# Secular Department.

## NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The Steamship *Niagara* arrived at Halifax on Saturday last, bringing Liverpool dates to the 24th inst. The Mail was received here on Tuesday morning, per Steamer *Lord Seaforth*.

The following epitome of the news we copy from the *European Times*.

Uneasiness exists in certain quarters respecting the ungenial character of the weather, and the probability of a bad harvest. We are assured that so late and cold a spring has not occurred during the last quarter of a century.

This has been a stirring week in diplomatic circles—a busy week in England, France, Switzerland, Savoy, Nice and Italy. There has been a great deal of writing and protesting, of marching and counter-marching of troops, of interviews with deputations, requests of annexation and appeals against annexation. In a word, the diplomatic world in Western and Central Europe has been greatly agitated, and that it may all end peaceably and satisfactorily is our sincere desire.

The King of Sardinia has announced his acceptance of the Tuscan vote. He declared to Baron Ricasoli, who has arrived at Turin from Florence "I accept the vote of Tuscany, which, after having been expressed by the National Assembly, is now confirmed by the unanimity of the popular suffrage. Tuscany, in associating her destinies with those of Piedmont, far from renouncing, continues her glorious traditions, and augments their importance by uniting them to those of the other State. The Parliament in which the representatives of Tuscany will have their seats beside those of Piedmont, Lombardy, and the Emilia, will brings the laws of the country into conformity with the fruitful principle of liberty." This looks like the completion of the fusion, and if the different Italian States can pull together in a satisfactory way, as it is to be hoped they may, the work of regeneration may be said to be complete. Certainly this, the first act, has been wonderful in its unanimity.

While this is taking place on the eastern side of the Alps, we learn that the Sardinian troops have commenced the evacuation of Savoy, and the French troops returning from Lombardy are to fill up the void thus created. Now that Milan is open to the Austrians once more,—now that that beautiful city is released from the presence of Louis Napoleon's soldiers, there appears to be no disposition on the part of the Austrians to occupy it again. It will require all Francis Joseph's skill to keep Venetia to himself, towards which the new kingdom of Central Italy will continue to look with a very aggressive eye. In Southern Italy the aspect of affairs is not pleasant. Lord John Russell has been lecturing the King of Naples, through our Ambassador there, on the folly and wickedness of the course he is pursuing, and the British fleet has appeared again in the Neapolitan waters. The Pontifical Kingdom, too, is in the most uneasy state, and there is no telling what a day may bring forth. In defiance of the police, large printed papers were displayed in the most conspicuous parts of the city of Rome, announcing the union which had taken place with Sardinia, a circumstance which had given considerable uneasiness to the authorities. A recent letter from that city says,—"The agitation of the public mind is intense. The rumor of the immediate departure of the French troops alternates with the Pope's contemplated flight—one contingency, in my estimation, as likely as the other; the latter more so. —The Pope is said to have sent a Monsignore as his agent to Spain to insure a safe refuge there."

The annexation of Savoy to France has caused great uneasiness in Switzerland, and the Swiss Government has protested in strong terms against the incorporation of Chablais and Faucigny with the French empire. England, of course, takes the same view, and sides with the Swiss, —so does Prussia; but Austria, which has been appealed to, stands stiffly aloof, and professes her willingness to ascertain the disposition of Europe; but in the same breath the Swiss are twitted by the Vienna authorities with favoring France in the contest of last year in the matter of the transmission of troops through a portion of territory that ought to have been neutral.—The Savoyard Deputies who have arrived in Paris to press on the Emperor the project of the annexation, have been most favorably received, and are to dine at the Tuilleries to-day.

The people in Nice are less pleased with the new alliance, and, if they cannot remain attached to Sardinia, desire to be made an independant State,—a request which is not likely to be complied with. The additional correspondence which has passed between the English and French Ministers for Foreign Affairs exhibits Lord John Russell's advantage over his rival in taste and logic. M. Thouvenel seems to feel that he has an ugly business to defend, and, although he does it skilfully, yet it is what is commonly called "up-hill work." Nevertheless, the annexation may as well be accepted as an accomplished fact.

FRANCE.—It is remarked that Garibaldi, being a native of Nice, becomes a French citizen, and may possibly be elected to represent his native town in the Corps Legislatif of France. He is shortly expected at Nice.

PARIS, Friday, March 23.—The Paris papers publish the following, dated Antibes, 23d:—The French frigate has arrived off Nice. Several regiments are expected from Italy on Monday. The population have signed a petition against the pretended representatives of the municipality. The *Patrie* says:—"We believe that the alarming news given out with the intention of Switzerland has no foundation." The statement that General Dufour has arrived in Paris on a special mission, is confirmed.

TOULON, Friday, March 23.—The French squadron now victualling at this port has received orders to be ready to sail to morrow.

SARDINIA.—The Sardinian Council of State has decided that the Concordat concluded by Austria is not now incumbent upon Lombardy.

AUSTRIA.—Some hundreds of rifled cannon have been made in Austria during the last five months, and it is believed almost all of them are in Venetia.

Vienna, Friday, March 28—A new loan is expected to be announced on Sunday next.

SAVOY—The *Globe* Paris correspondent remarks that the annexation of Savoy by France irrevocably binds the French empire to uphold the new territorial arrangement in Italy.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily News announces that six regiments have taken possession of Chablais and Faucigny, and remarks that this news, if true, is very serious indeed; because the French government considers itself as already in possession of those two provinces of Savoy.

THE ANNEXATION TO PIEDMONT.—Munich, March 28.—Besides a protest destined to be addressed to the Powers of Europe, showing why the annexation of Tuscany to Piedmont is a flagrant breach of treaties guaranteed by Europe, the Grand Duke Ferdinand IV. in preparing a manifesto to be addressed to the people of Tuscany. This manifesto will shortly appear.

Zurich, March 23—The Duchess Regent of Parma, who resides in the city, had addressed herself to the Queen of Spain in her quality of chief of the Spanish Bourbons, requesting her Majesty to support, before the great Powers, her protest against the annexation of the Duchies of Parma and Piacenza to Piedmont.

FRENCH INDIGNATION AGAINST THE POPE.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times*, writing on Friday, says:—"There is great wrath here against the Pope. I am told that his Holiness has issued another circular still stronger than the 'Encyclical' on the Romagna affair. I have not seen the document, but it must be very strong to justify the remark said to be made in a very high quarter, that the Pope would from the manner he was going on, soon make the famous pamphlet '*Le Pape et la Congres*' a truth. This means that of all his States Rome only would be left to the Pope, and the only occupation for him and the Cardinals the contemplation of the stars and of ancient monuments, prayers in the churches, &c. Letters from an ultra-Ultramontane writer now in Rome state that the agitation is so great as to make it doubtful whether even the French army will be able to retain it much longer."

THE WRIT OF EXCOMMUNICATION against the King of Sardinia is, we are told, all ready signed and sealed, and awaiting only the fitting moment for its formal publication. But alas! *Tempora mutantur*. These spiritual thunders of the Vatican have lost their power. They have come to be considered as harmless as the squeaking of a penny whistle. The only feeling excited by such attempts to bolster up political pretensions by spiritual weapons is one of pity and regret, of pity to see a Sovereign Pontiff so recklessly bent on destroying whatever little respect may yet remain for his office and character, and of regret that this poor old man has no councillors nor friends around him able and willing to point out to him that the days for Papal excommunications and papal interdicts are passed and gone, and that any attempt to recall them will only end in ridicule and contempt.—*Liverpool Mail*.

The Paris correspondent of the *Globe* says:—"*Le Nord* was seized this morning for printing Antonelli's despatch to Thouvenel, a document which has been surreptitiously sent, in the first instance, for publication at Brussels, contrary to etiquette, requiring that the French Minister should get the earliest perusal, according to diplomatic usage. This violation of propriety had already signalized the printing of the Encyclical in the defunct *Univers*."

# British and For. American News.

## United States.

THE TREASURY.—The following is the weekly statement of the Treasury:

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| Receipts, | $1,167,619 40 |
| Drafts paid, | 1,011,460 54 |
| Drafts issued, | 1,028,635 98 |
| Net balance in Treasury, | 5,108,105 48 |

The sales of public lands are included in the receipts, which have fallen off $300,000, compared with last week's returns.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

BOSTON, April 1, 1860.—A fire in Brighton, on Saturday night, destroyed the lumber yard, and contents, of J. H Fuller & Son, whose loss is $20,000, on which there is 9,000 insurance; one dwelling, and two stores, owned by E. Spartawk, loss $7,000, no insurance; the grocery of Salmon Kendall & Co., loss $7,000, insured $5,000; and two buildings owned by Cephas Brackett, loss $6,000, insured $3,000. The fire was the work of an incendiary.

A fire in Chelsea, on Saturday evening, destroyed six dwellings, occupied by nearly twenty Irish families; loss $10,000, insured $6,000.—*Ib.*

## New Brunswick.

A man named William Murphy, of Grand Falls, N. B., was shot by a person of the name of Xavier Willett, on Saturday last. A Coroner's jury was sitting at latest dates, and it was supposed would find a verdict of "Wilful Murder" against Willett.

## Nova Scotia.

On Tuesday the 27th ult., the resolution transferring the initiation of money votes from the House to the Executive Council was taken up, discussed and passed. The proposed change was advocated by leading members on both sides of the House. Mr. Johnston approved of it, and Mr. You agreferred to its beneficial results in New Brunswick and Canada.

DECIMAL CURRENCY.—The Currency Bill of this session, which was introduced and carried by a large majority in the Lower House, was rejected in the Legislative Council by a majority of one. This decision, however, was on Thursday last reconsidered, and after a good deal of discussion on Friday passed through committee, and with some slight alterations, was agreed to in the Council. It comes into operation on the first of July next.—*Church Record, April* 4.

# The Protestant.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1860.

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, March 22.

House in Committee on Election Bill. The forenoon and part of the afternoon were occupied in discussing a resolution submitted by Hon. Mr. Pope, to the effect that the town representation of Prince County be changed from Princetown and Royalty and Lot 19, to Lot 17, which contains Summerside and St. Eleanor's.

Hon Mr. Coles moved in amendment, that one representative be given to each, which was lost, 24 to 4.

The question was then put on Mr. Pope's resolution, which was carried on the following division:

Yeas—Hons. Messrs. Pope, Perry, Coles, Laird, Longworth, Gray, Haviland, Yeo; Messrs. Davies, Holm, Howat, McNeill, Douse, Ramsay, Owen, McAulay, Sutherland, Beer—18.

Nays—Hons. the Speaker, Wightman, Whelan, Kelly, Thornton; Messrs. Sinclair, Montgomery, Conroy, Doyle, Cooper—10.

The Committee then rose, and the Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. Thornton moved that the Committee have leave to sit this day three months—motion lost, 17 to 11. Mr. Coles who voted for the resolution, voting for this motion, because opposed to the Bill as a whole.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Charlottetown Market Bill was committed, and was sustained after a long debate.

FRIDAY, March 30.

Two resolutions were reported to the House from the Committee of Supply:—

1. *Resolved*, That the sum of £5000 be granted for the service of roads, bridges and wharfs for the present year, including all special grants, and that the same be apportioned to each County as follows: Queen's County, (including Charlottetown and Royalty,) £1800; Prince County, £1600: King's County, £1600.

Mr. Beer moved, in amendment, that £2000 be given to Queen's County, and £1500 to each of the other two Counties. Motion lost on a division of 14 to 7.

2. *Resolved*, That the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the Executive Government, for services herein mentioned, viz:—for roads opened under Compensation Act, £150; for contingent repairs of roads, bridges and wharfs, to be equally divided between the three Counties, £300.

Resolutions agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Coles presented a petition from Lots 36, 37, and 35, against the Jury Bill.

The Market site Bill was then taken up in Committee, and reported agreed to without amendment.

The petition of J. D. Hazard for the payment of an old account for public printing, was referred to supply; and also a petition from New London for deepening French River. The petition of new settlers on Lot 61, for seed grain, was withdrawn.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Election Bill was recommitted, and agreed to, with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Thornton called attention to an article which appeared in the Islander, newspaper, which represented him as having left the House in consequence of disgust at the resolutions moved by the Hon. Mr. Coles, on the Land Question, on Wednesday last. Such was not the fact; he had supported the resolutions referred to, and the reporters were, he had no doubt, in a position to verify his assertion. The truth was, that, tired of the long document being read by Mr. Cooper, and not anticipating that the division would take place so soon, he had left for a short time, having, however, previously divided in Committee in favor of Mr. Coles' motion. Hon. Mr. Wightman, who had also been referred to in the same article, had left the House in company with Mr. Douse, in consequence of a notice to attend a meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society, not imagining that the division would be taken so soon, but supposing that the House would adjourn at the usual time.

Some petitions were disposed of.

SATURDAY, March 31.

Hon. Mr. Perry presented a petition from Edward O'Brien, praying for aid. The hon. member strongly urged the prayer of the petitioner. It was referred to supply; as also a petition from Donald McKinnon, Ounce Cove. The petition of Patrick Cawden, for loss sustained in building chimnies of St. Eleanor's Jail, was also referred to Supply.

The House then went into Committee to resume consideration of the Road Act Amendment Bill. Progress was reported.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

The Highway Act was agreed to with amendments.

MONDAY, April 2.

Consideration of petitions resumed. Mr. Cooper presented a petition from Black Pond, for the closing of a road, and Mr. McAulay a counter petition from the same place—both referred to the Members of the district. The petition of Richard Hayes, Souris, praying a sum for attending a drawbridge, was also referred to the Members of the district. A petition from Cavendish and Rustico, for the establishment of a ferry on Hunter's River, near Gardiner's old ferry, was referred to supply. The petition of Thomas Hickie, praying a grant for services as land surveyor, was withdrawn, the remedy being elsewhere.

House again in Committee of Supply. A resolution was reported agreed to, granting the following sums to the several Churches in Charlottetown, as the rent of pews for the use of the Legislature, and in the case of the English and Scotch Churches, also for the Lieut. Governor, viz: Church of England, £16; Church of Scotland, £14; Roman Catholic Church, £14; the Free Church of Scotland, the Wesleyan, the Baptist, and the Bible Christian Churches, each, £7.

TUESDAY, April 3.

Hon. Mr. Haviland, a member of the Government, laid before the House an application of Andrew Mitchell and James Muirhead, for water privilege in front of lots at Summerside. The hon. member explained that these parties had applied to the Government, but they had no power to grant such privileges at that place, which was only Township land, without an act of the Legislature, and it now remained with the House to decide what action would be taken on the subject. The papers were referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Beer moved that the Market House Bill be read a third time.

Hon. Mr. Coles moved, in amendment, that it be read this day three months. Amendment negatived, 15 to 6.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The petition of Ann Cullen, widow, Charlottetown, for aid, and the petition of John Doiranz, for inspecting the building of a wharf, were referred to Supply.

A petition from Orwell, praying the House to encourage the fisheries, by authorising the formation of companies, granting liberal bounties, and if any benefit is to be derived from the Fishery Reserves, to render them available for the purposes intended, elicited considerable discussion.

Hon. Mr. Coles moved that it be referred to a Committee of the whole House in the afternoon sitting.

Hon. Mr. Haviland moved, in amendment, that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition. Amendment carried, 12 to 6.

WEDNESDAY, April 4.

Mr. J. Yeo obtained leave of absence till Tuesday next.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Perry, the House then went into Committee on the report of the special Committee on Teachers' Petitions. It was reported agreed to, with amendments.

Your Committee to whom were referred the several petitions praying aid to Teachers, who have not complied with all the provisions of the Education Act, having examined the same, recommend that the undermentioned persons be allowed as follows:—

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| Catherine Crawford, | £15 | 0 | 0 |
| Trustees of old Town Road School, Lot 22, | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| James Murphy, Lot 58, four months, | 13 | 9 | 8 |
| Patrick Connick, Lot 1, three months, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| John P. Arsneaux, Lot 15, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Murdoch M'Leod, Milton, Lot 32, | 7 | 16 | 0 |
| Henry D. Anderson, Lot 41, six months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Lawrence Douaette, Rustico, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Alexander M'Eachern, Lot 1, three months, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| M. J Blanchard, Rustico, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Artemas Morrow, Lot 39, seven months, | 23 | 6 | 8 |
| John M'Dougall, Lot 58, Primary, six months, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Stephen G. Lawson, Stanhope, six months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| James Stewart, Brackley Point, | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| Thomas O'Brien, Lot 8, Primary, twelve months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Archibald Beckford, Lot 16, Primary, do., | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Emily Harrington, Lot 22, six months, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| James M'Donald, Lot 56, six months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Jane Green, Lot 37, Primary, twelve months | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis W. Wicket, Lot 8, Primary, four months, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Daniel M'Kinlay, Royalty, six months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| William Leard, Lot 28, | 6 | 13 | 3 |
| Finlay Campbell, New London, six months, | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Martin M'Dougall, Belle Creek, Lot 62, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Patrick Dougherty, Lot 58, six months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Henry Vickerson, Brackley Point Road, for 1858, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Henry Lecky, Lot 37, primary, twelve months, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Duncan Robertson, Red Point School, | 4 | 5 | 0 |
| Alfred A. M'Kenzie, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Janetta M'Phail, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| | £390 | 2 | 7 |

The petition of Mary Kelly, widow, Charlottetown, was referred to Supply.

The special committee appointed to examine and report on the petition of M'Nally, Battery Point, praying a consideration for keeping a house of entertainment, and a light in his window to accommodate travellers on the ice between Charlottetown and Mount Stewart Bridge, presented their report, recommending that he be granted a tavern license free of charge for such services. Report not received, on the ground that it would be establishing a bad precedent.

On motion of Hon Mr Longworth, the House resolved itself into Committee on the Bill relating to the duties of harbor and ballast master for the port of Charlottetown. The Bill was reported agreed to without amendment.

Your Committee having examined the petition of George Corbit, and that from the Inhabitants of Junction Road, Lot 67, cannot recommend their prayers, the remedy with regard to the latter being elsewhere.

THURSDAY, April 5.

Hon. Col. Gray, by command, presented a message from His Excellency desiring that the House at its rising today, should adjourn until Saturday.

The Statute Labor Bill, and the Bill relating to the duties of harbor and ballast master for that part of the Port of Charlottetown not under the control of the City Council, were read a third time and passed.

The House then spent some time in Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. Laird moved a resolution granting the sum of £200 to the Royal Agricultural Society, for the purpose of importing a thorough bred Blood Horse, the balance, after he is sold, to be paid into the Treasury; and the charge for services not to exceed 20s.

Mr Beer was opposed to the resolution. He thought it was unnecessary to vote money for that object this year, there being a number of such horses already in the Colony.

Hon Mr Coles considered that the Society was entitled to the amount, as they had not drawn the sum voted to them last year. A horse of this description was now much wanted on the Island. It would by no means be a useless expenditure; large sums had been brought to the Colony by exporting horses! and no doubt if care was taken to improve the stock, it would become an important trade when railway communication was opened up from Shediac to the United States.

The hon. the Speaker, Messrs. Howat, Sinclair and M'Aulay, had no objection to the resolution, provided that the services of the Horse were not confined to Queen's County, but also extended to the other Counties. The resolution was agreed to.

Hon Mr Longworth introduced a Bill to consolidate and amend the Small Debt Act. He stated that it was brought in on account of the numerous petition before the House on the subject. The hon. member then explained that under the present law the jurisdiction of the Small Debt Courts is limited to £10, except at certain times when it is allowed to extend to £20; but this Bill provides to extend their power to £20 all the year round. It also gives debtors tried, in these Courts, the benefit of the insolvent law, as well as those whose cases come before the Supreme Court. The Bill likewise contemplates abolishing imprisonment for debts under £10.

SATURDAY, April 7.

Hon Mr Longworth moved the order of the day for the second reading of the Small Debt Bill.

Some discussion ensued (which will be given in extended debates,) in the course of which Mr Coles moved in amendment, that the Bill be read this day three months. —Amendment negatived 18 to 3.

The House then resolved itself into Committee on the Bill. Progress reported.

MONDAY, April 9.

Hon. Mr. Longworth rose to answer a question which Hon. Mr. Whelan had asked members of the Government on Saturday, in reference to the appropriation which would be required for the Post Roads under the Statute Labor Bill. The Government had taken the subject into consideration, and as they could not consent that the whole amount for this service should be taken out of the general revenue, they had come to the conclusion that each County should appropriate for these roads a part of its share of the £5000 voted for roads and bridges. Formerly it was customary to grant Queen's County a larger sum than the other two; but this year the House had thought proper to place the whole three on an equal footing. Under these circumstances, though the greater portion of the Post Roads was in Queen's County, the Government considered it would be a fair division, if Prince and King's Counties each should allow £75, and Queen's County £100 for this service. It was presumed that not more than £500 or £600 would be required, and the remainder, after the £250 was expended, might be taken out of the general revenue under the provisions of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Coles thought if £250 was all they intended to take from the Counties, it was scarcely worth disturbing the road scales, which some hon. members had already prepared. This sum would make a considerable reduction in the amounts allowed to the different districts, but it would not be much out of the general revenue. Members in making out their scales would find that they had quite too little without this reduction. An application had just come in to-day for a grant to repair bridge at Cove Head, and he scarcely know how it was to be met. The sum voted last year for contingencies, he understood, was not all expended, and with the money granted for the same purpose this year, and a small sum additional from the general revenue, he thought the amount required for the Post Roads might be made up.

Mr. Cooper considered it was unnecessary to make a special appropriation for the Post Roads this year. Perhaps the Legislative Council might reject the Bill; but even if it became law, the best time he thought to begin the contracts would be in August; and the roads this spring might be repaired in the usual manner.

Hon. Mr. Haviland said it was quite reasonable that the money for the Post roads should be taken out of the £5000 voted for the road service; because if the Bill had not been introduced this session, provision would have been made for them out of this sum, and why should it not be so still? He for one would not consent to take the whole amount required for these roads out of the general revenue.

Hons. Messrs. Thornton, Coles and Perry thought it was not in order to discuss the subject while the Speaker was in the chair,—the House should go into Committee of Supply.

Hons. Messrs. Longworth, Haviland and Laird maintained it was unnecessary to go into Committee, as there was no alteration to be made in the amount of the vote formerly passed, but only instructions given to hon. members, when dividing their money, to reserve a sum for the Post roads from each County; but lest it might be considered a bad precedent, they agreed to go into Supply.

In Committee the resolution granting £5000 for the road service was re-considered, and amended, so as to specify that £100 should be taken from the share allotted to Queen's County, and £75 from the share of each of the other two Counties, the said £250 to be appropriated for the main post roads.

House again in committee on the Small Debt Bill. Progress was reported, and the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

House again in Committee on the Small Debt Bill. Progress was reported.

Mr. Bell from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for preventing Swine running at large in Summerside, reported a draft, which was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND introduced a bill to prevent fraud by secret Bills of Sale—read a first time.

TUESDAY, April 10.

House met at 4 o'clock.

The Bill relating to Swine at Summerside, read a second time, committed, and agreed to with an amendment.

Hon. Col. GRAY, by command, presented a copy of a Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle in reference to the Revenue Act of last session.

Hon. Col GRAY introduced a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Church at Little Sands—read a first time.

House again spent some time in Committee on the Small Debt Bill.

Mr. M'NEILL from the Committee on New Roads presented their report, which was referred to a Committee of the whole to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 11.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH presented a petition from Rustico and New Glasgow, praying for a Court of Inquiry—laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND's Bill to prevent fraud by granting liberty to file Bills of Sale in the Prothonatary's office of the County, was committed and reported agreed to without amendment.

Mr. M'NEILL from the Committee of Public Accounts, presented their report.

Hon. Mr. YEO obtained leave of absence till Monday.

Hon. Col. GRAY, by command, presented a message from His Excellency transmitting a copy of a Despatch and its enclosure from the Duke of Newcastle regarding the appointment of Land Commission—read, ordered to be printed, and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

House again in Committee on the Small Debt Bill—reported agreed to with amendments, and ordered to be engrossed.

Hon. Col. GRAY introduced a Bill to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of St. Columba's Church, Blair-in-Athol, St. Peter's Road—read first time.

THURSDAY, April 12.

Resolution relative to the appropriation for Post Roads was received and agreed to.

House went into Committee on the report of special Committee on new Roads—report agreed to with an amendment.

Mr. MONTGOMERY presented a petition from Crapaud, praying for a Court of Inquiry, which was read and laid on the table.

Committee of Supply resumed. A resolution was agreed to, granting £50 to W. C. Bourke for running his steamer semi-weekly from Ch. Town to Mt. Stewart Bridge.

Mr. CONROY moved that a sum be granted for a sailing packet between Cascumpec and Miramichi—motion lost on the following division—

For it—Messrs Conroy, Pope, Ramsay, J. Yeo, Davies, Doyle, Sinclair, Kelly, Coles, Perry—10.

Against it—The Speaker, Col. Gray, Messrs. Longworth, Haviland, Montgomery, Beer, Laird, Howat, Holm, M'Aulay, Owen, Thornton, Cooper—13.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 13.

House in Committee on the Despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, laid before the House on Wednesday last.

Hon. Col. Gray moved the subjoined resolution—

*Resolved*, That this House deem it expedient to concur in the suggestion offered for the consideration of the House of Assembly, as set forth in the Despatch from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, dated Downing Street, 21st March, 1860, on the subject of the proposed appointment of a Commission of Enquiry for the arrangement of the long pending dispute between the Landlords and Tenants of this Island. The House of Assembly therefore agree to the appointment of three Commissioners, one by Her Majesty, one by the House of Assembly, and the third by the Proprietors; the expense of the Commission to be equally divided between the Imperial Government, the general revenue of the Colony, and the Proprietors.

The House of Assembly also agree on the part of the Tenantry to abide by the decision of the Commissioners or the majority of them, and pledge themselves to concur in whatever measures may be required to give validity to that decision.

Hon. Mr. Coles proposed the following as an amendment:—

*Whereas* by a Despatch of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, dated 21st March, 1860, and laid before this House by message on the 11th instant, His Grace refers to his Despatch No. 11, of September last, on the Land Commission, and encloses a copy of a letter from Sir Samuel Cunard and other Proprietors of land in this Island, wherein they suggest "that instead of the mode proposed by the Address of the House of Assembly, three Commissioners or Referees should be appointed, one to be named by Her Majesty, one by the House of Assembly, and the third by the Proprietors"—which proposal, His Grace the Duke of Newcastle approves of, "if the consent of all the parties can be obtained to the proposal. But it will be necessary before going further into the matter, to be assured that the Tenants will accept as binding the decision of the Commissioners or the majority of them, and as far as possible that the Legislature of the Colony would concur in any measure which might be required to give validity to that decision."

*Resolved*, therefore, that there are no means of ascertaining the views and opinions of the Tenantry upon the important questions at issue, unless by an appeal to the whole people of the Colony in the usual and constitutional manner; and without such a course being pursued, any decision come to by the Commissioners or Referees alluded to, if appointed, should not be considered as binding upon the Tenantry.

The debate on the resolutions occupied the time of the House till the hour of adjournment, and was then unconcluded.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,
WEDNESDAY, 11th April, 1860.

The following Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, together with the accompanying copy of a Despatch, and its enclosure, having been laid before the House of Assembly, by command, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be published in the *Royal Gazette*, newspaper, and fifty copies thereof printed immediately, for the use of the House.

JOHN M'NEILL, Clerk.

MESSAGE.

GEORGE DUNDAS, Lieut. Governor.

By the arrival of the last English Mail, the Lieut. Governor has received from His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, a Despatch on the subject of the Commission, relative to the Land Question, a copy of which the Lieut. Governor loses no time in laying before the House of Assembly.

Government House, April 11, 1860.

*From His Grace the Duke of Newcastle to Lieutenant Governor Dundas.*

(Copy—No. 12.)

Downing Street,
21st March, 1860.

Sir,—With reference to my Despatch No. 11, of the 6th of September last, in which I informed you that I had communicated to Sir Samuel Cunard, the correspondence which had taken place upon the subject of the appointment of a Commission to propose a mode of arrangement between Landlords and Tenants in Prince Edward Island, I transmit to you the copy of a letter which has been addressed to me by Sir S. Cunard, and several other proprietors of land in the Island.

The proprietors, it will be seen, do not think that the appointment of a Commission, in the manner proposed by the House of Assembly in their Address of the 9th of May last, would be the most desirable mode of proceeding, as the labours of such a Commission could only terminate in a Report, the conclusions of which would not be binding on any of the parties interested. They suggest, therefore, instead, that three Commissioners or Referees should be appointed—one by Her Majesty, one by the House of Assembly, and the third by the Proprietors—and that they should be invested with power to hear and determine all the questions in dispute. It is further suggested that the expense of the Commission should be divided equally between the Crown, the Tenants and the Proprietors.

If the consent of all the parties can be obtained to this proposal, I believe that it may offer the means of bringing these long-pending disputes to a termination. But it will be necessary, before going further into the matter, to be assured that the Tenants will accept, as binding, the decision of the Commissioners, or the majority of them; and, as far as possible, that the Legislature of the Colony would concur in any measure which might be required, to give validity to that decision. It would be very desirable also, that the Commissioner who might be named by the House of Assembly on behalf of the Tenants, should go into the enquiry unfettered by any conditions such as were proposed in the Assembly last year. I have, therefore, to request that you will ascertain and report to me whether the Tenants of Prince Edward Island, or the House of Assembly, on their behalf, are prepared to agree to the proposed reference.

I have the honor to be, &c. &c. &c.
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

Lieut. Governor Dundas.

A true copy.
HENRY BULWER,
Private Secretary.

(Copy.)

*Messrs. Cunard and others to the Duke of Newcastle.*

BUSH HILL HOUSE, EDMONTON,
12th February, 1860.

My Lord Duke,—We have been furnished with a copy of a Memorial, addressed to Her Majesty by the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, on the subject of the questions which have arisen in connection with the original Grants of Land in that Island, and the rights of Proprietors in respect thereof.

We observe that the House of Assembly have suggested that Her Majesty should appoint one or more Commissioners to enquire into the relations of Landlord and Tenant in the Island, and to negotiate with the Proprietors of the Township Lands for fixing a certain rate of price at which every Tenant might have the option of purchasing his Land; and also to negotiate with the Proprietors for a remission of the arrears of rent, in such cases as the Commissioners might deem reasonable, and proposing that the Commissioners should report the result to Her Majesty.

As large Proprietors of Land in this Island, we beg to state that we shall readily acquiesce in any arrangement that may be practicable, for the purpose of settling the various questions alluded to in the Memorial from the House of Assembly; but we do not think that the appointment of Commissioners, in the manner proposed by them, would be the most desirable mode of procedure, as the labors of such Commission would only terminate in a Report; which would not be binding on any of the parties interested.

We beg, therefore, to suggest, that instead of the mode proposed by the House of Assembly, three Commissioners or Referees should be appointed—one to be named by Her Majesty, one by the House of Assembly, and one by the Proprietors of Land; and that these Commissioners should have power to enter into all the enquiries that may be necessary, and to decide upon the different questions which may be brought before them, giving of course to the parties interested the opportunity of being heard.

We should propose that the expense of the Commission should be borne by the three parties to the reference, that is to say in equal thirds, and we feel assured that there would be no difficulty in securing the adhesion of all the landed proprietors to a settlement on this footing.

The precise mode of carrying it into execution, if adopted, would require consideration, and upon that subject we trust that your Grace would lend your valuable assistance.

We have, &c.,
(Signed) S. CUNARD,
E. CUNARD, *per S. Cunard*,
GRAHAM MONTGOMERY,
SELKIRK,
JAMES MONTGOMERY,
LAWRENCE SULIVAN.

To His Grace the Duke of Newcastle.
&c. &c. &c.

A true copy,
HENRY BULWER,
Private Secretary.

## SUMMARY.

On Wednesday last, the Legislative Council rejected the Election Bill, or rather passed a resolution that it be printed and laid over till next session. As the Bill is a Government measure, we would not much wonder if some of their obstructive "Honors" should be dismissed from the Upper Chamber ere many days.

At a meeting of the Executive Council on Tuesday last, Lemuel C. Owen, Esquire, eldest son of the late lamented and highly efficient Post Master General of this Island, was appointed successor to his father in that responsible office.

The March No. of *Blackwood's* Magazine has been received. Its contents are: Lord Elgin's mission to China and Japan, St. Stephen's—Part Third, Norman Sinclair An Autobiography—Part Third, Nelson and Carracciolo, Betsy Brown a true story, A word about Tom Jones, The Luck of Ladysmede—Part the Last, The "Foreign Connection" of the House of Bull, Dies Irae, Volunteer Cavalry Movements, The Anglo-Gallican Budget.

We are glad to learn that a Cadetship, presented to the Royal Naval School, Armcross, Kent, by Lord C. Paget, for competition by the sons of Naval Officers, has been gained by JOHN HALE ORLEBAR, second son of Captain Orlebar, R. N., and who only left this Island in July last. There were nine competitors out of a school numbering 240 scholars.—*Isl.*

An announcement has been made in the Canadian Parliament, by a member of the Government lately a delegate to England, that the British ministry would give no pecuniary encouragement at present to any route of Railroad passing through New Brunswick from Canada.

The *Cape Breton News* states that letters from New Zealand report that Rod'k Ross, Esq., late of Boulardrie and St. Ann's, and Capt. Murdoch McKenzie, for many years a resident of Baddeck, have been elected members of the Provincial Council of Auckland. At the same time, John Munro, Esq., late member for Victoria County, Cape Breton, was a candidate for a seat in the General Assembly of New Zealand, with every prospect of success. These gentlemen proceeded from Cape Breton to the Antipodes some few years since, and it is gratifying to hear favorably of them in their new home.

Brigt. *Emery*, John Somerbridge, Master, for Bermuda, April 12, 1860, Cargo, by James N. Harris—550 bbls. Potatoes, 2500 bushels Oats, 120 tubs Butter, 15 packages Sausages, 614 bbls. Pork, 2 packages 65 Hams, 3 packages smoked Chacks (27), 20 sides Bacon, 20 hogs Beef Tongues, 28 packages Lard, (372 lbs.) 24 packages Pearl Barley, 16 packages Oatmeal, 1 Couch, 1 package Gig Harness.