

The Government of the Island of Cuba, in order to meet the extraordinary and unexpected expenses caused by the increase of the forces required to put an end to the insurrection which has lately broken out in that Colony, has called a meeting of the principal landlords, merchants, manufacturers and planters, to decide upon the means of raising the required funds, and in accordance with the measures pointed out by the meeting, the Governor, in a Decree dated Havana, 22nd February, ultimo, has ordered :

1. That from the first day of the current month of March, the following export duties will be exacted, whether the goods are exported to Spain or to Foreign Countries :—

Sugar, clayed, each box.....	\$0.50
“ muscovado, hogshead.....	1.50
Tobacco, per bale.....	1.50
Cigars, per M.....	0.75

2. On and after the same date, an additional charge of five per cent. on the import duties of the actual tariff will be exacted in all the Custom Houses of the Island.

DEATHS.

The Council have to record with sincere regret the death of J. C. De-Wolf, Esq., and H. Goodwin, Esq., both members of the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The thanks of the Council are due to the Collector of Customs, J. W. Dunscomb, Esq., for several useful statistical returns of the trade of the port, neatly compiled by several gentlemen connected with the Customs Department, Messrs. Ross, Balzaretto, Hawkins, Wheeler, and Casault.

The Council are also indebted to Charles Robinson, Esq., United States Consul, at this port, for a volume on the mineral resources of the United States; to the Honorable Thos. McGreevy, M. P., Hon. D. Price, Senator, Geo. H. Simard, Esq., M. P., and John Hearn, Esq., M. P. P., for several useful Parliamentary documents, and to the several Boards of Trade, in Canada and the United States, for copies of their Annual Reports.

In addition to the subjects above referred to, a number of other important matters received the attention of your Council, whose labors are yearly increasing in interest and importance. The expenses of the Board are also very much enlarged, and a fresh accession of members is highly desirable. Your Council would therefore urge on the members active and cordial co-operation in promoting the commercial and industrial interests of our good old city.

The whole respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. PRICE,
President.

T. H. GRANT,
Secretary.
Quebec, April 5th, 1869.