

1862.

Jan. 1, (The United States released John Slidell and John Y. Mason.)

Mar. 20, Parliament met in Quebec. Heretofore, the Crown had appointed the Speaker from the Council, but now the first election of the Speaker took place, Sir Allan MacNab being chosen.

March 25, In Kingston, Rev. John Travers Lewis, D.D., was consecrated Bishop of Ontario; this was the first Episcopal consecration, of English Church, in Canada.

April 25, John A. Macdonald presented a Bill to Parliament to promote a more efficient organization of the Canadian Militia.

During the Civil War in the United States, the Canadian farmer had a good market for his produce and stock, especially horses; many young Canadians were also attracted across the border by the heavy bounties paid for "substitutes."

May 20, The Government was defeated on Mr. Macdonald's Militia Bill

May 21, The Cartier-Macdonald Ministry resigned.

May 21, Messrs. John Sandfield Macdonald and L. V. Sicotte formed a Ministry; its members were:—

Hon. John S. Macdonald, Premier and Att.-Gen., West.

" L. V. Sicotte, Att.-Gen., East.

" M. H. Folev, Postmaster-General, U.C.

" A. A. Dorion, Provincial Secretary, L.C.

" W. P. Howland, Minister of Finance, U.C.

" T. D. McGee, President of the Council, L.C.

" W. McDougall, Commissioner of Crown Lands, U.C.

" U. J. Tessier, Commissioner of Public Works, L.C.

" James Morris, Receiver-General, U.C.

" François Evanturel, Minister of Agriculture, L.C.

" Adam Wilson, Solicitor-General, West

" J. J. C. Abbott, Solicitor-General, East.

May 31, The Bank of British Columbia received a royal charter.