

during the last four years, crown lands had been sold to the amount of £3,558,73½; the whole of which had been absorbed in the expenses of the establishment, including the commissioner's salary. The net proceeds of the sales at Cape Breton, during the same period, had been £1,804,13s. 6d.; the whole of which had been retained by the commissioner, and a balance was still due him on his salary.

March 3rd. Many lengthy debates arose on the formation of the Council. The House, by resolution, implored His Majesty to reconstruct that body. 7th. The Council refused further co-operation with the Assembly, unless they rescinded a resolution passed by the House, wherein they charged some of the members of the Council with having evinced a disposition to protect their own interests and emoluments, at the expense of the public. 8th. The House rescinded the whole string of resolutions, of which that obnoxious one was part; and thus restored co-operation, and saved the annual revenue. 21st. Leave was given by the House to bring in a bill for the incorporation of the Town of Halifax. The Saving's Bank, having accumulated deposits to the amount restricted by law, viz £15,000, application was made to extend the sum. Judge Marshall's work on the Duty of Magistrates, was published by the House in this session. 27th. The exportation of grain and potatoes prohibited, on account of their scarcity, after warm and protracted debates.

April 1st. Mr. Archibald, taken ill while in the chair. Mr. Smith of Pictou chosen Speaker during his illness, which continued until the close of the session. 5th. The House requested his Excellency to order an account to be laid before them of all fees taken by the Judges of the Inferior Courts, together with minutes of the authorities on which they were exacted. 6th. The House having appointed a committee to have power during the recess with a view of connecting the Customs and Excise Departments, His Excellency informed them by message, that he could not recognise their existence, after the close of the session. A committee of the House of Assembly recommended that a Provincial Penitentiary shall be erected. 10th. The House voted £100 as a compliment to Dr. Gesner, for his recent work on Geology. £10,000 was granted for the service of the roads and bridges, this session. 13th. The House embodied the resolutions which they rescinded the 8th March, in an address to His Majesty, in which they asked for a redress of grievances, which were set forth at large. [Note—This address it was that brought about many of the late changes.] The scrutiny between Stewart and McKim, had been pending the whole session, and not determined when the House was prorogued. 21st. The session of the Legislature was closed.

June 3rd. The Pearl, a weekly paper, devoted principally to literature, made its first appearance. 20th—Died, His Majesty, King William the Fourth; and Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, ascended the Throne.

August 11th. News arrived in Halifax of the accession of Her Majesty to the Crown, and was proclaimed throughout the town in due form.

September 20th. The Bank of British North America went into operation in Halifax. 27th. The Halifax Literary Society established.

October 6th. Died, at his house on the Peninsula, John Young, Esq., member of the House of Assembly for Sydney; but better known as Agricola, under which signature he wrote his memorable letters on Agriculture. 23rd. A large square of fine buildings opposite Collins' wharf, in Halifax, destroyed by fire—loss estimated at £20,000.

November 23d. Was observed as a day of general thanksgiving. 25th. News arrived of the commencement of hostilities in Canada.

December 12th. His Excellency announced to the Council, that he had Her Majesty's order to reconstruct that body, and to form an Executive and a Legislative Council. 22d. The Council terminated their existence by an address to His Excellency. 23rd. The 34th regiment, together with a company of Artillery, left Halifax, on their way to Quebec, by land. The