend this subject to your consideration, and I shall lay before you certain communications relating to it, which I have received from her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies and from the Lieutenant-Governors of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Measures will be submitted to you for extending more generally warehousing facilities to inland ports, and for effecting other improvements in our commercial system, which will, I am sure, engage your attention.

The *Toronto British Colonist* announces that Mr. Draper has been raised to the Bench, and that Mr. Henry Sherwood is to succeed him as Attorney-General. Mr. J. A. Macdonald had been appointed Receiver-General, in the room of Mr. Morris, who is, it is said, to be President of the Council. Mr. Turcotte had been appointed Solicitor-General for Canada East.

Mr. Etienne Parent and E. A. Menditt

have been appointed Assistant Secretaries of the Province.

The following appointments are gazetted:—J. H. Cameron, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council, and Joseph A. Taschereau, Esq., to be a Circuit Judge for the district of Quebec; Henry Sherwood, Esq., to be a Member of the Executive Council and Attorney-General for Canada West, in the place of the Hon. W. H. Draper, resigned; Hamnett Pinhey, Esq., and James Ferrier, Esq., have also been called to the Legislative Council; Sir Allan McNab had been triumphantly confirmed to the Speakership.

Lord Elgin, it appears, had no idea of meeting Parliament with a "fragment," and having filled up all the vacancies in the Executive Council, with the single exception of the Solicitor-General of Canada East, is determined not to interfere between parties, while the victory is undecided, but to let them fight it out. To complete the ministerial arrangements several changes have been deemed necessary. Mr. Badgley succeeds Mr. Smith as Attorney-General for Canada East, and the leader of the Government Mr. Attorney-General Draper is succeeded by Mr. Sherwood; Mr. Morris, the new President of the Executive Council, retires from the office of Inspector-General, and is succeeded by Mr. Cayley, late Receiver-General, to which berth Mr. J. A. Macdonald is appointed. Mr. J. H. Cameron is the new Solicitor-General for Upper Canada, vice Sherwood; and the Hon. Peter McGill succeeds Mr. Caron as President of the Legislative Council, with a seat in the Cabinet. The new ministry is out-and-out Conservative, all attempts at forming a coalition of parties having failed; and consists of nine members, of which, five accepted office within a few days of the meeting of Parliament.

We repeat the list in detail.

The Hon. M. Morris, President Executive Council; Hon. P. McGill, President Legislative Council; Hon. D. Daly, Provincial Secretary; Hon. W. Cayley, Inspector-General; Hon. D. B. Papineau, Crown Land Commissioner; Hon. W. Badgley, Attorney-General, Lower Canada; Hon. J. A. Macdonald, Receiver-General; Hon. H. Sherwood, Attorney-General, Upper Canada; Hon. J. H. Cameron, Solicitor-General, U. C.