

Post Office.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, Copies of a correspondence on the subject of the establishment of a General Post Office system in the British Provinces in *North America*.

Government House,

Montreal, 27th February, 1847.

Schedule.

1. The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 29th October, 1847.—Transmitting the draught of a Report by the Commissioners from the several Provinces, on the Post Office.
2. Ditto, 19th November, 1847.—Transmitting the Report as finally signed by the Commissioners, and a Communication from the Government of *New Brunswick*.
3. Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 6th April, 1848.—Decision of Her Majesty's Government, with letter from Treasury.
4. The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 14th June, 1848.—With copy of a Report made by the Executive Council after communication with Members of the Government of *Nova Scotia*.
5. The Earl of *Elgin* to Sir *E. Head*, 1st November, 1848.—Requesting to be informed of the views of the Government of *New Brunswick*.
6. Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 15th December, 1848.—Stating that an Act will be introduced into the Imperial Parliament for transferring to Colonial Authorities the management of the Post Office in British *North America*.
7. Sir *Edmund Head* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 7th November, 1848.—Reporting the concurrence of the Government of *New Brunswick*.

For the Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix (B.B.B.)

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Message, and the accompanying Documents, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *Frederick C. Capreol, Robert Easton Burns* and others, under the style of the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Union Railroad Company*, to enable them to construct a Railroad from *Toronto* to *Lake Huron*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of March next.

Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Union Railroad Company Bill.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, laid before the House on the twenty-second instant, relating to the Crown Timber Office at *Bytown*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, Ordered, That the Orders of the day which were fixed for Wednesday last, (Ash-Wednesday,) and lost by the adjournment of the House of Tuesday last, be revived, and that they stand as Orders of the day for to-morrow.

Common Schools.

The Honorable Mr. *Price* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the subject of making an appropriation for Common School purposes.

The Honorable Mr. *Price*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House that His Excellency having been informed of the subject mat-

ter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Dumas* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Dumas* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the Parliament of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relating to Surveys in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday, the twelfth day of March next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in *Upper Canada*, and to regulate the study and practise of Physic and Surgery therein.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force regulating the system and practice of certain Courts in *Upper Canada* established for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday, the twelfth day of March next.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, from the Committee to take into consideration the necessity of establishing the amount of Losses incurred by certain inhabitants in *Lower Canada* during the Political Troubles of 1837 and 1838, and of providing for the payment thereof, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. Resolved, That on the 28th day of February, 1845, an humble Address was unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and by them presented to the Right Honorable *Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe*, the then Governor General of the same, praying "that His Excellency would be pleased to cause proper measures to be adopted in order to insure to the inhabitants of that part of this Province formerly *Lower Canada*, indemnity for just Losses by them sustained during the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838."

2. Resolved, That on the 24th day of November, 1845, a commission of five persons was, by His Excellency the said Governor General, duly appointed to inquire into such Losses arising from and growing out of the said Rebellion.

3. Resolved, That it appears by the Report of the said Commissioners, dated the 18th day of April, 1846, "That the want of power to proceed to a strict and regular investigation of the Losses in question, left the Commissioners no other resource than to trust to the allegation of the claimants, as to the amount and nature of their losses."

Rebellion Losses.