

the road grants. Most people are of opinion that we are too much governed; that we could get along with fewer Representatives, and some are wicked enough to think that the Representatives we have are over paid for their work. In the days of Howe and Johnson four dollars a day were considered sufficient to remunerate an M. P. P. for his self-denial and arduous toil in the service of his country. And if the session exceeded forty days in duration there was no more pay. But now so valuable are the services of our M. P. P's that each of them costs us a year four hundred dollars, while the members of the Legislative Council get three hundred dollars each. Now, although many tax-payers cry out that the cost is excessive, it should be remembered that times are hard, that this is all the public money these gentlemen can honestly lay their hands on, that though they might take more out of the public purse they are content with this miserable pittance for their six weeks toil, equal only in amount to the twelve month's wages of a skilled mechanic or a year and a half's earnings for a day labourer. We noticed that a motion was made to abolish the council and reduce the noble army of M. P. P's. one half, but it was at once promptly and contemptuously voted down.

The legislature of P. E. Island has passed a measure for reducing the number of representatives, for lessening the governmental machinery and abolishing an army of useless officials and New Brunswick seems to be moving in the same direction. Such

are the effects of democracy. By and by we expect to see one parliament suffice for all the Lower Provinces, and many rate-payers profess to contemplate such a consummation without a pang of regret.

**Acknowledgments.**

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Cape Traverse, Augustine Cove, P.E.I.,.....	\$2.50
Crapaud, Hampton, P.E. I.,...	2.00
Argyle Shore, Bonshaw, do...	2.50
North River, Charlottetown,	1.25
W. River, Long Creek, P.E.I.,	2.50
Point Prim. P. E. I.....	2.50
Mrs. Goodwill, Kinross, P.E.I..	1.00

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Donald Gray, Cape John,....	\$1.00
J. Kennedy, Esq., Ch'town,	1.50

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**BAZAAR.**

The Gairloch Congregation are preparing to hold a Monster Bazaar, Tea Meeting and Sale of Fancy Articles, early in July next; for liquidating the debt on the Congregation property.

Full particulars of time and place will be given by the Press and Posters.

By Order of Committee:  
D. H. McDONALD,  
Secretary.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to solicit aid from the respective localities, viz.:  
Mr. Angus McLeod, Westville and Stellarton.  
Mr. D. W. McKay, New Glasgow.  
Mr. Daniel Murray, Hopewell.  
Mr. Alex. McKay, Truro.  
Rev. Mr. Brodie, Pictou.  
Mill Brook, Feb. 15, '81.—Sw.