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FREDERICTON, April 1.
Grimmer presented a petition from 87 inhabitants of Charlotte, against the repeal of the existing tax on non-residents and Railway lands.

Scovil a petition from Greenhill, King's County, for change in place of holding elections.

McMillan one from the Proprietors of Germantown Lake District for passage of the Bill relating to said Lake.

A bill to prevent the spread of disease among neat cattle and horses, agreed to.
A Bill relating to Highways passed.

Grimmer's motion for Night Sessions was lost, 9 to 13.
A Bill relating to land tenements, &c., held by Justice's for Police uses, agreed to.

Steadman, in reply to DeBrisay, said it was not decided that any safer mode of carrying money letters could be adopted.

April 2
Costigan introduced a Bill relating to incumbrances on ungranted lands.
Williston relating to the South West Boom Company.

Progress was made in a Bill relating to certain exemptions from duty. Also in Bill further to amend the Charter of St. John and certain Acts of Assembly relating to the local government of the same. Messrs. Skinner and Jordan opposed. Cudlip, Waters, and Anglin spoke in favor.

April 3.
Progress made in Vail's Bill to amend the Disqualification Act.
Grimmer gave notice of a resolution to confine the public advertising to the Royal Gazette.

Bill to amend Williams' Mining Company, with a provision that 20 per cent. of the capital stock be paid before commencing operations.

Smith introduced a Bill relating to the Commander-in-Chief declaring the Lieutenant Governor Commander-in-Chief during the absence of the Governor General.
Bill to repeal the Incorporation of Moncton agreed to.

FROM THE STATES.

BANGOR, April 2.
Col Buford with several regiments from near Island No. 10, and Hickman, after forced march of 30 miles, made descent on Confederates at Union City, entirely routing them, taking many prisoners and a large amount of spoils.

Information received that Price and Van Dora's forces in Arkansas are moving towards Memphis, being called thence by Beauregard who advises concentrating in Western Tennessee for a grand struggle.

River falling at Island No. 10. The Confederates are increasing their batteries and are very busy.
President Davis in secret session announced abolition of released Confederate prisoners from their parole, alleging breach of faith by Federal Government in exchanging prisoners.

Abandonment of Batteries on Skidaway and Green Islands gives Federal complete control of Warsaw and Assaban Sounds, and the mouths of Vernon and Wilmington Rivers, forming important approaches to Savannah.

People were sending cotton and negroes inland as a threat to burn the city if unable to hold it. A very large force is reported there.
Gen. Banks' advance from Strasburg, drove the enemy 19 miles, the latter contesting the advance most of the way.

Preparations for the reception of the Merrimac are said to be of the most formidable character.
President Lincoln's co-operative Emancipation plan passed Senate by a vote of 32 to 10. It is reported that Kentucky will probably accept the plan.
Gen Johnson reported Secession feeling as strong at Nashville.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MERRIMAC.

The New Orleans Crescent gives the following description of the Merrimac, the writer assuming that before it reached the public that vessel would have proved itself either a brilliant success or a miserable failure:

"In the first place, her engines are five hundred and ten horse power; and in spite of her great weight, it is thought she will make from twelve to fifteen miles an hour. She does not draw by a foot and a half as much water as was expected. When afloat she presents to the enemy only a roof above the water. All her machinery are below the water line. Her sides and roof are composed of oak twenty-eight inches thick

covered with six inches of plate and railroad iron. She has an apparatus for throwing hot water on boarders. Her armament consists of ten guns only, all rifled.

The guns in her sides, four in number, are eighty pounders. Those at the bow and stern throw a one hundred-pound solid shot or a one hundred and twenty pound shell, and these guns have three ports which enable her to give a broadside of six guns. She has furnaces for heating shot. Her crew consists of ten lieutenants and three hundred and fifty picked men, and among them the best gunners in the old navy. She has under water a wedge-shaped prow of oak and iron thirty-three feet long. Commodore Buchanan has confidence in her, and says he is going to go by or a grave in her. Jones is less confident, but says she is as good a place to die in as a man could have. The objection to her, and it is a serious one, is the fact that she is entirely dependent on her machinery; if that gets out of order, she becomes a mere log in the water."

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.—We obtain the following from the Erie Observer:
"A company of Germans have for some time been boring for oil upon the banks of Mill Creek, a short distance south of the Lake Shore railroad bridge. On Wednesday they struck a vein of gas which threw the water some twenty feet into the air, and stepped further operations at the well for the day. About half past nine o'clock in the evening, Mr. Alford, one of the proprietors of the well, accompanied by eight other men visited it to see how it was getting along, taking with them a lighted lantern. When they were within a few feet of the derrick, the gas proceeding from the well took fire from the lantern, and in less time than it takes us to write this the entire structure was in one mass of flames. Mr. Alford and another gentleman were so badly burned that it is feared they will not recover, and the remainder of the party were all more or less injured. Since writing the above, we learn that one of the injured men, whose name we were unable to learn died on Thursday.

ANOTHER MONARCHY IN EMBRYO.—The steamship "Northern Light" which arrived last week, brings the following from Peru:
"Certain parties are trying to prepare public opinion for a proposition to annex Peru again to Spain, and are said to be seconded in their endeavors by the bishops and other leading members among the clergy."

When we call to mind the statement contained in the last European despatch that a Spanish Squadron consisting of three frigates, forty-two gunboats, and other ships of war, was about to sail for the Pacific Ocean under command of Admiral Pezon, material is afforded for dark surmising. Spain of late displays an inordinant ambition. Beginning with the exaction of indemnity from the Government of Morocco, and enforcing her demands by the capture of Teutan; next taking possession of San Domingo; next making a grand naval and military demonstration on Mexico; it is now easy to believe that the Republic of Peru is already selected as the next victim. The destruction of three Republics in about a twelve month—viz. San Domingo, Mexico, and Peru, (could her desire be realized) ought to entitle Spain to rank as a first class despotism. This, it would appear, is the immediate object of her aspirations, as stated in the European advices received by the "Canada" at Halifax. But in the end such a course may prove disastrous.

MR. GOUGH ON CANADA.—J. B. Gough is very much disgusted with Canada. He recently said in Troy:
"There are a great many good people, and great many snobbish people in Canada. The British residents there endeavor to be much more English in their habits, customs, prejudices, than those who dwell in England. They play second fiddle to English snobbery. The present season I had an engagement for three weeks there, but after lecturing nine evenings in different places, the language and conduct of the people in reference to this country became so unfavorable that one day I sat down, wrote a letter, and declined to fulfill the remaining engagements."

The British Brig Alice, at Newport on Monday, reports a fire at Mayaguez on the 10th ult., that consumed a great portion of the town, causing a loss of two million dollars. Capt. Robt Baylay, of this city, has advised of the 12th ult., which states that the fires was in the Bay a mile from the town and the loss was only one hundred dollars. Capt. Baylay says he knows the spot as well as he does Newburyport, and his advices can be relied on.—[Newburyport Herald.

We learn from the Quebec Mercury that the Canadian Commissioners have already despatched seven car loads of articles for the

International Exhibition over the Grand Trunk Railway to Portland, and two or three more will be sent before the week is out. The natural products of the country will be more fully represented than either at the Exhibition of 1851 or 1855; the manufactures less completely.

Nova Scotia.

The Halifax Evening Express of Friday says:—
In the House of Assembly on Wednesday last the Hon. Mr. Johnston called upon the Government for an explanation as regards the course they intended to pursue. As respects a reconstruction of the Government, that could not be effected, as every member of the opposition that had voted against the Government on Saturday last, had unanimously decided not to receive any overtures from those who now administered the affairs of the province. The Hon. Mr. Howe, in reply, stated that he had no intention of carrying on a Government with so small a majority as two, in consequence of which the business of the House would be put through as speedily as possible, and an appeal made to the people of the province.

Yesterday the House was engaged in Committee of Supply.

Mrs. LINCOLN BUILDETH A HOUSE AND BARN.—We believe it is generally conceded that Mrs. Lincoln is given to having things after her own liking. The following anecdote, illustrative of that point, is told by a citizen of Springfield, Ill., and we are assured it is an "unvarnished tale." Some years before "Honest Abe," as we have been wont to call him, and his wife had the remotest idea of residing at the White House they lived in a low and unpretending dwelling in Springfield. The barn, which was contiguous to the house, was used for "stabling a cow during the winter season. Mrs. Lincoln was neither satisfied with the house nor the close proximity of the cow stalls, and while her husband was out of town attending court, (to be absent from home some six weeks, contracted with a carpenter to build a new barn and add another story to the dwelling. The work was immediately commenced and completed before Mr. Lincoln returned and the change was so striking after her own liking. 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