

great debate in Congress, on that question, and the adoption of resolutions to organize the militia and maintain the Oregon. A sum amounting to nearly £200 was realized at a Bazaar, for benevolent objects, held at Masonic Hall, Halifax, on New Year's eve, by the Ladies of St. Andrew's Church. 6th.—A festival was given at Windsor, to the scholars of the Wesleyan, Presbyterian and Baptist Sunday Schools, at that place; nearly 300 children attended on the occasion, and after the repast were addressed by Rev. Messrs. Miller, Murdoch, and De Wolfe. 10th.—The Provincial Legislature was opened by Lord Falkland. 20th.—News received at Halifax, from England, announcing the resignation of the Peel ministry, and the assumption of power by Lord John Russell, and the principal members of the late Whig Cabinet; followed almost immediately by its abandonment, and by the re-installation of Sir Robert Peel, and nearly all his former colleagues. 21st.—Hon. William A. Black took his seat as a member of the Legislative Council. —The Hot House of the Horticultural Gardens, Halifax, was destroyed by fire; loss about £400. 28th.—Hon. S. G. W. Archibald, Master of the Rolls and Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty, died, aged 60 years.—An exciting debate took place in the House of Assembly, on dispatches from the Colonial Secretary, relating to the Civil List and casual and territorial revenue of the province.

*February 14th.*—A highly interesting debate,—(which was continued in the House of Assembly for 6 days), on Mr. Marshall's Bill to disqualify Collectors of Excise and Customs and other officers from sitting in the Assembly,—was closed, and the Bill referred to a Committee of the whole House by a majority of 9. 15th.—H. M. Ship *Endymion* was struck by a squall, on her passage from England to Bermuda, which carried away her foretopsail yard, and seven men who were on it were dashed into the sea and drowned. 20th.—Important dispatches from the Colonial Office, on the Halifax and Quebec Railway, were laid before the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Attorney General, and subsequently published in the city papers. 22nd.—The 77th Regiment arrived at Halifax, from the West Indies. 23rd.—Wreck of the brig *Laurel*, of Halifax, which struck on a reef of rocks called "the Sisters;" the captain had his leg broken, several of the men were more or less injured, the supercargo narrowly escaped, one man was frozen to death, and the mate and another man drifted to sea in the jolly boat. 26th.—William Cash, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, died at Antigonish, aged 106 years. 27th.—Dr. Thomas Sterling, of Halifax, died, on his passage from Halifax to Bermuda, on board the Mailboat *Roseway*. Barque *Catherine*, lost, on her voyage from Halifax to Liverpool, G. B.

*March 3rd.*—A letter in the Cross, from the Rev. Mr. McIsaac, of Chizetcook, stated that much distress prevailed among the poor people of that settlement. 8th.—The whale ship *Rose* returned to Halifax—after an absence of three years—with 1100 barrels of sperm and 800 of black oil.—The House of Assembly, in Committee, passed a Bill relating to the Treasury and funded debt, which also provided for the importation of a new plate, and a new issue of Province notes, to replace the old ones. 12th.—The 43rd Regiment left this garrison for England. 13th.—The Report of the Railroad Committee, and resolutions moved by the Chairman, (the Hon. Attorney General), were submitted to the House, recommending the necessary steps,—by surveys,

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