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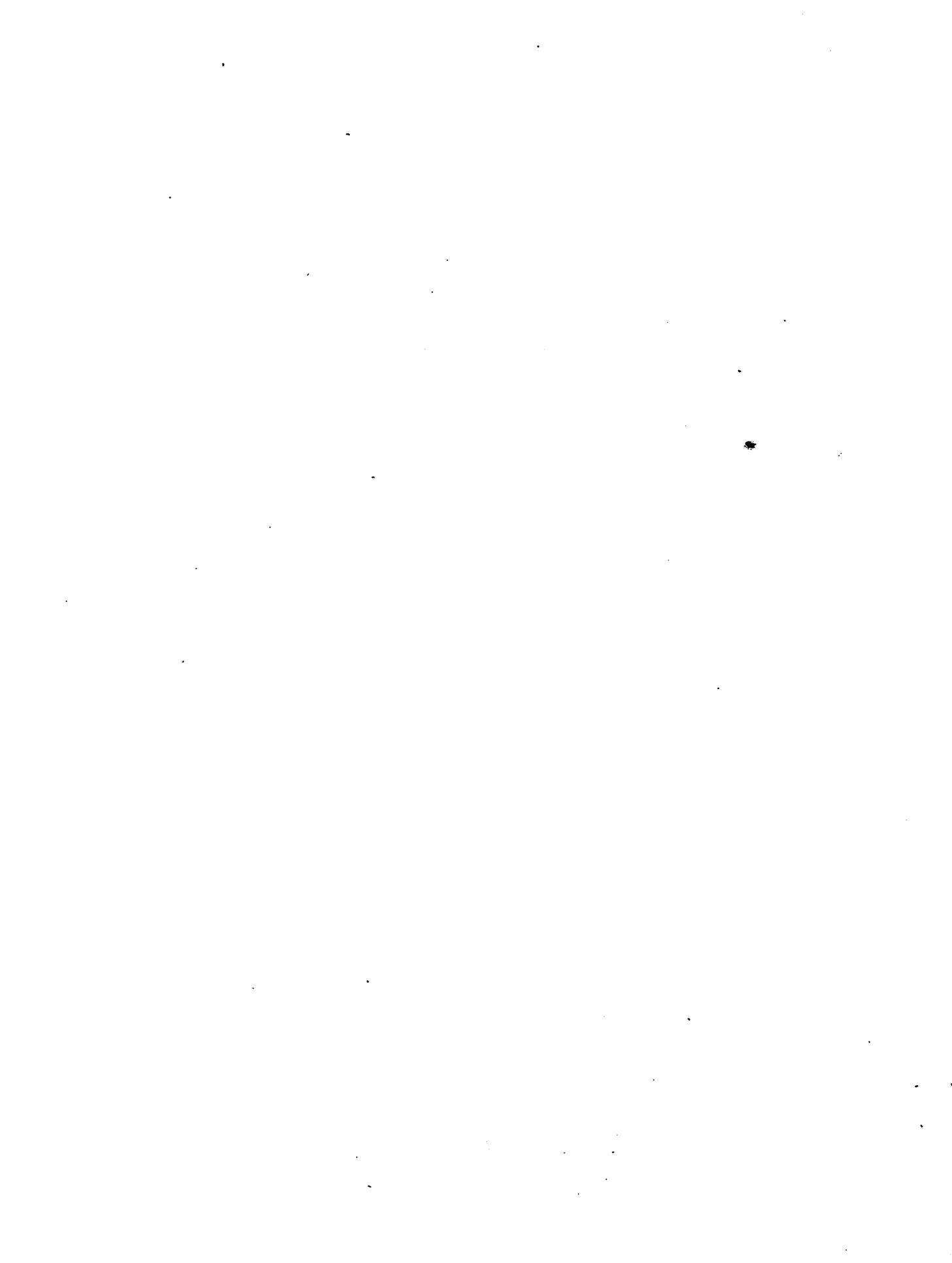
OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

1857.

HALIFAX:

WILLIAM ANNAND, QUEEN'S PRINTER.





PROCLAMATION,

By His Excellency Major General
SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of
Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the
Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor
and Commander in Chief, in and over
Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia
and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Saturday the Thirty-first day of May, instant; I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday the Thirty-first day of July next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this
Twenty-eighth day of May, A. D. 1856, and in
the Nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

God save the Queen!



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L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday the Thirty-first day of July, instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday the Twenty-fifth day of September next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this
Twenty-third day of July, A. D. 1856, and in
the Twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

God save the Queen!



PROCLAMATION,

By His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

L. S.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday the 25th day of September, instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday the Twenty-seventh day of November next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this Seventeenth day of September, in the 20th year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1856.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM H. KEATING,

Deputy Secretary.

God Save the Queen!



PROCLAMATION,

By His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued to Thursday the Twenty-seventh day of November, instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Wednesday the Twenty-fourth day of December next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this Nineteenth day of November, in the Twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1856.

By His Excellency's Command,

WILLIAM H. KEATING,

Deputy Secretary.

God save the Queen!



PROCLAMATION,

By His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

L. S.
J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province stands prorogued^m to Wednesday the Twenty-fourth day of December, instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly until Thursday the Fifth day of February next—*then to meet for the Despatch of Business*—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at Halifax, this Seventeenth day of December, in the Twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1856.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. A. HENRY,

Provincial Secretary.

God save the Queen!



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SECOND SESSION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ANNO VICESSIMO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

AT HALIFAX, IN THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,

Thursday, 5th February, 1857.

The General Assembly having been prorogued to this day, the Council met,

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFY.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's Command, to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with a Speech to both Houses, as follows:—

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

Mr.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I meet you again in Parliament with feelings of undiminished pleasure, and I trust that your deliberations will result in measures promotive of the best interests of this thriving and loyal Province.

Animated by true British feeling, and warmly interested in the conduct and progress of the late War, though happily exempted from its disasters and burthens, the people of this Country, in common with their fellow-subject in every part of the Empire, have reason to be deeply grateful for its successful termination, and I am sure will unite with us in a fervent prayer that the benign and sustaining influences of peace may long continue to advance and extend the prosperity and happiness of the Nation at large.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The Accounts for the past, and the Estimates for the current year, will be forthwith submitted to you.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

Our exemption from pestilence of every kind during the past year, through the protection of a merciful Providence, demands our deepest gratitude.

The labours of the husbandman within our borders in the past season have been richly rewarded ; and the ready sales and remunerating prices of all kinds of farm stock and produce, I am happy to find, have contributed largely to his well-being and comfort.

I confidently feel that the recent importations of improved Stock will result in general advantage to the farming classes, and hope that you will be disposed to encourage, by liberal grants, an object of such vital importance to the agriculture of the Province.

I regret to learn that the Fisheries, more especially in the autumn, have disappointed the hopes of the hardy and enterprising body who derive their subsistence from that great branch of Provincial industry.

I am happy to acquaint you that the Revenue has somewhat exceeded that of last year, and gives continued proof of the increasing prosperity and active industry of the people.

The extension of the Provincial Railway has been vigorously prosecuted. The stream of eastern traffic has been tapped at the Grand Lake, and it is confidently hoped that ere the close of this year the line will be open to Windsor and Stewiacke.

The Accounts of the expenditure and liabilities incurred in these large operations will be laid before you at an early day, and will satisfy you I trust of the integrity and prudence with which the Works have been conducted.

The Reports and Accounts of the Lunatic Asylum, which will also be before you, will shew that the building of that Institution has favourably advanced during the past season.

It was thought advisable that a further Survey should be had of the St. Peters Canal by an experienced Engineer. The Report of the gentleman who was employed will be presented at an early day, and I invite your attention to a subject of such prominent interest to the whole eastern section of the Province.

Two Acts have been recently passed by the Imperial Parliament for assimilating the Laws affecting Trade and Commerce in the United Kingdom, and Bills founded upon these, but adapted to our local Legislation, will be submitted for your approval.

Two measures have also been prepared, and will be immediately submitted to you, the one having for its object the more efficient protection of the Crown Lands, and the other, a more easy and economical process of Escheat.

The subject of the Mines and Minerals I regret to say is still unsettled, the Home Government having been hitherto unable to come to a determination on this complicated and important question. The correspondence will shew that it has engaged the anxious solicitude of my Government, and I entertain the hope that the great interests involved will be considered and disposed of in a manner acceptable to the people.

Since the close of the last Session private enterprise has completed a Telegraphic union of the North American Provinces by a Submarine Cable, connecting Newfoundland with Cape Breton.

A still larger experiment is about to be made for carrying Telegraphic Communication across the Atlantic. The Company by whom it was projected have entered into arrangements for conveying their messages across our territory, and the inhabitants of this Province, as well as of the other parts of the American Continent, have a deep interest in their success. An intimation however has been conveyed to me that another Company, of adequate resources, proposes to lay down a Line from Ireland direct to Nova Scotia. Both parties will apply to you for legislative privileges, and I recommend their respective claims to your attentive consideration.

Be assured, gentlemen, that in this, as in every other matter affecting the welfare and progress of the people whom you represent, you may rely on my cordial co-operation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

H. A. withdraw.
H. E. retires.

Mr. McHefhey presented a Bill to amend the Jury Law—which was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Speech reported.

Mr. Bell moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech—which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Address in answer moved.

To His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Parliamentary Session.

Address.

Your

Your Excellency justly ascribes to the people of this Province a sentiment of deep gratitude in relation to the successful and honorable termination of the recent war; and we are convinced they will earnestly unite in the prayer that peace may long continue to diffuse its blessings over the nation at large.

In acknowledging our especial gratitude as a people to a kind Providence, for exemption from pestilence during the past year, we cannot but recognize with similar feelings the success which has during that period attended the labors of the husbandman.

We thank Your Excellency for the zeal which you have ever manifested in furtherance of the Agricultural interests of the country. We have no doubt that the recent importations of improved Stock will largely contribute to the prosperity of the farming population, and we will be happy to sanction such further advances for the same object as the resources of the country will admit.

We have learnt with the deepest regret that the Fisheries during the past season have resulted in partial failure; we are gratified, however, by the intimation of an increase in the Revenue.

We notice with much satisfaction the gradual extension of the Provincial Railway; we shall examine with care the Accounts in connection with this important work.

The favorable advancement of the Lunatic Asylum is also a source of great gratification.

The report connected with the further Survey of the St. Peter's Canal, will receive our careful consideration.

The Bills founded on the measures of the Imperial Parliament for assimilating the laws affecting Trade and Commerce in the United Kingdom, and those having severally for their object the more efficient protection of the Crown Lands, and an improved process of Escheat, will receive our best attention.

We regret that the important question of the Mines and Minerals is still unsettled, but hope that the negotiations now pending will eventuate in a satisfactory adjustment of the points involved.

Anticipating results of an important character from the extension of Submarine Telegraphic Communication, we shall be ready attentively to consider any applications for Legislative privileges in connection with this interesting subject.

The great interest which Your Excellency has ever evinced in the welfare of Nova Scotia, warrants our firm reliance on Your Excellency's valuable co-operation in all matters affecting the progress and prosperity of its people.

Ordered, That the said Address be read a second time at a future day.

Com. on Reporting.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks be appointed a Member of the Committee for making arrangements for Reporting and Publishing the Debates of this House, in the place of Mr. Almon, absent.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday,

Friday, 6th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Speech, was read a second time.

Address read 2d time,

Ordered, That the said Address be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

And ordered to Com.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 9th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
ANSLEM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

The Hon. Mr. Kenny rose in his place, and stated that he had this morning resigned his office of President of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and then, after bowing to the House, he retired.

Resignation of President.

The Hon. Mr. Rudolf, as Senior Member present, took the Chair,

Whereupon Mr. McNab moved, that a Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to inform him that the House is at present

Resolution to inform H. E.

without a President, and desirous of knowing His Excellency's pleasure concerning this matter.

Committee.

Resolved, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Wednesday, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 11th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Rudolf sat as President.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Report of Committee
to wait on H. E.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and inform him that this House is at present without a President, reported that the Committee had performed that duty.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday, 13th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSLEM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Rudolf sat as President.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 17th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Rudolf sat as Chairman.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Friday, 20th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

The Honorable Mr. Rudolf sat as President.

Mr. McNab rose in his place and said—

Mr. Chairman,

I deem it to be right to inform the House that, in consequence of a Resolution passed in the other Branch of the Legislature on Wednesday evening last, Her Majesty's Executive Council have considered it their duty to tender to His Excellency this morning the resignation of their Seats at the Council Board, which resignation His Excellency was pleased to accept, at the same time expressing his desire that they should retain office till their successors should be appointed, and in this position therefore they consider themselves now placed.

Resignation of Executive Council communicated.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 24th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
EDWARD KENNY,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Rudolf sat as President.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

The Hon. Mr. Kenny presented the following Commission, which was read by the Clerk :

Mr. Kenny presents
Commission.
as President.

PROVINCE
OF
NOVA-SCOTIA. }

By His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

*Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint
Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain,
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief
in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-
Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

J. Gaspard LeMarchant.

TO THE HONORABLE EDWARD KENNY.

GREETING :

Commission.

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I have thought fit to constitute and appoint, and I do, by the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, hereby constitute and appoint you, the said Edward Kenny, to be, during pleasure, the President of the Honorable the Legislative Council, in the Province aforesaid hereby granting unto you all the rights, powers, and advantages which, to the said Office, do or may lawfully appertain, and requiring you diligently to perform the duties thereof.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, at Halifax,
this 24th day of February, in the 20th year
of Her Majesty's Reign, A. D. 1857.

By His Excellency's Command,

W. H. KEATING,
Deputy Secretary.
Whereupon

Whereupon the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Office were administered to Mr. Kenny by the Hon. Charles Tupper, Secretary of the Province, and the Hon. James W. Johnston, Attorney General, and then Mr. Kenny took the Chair as President of this House.

Mr. Kenny takes Oaths.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Address, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Address to H. E. committed.

Report, without amendment,

The said Address was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Address shall pass?

Read 3rd time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And passed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

To be presented by whole House.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. McKeen, and Mr. Cutler, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and ascertain when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Com. to wait on H. E.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until to-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 25th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and ascertain when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address, reported that the Committee had waited upon His Excellency, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state he would receive this House at three o'clock, P. M., this day.

Com. to wait on H. E. report.

House wait on H. E.

At three o'clock, P. M., the House proceeded to the Government House with the Address, and being returned to the Council Chamber, the President reported that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and to make the following reply thereto:

H. E.'s reply.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

I thank you for your Address, and relying on the assurance of your cordial co-operation I again with confidence commend to your careful deliberation the interests and welfare of this Province.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday, 27th February, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
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WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBLD,
ANSLEM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

Message from H. E., with

Mr. Tobin, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Accounts, Despatches, and Papers:

Rec. Gen. Accts.

The Receiver General's Accounts for the year 1856.

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

Despatch, dated 31st July, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing
Order in Council, allowing two Acts.

Legislative Acts.

(Appendix—Legislative Acts.)

Transatlantic Sub-
Telegraph Com.

Despatch, dated 2nd August, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to the Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company.

(Appendix—Legislative Acts.)

Despatch,

Despatch, dated 30th October, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing Order in Council, allowing ninety-eight Acts, passed in the last Session. Acts of last Session

(Appendix—Legislative Acts.)

Also, the following Papers relative to the St. Peter's Canal: St. Peters Canal.
 Minute of Council, dated 14th August, 1856.
 Letter, dated 30th August, 1856, from the Attorney General to Mr. Talcott.
 Report of Mr. Talcott, dated 17th November, 1856.

(Appendix—St. Peters Canal.)

Also, the following Papers relative to the Inland Navigation Company: Inland Navigation.
 Petition of the Inland Navigation Company, dated 8th August, 1856.
 Minute of Council, dated 14th August, 1856.
 Letter, dated 14th August, 1856, from the Provincial Secretary to the President, &c. of the Inland Navigation Company.
 Letter, dated 25th August, 1856, from the Secretary of the Inland Navigation Company to the acting Provincial Secretary, enclosing Memorandum, dated August 16, 1856, and Form of Bond.

(Appendix—Inland Navigation.)

Also, the following Despatches and Papers relative to Foreign Trade: Foreign Trade.
 Despatch, dated July 15, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to Foreign Trade and the Reciprocity Treaty, and Repeal of Duties.
 Minute of Council, dated 14th August, 1856.
 Despatch, dated September 2, 1856, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Appendix—Foreign Trade.)

Also, the following Despatches and Letters relative to the Duties on Officers Wine: Officers Wines.
 Despatch, dated 5th September, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.
 Despatch, dated 30th July, 1856, from the Major General Commanding in Nova-Scotia, to the Secretary of State for War.
 Letter, dated 19th July, 1856, from Colonel E. Rowley Hill to the Secretary of State for War.
 Letter, dated July 29, 1856, from Lieut.-Colonel J. Daubeney to the Assistant Military Secretary, Halifax.
 Letter, dated 30th August, 1856, from Mr. Mundy to Mr. Merivale.

(Appendix—Military Wine Duties.)

Also, the following Despatches and Papers relative to the Military Defences of Halifax: Military Defences, Halifax.
 Despatch, dated 18th July, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.
 Minute of Council, dated 14th August, 1856.

Despatch,

Despatch, dated 1st September, 1856, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatch, dated 29th November, 1856, from the same to the same.

Memorandum, dated 10th November, 1856, of the Attorney General.

(Appendix—Military Defences.)

Cape Race Light House.

Also, the following Despatches and Papers relative to the Cape Race Light House :
Despatch, dated September 1, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Despatch, dated 23rd July, 1856, from the same to the same.

Letter, dated July 9, 1856, from Mr. Booth.

Despatch, dated November 23, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(Appendix—Cape Race Light House.)

Pet. of Gen. Wylde,

Also, the Petition of Major General William Wylde, praying for powers and privileges relative to a Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company.

Accts. N. S. Elec. Telegraph Com.

Also, the Accounts of the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, for the year 1856.

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolution :

Com. Pub. Accts. H. A.

Resolved, That Mr. Esson, Mr. Killam, Mr. McDonald, Mr. White, and Mr. Webster, be a Committee of this House for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of the Legislative Council.

Do. of Council.

On motion, *resolved*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the Public Accounts, and that the Clerk do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Petition of J. Starratt and al.

Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of James Starratt and others, praying for the passing of a Bankrupt Law—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Limits of Yarmouth

Mr. Brown presented a Bill to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, which was read a first time.

Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Petition of G. F. Harding and al.

Mr. McHeffey presented the Petition of G. F. Harding and others, praying the assent of this House to a Bill for the Sale of the Baptist Meeting House at Windsor—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

First Baptist Church Horton.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of the first Baptist Church in Horton, praying for an Act of Incorporation—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. Hx. Visiting Dispensary.

Mr. Morton presented the Petition of the Governors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, praying aid to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Do. Sessions Pictou.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of the General Sessions of Pictou, praying for an alteration in the Assessment Law of the last Session—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 3rd March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the Limits of the Town of Yarmouth, was read a second time. Yarmouth limits Bill
read 2d time,

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. And referred to Sel.
Com.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Comeau, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Thomas Robson, praying aid for a Fog Bell. Petition of T. Rob-
son.

Also the Petition of Stephen Gordon, and others, on the same subject—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Do. S. Gordon & al.

Mr. McCully presented the Petition of Isaac McCurdy, and others, relative to the School Lands in Onslow—which was read and ordered to lie on the Table. Do. J. McCurdy &
al.

Mr. Brown presented the Petition of John L. Potter and others; and of A. C. Robbins, and others, of Yarmouth; also the Petition of Moses Shaw, and others, of Annapolis, praying for the erection of a Bridge over Bear River—which were ordered to lie on the Table. Do. J. L. Potter &
al.; A. C. Robbins
& al.; M. Shaw
& al.

Mr. Brown presented the Petition of the Liverpool Marine Railway Company, praying for a return of Duties paid on Machinery—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Liverpool Marine
Railway Company.

Mr. Morton presented the Report of the Horton Academy; also the Petition of the Nova-Scotia Baptist Education Society, praying aid to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table. Report Horton Aca-
demy, Petition of
Baptist Education
Society.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof—which were read a first time. Probate Court Bill
read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. And referred to Sel.
Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McNab, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Petition of L. P. W.
Desbrisay.

Mr. Black presented the Petition of L. P. W. Desbrisay, praying aid to a Steam boat between the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova-Scotia, and Prince Edward Island—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday, 6th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAYID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBLD,
ANSLEM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Com: on Yarmouth
limits Bill report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Petition of Avon
Marine Ins. Co.

Mr. Archibald presented the Petition of the Avon Marine Insurance Company, praying for an Act to continue the Charter of the said Company—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Tuesday, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 10th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P E E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEFN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Mr. Bell presented the Petition of the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville, New Brunswick, praying for a continuance of the Grant to that Institution—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Trustees of Wesleyan Academy.

Mr. Tobin, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches, Papers, and Accounts :

Message from H. E. with Despatches, &c. relative to.

The following Despatches relative to Distressed Seamen :

Despatch, dated 22nd May, 1856, from the Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Distressed Seamen.

Despatch, dated 5th July, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor.

(Appendix—Distressed Seamen.)

Despatch, dated 4th April, 1856, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, relative to a claim for the Railway Survey in 1847.

Railway Survey.

(Appendix—Railway Survey in 1847.)

Also, the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Works, for the year 1856, with

Report Board of Works.

Report of Dr. R. Black, relative to the Penitentiary.

Also, the Accounts of the Poors Asylum in Halifax, for the year 1856.

Also, a copy of the Bye Laws of the Yarmouth Municipal Council.

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Accts. Poors Asylum Bye-Laws Yarmouth Municipal Council.

Mr. McNab, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Committee on Probate Court Bill report.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 11th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills and Resolutions:

Sessions, Guysbo-
rough,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Guysborough.

Logs, Queen's Co.,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating the marking of Logs in the County of Queens.

Polling Place, Pic-
tout, Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the County of Pictou.

£32,000 } Road
£10,000 } Service,

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-two thousand pounds be granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service for the present year; and a further sum of Ten thousand pounds for the Great Road Service for the same year.

£500 Lunenburg
Road,

Resolved, That the sum of Five hundred pounds be granted to aid in completing the New Road from Bridgewater to Mills Village.

To which Bills and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The same were read a first time.

Bills referred to Sel.
Com.

Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

Resolutions rel. to
"Appeal to People
of N. Scotia."

Mr. Fairbanks, pursuant to notice previously given, moved the following Resolutions—which were read by the Clerk:

Resolved, That this House has seen, with great regret, a document entitled, "An appeal to the people of Nova-Scotia," published in the Morning Chronicle, Newspaper, of the 7th inst., purporting to have been prepared by a "Committee drawn from both Branches of the Legislature;"—the object of which is to stir up religious strife in this Province, and set different Denominations of Christians at variance, in order to serve the political views of a few disappointed individuals.

Resolved, That this House has not sanctioned the formation of such Committee, and indignantly repudiate the attempt to give the document its sanction; and while this House

House will not recognize the right of any one Religious Body to interfere with the privileges of others, it abhors the idea of a Combination of the many to prescribe one, and deprive it of its just rights as citizens and fellow subjects."

Whereupon after debate Mr. McCully moved the following Resolutions in amendment :

Resolutions in amdt. expunged by Res. of the 16th March.

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Then the question being put by the President on the original Resolutions, whether these Resolutions be agreed to? there appeared for the Resolutions, fourteen; against them, six.

Original Res. agreed to.

For the Resolutions—

Against the Resolutions—

Mr. McNab,	Mr. Black,
" Tobin,	" Fairbanks,
" Harris,	" Keith,
" Cutler,	" Crichton,
" Brown,	" Morton,
" Comeau,	" Rudolf,
" Pineo,	The President.

Mr. McKeen,
" Grigor,
" McHefsey,
" Bell,
" McCully,
" Archibald.

So it passed in the affirmative.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday, 13th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 16th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Motion to expunge
Resolutions.

Mr. Fairbanks, in pursuance of notice previously given, moved the following Resolution :

Resolved, That the amendments to the Resolutions moved by Mr. Fairbanks on the 11th instant, be expunged from the Journals of this House.

After some debate, the question being put by the President, whether this Resolution be agreed to? there appeared for the Resolution, ten ; against it, nine :

For the Resolution—

Mr. Cutler,
“ Harris,
“ Brown,
“ Black,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Keith,
“ Crichton,
“ Morton,
“ Tobin,

The President.

Against the Resolution—

Mr. McNab,
“ McKeen,
“ Grigor,
“ McHeffey,
“ Bell,
“ McCully,
“ Comeau,
“ Archibald,
“ Rudolf.

Agreed to.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Pineo.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks, *ordered*, that Mr. Pineo have leave of absence from to-day, to return home on urgent private business.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly by Mr. James, with the following Bills :

Hx. Gas Company,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company.

St. Matthew's
Church, Halifax,

A Bill, entitled, Act Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax.

Electoral Districts,
New Annan,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Electoral District No. 8 in the Settlement of New Annan.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Parsonage at Chester. Baptist Parsonage, Chester,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to enable the Halifax Water Company to construct a Reservoir on the Common of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof. Hx. Water Co. Reservoir, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company. Minas Hall Co. Bills,
 To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
 The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time,
Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. And ref. to Select Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. McHefhey, and Mr. Rudolf, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Guysborough; also, Com. on Sessions Guysborough,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating the marking of Logs in the County of Queens; also, Logs, Queen's, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the County of Pictou, Polling Place, Pictou, Bills, report favorably.
 Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.
 The said Bills were read a second time. Bills read 2d time,
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ord. to Com.

Mr. Brown, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Papers relative to the Railroad: Mes. from H. E. with Railway papers.
 Report of the Railway Commissioners, dated 4th February, 1857.
 Report of J. R. Forman, Esquire, to the Commissioners, dated 31st January, 1857.
 Statement of the working of the Railway for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

(Appendix—Railways.)

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz: Money votes,
 £32,000 } Roads and Bridges,
 10,000 }
 500 Lunenburg Road,

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Read 2d time,
 Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
 It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Wednesday, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday,

Wednesday, 18th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Monday were read.

Com. on Hx. Water
Co. Bill rep. fav.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to enable the Halifax Water Company to construct a Reservoir on the Common of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found that the requisites of the Standing Orders of this House relative to Private and Local Bills had been complied with, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
And ord. to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Com. on Hx. Gas
Co.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company; also,

St. Matthew's
Church,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax; also,

Baptist Parsonage,
Chester, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Parsonage at Chester; also,

Minas Hall Co. Bills,
Report fav. although
S. O. not compli-
ed with.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company,
Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, that they were Local Bills, and that it did not appear that the requisites of the Standing Orders relative to Private and Local Bills had been complied with, but that the Committee nevertheless recommended them to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bills read 2d time,
And ord. to Com.

The said Bills were read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Union Insurance
Co. Bill read 1st
time.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to Incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of North America—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

War Dept. Bill read
1st time.

Mr. Tobin presented a Bill for transferring to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department the powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Mr.

Mr. Tobin presented a Bill to vest in the Secretary of State for the War Department two Lots of Land on the Common of Lunenburg, being the sites of a Block House and of an old Fortification belonging to Her Majesty—which was read a first time.

Block House, Lunenburg to War Department Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

And referred to Select Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Tobin, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Electoral District No. 8, in the Settlement of New Annan, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Com. on Electoral District, New Annan Bill rep. favourably.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

And ordered to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Yarmouth limits Bill, without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof, and had made several amendments thereto.

Rep. Probate Bill, with amdt.

Which amendments, being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.

Amdt. agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the Resolution granting the sums of £32,000 and £10,000 for the Service of Roads and Bridges.

Money Votes sent to H. A.

Also the Resolution granting the sum of £500 for the Lunenburg Road.

And to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Friday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday, 20th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBLD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Wednesday were read.

President's reasons
for not directing
Protest filed 18th
to be entered on
Journals.

The President informed the House that he had examined a Protest filed on Wednesday last by the Hon. Mr. McCully, and found it contained four Resolutions which were debated and negatived in the House on the 11th instant, with the divisions on each, and were subsequently expunged from the Journals by order of the House; that he was of opinion it would be unparliamentary and contrary to the usage of this House to put on the Journals a Protest embodying the four Resolutions so expunged, and he could not direct the Clerk to enter such Protest upon the Journals without the sanction of the House.

Yarmouth limits Bill
read 3rd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

And passed.

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Union Iron Co. and
War Depart. Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Company of North America.
A Bill, entitled, An Act for transferring to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department, the powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department,

Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

Were read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Sessions,
Guysborough,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Guysborough; also,

Polling Place,
Pictou.
Electoral District,
New Annan.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the County of Pictou; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Electoral District No. 8, in the Settlement of New Annan; also,

Baptist Parsonage,
Chester.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Parsonage at Chester; also,

St. Matthews, Hx.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax; also,

- A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company; also, Hfx. Gas Company, and
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to enable the Halifax Water Company to construct a Reservoir on the Common of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof. Hfx. Water Co. Bills,
- And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Without amdt.
- Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Report Minas Hall Company Bill with amdt.
- An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company, and had made amendments thereto.
- The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:
- FIRST CLAUSE—12th line.—Leave out the words “the County of.” Amdt. read.
- 13th line.—After the word “Kings,” insert the word “County.”
- And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Interest,” which was read a first time. Interest Bill read 1st time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill for the more Summary Trial and Punishment of Petty Offences and Juvenile Offenders—which was read a first time. Petty Trespasses Bill read 1st time.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. And referred to Select Committee.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock. Adjourn.

Monday, 23rd March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

On motion of Mr. Harris, *ordered*, that Mr. Crichton have leave of absence from to-day, to return home on urgent private business. Leave of absence to Mr. Crichton.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Guysborough; also, Sessions, Guysboro'

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to Electoral District No. 8, in the Settlement of New Annan; also, Elec. District New Annan,

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Baptist Parsonage Chester,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Parsonage at Chester ; also,
St. Matthew's Church, Hfx.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church in Halifax ; also,
Hfx. Gas Co. and	A Bill, entitled, An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company ; also,
Hfx. Water Co. Bills,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to repeal the Act to enable the Halifax Water Company to construct a Reservoir on the Common of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof,
Read 3rd time.	Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Minas Hall Co.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Agreed to, with amt.	Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
Polling Place, Pic- tou Bill,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the County of Pictou, was read a third time.
Amdt. made,	Then the following amendments were made : IN THE TITLE.—At the end of the Title add the following words : “ and to add another Polling Place.” At the end of the Bill add the following Clause : Pictou Island shall be Polling District No. 30, for the election of County and Township Members for the County of Pictou, and the poll shall be held at or near the house of Hector McKenzie, in or near the centre of the Settlement.
Agreed with amdt.	Then the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments,—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
Interest Bill read 2d time.	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes “ Of Interest,” was read a second time.
And ordered to Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Com. on Petty Offen- ces Bill report favourably.	Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the more Summary Trial and Punishment of Petty Offences and Juvenile Offenders, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
Bill read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.	The said Bill was read a second time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
Com. on lots Lunen- burgh Bill report unfavourably.	Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to vest in the Secretary of State for the War Department two Lots of Land on the Common

Common of Lunenburg, being the sites of a Block House, and of an old Fortification belonging to Her Majesty, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it was a Local Bill, and that the Standing Orders of this House, relative to Local Bills, had not been complied with.

The said Bill was read a second time.

On motion, *ordered*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months.

Bill read 2nd time,
And deferred three months.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Probate Court Bill
read 3d time,

Passed,

And sent to H. A.

Yarmouth limits Bill
sent to H. A.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of the Rev. James C. Cochran and others, praying aid to an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. Rev. J. C. Cochran,
and al.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 24th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Tobin laid before the House a Return from Saint Mary's College for the year 1856—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Return of St. Mary's
College.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for transferring to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department; also,

Report War Dept.
and.

Friday, 27th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for transferring to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department, the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department; also, War Department, &

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Interest Bills,

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Read 3d time,
Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating the marking of Logs in the County of Queens, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Logs, Queen's Co. Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. And agreed to.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Minas Hall Co. Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Finally agreed to,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law; also, Jury Law, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Victoria, Sessions, Victoria, Bills,

Were read a second time. Read 2nd time,

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. And ordered to Com.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties. Customs Duties,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties. Light Duties,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries. Distilleries, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Laws. License Bills,

To

- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
 The said Bills were read a first time.
- Read 1st time, *Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a second time at a future time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills.
- Bills read 2nd time,
 And ordered to Com. The said Bills were read a second time.
 Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Free Ch.
 Broad Cove, and Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church Congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the County of Inverness; also,
- Baptist Meeting,
 Windsor Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Baptist Meeting House at Windsor,
- Report. Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bills read 2nd time,
 And ordered to Com. The said Bills were read a second time.
 Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Petition of Mayor
 and others against
 Fishery Treaty
 with French. Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of the Mayor of the City of Halifax, and others, praying the assistance of this House in endeavouring to prevent the Treaty giving the French additional rights of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador being confirmed—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Com. on Wooden
 Buildings, Hfx.
 Bill report. Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
 And ordered to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
 Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Customs Du-
 ties, The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties; also,
- Light Duties, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties; also,
- Distilleries, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries; also,
- Licenses, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Laws; also,
- Jury Law, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law; also,
- Sessions, Victoria,
 Victoria; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County
- Baptist Meeting,
 Windsor, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Baptist Meeting House at Windsor; also,
- Free Church, Broad
 Cove Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church Congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the County of Inverness.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time presently.

Read 3rd time,

The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And agreed to,

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 30th March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act for transferring to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department; also,

Message to H. A.
with
War Department,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 82 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Interest."

Interest Bills,

And to desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the said Bill, as amended.

Minas Hall Bill sent
to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for regulating the marking of Logs in the County of Queens; also,

Message to H. A.
with
Logs, Queen's Co.,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties; also,

Customs Duties,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties; also,

Light Duties,
Distilleries,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the License Laws; also,

License,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Jury Law; also,

Jury,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Victoria; also,

Sessions, Victoria,

- Baptist Meeting,
Windsor, and
Free Church, Broad
Cove Bills,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Baptist Meeting House at Windsor; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church Congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the County of Inverness.
And to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Message from H. E.
with Rep. Board
of Agriculture.
Mr. Tobin, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the Report of the Central Board of Agriculture for the year 1856—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Petty Offences Bill
read 3d time,
A Bill, now entitled, An Act for the more Summary Trial and Punishment of Petty Offences and Juvenile Offenders, except in the City of Halifax, were read a third time, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Passed,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
And sent to H. A.
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.
- Cm. on Free Church
Baddeck Bill rep.
Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Knox's Free Church at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time.
The said Bill was read a second time.
And ordered to
Committee.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Estates Married
Women Bill read
1st time,
And referred.
Mr. McCully presented a Bill for the better protection of the Estates and Rights of Married Women—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee.
Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Black, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Pet J. LeBlanc and
others.
Mr. Comeau presented the Petition of Simon LeBlanc and others, praying for an alteration in the Pictou Pilotage—which was ordered to lie on the Table.
- Adjourn.
On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, 31st March, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P E E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia.

Militia, and
City of Halifax Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time,
Militia Bill referred.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Ordered, That Mr. Morton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

City of Halifax Bill
referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Black, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

At Three of the clock, P. M., His Excellency Major General Sir John Gaspard Le-Marchant, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of St. Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and, being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command, to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who, being come with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to sixteen Bills, entitled as follows :

H. E. comes to
Council Chamber.

H. A. attend.

H. E. assents to 16
Bills, viz :

Sessions, Guysboro'
Elc. Dis. N. Annan.
Bap. Par. Chester,
St. Matthew's, Hx.

An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Guysborough.
An Act relating to Electoral District No. 8, in the Settlement of New Annan.
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Parsonage at Chester.
An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Matthew's Church in Halifax.

Hfx. Gas Company,

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Halifax Gas Light Company.
An Act to repeal the Act to enable the Halifax Water Company to construct a Reservoir on the Common of Halifax, and the Act in amendment thereof.

Hfx. Water Co.

An Act to amend the Act for regulating the marking of Logs in the County of Queen's.

Logs, Queens Co.

An

Minas Hall Co.	An Act to Incorporate the Minas Hall Company.
Customs Duties,	An Act to continue and amend the Law imposing Customs Duties.
Light Duties,	An Act to continue the Law imposing Light House Duties.
Distilleries,	An Act to continue the Law to regulate Distilleries.
License,	An Act to continue the License Laws.
Jury Law,	An Act to amend the Jury Law.
Sessions, Vic.	An Act to alter the time of holding the Sessions for the County of Victoria.
Bap. Meeting, Wdsr.	An Act to authorize the Sale of the Old Baptist Meeting House at Windsor.
Free Chrch Br. Cove.	An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church Congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the County of Inverness.
H. E. retires.	The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Thursday, at 2½ o'clock.

Thursday, 2d April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,	The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,	JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
MICHAEL TOBIN,	JAMES McNAB,
JOHN MORTON,	JONATHAN McCULLY,
HUGH BELL,	WILLIAM GRIGOR,
STAYLEY BROWN,	WILLIAM McKEEN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,	RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ALEXANDER KEITH,	THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,	ANSELM F. COMEAU.
DAVID CRICHTON,	

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Tuesday were read.

Com. on Estates
Married Women
Bill report.

Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better protection of the Estates and Rights of Married Women, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Com. on City of
Halifax Bill rep.

Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

On

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax, and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. wooden buildings Hx. Bill with amdt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk as follows :

TENTH CLAUSE—Leave out this Clause.

Amdt. read,

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.

And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Knox's Free Church at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria, and had agreed to the same, with two amendments.

Rep. Free Church, Baddeck Bill, with amendments.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

THIRD CLAUSE—10th to 14th lines.—Leave out the words "and provided also one of the Ministers of the Free Presbytery of the Bounds preside at such meetings."

Amdt reads.

LAST CLAUSE—1st to 4th line.—Leave out the words "Two stated meetings shall be held by the Trustees, at such times as the Presbytery of the Bound," and insert instead the words "A meeting of the Trustees shall take place annually, at such time as the Congregation."

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Seth Kimbal, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassy.

Naturalization of Kimbal & al.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trout Cove Pier Company.

Trout Cove Pier Co.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Margaretville Fishing Company.

and Margaretville Fishing Co. Bills.

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time,

Ordered, That the first Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Ordered, That the two last Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Two last Bills ref.

Ordered, That Mr. Comeau, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Archibald, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Friday, 3rd April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

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| Wooden Buildings,
and
Free Church, Bad-
deck Bills,
Read 3d time,
Agreed to, with amt.
And sent to H. A. | A Bill, entitled, An Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Knox's Free Church at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same,
with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. |
| Nat. of Kimbal & al.
Bill read 2d time.
And ordered to Com. | A Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Seth Kimbal, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassy, was read a second time.
<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. |
| Com. on Trout Cove
Pier Co. Bill rep.
Bill read 2nd time,
And ord. to Com. | Mr. Comeau, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trout Cove Pier Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
The said Bill was read a second time.
<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. |
| Com. on Margaret-
ville Fishing Co.
Bill report.
Bill read 2nd time.
And ordered to
Committee. | Mr. Comeau, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Margaretville Fishing Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments thereto, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
The said Bill was read a second time.
<i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. |
| Com. on Public
Accounts report. | Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the Public Accounts, made his Report, which he read in his place. |

Appendix,

(Appendix—Public Accounts.)

Ordered, That the said Report do lie on the Table.

Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of the Rector and Churchwardens, and Vestry, of St. John's Church, in the County of Colchester, relative to the Glebe Lands at Onslow—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. Rector, &c. of
St. John's Church
Colchester.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the better protection of the Estates and Rights of Married Women, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Estates Mar-
ried Women Bill,
without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the First Baptist Church at Horton.

First Baptist Church
Horton.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company.

Port Medway Ship-
Building Co., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.

Streets, Halifax,
Bills,

To which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time,

Ordered, That the first Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Ordered, That the two last Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Two last Bills ref.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 6th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P E E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the better protection of the Estates and Rights of Married Women, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether

Estates of Married
Women Bill read
3d time.

- Whether this Bill shall pass ?
- Passed, It was resolved in the affirmative.
- And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.
- First Baptist Ch.
Horton Bill read
2d time,
And ordered to Com. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the First Baptist Church at Horton, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Militia Bill
report. Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favorable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time,
And ord. to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Com. on Port Med-
way Ship and
Fishing Co. Bill Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2d time,
And ord. to Com. The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Com. on Bills. On motion the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Report Trout Cove
Pier Bill without
amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trout Cove Pier Company, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Report Nat. of Kim-
bal and al. Bill
with amdts. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Seth Kimbal, Charles Lewis, John Schnlte, and Frederick G. D'Utassy, and had made two amendments thereto.
- Amdts. read. The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :
At the end of the Title add the following words : " James Farnham and Henry Hesslein."
- Amdts. agreed to. IN THE CLAUSE—10th line.—After the word " Languages," insert the following words: James Farnham, of Truro, Miller, and Henry Hesslein, of Halifax, Inn-keeper."
And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Report First Baptist
Ch. Horton Bill
with amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the First Baptist Church at Horton, and had made two amendments thereto.
- Amdt. read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :
SECOND CLAUSE.—Leave out all the words to the word " all," in the 11th line.
13th line.—After the word " Church," insert the words " is now or."

And

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia, and had made two amendments thereto. Report Militia Bill with amdt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

IN THE TITLE—1st line.—After the word “to” insert the words “revive and.” Amdt. read,

FIRST CLAUSE—9th line.—After the word “respectively” insert the words “revived and.”

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act for transferring to Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the War Department the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty’s Ordnance Department, and to acquaint the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to the said Bill, without any amendment. H. A. agree to War Department Bill, without amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax. H. A. agree to am. to Wooden Buildings, Hfx. Bill.

The said Bill was then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ? It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith. Bill finally agreed to
And sent to H. A.

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. Com. of Streets, Hafx. Bill rep.
Bill read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And ord. to Com.

On motion, *resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session. Com. on Contingencies.

Ordered, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o’clock. Adjourn.

Despatch, dated 6th February, 1857, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant Governor.

Letter, dated 4th July, 1856, from Mr. Merivale to Mr. Farrer.

Letter, dated 25th September, 1856, from Messrs. Farrer, Ouvry & Farrer, to Mr. Merivale.

Letter, dated Dec. 4, 1856, from Messrs. Farrer, Ouvry & Farrer, to Mr. Merivale.

Letter, dated 12th January, 1857, from Mr. Merivale to Messrs. Farrer, Ouvry and Farrer.

Letter, dated 17th January, 1857, from Mr. Ball to Mr. Bircham.

Letter, dated 27th January, 1857, from Mr. Foord to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

(Appendix—Mines.)

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing the Cornwallis Bridge.

Cornwallis Bridge,
and
Chap. 44, of 1856,
Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856.

Read 1st time,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

And ref. to Sel. Com.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Black, and Mr. McHeffey, be a Committee for that purpose.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly desired a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

H. A. ask Confer-
ence on General
State Province.
Agreed to.

On motion, *resolved*, that the said Conference be agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, to acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee to manage the said Conference.

Committee.

And the Managers went to the Conference, and, being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly had delivered to him the following written paper :

Report.

IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

6th April, 1857.

Whereas from documents laid before this house by Delegates from the General Assembly of Newfoundland, it appears that a Convention was entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, on the 14th day of January last, whereby extensive rights and privileges of fishery on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador were ceded to the Subjects of France, without, as it appears, any equivalent concession by the Government of France to British Subjects. *And whereas* the rights and interests of the Inhabitants of this Province, engaged in the Trade and Fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador, will be most seriously prejudiced if such Convention be carried into effect. *And whereas* it also appears by the 20th Article of the Convention, that the same shall come into operation so soon as the laws required to carry it into effect shall have been passed by the Imperial Government and the Provincial Legislature of Newfoundland; but it further appears that the said Provincial Legislature has refused in any manner to sanction the said Convention :

Resolved,

Resolved, That while it is satisfactory to this House to perceive in the said Convention the recognition of the right of the Provincial Legislature of Newfoundland to give to, or withhold its sanction from, the same, the House desires nevertheless to express its opinion, that rights of so important a nature as those proposed to be ceded by the Convention, and which belong to the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia in common with those of Newfoundland, ought not to be transferred to the Subjects of a Foreign Power without an opportunity being afforded to the People of this Province of protecting their interests, and of submitting their views and sentiments to Her Majesty's Government upon the policy of such concessions, so far as relates to this Province.

Resolved further, That as the operation of the said Convention would be highly detrimental to the Trade and Fisheries of this Province, a dutiful Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that no steps may be taken for carrying the same into effect.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Legislative Council, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

Resolved, That at such Conference the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the Council the foregoing Resolutions on the subject of the recent Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French respecting the Newfoundland and Labrador Fisheries, and request the Legislative Council to join this House in an Address to Her Majesty on that subject.

A. JAMES, Clerk.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasnre, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Rep. Streets, Hx.
• Bill, without amt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. Port Medway
Ship and Fish Co.
Bill, with amdts.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows:

Amdt. read.

FIRST CLAUSE—18th line.—Leave out the words "the County of."

19th line.—After the word "Queens" insert the word "County."

SECOND CLAUSE—2nd line.—Instead of the word "Twenty" insert the word "Ten."

11th and 12th lines.—Instead of the words "Seven hundred and fifty" insert the words "One thousand."

LAST CLAUSE—last line.—Leave out the words "the County of." After the word "Queens" insert the word "County."

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. Margaretville
Fishing Co. Bill,
with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Margaretville Fishing Company, and had made two amendments thereto.

Amdt. read.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk as follows:

SECOND CLAUSE—10th line.—Instead of the word "fifty" insert the word "eighty."

12th line.—Instead of the word "one" insert the word "two."

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will join the House of Assembly in an Address to Her Majesty praying that no steps may be taken for carrying into effect the Convention entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, on the 14th day of January last, whereby extensive rights and privileges of Fishery on the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador were ceded to the subjects of France.

Motion to join H. A. in Address, to H. M. on Convention with French, relative to Newfoundland Fishery.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare the said Address.

Committee.

Ordered, That a further Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the subject of the last Conference, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly the foregoing Resolutions.

Further Conference moved.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 8th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

Streets, Halifax, Bill read 3rd time.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company; also,

Port Medway Ship and Fish Co., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Margaretville Fishing Company, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

Margaretville Fishing Company Bills Read 3d time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to, with amt.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

And sent to H. A.

On

- Com. on Bills.** On motion the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Message to H. A. asking further Conference.** A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk, To desire a further Conference with that House, by Committee, on the subject of the last Conference.
- H. A. agree to Conference.** A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the further Conference desired by this House.
- Committee.** *Ordered,* That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.
- Report.** And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.
- Adjourn.** On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Thursday, 9th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P E E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Cornwallis Bridge Bill report.

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing Cornwallis Bridge, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time, And ord. to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

Com. on Chap. 44 of 1856 Bill report.

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and were of opinion that it was a Private and Local Bill, and that the requisites of the Standing Order of this House, relative to Private and Local Bills, had not been complied with, and did not recommend it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Pet. of R. McKay & al.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of Robert McKay and others, praying that no alteration may be made in the Rates of Pictou Pilotage—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr.

Mr. Crichton presented the Petition of George M. Johnston and others, of Pictou; also, the Petition of George Johnston and others, of Egerton; also, the Petition of James Crerar and others, of Maxwewtown, praying this House not to assent to any Bill for dividing the County of Pictou—which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. of G. M. Johnston; G. Johnston; J. Crerar & al.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.

S. O. S.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for repairing Cornwallis Bridge, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Cornwallis Bridge Bill without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee of this House appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty not to take any steps to give effect to the late Convention entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, giving increased rights of Fishery to Subjects of the French Nation on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, reported that the joint Committee had prepared the said Address, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows:

Com. report Address to H. M. on Newfoundland Fisheries.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Address.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY—

We, Your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Majesty with the expression of our loyal attachment to Your Majesty's Gracious Person and Government.

From a Communication which has been made to us on the part of the Legislature of Newfoundland, through Delegates from that Body to the Legislature of this Province, we learn that a Convention has lately been conditionally agreed upon between the Government of Your Majesty and that of the Emperor of the French, whereby extensive and valuable privileges of Fishery on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, have been conceded to the Subjects of France, to the serious prejudice, if not ultimate ruin, of the Trade and Fisheries of that ancient and loyal Dependency of the Crown.

We beg to represent to Your Majesty that the effect of this Convention, if carried into operation, would likewise be extremely injurious to the interests of a large portion of Your Majesty's Subjects in this Province, who have always enjoyed and exercised rights of Fishery on the Coast of Labrador, and are now engaged in an extensive and hitherto increasing Trade and Fishery on the Southern Coast of Newfoundland, which cannot but be henceforth greatly lessened and prejudiced should this Convention take effect.

We assure Your Majesty that were the interests of the people of this Province not jeopardized by this Convention, we could not, as fellow Colonists and British Subjects, remain unconcerned spectators of the dismay and alarm with which its provisions are regarded by the entire population of Newfoundland.

With

With the utmost deference for the views which have guided Your Majesty's Advisers in this Negotiation, we cannot withhold the expression of our respectful, yet sincere regret, that the provisions of a Convention entered into for the avowed purpose of "regulating with exactness the rights and privileges of the subjects" of the two Nations, instead of being restricted to the limits within which the French were by former Treaties entitled to Fishery Privileges should have embraced additional concessions to a Foreign Power of such great value and importance, without, as it appears to us, any thing beyond a merely nominal equivalent.

While we lament that an opportunity had not been afforded to the Legislature of Newfoundland of previously considering the terms of the proposed Convention, we are nevertheless, happy to observe that the concurrence of that Legislature is made a condition upon which the Convention is to take effect; we regard with satisfaction this recognition of the Constitutional Rights of Colonial Legislatures to maintain the integrity of the Territories subject to their respective jurisdictions, and this safeguard against the alienation, without their consent of the most valuable privileges of their Constituents.

In view of the deplorable detriment to the best interests of all Your Majesty's Loyal Subjects in Newfoundland, which would result from this Convention, we are not surprised to learn that the Legislature of that Colony has expressed its unanimous determination not to assent to it, convinced, as we likewise are, of the impolicy and inexpediency of the concessions involved in it, of the certainty of its leading to future disputes, equally, if not more serious, than any which have heretofore arisen from conflicting rights. We are compelled, not less from a regard for the interests of the Fishing Population of this Province, than from sympathy for our fellow Subjects in Newfoundland, respectfully, but most earnestly, to pray Your Majesty that no steps may be taken to bring the Convention into operation.

And as in duty bound we will ever pray, &c.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

The Chairman also reported the draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows :

Adopted.

Com. rep. Address
to H. E.

Address.

To His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Convention recently entered into between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Fisheries on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, and they respectfully request Your Excellency to forward their Address to Her Majesty, with Your Excellency's most favourable recommendation.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Adopted.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the said Addresses be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Com. to present.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie.

Free Church Great Bras d'Or, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

Easter Term Sup. Court Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time,

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time at a future day.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Naturalize Seth Kimbal, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassy.

H. A. agree to am. to Nat. of Kimbal, &c.

Also, to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia.

Militia, and

Also, to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the First Baptist Church at Horton.

First Bap. Church Horton Bills.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 13th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Thursday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for repairing Cornwallis Bridge, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Cornwallis Bridge Bill read 3rd time.

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

And sent to H. A.

- First Baptist Church Horton,
Militia, and
Nat. Kimbal and al. Bills,
Finally agreed to,
And sent to H. A.
Easter Term Sup. Court Bill read 2nd time.
And ordered to Com.
S. O. S.
Bill committed.
Rep. with amdt.
Amdt. read.
And agreed to.
Bill read 3rd time,
Agreed to, with amt.
And sent to H. A.
Petition of City of Halifax.
Message from H. E. with Despatches on Convention with French on Newfoundland Fisheries.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the First Baptist Church at Horton ; also,
A Bill, now entitled, An Act to revive and continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia ; also,
A Bill, now entitled, An Act to Naturalize Seth Kimbal, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassy, James Farnham, and Henry Hesslein,
Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.
The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :
IN THE TITLE.—At the end thereof add the following words “and the Sittings thereafter.”
IN THE CLAUSE—5th line.—After the word “and,” insert the words “the Sittings thereafter on the second Tuesday of May, instead of the fourth Tuesday of April and.”
13th line.—After the word “April,” insert the words “and second Tuesday of May.”
14th line.—Leave out the word “thereof,” and insert the words “of April, and fourth Tuesday of April.”
And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.
The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of the City of Halifax, praying this House not to assent to the Bill to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.
- Mr. Tobin, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Despatches on the subject of the Convention with the Emperor of the French, relative to the Fisheries on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador :
Despatch, dated 26th March, 1857, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Lieutenant-Governor, enclosing

Copy of a Despatch, dated 26th March, 1857, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Newfoundland.

(Appendix—Convention Newfoundland Fisheries.)

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

H. A. agree to amdt. to Easter Term Supreme Court, Halifax Bill.

The said Bill, now entitled, An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and the Sittings thereafter, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill finally agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

And sent to H. A.

Mr. McCully presented a Bill to amend the New Practice Act, which was read a first time.

New Practice Act Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, was read a second time.

Free Church Great Bras d'Or Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

And ord. to Com.

Mr. Pineo presented a Bill to Incorporate the Halifax Corresponding Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society—which was read a first time.

Corresponding Com. Colonial Church and Schl. Society Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

At 4 o'clock, p. m., His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of the Charles the Third of Spain, Lieut.-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's command to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House," who being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Nine Bills, entitled, as follows:

H. E. comes to Council Chamber

An Act for transferring to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the War Department, the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance Department.

War Department,

An Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax.

W. Buildings, Hlfx.

An Act to Incorporate the Trout Cove Pier Company.

Trout Cove Pier Co.

An Act to amend the Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.

Streets, Halifax,

An Act to provide for repairing the Cornwallis Bridge.

Cornwallis Bridge,

An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the First Baptist Church at Horton.

First Bp. Ch. Horton,

An Act to revive and continue and amend the Laws relative to the Militia.

Militia,

- Nat. Kimbal & al.
and
Easter Term Sup.
Court. An Act to Naturalize Seth Kimbal, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, Frederick G. U'tassy, James Farnham, and Henry Hesslein.
- H. A. withdraw.
H. E. retires. An Act to postpone the ensuing Easter Term of the Supreme Court at Halifax, and the Sittings thereafter.
- Adjourn. The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.
- On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Tuesday, 14th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

- New Practice Bill,
and
Coln. Church and
School Society Bill
Read 2nd time,
And ordered to Com. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Corresponding Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society,
Were read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Chapter 44 of 1856
Bill read 2nd time,
And ord. to Com. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.
- Com. on Bills. On motion the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Chap. 44 of
1856 Bill, with
amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, and had made several amendments thereto.

The

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

At the end of the Title add the words " entitled, An Act for the repair and main- Amdt. read.
tenance of Streets in the City of Halifax."

FIRST CLAUSE—3rd line.—Leave out the word " Statute."

4th line.—After the word " labor," add the words " on the Highways, or any per-
sonal Poll Tax in respect thereof."

13th line.—After the word " being," insert the word " efficient."

14th line.—After the word " Company," insert the words " and provided with
the necessary uniform, accoutrements, and equipments."

SECOND CLAUSE.—Leave out this Clause.

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

" Such exemptions shall not extend to more than eighty men in each Company."

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the And agreed to.
House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Rep. Free Church,
An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Boulardrie Bill,
Island of Boulardrie, and had made several amendments thereto. with amdt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

FIFTH CLAUSE—4th line.—Instead of the words " Minister for the time being," Amdt. read,
insert the word " Congregation."

14th, 15th, and 16th lines.—Leave out the words " Presbytery of the Bounds,
with the consent of the Minister, unless there be a vacancy," and insert the word
" Minister."

17th line.—Instead of the word " they," insert the word " he."

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, Rep. New Practice
An Act to amend the New Practice Act ; also, Act, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Corresponding Committee of Col. Ch. and School
the Colonial Church and School Society, Society Bills,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed, and read a third time presently.

The said Bills were then read a third time, and the question was put by the Presi- Bills read 3rd time.
dent, on each Bill ?

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the
following Bills :

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and render perpetual the Act to authorize Special Sittings for
Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals. Criminals,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Avon Marine Ins.
Insurance Company. Company,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture. Destn. of Weeds,
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Fire Engines at Dart- Fire Engine, Dart-
mouth. mouth.
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan. Provincial Loan,
6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised States, " Of Pilot- Pilotage, &c.
age, Harbours, and Harbour Masters." Pilotage, &c.
7. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines. Aest., Fire Engine,

Steam Ferry Pictou,	8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the Steamboat Ferry across the Harbour of Pictou.
Lock-up House, North Sydney, &	9. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize an Assessment on the County of Cape Breton for the erection of a Lock-up-House at North Sydney.
Bridge, Baddeck, Bills,	10. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Baddeck River, in the County of Victoria.
Read 1st time,	To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Bills were read a first time.
4 last Bills referred to Select Com. Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the six first Bills be read a second time at a future day. <i>Ordered</i> , That the four last Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
H. A. agree to amt. to Free Church, Baddeck,	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
Port Medway Ship and Fish Co. and Margaretville Fish. Company Bills.	The Messenger also informed the House, that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Knox's Free Church at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria. Also, to the amendments proposed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company. Also, to the amendments proposed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Margaretville Fishing Company.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 15th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Free Church, Baddeck,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Knox's Free Church at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria ; also,

Port Medway Ship and Fish Co., and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company ; also,

Margaretville Fishing Co. Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Margaretville Fishing Company,
Were read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them therewith.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. Free Church, Boulardrie, Bill read 3rd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and render perpetual the Acts to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals; also, Special Sittings for Criminal Trials,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company; also, Avon Insurance Company,

A Bill entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Fire Engines at Dartmouth; also, Fire Engines, Dartmouth,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan; also, Provincial Loan, & Pilotage Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbours, and Harbour Masters," Read 2nd time,

Were read a second time. And ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture, was read a second time. Weeds Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. And referred.

Ordered, That Mr. McHefey, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Mr. Bell presented a Bill declaratory of, and in amendment of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Church of England"—which was read a first time. Church of England Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Mr. Morton, by the command of his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Letters relative to the resignations of the office of President of this House : Message from H. E. with Letters relative to resignation of Presidents of Council.

Letter, dated 5th April, 1856, from Mr. Tobin to the Provincial Secretary.

Letter, dated 7th February, 1857, from Mr. Kenny to the Provincial Secretary.

(*Appendix—Resignation of Presidents.*)

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. McHefey, presented a Bill to enable Private Persons to implead the Provincial Government—which was read a first time. Impleading Government Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Mr. Grigor presented a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the River Fisheries—which was read a first time. River Fisheries Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Mr. Comeau presented a Bill relating to the width of certain Roads in the County of Digby—which was read a first time. Roads, Digby, Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time at future day.

Mr.

- Com. on Fire Engines. Mr. Archibald, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines; also,
- Bridge, Baddeck, A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Baddeck River, in the County of Victoria; also,
- Lock-up House, Sydney, and A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize an Assesment on the County of Cape Breton for a Lock-up-House at North Sydney; also,
- Steam Ferry, Pictou, Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbour of Pictou,
- Report. Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills, and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bills read 2nd time, The said Bills were read a second time.
- And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Chap. 44 of 1856 Bill read 3rd time. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, was read a third time,
- Motion to recommit Bill, Whereupon Mr. Cutler moved, that the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of further amending the same, by confining its exemptions to the Militia Volunteer Artillery Company of Halifax; which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the affirmative.
- Agreed to,
- H.A. ask Confer. on General State Province, (French Convention). A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, to inform the House that the House of Assembly desired a Conference with this House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.
- Agreed to. On motion, *resolved*, that the said Conference be agreed to, and a Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, to acquaint them therewith.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference.
- Gairloch Meeting House Bill read 1st time. Mr. Crichton presented a Bill to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lang Meeting House—which was read a first time.
- And referred: *Ordered*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, that Mr. Grigor, Mr. Crichton, and Mr. McKeen, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Chapter 44 of 1856 Bill, with amd. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, and had made several amendments thereto.
- Amdt. read. The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :
 At the end of the Title add the following words “entitled, An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.
 FIRST CLAUSE—1st line.—Before the word “Militia” insert the word “the”.
 2nd line.—Instead of the word “Company,” insert the words “Artillery Company.”
 3rd line.—Leave out the word “Statute.”
 4th line.—After the word “Labour,” insert the words “on the Highways, or any personal Poll Tax in respect thereof.”
 5th line.—Instead of the word “Companies,” insert the word “Company.”
 12th line.—After the word “the,” insert the word “said.”
 13th line.—After the word “being,” insert the word “efficient.”

14th line.—After the word “ Company,” insert the words “ and provided with the necessary uniform, accoutrements, and equipments.”

SECOND CLAUSE.—Leave out this Clause.

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

“ Such exemptions shall not extend to more than eighty men in such Volunteer Artillery Company, nor to the Horses, Cattle, or Teams of any Members thereof.”

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be again read at a future day.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to manage the Conference with a Committee of the House of Assembly on the General State of the Province, reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly had delivered to him the following written Paper :

Report of Committee of Conference.

*In the House of Assembly,
April 14, 1857.*

1. *Resolved*, That this House has learned, with great satisfaction, from the Despatch of the Right Honorable H. Labouchere, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 26th March, 1857, communicating the copy of a Despatch from the Colonial Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of Newfoundland, that Her Majesty's Government, in deference to the views of the Legislature of that Colony, had abandoned the Treaty with His Majesty the Emperor of the French, on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries; and that Her Majesty's Government, in terms the most distinct and gratifying, recognized the principle that the assent of the Colonial Legislature is at all times to be considered essential before Her Majesty's Government shall feel at liberty to make arrangements modifying the Territorial or Maritime Rights of the Colony.

This House, therefore, deems it becoming and proper to withhold the transmission of the Address lately passed on the subject of that Treaty, and to substitute a humble Address to the Queen, expressive of the appreciation by this House, of the acquiescence, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, in the views of Her Majesty's Colonial Subjects on this important question, and of the ready and unqualified acknowledgment, by Her Majesty's Government, of a principle applicable to Her Majesty's Colonies generally, and by none more highly valued than by the people of this Province.

2. *Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Legislative Council, by Committee, on the General State of the Province.

3. *Resolved*, That at such Conference the concurrence of the Council be requested in a joint Address to the Queen, on the subject of the foregoing Resolution.

A. JAMES, Clerk.

On motion, *resolved*, That this House will join the House of Assembly in an humble Address to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for not completing, in compliance with the wishes of the Legislature of Newfoundland, the proposed Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, giving increased Rights to Subjects of the French Nation in the Fishery on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, as announced in the Despatch, dated 26th March last, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Newfoundland, and also for the Principles announced in the said Despatch.

Resolution to join in Address.

Ordered, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare the said Address.

Committee.

Ordered,

Further Conference to be asked. *Ordered,* That a further Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the subject of the last Conference, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly the foregoing Resolutions.

Conference asked. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To desire the said Conference.

Agreed to. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House.

Committee. *Ordered,* That the Committee who managed the last Conference do manage the present Conference.

Report. And the Managers went to the Conference, and being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had communicated his instructions to the Committee of the House of Assembly.

Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Thursday, 16th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Chap. 44 of 1856 Bill read. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, was again read, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

Agreed to, with amt. It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

And sent to H. A. To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the said Bill, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Amdt. of Chap. 50 Bill read 2nd time. A Bill, entitled, An Act declaratory of, and in amendment of Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Church of England," was read a second time,

Petition of Bishop of Nova-Scotia and Arch. Willis against Bill. Whereupon Mr. Rudolf presented a Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Nova-Scotia, praying this House not to pass the said Bill, or to amend the same; and also of the Venerable Archdeacon Willis, D. D., praying this House not to pass the said Bill—which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Bill ordered to Com. *Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,

To inform the House that the House of Assembly had appointed Mr. Tobin, the Honorable the Solicitor General, and the Honorable Mr. Howe, to be a Committee to join a Committee of this House to prepare an humble Address to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for not giving effect to the Convention between Her Majesty and the Emperor of the French, relative to the Newfoundland Fisheries.

Message from H. A. with appointment of Committee to prepare Address to H. M. on French Convention.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Private Persons to implead the Provincial Government, was read a second time.

Impleading Govmt. Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

And ord. to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Acts relating to the River Fisheries, was read a second time,

River Fisheries Bill read 2nd time.

Whereupon Mr. Pineo moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months; which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, passed in the affirmative.

And deferred 3 mos.

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the width of certain Roads in the County of Digby, was read a second time.

Digby Roads Bill read 2nd time,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

And ordered to Com.

Mr. Morton presented a Bill to Incorporate the Safe Harbor Pier Company—which was read a first time.

Safe Harbor Pier Co. Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Mr. Grigor presented a Bill for the introduction of the Decimal System of Money Reckoning—which was read a first time.

Decimal System Bill read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

And referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McNab, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

Mr. McHefey, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Weeds Bill report.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Bill ord. to Com.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lang Meeting House, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Gairloch Meeting Bill rep.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Bill read 2nd time,

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

And ord. to Com.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

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- Rep. Provl. Loan,** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan ; also,
- Fire Engine, Dart.** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Fire Engines at Dartmouth ; also,
- Special Sittings for Criminal Trials,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and render perpetual the Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court, for the Trial of Criminals ; also,
- Avon Marine Ins. Company,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company ; also,
- Bridge, Baddeck,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Baddeck River, in the County of Victoria ; also,
- Lock-up House, North Sydney,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize an Assessment on the County of Cape Breton for a Lock-up-House at North Sydney ; also,
- Steam Ferry Pictou, Bills,** A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the Steam Boat Ferry across the Harbour of Pictou,
- Without amdt.** And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.
- Rep. Pilotage Bill, with amdt.** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbour Masters," and made an amendment thereto.
The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows :
At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :
- Amdt. read.** The following Vessels shall be exempted from Pilotage :—Vessels owned in the Province and employed in the Coasting Trade or Fishery, except Whalers, and all Vessels under Eighty Tons burthen, coming from any part of Her Majesty's Dominions, and all Her Majesty's Ships of War ; but no Vessel voluntarily taking a Pilot on board shall be exempted from Pilotage, nor shall any Vessel spoken by a Licenced Pilot at a distance from the Port to be prescribed by the Commissioners, be subject thereto.
- And agreed to.** And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Adjourn.** On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.
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Friday,

Friday, 17th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM MCKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act respecting Fire Engines at Dartmouth ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend and render perpetual the Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Baddeck River, in the County of Victoria ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize an Assesment on the County of Cape Breton for a Lock-up-House at North Sydney ; also,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Act relating to the Steamboat Ferry across the Harbour of Pictou.

Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, " Of Pilotage, Harbours, and Harbour Masters," was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Safe Harbour Pier Company, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

S. O. S.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Report Impleading
Government,
Roads, Digby,

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Private Persons to implead the Provincial Government ; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the width of certain Roads in the County of Digby ; also,

Meeting House,
Gairloch, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the sale of the Gairloch and New Lairg Meeting House ; also,

Safe Harbor Pier
Bills,
Without amdt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Safe Harbor Pier Company, And had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions :

£460, Stg., Clerks,
Pro. Sec. Office,

Resolved, That the sum of Four hundred and sixty pounds, Sterling, be granted for the Salaries of the Clerks in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year, to be appropriated and applied by the Provincial Secretary.

£100, Stg., Station-
ery, Pro. S. Office.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid for Stationery, and other Contingencies, for the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the present year ; the expenditure to be accounted for at the next Session of the General Assembly.

£25 } Sergeant at
13 } Arms, H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the Sergeant at Arms, being an addition to his Salary ; and also Thirteen pounds for his travelling expenses ; and Ten pounds to John Fitzgerald, Messenger to the House of Assembly, in addition to his Salary, for the present Session.

£10 J. Fitzgerald,

£10 Wallace Ferry.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid in aid of the Ferry across Wallace Harbor, in the County of Cumberland.

£100 Travelling
Expenses of Mem-
bers of Govt.

Resolved, That One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the travelling charges of the Members of Government, non-resident in Halifax, when summoned during the recess to attend meetings of Council, to be computed at the same rate as is allowed Members of Assembly.

£100 Clerk, H. A.

£100 Clerk Asst. do.

Resolved, That One hundred pounds, each, be granted and paid to the Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly, for their extra services during the present Session.

£900 Controllers,

Resolved, That Nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds each, for their services during the present year, to the Controllers at the different Ports, and such further sum as shall be required to pay, at the same rate, such other Controllers as may be appointed during the present year.

£10 Stg. Crier of
Admiralty,

Resolved, That Ten pounds, Sterling, be granted and paid to the Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court, for Fuel and Crier of the Court for the present year.

£30 E. Crowell,

Resolved, That Thirty pounds be granted to Edmund Crowell, of Seal Islands, in the County of Yarmouth, for keeping the Establishment on the Islands to aid Vessels in distress.

£20 W. Goodwin &
G. W. Smith,

Resolved, That Twenty pounds be granted and paid to William Goodwin and George W. Smith, residents upon Mud Islands, County of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient Boats, and otherwise render assistance to Shipwrecked Mariners ; to be paid on the Certificate of the Sessions that the Boats are provided and kept, and the duty performed.

Resolved,

Resolved, That Twenty-five pounds be granted to aid in maintaining a Packet between Westport and Montegan, in the County of Digby. £25 Packet, Westport & Montegan,

Resolved, That Twenty pounds be granted in aid of a Packet between Weymouth Bridge and Sandy Cove, in the County of Digby. £20 Packet, Digby,

Resolved, That Five hundred and forty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and sixpence, New Brunswick Currency, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Province of New Brunswick, as the proportion of the expense payable by this Province for rebuilding the Bridge over the Missequash River. £547 15 6 Bridge over Missequash River,

Resolved, That Two pounds four shillings, Sterling, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to repay the value of Stores issued by the War Department to the Halifax Volunteer Artillery, in the 28th day of September last. £2 4 Stg. War Department,

Resolved, That Twelve pounds nine shillings, Sterling, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to pay for Tents supplied from the Military Store Office to the Provincial Government, in June, 1856. £12 9 Stg. Military Stores Office,

Resolved, That Thirty-five pounds be granted and paid to Samuel Chipman, Esq., late Financial Secretary, to repay the expense incurred in preparing Abstracts and Trade Returns to be laid before this House. £35 S. Chipman,

Resolved, That One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Widow of John H. Crosskill, deceased, late a Reporter for this House. £100 Widow of J. H. Crosskill,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

Read 1st time,

Mr. Brown, by the command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, laid before the House the following Letters and Returns relating to the Provincial Railway Expenditure :

Message from H. E. with Returns of Railway Expenditure.

Letter, dated February 26th, 1857, from the Deputy Provincial Secretary to the Commissioners for the Construction of Provincial Railways.

Letter, dated March, 1857, from the Commissioners to the Provincial Secretary, with Returns.

(Appendix—Railway Expenditure.)

The same were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of North America, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments thereto, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Union Iron Co. Bill report.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Bill ord. to Com.

Mr. Brown presented the Petition of William Churchill and others; also, the Petition of Benjamin B. Smith and others, of Yarmouth praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, which were ordered to lie on the Table.

Pet. of W. Churchill and B. B. Smith and others.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 2½ o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday,

Monday, 20th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Friday were read.

Money Votes.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

£460	0	0	Sterling, Clerks, Provincial Secretary's Office,
100	0	0	Sterling, Stationery, Provincial Secretary's Office,
25	0	0	} Serjeant-at-Arms, H. A.
13	0	0	
10	0	0	} J. Fitzgerald,
10	0	0	
100	0	0	Travelling Expenses of Members of Government,
100	0	0	} Clerk, } of H. A.
100	0	0	
900	0	0	Controllers,
10	0	0	Sterling, Crier of Admiralty Court,
30	0	0	E. Crowell,
20	0	0	W. Goodwin and George W. Smith,
25	0	0	Packet, Westport and Montegan,
20	0	0	Packet, Digby, Weymouth Bridge, and Sandy Cove,
547	15	6	Bridge over Missequash River,
2	4	0	Sterling, War Department,
12	9	0	Sterling, Military Stores' Office,
35	0	0	S. Chipman,
100	0	0	Widow of J. H. Crosskill,

Read 2nd time, Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

Agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Impleading Govt.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Private Persons to implead the Provincial Government; also,

Roads, Digby,

A Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the width of certain Roads in the County of Digby; also,

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<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lairg Meeting House; also,</p>	<p>Gairloch Meeting, and</p>
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Safe Harbor Pier Company, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?</p>	<p>Safe Harbor Pier Co. Bills, Read 3rd time.</p>
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Passed,</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bill and Resolutions:</p>	
<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorise the Construction of Railways within this Province.</p>	<p>Construction of Railways Bill.</p>
<p>Whereas the Correspondence laid before the House, on the subject of the Mines and Minerals of the Province, leads to the hope that this question may at length be terminated by a satisfactory compromise:</p>	<p>Resolution relative to Depatches on Mines and Minerals.</p>
<p><i>Resolved therefore,</i> That if the Provincial Government shall find it necessary, for effecting a satisfactory compromise of this question, to employ Commissioners, this House does authorize the selection, by the Provincial Government, of two Members prominently representing the different views held in this House on the subject, who shall have power to effect a settlement of the controversy, provided both of the Commissioners shall agree thereto, subject to the ratification of the Legislature, and this House will provide for the expense.</p>	
<p><i>Resolved,</i> That His Excellency, in Council, be authorised to employ competent persons to examine the Books and Accounts in the several Public Departments, including the Accounts and Contracts touching all the Public Works, and their condition, and to report thereon; and also upon the system on which Books and Accounts are kept, and on any changes in the system of receiving Monies and keeping the Accounts that may be beneficial for the Public Service.</p>	<p>Resolution appointing Commissioners to examine Public Accounts.</p>
<p>Whereas the Board of Works and the Offices of the Receiver General and Excise may be found to require improvement:</p>	
<p><i>Therefore resolved,</i> That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in Council, be authorized to make such alterations in these Departments as, in the estimation of the Provincial Government, the Public Service may demand.</p>	<p>Resolution for alteration in Public Departments.</p>
<p>To which Bill and Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.</p>	
<p>The same were read a first time.</p>	<p>Read 1st time,</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said Bill and Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.</p>	
<p>The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856.</p>	<p>H. A. agree to amt. to Chap. 44 of 1856 Bill.</p>
<p>The said Bill, now entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, entitled, An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,</p>	
<p>Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?</p>	
<p>It was resolved in the affirmative.</p>	<p>Bill finally agreed to</p>
<p>A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.</p>	<p>And sent to H. A.</p>
<p>Mr. Pineo presented the Petition of the Rev. R. Fitzgerald Uniacke, praying this House not to pass the Bill declaratory of, and in amendment to, Chapter 50 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Church of England,"—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.</p>	<p>Pet. of Rev. R. F. Uniacke.</p>

E. E. Tupper's
Patent Bill and
Petition read 1st
time.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the Bill to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain Letters Patent for the Invention of a Machine for the Manufactory of Shingles; also, the Petition of the said Eliakim E. Tupper, in support thereof—which were read.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

African Zion's Ch.
Bill read 1st time,

Mr. Fairbanks presented a Bill to Incorporate the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zions' Church in Halifax—which was read a first time.

And referred.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Archibald.

On motion of Mr. McCully, *ordered*, That Mr. Archibald have leave of absence from Thursday next, to return home on urgent private business.

Return of Street
Expenditure in
Halifax.

Mr. Brown laid before the House a Return from the City of Halifax of the sum expended on Streets and Drains for the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Recommend Union
Iron Co. Bill to be
again referred to
Select Committee.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of North America, and recommended that the said Bill should be again referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Bill referred.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and that the said Bill be again referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Black, Mr. Archibald, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Fairbanks, be a Committee for that purpose.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, 21st April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
PRAYERS. DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Committee on Con-
tingencies report.

Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of, and report to the House, the Contingent Expenses of this House for the present Session, made his Report, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows :

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The Committee appointed to consider of, and report to the House, the amount which will be required for its Contingent Expenses in the present Session, report as follows:

That there is required—

For the Salary of the Clerk,	£200	0	0
“ Law Clerk and Clerk of Parliament,	150	0	0
“ Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and Sergeant at Arms,	75	0	0
“ Chaplain,	25	0	0
“ Messengers: { 1st Messenger, £45, } { 2d Messenger, 20, }	65	0	0
Fuel, to be accounted for by the Clerk,	20	0	0
This sum for Contingencies, to be expended under direction of a Com- mittee of the House,	20	0	0
For the Library,	60	0	0
To pay the Reporter,	100	0	0
“ “Sun,” Publishing Debates,	25	0	0
“ English & Blackadar, do.	25	0	0
“ William A. Penny, do.	25	0	0
To James Venables, for services during the year in Council Chamber, and as Assistant Librarian,	25	0	0
To pay Accounts:—J. W. Johnston, Jnr.	3	0	0
J. & W. Compton, binding Laws and Journals,	27	17	6
Graham & Son, Books,	21	17	6
Graham & Son, Stationery,	31	0	10½
A. & W. McKinlay, Books,	1	7	9
A. & W. McKinlay, Stationery,	14	0	0
E. G. Fuller, Books,	2	8	9
E. G. Fuller, Stationery,	5	0	0
G. E. Morton & Co., Stationery,	2	0	0
W. Grant, do.	2	0	0
Mr. Harris, do,	12	10	3
Morton & Cogswell,	18	11	3
Gazette Office,	4	5	6
G. Phillips, Binding Books,	2	0	0
Thos. Annand,	1	13	5
Black & Brothers,	1	4	3
DeChezeau & Crow,			
	£967	17	0½

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
April 21, 1857. }

* DAVID CRICHTON, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the said Report be received and adopted.

On motion, *resolved,* That a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, by Committee, on the General State of the Province, and that the Committee of this House do communicate to the Committee of the House of Assembly, that the sum of Nine hundred and sixty-seven pounds and seventeen shillings, is required to defray the Contingent Expenses of this House, for the present Session.

Adopted.

Conference on Gen.
State Province rel.
to Contingencies.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize the Construction of Railways within this Province, was read a second time.

Construction of
Railways Bill
read 2nd time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. ▲

- E. (Tupper's Patent Bill read 2nd time. And referred. Committee. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Machine for the Manufactory of Shingles, was read a second time. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. *Ordered*, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Com. on Union Iron Co. Bill report. Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of North America, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed further amendments to the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. Bill ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- Ccm. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. Weeds Bill, with amdt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture, and had made several amendments thereto.
- Amdt. read, The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :
FIRST CLAUSE—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words “or special.”
THIRD CLAUSE—1st line.—Leave out the words “or special.”
 At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :
 “ In those Counties where the General Sessions have been held, a Special General Sessions may be summoned to meet at the Court House, to make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act.
- And agreed to. And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Com. report Address to H. M. on Fishery Convention. Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed on the 15th instant, to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to prepare an Address to Her Majesty, thanking Her Majesty for not completing the Convention with the Emperor of the French, relative to the Fisheries on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, in compliance with the wishes of the Legislature of Newfoundland, reported the Draft of an Address prepared by the joint Committee, which he read in his place, and afterwards handed it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, beg leave to thank Your Majesty for a Despatch of Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, under date of the 26th March last, addressed to the Governor of Newfoundland, in reference to a projected Treaty between Your Majesty's Government and the Emperor of the French, on the subject of the Fisheries of Newfoundland, a copy of which Despatch has been officially transmitted to the Lieutenant Governor of this Province.

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The assurance contained in that Despatch, that Your Majesty's Government will adhere to two principles, namely, "that the Rights at present enjoyed by the Community of Newfoundland are not to be ceded or exchanged without their assent, and that the constitutional mode of submitting measures for that assent is by laying them before the Colonial Legislature;" and also the declaration, "that the consent of the Community of Newfoundland is regarded by your Majesty's Government as the essential preliminary to any modification of their Territorial or Maritime Rights" afford us unfeigned gratification.

We participate with our Sister Colony of Newfoundland in the satisfaction resulting from the abandonment of a Treaty which, in both Colonies, has been regarded as prejudicial; and we see in the Despatch considerations of yet higher moment,—the doctrines it avows are equally applicable to the Territorial and Maritime Rights of Nova-Scotia as of Newfoundland,—and the unreserved declaration that, by these principles, Your Majesty's Government has been, and will continue to be guided, we receive as defining and establishing a fundamental element in the Colonial relation, of great importance.

And we, Your Majesty's Loyal Subjects, offer our grateful acknowledgment as well for the manner of the recognition as for the intrinsic value of the principles avowed.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Agreed to.

The Chairman also reported the following Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same, as follows:

Rep. Address to H.
E.

To His Excellency Major General

Address

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependences, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Fisheries on the Coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, and they respectfully request Your Excellency to forward their Address to Her Majesty, with Your Excellency's most favourable recommendation.

Ordered, That the said Address be received and adopted.

Agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Morton, *ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee to present the same to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Com. to present.

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *ordered*, That Mr. McHefsey have leave of absence after to-morrow, to return home on urgent private business.

Leave of absence to
Mr. McHefsey.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, praying this House not to assent to a Bill to establish Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Petition of Electric
Telegraph Co.

On

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—after some time the House was resumed and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Rep. Union Iron Co.
Bill, with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of North America, and had made several amendments thereto.

Which amendments being read twice by the Clerk, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and read a third time at a future day.

Rep. City of Halifax
Bill, with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows:

Amdt. read.

FIRST CLAUSE—5th line.—Instead of the word "Ten," insert the word "Eight."

THIRD CLAUSE—10th line.—After the word "specified," leave out the remainder of the Clause.

FIFTH CLAUSE—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words "the City Council shall deem."

3rd line.—Instead of the words "to be or to have," insert the words "shall be absent or."

4th line.—Leave out the words "or otherwise."

6th line.—Instead of the word "they," insert the words "the City Council."

SIXTH CLAUSE—9th, 10th, 11th, 12th lines.—Leave out the words "The City Council shall have power, at any time, to remove from Office any City Assessor, at their discretion."

EIGHTH CLAUSE—2nd and 3rd lines.—Instead of the words "be sworn," insert the words "make Oath in writing."

TWELFTH CLAUSE—8th line.—Instead of the word "two," insert the word "five."

THIRTEENTH CLAUSE.—Leave out this Clause.

FOURTEENTH CLAUSE.—At the end of the Clause add the following words: "and all Monies belonging to the Inhabitants of the City, invested in public or private Securities, either within this Province or elsewhere."

SIXTEENTH CLAUSE—3rd line.—After the word "Firm," insert the words "for Partnership Property."

EIGHTEENTH CLAUSE—21st line.—After the word "Industry," insert the words "House of Refuge."

28th line.—After the word "Institute," insert the words "and all Provincial Debentures."

TWENTY-SECOND CLAUSE—33rd line.—Instead of the word "Ten," insert the word "Fifty."

TWENTY-FOURTH CLAUSE—3rd line.—leave out the words "so within the City."

24th line.—Leave out the words "in the City."

TWENTY-FIFTH CLAUSE—8th line.—Leave out the words "within the City."

11th and 12th lines.—Leave out the words "within the City of Halifax."

34th line.—Leave out the words "within the said City."

43rd line.—After the word "Rated," insert the words "upon Oath made of the fact."

47th and 48th lines.—Leave out the words "within the City."

TWENTY-SIXTH CLAUSE—35th line.—Leave out the words "in this City."

33rd line.—After the word "Income," insert the words "as Deponent verily believes."

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, **Rep. Fire Engine Bill, with amdt.**
An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdt. read,

FIRST CLAUSE—1st and 2nd lines.—Leave out the words “ or any special.”

3rd line.—After the word “ May,” insert the word “ hereafter.”

SECOND CLAUSE—2nd line.—Leave out the words “ and levied.”

Instead of the words “ or real and,” insert the words “ Houses and Buildings, and every description of insurable.”

3rd and 4th lines.—leave out the words “ of Inhabitants residing.”

6th line.—Leave out the words “ or special.”

8th and 9th lines.—Leave out the words “ or special.”

10th and 11th lines.—Leave out the words “ in the same manner as County Rates are now collected.”

THIRD CLAUSE—5th line.—Instead of the words “ be forced,” insert the word “ enforced.”

FOURTH CLAUSE—9th line.—After the word “ collected,” leave out the remainder of the Clause.”

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. **And agreed to.**

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To desire a Conference with that House, by Committee, on the General State of the Province. **Conference with H. A. asked.**

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bill :

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown Steam Boat Company. **Digby and Bridgetown Steam Co. Bill.**

To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time. **Read 1st time,**

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie. **H. A. agree to amdt. to Free Church, Boulardrie, Bill,**

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House. **H. A. agree to Yarmouth limits Bill, with amdt.**

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the Conference desired by this House, on the General State of the Province. **H. A. agree to Conference.**

Ordered, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Rudolf, and Mr. Grigor, be a Committee of this House to manage the said Conference. **Committee.**

And the Managers went to the Conference and, being returned, the Chairman reported that the Committee had held the said Conference, and that he had delivered his instructions to the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Assembly. **Report.**

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Machine for the Manufacture of Shingles, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House. **Com. on Tupper's Patent Bill report.**

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. **Bill ordered to Com.**

Mr.

Com. on African
Zion's Ch. Bill
report

Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion's Church in Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock

Wednesday, 22nd April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Union Iron Co. Bill
read 3rd time.

A Bill, now entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of Digby County, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Weeds,

City of Halifax, and
Fire Engines Bills,
Read 3rd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax ; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass ?

Agreed to, with aint.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same,
with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Digby and Bridge-
town Steam Bill
read 2nd time.
Bill ordered to Com.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown Steamboat Company, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Free Church, Boulardrie, Bill,

Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative. And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the School House at Bridgewater. School House, Bridgewater,
2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the County of Shelburne. Bridge, Cape Sable Island,
3. A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Road from Crow Harbor to Canso. Road, Crow Harbor,
4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Provisions of the Act concerning the Registry of Ships. Registry of Ships, and
5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers." Supreme Court Bills

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. Read 1st time,

The said Bills were read a first time. School House, Bridgewater, Bill referred.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Rudolf, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the four last Bills be read a second time at a future day.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Safe Harbor Pier Company. H. A. agree to Safe Harbor Pier Co. and

Also, to a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the width of certain Roads in the County of Digby, Roads, Digby, Bills,

Without any amendment. Without amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House. H. A. agree to Yarmouth limits Bill, with amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly did not agree to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to change a Polling Place in the County of Pictou. H. A. do not agree to amdt to Polling Place, Pictou, Bill

On motion, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to the said Bill. Amdt. considered.

The same were read by the Clerk, And not adhered to.

And, on motion, resolved, That the said amendment be not adhered to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, And Bill sent to H.A

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to the amendment proposed to the said Bill, but agrees to the same as originally sent up.

Mr. Fairbanks, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor the joint Address of this House and the House of Assembly to Her Majesty and His Excellency, on the subject of not carrying into effect the Convention with the Emperor of the French, relative to the Newfoundland and Labrador Fisheries, reported that the joint Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency has been pleased to state he would forward the Address to Her Majesty, with his favourable recommendation. Rep. of Com. to present Address on Newfound'd Fishery Convention.

- Res. relative to De-
legation on Mines
read 2nd time.
Amdts. made.** The Resolution relative to a Delegation respecting the Mines and Minerals, was read a second time.
Whereupon the following amendments were made:
2nd line.—Instead of the word “House” insert the word “Legislature.”
11th line.—Instead of the words “this House,” insert the words “the Legislature.”
15th line.—Instead of the words “this House,” insert the word “therein.”
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- And Message to H.
A.**
- Amdts. of H. A. to
Yarmouth Limits
Bill considered.** The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth.
The same was read by the Clerk, as follows:
At the end of the Bill add the following Clause:
“All Assessments heretofore made within the limits aforesaid for the purpose of procuring Fire Engines and Hose, and the sinking of Wells, shall be valid and binding.”
And the said amendment being read a second and third time,
On motion, *resolved*, That the said amendment be not agreed to.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not agree to the amendment proposed by them to the said Bill.
- Amdt. read.**
- And not agreed to.**
- And Message to H.
A.**
- Com. on Bills.** On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—after some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. African Zion's
Church, and** The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion's Church in Halifax; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Machine for the Manufactory of Shingles.
And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed and read a third time at a future day.
- E. Tupper's Patent
Bills,
Without amdt.**
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions:
Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds, granted in the year 1856, for the purchase of Seed for distribution among the colored Population in the County of Shelburne, and undrawn, be appropriated in aid of the Colored Schools at Port LaTour and Birch River, in said County.
Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, granted for the Grammar School in the Eastern District of Shelburne, and undrawn, be appropriated to the Common School Fund for that District.
To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
The said Resolutions were read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.
- £10 change of ap-
propriation Schls.
in Shelburne,**
- £25 do. do.**
- Read 1st time,**
- Adjourn.** On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Thursday, 23rd April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
DAVID CRICHTON,

The Honorable HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES MCNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
THOMAS D. ARCHIBALD,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion's Church in Halifax; also,	African Zion's Ch. and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Machine for the Manufactory of Shingles,	Tupper's Patent Bills,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?	Read 3d time, Passed,
It was resolved in the affirmative.	
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.	And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the County of Shelburne; also,	Bridge, Cape Sable,
A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Road from Crow Harbor to Canso; also,	Road, Crow Harbor,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Provisions of the Act concerning the Registry of Ships; also,	Registry of Ships, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."	Supreme Court Bills
Were read a second time.	Read 2nd time,
Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.	And ord. to Com.

The following Resolutions for changing the appropriation of Monies, viz :

£10 School, Shelburne.	Money Votes.
25 Do. do.	

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Mr.

Pet. S. Cunard & Co
against Railway
assessment.

Mr. Fairbanks presented the Petition of S. Cunard & Co., and others, praying this House not to assent to a Bill for levying a tax of Six thousand pounds upon the City of Halifax, towards the Funds of the Railway—which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Com. on Bridge-
water School
House Bill rep.

Mr. Rudolf, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the School House at Bridgewater, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time.
And ordered to Com.

The said Bill was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

S. O. S.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Rep. School House,
Bridgewater.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the School House at Bridgewater; also,

Bridge, Cape Sable,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the County of Shelburne; also,

Road, Crow Harbor,
Registry of Ships,
and

A Bill, entitled, An Act for improving the Road from Crow Harbor to Canso; also,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to extend the Provisions of the Act concerning the Registry of Ships; also,

Sup. Court Bills,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."

Without amdt.

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Bills read 3rd time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time presently.

The said Bills were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

Agreed to.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bills, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolution:

Whereas the Correspondence laid before the Legislature, on the subject of the Mines and Minerals of the Province, leads to the hope that this question may at length be terminated by a satisfactory compromise:

Resolution as to
Delegates respect-
ing Mines and
Minerals.

Resolved therefore, That if the Provincial Government shall find it necessary for effecting a satisfactory compromise of this question, to employ Commissioners, the Legislature does authorize the selection, by the Provincial Government, of two members prominently representing the different views held therein on the subject, who shall have power to effect a settlement of the Controversy; provided both of the Commissioners shall agree thereto, subject to the ratification of the Legislature, and this House will provide for the expense.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The

The said Resolution was read a first time, and, by order, the said Resolution was read a second time, and the question was put by the President, Read 1st and 2nd time.

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages. Railway Damages, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Telegraph with G. Britain Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Read 1st time, Railway Damages Bill referred.

Ordered, That Mr. McHefey, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

Ordered, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Telegraph with G. Britain Bill ref.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell, Mr. Griger, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose. Committee.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lairg Meeting House, with an amendment—to which amendment they desired the concurrence of this House. H. A. agree to Gairloch Meeting Bill with amdt.

Mr. Keith presented the Petition, with several Papers annexed thereto, of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company, praying this House to assent to the Bill to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland—which was read. Pet. of New York &c. Telegraph Co.

Ordered, That the said Petition and Papers be referred to the Select Committee, to whom the said Bill is referred. Referred to Com. on Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment. Assessment, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the Provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax. Loan for Railways, Halifax, Bills,

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time. Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon. Assessment Bill ref.

- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Comeau, and Mr. Morton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Loan for Railways, Halifax, Bill ref. *Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Keith, Mr. Grigor, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Adjourn. On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Friday, 24th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
RICHARD A. McHEFFEY,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Amdt. of H. A. to Gairloch Meeting Bill considered. The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lairg Meeting House.

Amdt. read. The same was read by the Clerk, as follows :

FIRST CLAUSE—3rd line.—Amend this Clause by inserting the word “Lairg,” instead of “Glasgow.”

And agreed to. And the said amendment being read a second and third time, was agreed to by the House.

And Message to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the amendment proposed by them to the said Bill.

Com. on Railway Damages Bill rep. Mr. McHeffey, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Bill read 2nd time, The said Bill was read a second time.

And ord. to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Com. on Assessment Bill report majority favourable. Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

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The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

Bill read 2d time,
And ordered to Com.

Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for the introduction of the Decimal System of Money Reckoning, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, that they had examined several Parties on the subject, and recommended that the said Bill should lie over to a future Session, for further consideration.

Com. on Decimal
System Bill rep.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.

Municipal Govmt.
Counties, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a Normal School.

Normal School Bills

To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were read a first time.

Read 1st time,

Ordered, That the said Bills be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.

And referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Morton, and Mr. McCully, be a Committee for that purpose.

Committee.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture, with an amendment to the third amendment—to which they desired the concurrence of this House.

H. A. agree to amdt.
to Weeds Bill,
with amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Union Iron Mining Company of Digby County.

H. A. agree to Union
Iron Co., and

Also, to a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Halifax Corresponding Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society.

Colonial Church and
School Society
Bills,
Without amdt.

Without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-seven pounds and ten shillings, undrawn of the Road Monies of the County of Victoria for the past year, viz:

£27 10 0 change of
appropriation, Vic.

No. 24.—Rear of Hume's Settlement to McKenzie's Bridge, £7 10 0

“ 53.—From McNab's towards upper Bridge, Baddeck, 20 0 0

£27 10 0

be added to the General Road Service of that County, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Thirty-nine Pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, granted for the Road Service in the years 1855 and 1856, in the County of Cape Breton, and unappropriated, be applied to the Road and Bridge Service in said County, for the present year, viz:

£39 16 6 do. Cape
Breton.

1855—No. 2,	£10 0 0
“ “ 78,	5 0 0
“ “ 88,	0 9 7
“ “ 104,	0 0 9
“ “ 109,	15 0 0
1856—No. 33,	4 3 1
“ “ 79,	2 0 5
“ “ 142,	3 3 8
	£39 16 6

£55 1 5 do. Shelburne.

Resolved, That the following sums granted for the Road and Bridge Service in the County of Shelburne, in the year 1856, viz :

No. 9,	£0 0 6
“ 60,	40 0 0
“ 75,	0 0 3
“ 78,	6 0 0
“ 92,	8 0 0
“ 94,	0 0 8
“ 117,	0 17 9
“ 120,	0 2 3

£55 1 5

Amounting to Fifty-five pounds one shilling and five pence, and remaining undrawn, in the Treasury, be appropriated to the Road and Bridge Service of said County, in the present year.

£61 15 9 do. Cumberland.

Resolved, That the sums hereunder mentioned, granted and appropriated in 1856, for the Road Service in the County of Cumberland, amounting to Sixty-one pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence, and remaining in the Treasury undrawn, be added to the Road Scale of such County, for the year 1857, viz :

No. 46,	£3 11 3
“ 34,	8 0 0
“ 49,	0 3 4
“ 85,	0 8 9
“ 165,	30 0 0
“ 181,	19 12 5

£61 15 9

£87 1 9 do. Hants.

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service for the County of Hants, viz :

1852—No. 79,	£5 0 0	1854—No. 40,	£0 5 0
1854—No. 76,	0 2 6	“ “ 97,	0 2 9
“ “ 98,	0 3 0	“ “ 105,	0 1 6
“ “ 124,	0 1 0	1855—No. 12,	5 0 0
1855—No. 20,	2 10 0	“ “ 142,	10 0 0
1856—No. 4,	3 13 11	1856—No. 6,	0 0 3
“ “ 8,	2 9 0	“ “ 17,	0 7 6
“ “ 100,	19 14 0	“ “ 102,	5 0 0
“ “ 97,	1 0 0	“ “ 122,	15 0 0
“ “ 134,	12 0 0	“ “ 135,	7 0 0
“ “ 146,	0 14 7	“ “ 148,	0 2 0

Amounting to Eighty-seven pounds one shilling and nine pence, and remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the Scale of the ordinary Road and Bridge Service of that County, for the present year.

£73 9 10 do. Annapolis.

Resolved, That the following sums remaining undrawn, for the Road and Bridge Service for the County of Annapolis, be added to the General Grant, for service for Cross Roads, and be appropriated by the Members for the County of Annapolis :

No.

No. 30—1855,	£5 0 0
“ 132,	5 0 0
“ 140,	5 19 3
Unappropriated,	15 10 0
No. 16—1856,	0 0 6
Unappropriated,	17 0 0
No. 154,	0 7 6
“ 155,	12 16 5
“ 157,	0 5 6
Unappropriated,	11 19 10
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	£73 9 10

Resolved, That the following sums, amounting to Seventeen pounds seven shillings and one penny, granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax, and remaining undrawn, be applied in repairing the Road through Middle and Upper Musquodoboit, viz :

£17 7 1 change of appropriation, Halifax,

No. 26—Roach,	£4 0 0
“ 29—Trea,	0 5 6
“ 44—Contingencies,	3 15 7
“ 100—McCurdy,	0 3 4
“ 104—McHeffey,	1 0 0
“ 122—Contingencies,	7 15 10
“ 125—Annand,	0 6 10
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	£17 7 1

Resolved, That the sum of Nine pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, viz :

£9 15 5 do. Guysborough,

No. 2, 5 & 17, 52,	£0 11 8
“ 33,	9 3 9
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	£9 15 5

remaining undrawn, in the Treasury, be granted and applied to the General Road and Bridge Service in the County of Guysborough, for the present year.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds, granted in aid of Everett's wharf, St. Mary's Bay, County of Digby, in the year 1853, and undrawn, be applied to aid in building a Breakwater at the Sea Wall, in the County of Digby, upon the Inhabitants complying with the terms now in force regulating Grants to Breakwaters.

£25 do. Digby Sea Wall.

Resolved, That the sum of Forty pounds, nineteen shillings and nine pence, viz. :

£40 19 9 do. Yarmouth,

No. 6,	£0 5 0
“ 27,	5 0 0
“ 45,	34 13 10
“ 59,	1 0 11
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	40 19 9

and remaining undrawn, in the Treasury, be granted and applied to the General Road and Bridge Service in the County of Yarmouth, for the present year.

£46 11 4 do. Lunenburg,

Resolved, That the sum of Forty-six pounds eleven shillings and four pence, of undrawn Road Monies for the County of Lunenburg, viz :

No. 110—Casper Miller, 1856,	£15	0	0
“ 119—George Corkum,	0	3	3
“ 134—John Fanning,	0	11	4
“ 182—Christie Fogan,	0	1	3
“ 184—Abraham Hebb,	5	0	0
“ 139—George Armstrong,	7	0	0
From Pleasant River Road to Butler's } Road,	10	0	0
Unappropriated,	8	15	6
	————— £46 11 4		

And remaining undrawn, in the Treasury, be applied to the General Road and Bridge Service in the County of Lunenburg, for the present year.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Saturday, 25th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Changes of appropriation,

The following Resolutions changing the appropriation of Road Monies, viz :

£27	10	0	County of Victoria,
39	16	0	do Cape Breton,
55	1	5	do Shelburne,
61	15	9	do Cumberland,
87	1	9	do Hants,
73	9	10	do Annapolis,
17	7	1	do Halifax,
9	15	5	do Guysborough,
25	0	0	do Digby Sea Wall,
40	19	9	do Yarmouth,
46	11	4	do Lunenburg,

Were

Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Read 2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the House of Assembly to the third amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture. Amdt. of H. A. to
amdt. of Council
to Weeds Bill.

The same was read by the Clerk.

ADDED CLAUSE—3rd line.—Leave out the word “General.” Amdt. read.

And the said amendment being read a second and third time was agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill and acquaint them therewith. And Message to H.
A.

Mr. Brown, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties; also, Com. on Municipal
Government of
Counties, and
Normal School Bills,
Report.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a Normal School,

Were referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bills and recommended them to the favourable consideration of the House.

The said Bills were read a second time. Bills re. 2nd time. }

Ordered, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day. And order: to Com.

The Resolution for the alteration in the Board of Works and Offices of the Receiver General and Excise, was read a second time. Resolution for alteration
of Public
Departments read
2nd time.

After long Debate, the question being put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

There appeared, for agreeing to the same, twelve; against agreeing to it, five:

For the Resolution :

Against the Resolution :

Mr. Cutler,
“ Harris,
“ Brown,
“ Pineo,
“ Black,
“ Fairbanks,

Mr. Keith,
“ Crichton,
“ Morton,
“ Tobin,
“ Rudolf,
The President.

Mr. McKeen,
“ Grigor,
“ McCully,
“ Comeau,
“ Bell.

So it passed in the affirmative. Agreed to.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the Resolution for appointing Commissioners to examine the Public Accounts and Contracts for Public Works, and to acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. Message to H. A.
with Resolution
appointing Com-
missioners to ex-
amine Pub. Accts.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills:

1. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, City of Halifax,
Halifax.

- Physic and Surgery, 2. A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery.
- Sale of Lands under Execution, 3. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Sale of Lands to satisfy Execution Debts."
- New Practice Act, 4. A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act.
- Pilotage, 5. A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters."
- Bessemer's Patent, 6. A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent.
- Inland Navigation Company, 7. A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company.
- Musquodoboit Navigation Company, and 8. A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Musquodoboit River Navigation Company.
- Labor on Highways Bills, 9. A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the performance of Labor on the Highways. To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time. The said Bills were read a first time.
- City of Halifax Bill referred. *Ordered*, That the first Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McCully, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Bell, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Physic and Surgery Bill referred. *Ordered*, That the second Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Grigor, Mr. Pineo, and Mr. Cutler, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Ordered*, That the third, fourth, sixth, and seventh Bills be read a second time at a future day.
- Pilotage Bill ref. *Ordered*, That the fifth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Crichton, Mr. Comeau, and Mr. Pineo, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Musquodoboit Navigation Co. Bill ref. *Ordered*, That the eighth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. McKeen, Mr. Fairbanks, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee for that purpose.
- Labor on Highways Bill referred. *Ordered*, That the ninth Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. *Ordered*, That Mr. Morton, Mr Rudolf, and Mr. Comeau, be a Committee for that purpose.
- H. A. agree to Fire Engines Bill. The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines.
- H. A. agree to New Practice Act, with amdt. The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.
- H. A. finally agree to Gairloch Meeting Bill. The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lairg Meeting House, as amended.
- Com. on Telegraph with G. Britain Bill report. Mr. Bell, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and proposed some amendments, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Mr. Keith, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Com. on Hfx. Loan for Railways Bill report.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported, that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize the construction of Railways within this Province, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Rep. Construction of Railways Bill without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until Monday, at 11 o'clock.

Adjourn.

Monday, 27th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of Saturday were read.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize the Construction of Railways within this Province, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Construction of Railways Bill read 3rd time.

Whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

And sent to H. A

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Sale of Lands to satisfy Execution Debts;" also,

Lands for Execution Debts,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act; also,

New Practice Act,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent; also,

Bessemer's Patent, and

<p>Inland Navigation Co. Bills, Read 2nd time, And ordered to Com.</p>	<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company, Were read a second time. <i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.</p>
<p>Fire Engine Bill, Finally agreed to, And sent to H. A.</p>	<p>A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.</p>
<p>Com. on Statute Labor Bill report majority favorable</p>	<p>Mr. Morton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the performance of Labor on the Highways, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.</p>
<p>Bill read 2nd time.</p>	<p>The said Bill was read a second time. Whereupon it was moved, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day: And the question being put by the President, there appeared, for the motion, eleven; against it, five:</p>

For the motion :

Mr. Cutler,
" Grigor,
" Brown,
" McCully,
" Black,
" Keith,

Mr. Crichton,
" Morton,
" Rudolf,
" Harris,
The President.

Against the motion :

Mr. McKeen,
" Tobin,
" Comeau,
" Bell,
" Pineo,

So it passed in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions:

£175 Steamboat
Bras d'Or,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be paid upon sufficient proof that a suitable Steam Boat has been run from Sydney, through the Bras d'Or, to Baddeck, twice a week during the Season, upon condition that the Judge on Circuit be conveyed in such Boat from Sydney to Baddeck, and thence to Whycocomah, free of expense.

Postage Public
Departments,

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to repay the amount advanced from the Treasury to defray the expense of Postage of the Public Departments during the past year.

£15 E. Joyce,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to Edward Joyce, Deputy Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly, in addition to his Salary, for the present Session.

£250 Stg. Govern-
nor's Private Sec.

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will provide for the remuneration of a Private Secretary for the present year, at the rate of Two hundred and fifty pounds, Sterling, per annum.

£1,000 Casualty
Vote,

Resolved, That if any of the Bridges on Main Post Roads of this Province shall be unexpectedly destroyed or obstructed by any accident or obstacle, the Governor may order a Commissioner to rebuild or repair such Bridge, or to remove such obstructions, and may draw Warrants on the Treasury for the amount expended in favor of such Commissioner, but the whole amount so expended during the year shall not exceed

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One thousand pounds, and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next Session of the Assembly as against the several Counties in which the same shall have been expended.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to be expended in providing for the reporting and publication of the Decisions of the Supreme Court. £100 Reporting Decisions Sup. Court.

Resolved, That the sum of Forty-three pounds two shillings and one penny, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to repay that amount advanced by order of the Government in 1855, for inspecting a Road in the Counties of Sydney and Guysborough. £43 2 1 Survey of Road Sydney & Guysborough,

Resolved, That the sum of Fourteen pounds seven shillings and ten pence, be granted and paid to James Murdoch, and Twelve pounds and four shillings to Patrick Gough, to reimburse them for expenses incurred in suits instituted by them as Wardens of the River Fisheries for the County of Queens, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on their Petition. £14 7 10 J. Murdoch,
£12 4 P. Gough,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to enable him to keep a Half-way House between Liverpool and Nictaux, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the subject of his Petition. £15 G. Merry,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to John Nelson, to enable him to maintain a Half-way House between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's, in the County of Guysborough, pursuant to the Report on the subject of his Petition. £15 J. Nelson,

Resolved, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to Valentine Munro, to enable him to keep a Half-way House between Liverpool and Annapolis, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on his Petition. £15 V. Munro,

Resolved, That the sum of Two pounds and ten shillings each, be granted and paid to Thomas Puss, and William Bowlan, for maintaining Seamen wrecked on Cape North, from the British Ship Britannia, and Three pounds eight shillings and nine pence, to John Thompson, for keeping four Seamen wrecked from Schooner Hope, at Cow Bay, near Sydney, C. B., pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Sick Immigrants. £2 4 each Puss and Bowlan,
£3 8 9 J. Thompson,

Resolved, That the sum of Two pounds be granted and paid to John Comeford, of Sydney, to reimburse him the expense of maintaining wrecked Seamen, pursuant to the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Sick Immigrants. £2 J. Comeford,

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and ninety three pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of St. Peters Canal, to be expended according to the directions of the Committee on the Petition of John McLeod, as contained in their Report. £193 14 11 Comrs. St. Peters Canal,

Resolved, That the sum of Four pounds be granted and paid to Joseph Clark, to reimburse him for Province Notes lost, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £4 J. Clark,

Resolved, That the sum of Nine pounds and six shillings be granted and paid to C. B. Dewolf, for Duty paid on Goods afterwards lost, on producing a certificate from the Collector of Excise at Pictou, that such Duty was paid, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. £9 6 C. B. DeWolf,

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-six pounds ten shillings and five pence, be granted and paid to Joseph Dickson, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Colchester, to reimburse him for expenses incurred in keeping James Russel, an Insane Criminal. £76 10 5 J. Dickson,

Resolved, That the sum of Four Hundred and twenty nine pounds twelve shillings and four pence, be granted and paid to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Transient Paupers. £429 12 4 Trans. Paupers,

Overseers of Dartmouth,	£62	2	9
“ Newport, including Doctor’s Bill,	6	10	0
“ Clements, for sundries for Ann Crowley,	10	8	0
“ Weymouth, for James Hodgers,	12	4	0
“ Horton, for Thomas Leminan,	10	0	0
“ Horton, for Mrs. Sullivan,	2	10	0
“ Annapolis, for Mrs. Connors,	5	14	5
“ Annapolis, for Mary McDonald,	16	5	5
“ Guysborough, for Lunatic,	16	8	6
“ Barrington, for Mary Hinn,	7	0	0
“ Aylesford, for supporting Tool,	15	0	0
“ Cumberland, Minudie, for Daniel Larkie,	8	0	0
“ Granville, for supporting McDonald and Walsh,	10	0	0
“ Granville, for Israel Foster,	9	18	11
“ Liverpool, for Elizabeth Anderson,	40	0	0
“ Liverpool, for S. G. Eikstadt,	10	0	0
“ Yarmouth, for supporting five Paupers, including Drs. Bills,	32	0	0
“ Inverness, for Mary McIsaac,	28	8	0
“ Windsor,	13	2	4
“ Pictou, District No. 6, for Alexander Chisholm,	7	0	0
“ Maxwelltown, for Peter Wallace,	7	0	0
“ Maxwelltown, 1st Section, including £9 to Dr. Johnston,	40	0	0
“ Albion Mines, for supporting John Lawson,	39	0	0
To D. Ruggles, Weymouth,	5	0	0
Alexander Buchanan, Horton,	10	0	0
Overseers of Amherst, for Richard Lever,	6	0	0

£429 12 4

- £20 F. Cameron, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and paid to Finlay Cameron, being the amount of expenses incurred by him for Surgical attendance on Laborers injured on the Railway.
- £238 16 9 Poor Asylum, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and thirty eight pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, be granted and paid to the Commissioners of the Poores Asylum, to defray the excess of expenditure in conducting that Institution during the past year.
- £2000 Poor Asylum *Resolved*, That the sum of Two thousand pounds be granted to the use of the Poores Asylum in Halifax, for the support of Transient Paupers for the present year.
- £25 J. T. Lane, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty five pounds be granted and paid to John Thomas Lane, to compensate him for loss sustained by him, by the transference of the Governor’s Farm to the Railway Commissioners while under Lease to him.
- £50 House of Refuge, *Resolved*, That Fifty pounds be granted to the Managers of the House of Refuge in Halifax, to assist them in carrying out their humane intentions, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.
- £100 Visiting Dispensary, *Resolved*, That One hundred pounds be granted to the Governors of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, to aid them in carrying on their operations during the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.
- £1049 9 7 Printing, *Resolved*, That the sum of One thousand and forty nine pounds nine shillings and seven pence, be granted and paid to defray the amount still due for Public Printing, as follows, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject:

Queen’s

Queen's Printer,	£678	14	6
W. A. Penny, balance,	138	15	11
Richard Nugent,	20	17	10
J. & W. Compton,	28	7	9
James Bowes & Sons,	27	17	6
William Gossip,	6	12	3
James P. Ward,	6	15	0
John Boyd,	7	13	0
Thomas Annand,	17	7	4
Richard Huntington,	8	12	6
Alexander Lawson,	6	3	9
English & Blackadar,	18	8	9
James Barnes,	9	13	9
L. J. Evans & Son,	6	10	0
Christian Messenger Office,	3	18	9
Liverpool Transcript,	7	2	3
Alpin Grant,	28	14	9
E. M. McDonald,	9	12	6
Wesleyan,	0	10	0
Secretary's Office, Sundries,	15	1	6
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	£1049	9	7

- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds, granted for the importation and keeping of an Improved Breed of Pigs at Truro, and remaining undrawn, be at the disposal of the Superintendent of Education, to purchase and set out Fruit or other Trees on the grounds of the Normal School, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Agriculture. £100 change of appropriation for Normal School,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to re-pay the balance due to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for the expense of importing and preserving the Breed of Pheasants. £100 Pheasants,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture. £200 Central Board Agriculture,
- Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to purchase the remaining Copies of the Letters of Agricola, not to exceed 150 Copies, at a rate not exceeding Ten shillings per Copy, including Binding, to be distributed, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Agriculture. Copies of "Letters of Agricola,"
- Resolved*, That the sum of Nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central Board of Agriculture, to be applied at the rate of Fifty pounds for each County, in manner prescribed by Chapter 96 of the Revised Statutes. £900 Agricultural Societies,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two pounds and ten shillings, be granted and paid to Alexander Campbell, of Mabou, in addition to Five pounds granted in 1854, and undrawn, for fencing, and remaining undrawn, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Land Damages. £2 10 A. Campbell,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to William R. Evans, of West River, Pictou, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Land Damages. £10 W. R. Evans,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Forty seven pounds and ten shillings, be granted and paid to Joseph N. B. Kerr, of Wallace, to compensate him for loss sustained in consequence of an irregular Grant of Crown Lands to Amos Purdy, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Crown Lands. £47 10 J. N. B. Kerr,

- £23 11 7 John McLean, *Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-three pounds eleven shillings and seven pence, be granted and paid to John McLean, of North Sydney, to compensate him for loss sustained in consequence of a Grant of Crown Lands to another person, on which he had a prior claim, under the circumstances mentioned in the Report of the Committee on Crown Lands.
- £15 J. B. Davidson, *Resolved*, That the sum of Fifteen pounds be granted and paid to James B. Davidson, of Wallace, amount of loss sustained by him in the delay in making a Grant of Crown Lands, agreeably to the Report of the Committee on Crown Lands.
- £100 P. S. Hamilton's Work, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to purchase Two thousand Copies of a work on "Nova Scotia a field for Emigration," prepared by Peter S. Hamilton, Esquire, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Crown Lands.
- To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
The same were read a first time.
- Read 1st time. *Ordered*, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.
- Com. on Physic and Surgery Bill rep. Mr. Grigor, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physic and Surgery, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time. The said Bill was read a second time.
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on Pilotage Bill report unfavourably. Mr. Crichton, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters," was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and that the majority of the Committee did not recommend it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time. The said Bill was read a second time.
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.
- Com. on City of Halifax Bill rep. Mr. McCully, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.
- Bill read 2nd time, The said Bill was read a second time.
And ordered to Com. *Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.
- S. O. S. *Resolved unanimously*, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.
- Com. on Bills. On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler, reported that the Committee had made some progress.
- Rep. City of Halifax Bill, without amt. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.
- Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.
- Marriage Bill read 1st time. Mr. Keith presented a Bill to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Marriage, and the Solemnization thereof"—which was read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a Normal School, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Report Normal School Bill, without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, and had made several amendments thereto.

Report Railway Damages Bill, with amdt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

SEVENTH CLAUSE—55th line.—After the word “writing,” insert the words “signed by such Jurors.”

Amdt. read.

EIGHTH CLAUSE—10th line.—After the word “party,” insert the words “and any other persons if subpoenaed.”

12th line.—After the word “witnesses,” insert the words “under Oath if required by any party interested.”

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

“The Court of Sessions shall require the Treasurers and Collectors to give sufficient Bonds, in the name of Her Majesty, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their duties.”

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House Assembly, by Mr. James, To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture, as now amended.

H. A. finally agree to Weeds Bill,

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds allowed for the Grammar Schools in the County of Victoria, in 1856, and undrawn, be added to the Common School Fund of that County for this year.

£25 change of appropriation, School, Victoria.

Resolved, That the following sums, remaining undrawn from the last year's Road Monies for the County of Colchester, viz :

£17 9 4 Road, Colchester.

No. 35	£0 1 6
“ 191	16 7 6
“ 194	0 5 6
“ 4, 32, 80, 207, 189, 404,	0 14 10
	£17 9 4

To pay David McCurdy for expenditure at North River Bridge,	£1 19 0
William Faulkner, for examining Bridges,	1 11 3
Complete Embankment at Truro Bridge and repair Bridge,	13 4 9
Over-expenditure at Bridge near McElmont,	0 14 4
	£17 9 4

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

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A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bill :

Education Bill,
Read 1st time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Law relating to Education. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

H. A. agree to Pro-
bate Bill, with
amdt.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof, with amendments, to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House.

Weeds Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture, was read as now amended, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Railways, Halifax,
Bill read 2nd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax, was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

Telegraph with G.
Britain Bill read
2nd time.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future day.

S. O. S. on Railway
Loan, Halifax,
Bill,

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects a Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the Provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax.

Bill committed.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

H. A. agree to E.
Tupper's Patent
Bill, without amt.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper, to obtain Letters Patent for the invention of a Machine for the Manufactory of Shingles, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Adjourn.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Monday,

Tuesday, 28th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The following Resolutions for granting Money, viz :

£175	0	0	Steamboat Bras d'Or Lake,
			Postage of Public Departments,
£15	0	0	E. Joyce,
250	0	0	Sterling, Governor's Private Secretary,
1000	0	0	Casualty Vote,
100	0	0	Reporting Decisions Supreme Court,
43	2	1	Surveying Road, Sydney and Guysborough,
14	7	10	} J. Murdoch,
12	4	0	
15	0	0	G. Merry,
15	0	0	J. Nelson,
15	0	0	V. Munro,
2	4	0	} each to T. Puss, and W. Bowlan,
3	8	9	
2	0	0	J. Comeford,
193	14	11	Commissioners St. Peters Canal,
4	0	0	J. Clark,
9	6	0	C. B. DeWolfe,
76	10	5	J. Dickson,
429	12	4	Transient Paupers,
20	0	0	F. Cameron,
238	16	9	Poors Asylum,
2000	0	0	Poors Asylum,
25	0	0	J. T. Lane,
50	0	0	House of Refuge,
100	0	0	Visiting Dispensary,
1049	9	7	Printing,
100	0	0	Change of appropriation, Normal Schools,
100	0	0	Pheasants,
200	0	0	Central Board of Agriculture,

Money Votes,

£900	0	0	Agricultural Societies,
2	10	0	A. Campbell,
10	0	0	W. N. Evans,
47	10	0	J. N. B. Kerr,
23	11	7	J. McLean,
15	0	0	J. B. Davidson,

Read 2nd time, Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution,

Agreed to, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

The following Resolutions changing the appropriation of Monies, viz :

Money Votes,	£25	0	0	School in Victoria,
	17	9	4	Road Colchester,

Read 2nd time, Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution,

Agreed to, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Agricola's Work, Resolution read 2nd time, The Resolution relative to the purchase of 150 Copies of the Letters of Agricola, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Disagreed to. Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
It was resolved in the negative.

And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has not agreed to the same.

£100 P.S. Hamilton's Work read 2nd time, The Resolution granting £100 for the purchase of 2000 Copies of P. S. Hamilton's Work, was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to, Whether this Resolutions be agreed to?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

City of Halifax, and also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax ;

Normal School Bills, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a Normal School,
Read 3d time, Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill,
Whether this Bill shall pass ?

Agreed to, It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bills and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

- A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, was read a third time. Railway Damages Bill read 3rd time,
- Then the following further amendment was made : Amdt. made.
- TWENTY-FOURTH CLAUSE**—9th line.—After the word “ County,” insert the following words : “ if fenced by the Commissioners on both sides of the Road, and at the rate of Twenty-five pounds per mile when fenced on one side only.”
- Then the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass, Agreed to, with amt.
It was resolved in the affirmative ?
- A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, And sent to H. A.
with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.
- A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Bills :
- A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax. City of Halifax,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge over Five Mile River, in the County of Hants. Five Mile River Bridge,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters. Oysters,
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fees of Medical Practitioners on Inquests, and as Witnesses on Criminal Trials. Med. Practitioners Fees on Inquests Bills,
- To which Bills they desired the concurrence of this House. Read 1st time.
- The said Bills were read a first time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bills be read a second time at a future time.
- Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bills. S. O. S.
- The said Bills were read a second time. Bills read 2nd time,
- Ordered,* That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. And ordered to Com.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, “ Of Marriage, and the Solemnization thereof,” was read a second time. Marriage Bill, read 2nd time,
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. And ordered to Com.
- A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education, was read a second time. Education Bill read 2nd time,
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. And ordered to Com.
- Mr. Bell presented a Bill, to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax, which was read a first time. Wooden Buildings, Halifax, Bill read 1st time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at a future time.
- Mr. McCully presented a Bill, to facilitate the disposal of Real Estate in certain cases where it cannot be conveniently divided, which was read a first time. Disposal of Real Estate Bill read 1st time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at a future time.
- Resolved unanimously,* That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said two Bills. S. O. S.
- The said Bills were read a second time. Bills read 2nd time.
- Ordered,* That the said Bills be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time. And ordered to Com.

Mr.

Com. on Musquodoboit Navigation Co. Bill report,

Mr McKeen, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Musquodoboit River Navigation Company, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Read 2nd time,

The said Bill was read a second time.

And ordered to Com.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House at a future time.

Amdt. of H. A. to Probate Bill considered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof.

The same were read by the Clerk, as follows :

"FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD CLAUSES.—Leave out these Clauses."

The said Clauses were read, as follows :

Amdt. read.

FIRST CLAUSE.—When the Division of Real Estate or any particular portion thereof, cannot be made without prejudice, and the same has been valued and offered to the eldest and successive Sons, and to the eldest and successive Daughters, or other parties entitled to such offer, and refused by them, the Judge of Probate may order a sale of such Real Estate by the Executor or Administrator, *de bonis non*, or if necessary, by a Trustee, to be specially appointed for that purpose. In all cases of sale under this Clause, a Bond by the Administrator or Trustee, with two sufficient Sureties in double the amount of the appraised value, shall be given to obey the further order of the Court with regard to the proceeds, and the said Real Estate may then be sold as provided in cases of sale under Licence for payment of Debts, and the proceeds shall be held and be payable to such parties as were interested in such Estate, or their Representatives, and according to their respective shares or proportions.

SECOND CLAUSE.—When any Son or Daughter, or party interested, to whom such offer is required to be made before a sale can take place, shall reside without the County where the Court is held, or cannot be personally served, publication of the order in the Royal Gazette, for at least four weeks, shall be considered sufficient ; and if they shall not testify their willingness to accept the Real Estate at the valuation fixed upon it, and comply with the requisitions of the Law, they shall be taken to have refused.

THIRD CLAUSE.—When Lots lie in different Counties, five Freeholders, resident in each County, may be appointed, or the same five first appointed may act in more than one County, as may be considered least expensive and most advisable by the Court.

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second and third time, it was resolved, that the said amendments be agreed to, and the said three Clauses be left out of the Bill.

Amdt. of H. A. to New Practice Act considered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act.

The same were read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdts. read.

FIRST CLAUSE—3rd line.—Leave out the word "Court," and substitute the words "several Judges who heard the argument."

5th line.—Leave out the words "such Judgment," and substitute the words "have reduced their opinions to writing, the Judgment of the Court."

At the end of the Clause add the following words, "after the several opinions have been read."

SECOND CLAUSE—1st line.—After the word "case," insert the word "hereafter," After the word "a verdict," insert the words "for a sum of money."

2nd line.—After the word "Plaintiff," insert the words "or Defendant."

6th line.—Leave out the word "Defendant," and substitute the words "opposite party."

8th line.—Leave out the word “Plaintiffs,” and substitute the words “party receiving the verdict.”

And the said amendments being read a second and third time, it was resolved, that the said amendments be agreed to. And agreed to.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the Bills before a Committee of the whole House. S. O. S.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had made some progress. Com. on Bills.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Marriage, and the Solemnization thereof;” also, Report Marriages,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax; also, Wooden Buildings, Halifax, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the disposal of Real Estate in certain cases where it cannot be conveniently divided, Disposal of Real Estate Bills,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bills be engrossed and read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, “Of the Sale of Lands to satisfy Execution Debts;” also, Lands under Execution,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent; also, Bessemer's Patent,

A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company; also, Inland Navigation Company,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physic and Surgery; also, Physic and Surgery,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education; also, Education,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge over Five Mile River, in the County of Hants; also, Five Mile River Bridge,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters; also, Oysters, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Musquedoboit River Navigation Company, Musquedoboit Navigation Co. Bills,

And had agreed to the same, without any amendment. Without amdt.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a third time at a future day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment, and had made two amendments thereto. Report Assessment Bill, with amdt.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows:

EIGHTH CLAUSE.—At the end of the Clause add the following Proviso:

“Provided that such Poll Tax shall not exceed the sum of one shilling and sixpence on any individual.” Amdt. read,

NINTH CLAUSE—last line.—Leave out the words “residing within our District,” and insert instead the words “within such District subject to a Poll Tax.”

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future time.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had had under consideration a Bill, entitled, An Act to alter and amend Chapter 78 of the Revised Statutes, “Of Pilotage, Harbors, and Harbor Masters; also, Recommend Pilotage, and

A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Fees of Medical Practitioners on Inquests, and as Witnesses on Criminal Trials, Medical Fees on Inquests Bills,

And

To be deferred. And recommended that the further consideration of the said Bills should be deferred to this day three months.

Bills deferred, *Ordered*, That the said Report be received, and that the further consideration of the said Bills be deferred to this day three months.

Further revision of Statutes, A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions:
Whereas it has become indispensable that the Statutes of this Province should be further revised, and an improved Index made thereof.

£5 Pine Grove School. *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor be respectfully requested forthwith to employ a sufficient number of competent persons, not to exceed three, for the purpose of further revising the Statutes, so as to have the same prepared and submitted to the Government at least one month before the next sitting of the Legislature, and this House will provide the expense thereof.

£74 12 7 change of appropriation, Richmond, *Resolved*, That the sum of Five pounds of the Ten pounds granted in 1856 to purchase Seed for distribution among the Colored Population in King's County, undrawn, and unappropriated, be applied in aid of Freedom School and School House at Pine Grove, in Cornwallis.

Read 1st time. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seventy-four pounds twelve shillings and seven pence, undrawn, and unappropriated, of Road Monies for the County of Richmond in the year 1856, be added to the Road Scale for that County in the present year.

Adjourn. To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.
The same were read a first time.
Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.
On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 2½ o'clock.

Wednesday, 29th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Leave of absence to Mr. McKeen. On motion of Mr. Morton, *ordered*, That Mr. McKeen have leave of absence from to-day, to return home on urgent private business.

Message to H. A. agreeing to amdt. to Probate Court, and New Practice Act Bills, A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof; also,
A Bill, entitled, an Act to amend the New Practice Act,
And to inform them that this House agrees to the amendments proposed by them to the said Bills.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Marriage, and the Solemnization thereof; also,	Marriage,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax; also,	Wooden Buildings, Halifax, and
A Bill, entitled, An Act to facilitate the disposal of Real Estate in certain cases where it cannot be conveniently divided,	Disposal of Real Estate Bills,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?	Read 3d time,
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Passed,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To carry down the said Bills, and desire their concurrence thereto.	And sent to H. A.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Sale of Lands to satisfy Execution Debts; also,	Lands under Execution,
A Bill, entitled An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent; also,	Bessemer's Patent,
A Bill, entitled, An Act in further amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company; also,	Inland Navigation Company,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to regulate the Practice of Physic and Surgery; also,	Physic and Surgery,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education; also,	Education,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for building a Bridge over Five Mile River, in the County of Hants; also,	Five Mile R. Bridge,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters; also,	Oysters,
A Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Musquedoboit River Navigation Company,	Musquedoboit Navigation Co. Bills,
Were read a third time, and the question was put by the President, on each Bill, Whether this Bill shall pass?	Read 3rd time,
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bills and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass,	Assessment Bill read 3rd time,
It was resolved in the affirmative?	Agreed to, with amt.
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.	And sent to H. A.
The Resolutions for the further revision of the Revised Statutes; Also, the Resolution changing the appropriation of £5 for the Pine Grove School, Cornwallis,	Resolutions read 2d time.
And £74 12 7 Roads in Richmond,	
Were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?	
It was resolved in the affirmative.	Agreed to,
A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.	And sent to H. A.
On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.	Com. on Bills.

Report Municipal
Government of
Counties Bill,
without amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. Telegraph with
G. Britain Bill,
with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdt. read.

At the end of the Bill add the following Clauses :

Unless within one year from the passing of this Act, the said New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company enter into an agreement with, and satisfactory to the Provincial Government, for maintaining an exclusive connection between Newfoundland and Nova-Scotia, for the price and on the terms mentioned in this Act, for the due performance of any contract into which they may enter with the Nova-Scotia Company, and for the regular payment of rent, this Act shall be void.

This Act shall not take effect until the Newfoundland Company shall have given satisfactory security to the Nova-Scotia Company, that they will, for such term of years as may be agreed upon, pay the annual rent agreed upon.

The exclusive privileges conferred by this Act shall not have force or effect until it shall be agreed between the Nova-Scotia and Newfoundland Company, to the following effect, viz :

That the rate of Tolls to be paid by the former for the Land Lines leased, owned, or controlled, by the Newfoundland Company, shall not exceed the rate to be charged by the Nova-Scotia Company, for messages transmitted over the Nova-Scotia Lines; and that the Tolls over all Submarine Lines connecting with Nova-Scotia shall not be more than double the rate charged to or by the Nova-Scotia Company, for the like distance over their Land Lines.

Sections Nine, Eighteen, Twenty and Twenty-four, of the Act passed in the Fourteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Nova-Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, are hereby repealed.

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. Loan for Rail-
ways, Halifax,
Bill, with amdt.

The Chairman also reported, that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways, within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax, and had made several amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdts. read.

IN THE PREAMBLE—58th and 59th lines.—Instead of the words "Twenty-eight thousand and five," insert the words "Seventeen thousand."

FIRST CLAUSE—8th, 9th, and 10th lines.—Instead of the words "two thousand eight hundred pounds and ten shillings," insert the words "one thousand and seven hundred."

14th line.—After the word "City," insert the words "up to the thirty-first day of December 1856."

And agreed to.

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions :

£130 Deaf, Dumb,
&c.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred and thirty pounds be granted and paid to the following persons, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the Deaf, Dumb, Blind, and Insane :
To

To Donald Ross, Victoria,	£25	0	0
Donald Ross, Blue Mountain,	25	0	0
Thomas Murphy, Antigonishe,	25	0	0
Samuel Musgrove, Sydney,	25	0	0
John Gully,	25	0	0
Susan Kelly,	5	0	0

£130 0 0

- Resolved*, That the sum of Three hundred pounds be granted and paid towards the support of the Institution at Halifax, for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject. £300 Deaf and Dumb, Halifax,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Four hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Commissioners, for deepening the East River of Pictou, in aid of that undertaking, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities, on that subject. £400 East River, Pictou,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in extending the Arisaig Pier, Sydney County, upon the same terms as last year. £200 Arisaig Pier,
- Resolved*, That Seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in extending the Chute's Cove Breakwater, County of Annapolis, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £75 Chute's Cove, Breakwater,
- Resolved*, That a sum, not to exceed Fifty-five pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in rebuilding the Troop's Cove Breakwater, County of Annapolis, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £55 Troop's Cove Breakwater,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of the Breakwater at Port William, County of Annapolis, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £100 Port William Breakwater,
- Resolved*, That Fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in the erection of a Breakwater at Murray's Mill Brook, County of King's, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £50 Murray's Mill Brook Breakwater
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in extending the Breakwater at Hall's Harbor, County of King's pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £100 Hall's Harbor,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of the Canada Creek Pier, County of King's pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £50 Canada Creek,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Seventy five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of the Givan Wharf, County of Kings, upon condition that One hundred and fifty pounds be subscribed and paid, in which subscription, Ninety pounds expended last year to be included, on a satisfactory account being furnished, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £75 Givan Wharf,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Twenty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid, to repair the Breakwater at Horton, County of King's, near the mouth of Windsor River, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £25 Horton Breakwater,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting a Breakwater at Safe Harbor, County King's, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £50 Safe Harbor,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred and ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in completing the Breakwater at Comeau's Brook, Digby County. £110 Comeau's Brook,

- £80 Church Point, *Resolved*, That the sum of Eighty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of the Breakwater at Church Point, County of Digby, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- 100 Gros Coque, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of the Breakwater at Gros Coque, County of Digby, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £100 Montegan River, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of the Breakwater at Montegan River, County Digby, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £100 Trout Cove, *Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid in aid of the Breakwater at Trout Cove, Digby County, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £31 Port Hood Harbor, *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty-one pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor to be paid to the Commissioners who expended money on the west side of Port Hood Harbor in 1856, upon their furnishing a satisfactory account of the expenditure of Ninety-three pounds which is to include an over-expenditure made by them last year, of Sixty-two pounds, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £49 Port Hood Har. *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty-nine pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to further improve the Harbor of Port Hood, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £200 Yarmouth, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, in aid of a Breakwater in Yarmouth, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £30 Bear River, *Resolved*, That the sum of Thirty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in cleaning out the east and west Branches of Bear River, County Digby, upon the same terms as the grants to Breakwaters, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £500 Fog Bell, Yarmouth, *Resolved*, That the sum of Five hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting a Fog Bell at Cape Forehue, at the entrance of Yarmouth Harbor, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £500 Fog Bell, Cape Canso, *Resolved*, That the sum of Five hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting a Fog Bell at Cranberry Island, Cape Canso, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £200 Digby Steam Boat Company, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Proprietors of the Digby and Annapolis Steam Boat Company, to aid them in their enterprise, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Spar Buoy, Bass Rock, *Resolved*, That there be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor a sum sufficient to place a Spar Buoy on Bass Rock, off Cape Canso, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- Do. Cerberus Rock, *Resolved*, That there be granted a sum sufficient to place a Spar Buoy on Cerberus Rock, off Arichat, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £1,000 Light Houses, *Resolved*, That the sum of One thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor in Council, in addition to the balance of the unexpended Grant of last year for the erection of Light Houses, in the following order, after those already provided for shall be completed, viz.: A Beacon Light to be erected at the Port of Walton, in the County of Hants, and a Beacon Light on George's Island, in the Harbor of Halifax, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.
- £200 Steamboat Charlottetown and Pictou, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of Steam Communication between Charlottetown and Pictou, the Boat to be run three times a week, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities.

Resolved

- Resolved*, That Five pounds be granted and paid to Malcom McDonald, Ferryman, at McMillan's Point, Strait of Canso, in addition to his present Salary, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £5 M. McDonald,
- Resolved*, That Five pounds be granted and paid to E. Forrestall, Ferryman, at Auld's Cove, Strait of Canso, in addition to his present Salary, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £5 E. Forrestall,
- Resolved*, That Ten pounds be granted and paid to Isaiah and Charles Embree, Ferrymen, at Ship Harbor, Strait of Canso, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £10 I. and Charles Embree,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two pounds and ten shillings, be granted and paid to Alexander Ross, Ferryman at Little Narrows, between Inverness and Victoria, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £2 10 W. A. Ross,
- Resolved*, That ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in erecting Wharves at the Ferry at Carriboo Island, County of Pictou, for the safety of the Ferry Boats, upon condition that a similar amount be subscribed and expended in the same service, pursuant to a Report of the Committee on Navigation Securities. £10 Carriboo Wharf,
- Resolved*, That the Commissioners for the Argyle School District may set off the undrawn Grammar School allowance for that District, towards the furnishing the School House there, and the balance to be applied to the Common School Fund for such District. Argyle School,
- Resolved*, That the Grammar School allowance due William Shipley, be paid to him, pursuant to the report of the Committee on Education. G. School allowance to W. Shipley,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Fifty pounds be granted and paid to the Managers of the Infant School at Halifax, in support of the Institution, for the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £50 Infant School, Halifax,
- Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will be sufficient to enable Hugo Reid to prepare and strike off 6,500 Copies of his Map on this Province, for sale and distribution, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. Grant, Hugo Reid's Map,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Four hundred and sixty-two pounds sixteen shillings and two pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Normal School, to be applied as follows: Two hundred pounds to be applied for building Outhouses and Fencing Play Ground; One hundred and thirty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and two pence, to pay the balance due the Commissioners for the expenditure beyond the Grant of last Session; and one hundred and twenty-five pounds for furnishing the Model Schools lately erected at Truro, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £462 16 2 Normal School,
- Resolved*, That the sum of One hundred pounds be granted and paid to the Superintendent of Education, to be distributed by him in Prizes among the most deserving Pupils in the Normal Schools, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Education. £100 Superintendent Education,
- Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, as will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the Post Office Department, for the present year, and also to pay the several Grants recommended in the Report of the Committee on the Post Office, including the Post Office Money Order System. Post Office,
- Resolved*, That the sum of Six hundred and fifteen pounds be granted and paid to the Reporter of the Debates and Proceedings of the House of Assembly, upon his completing his Contract for the present Session, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject. £615 Reporting Debates H. A.
- Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and ninety-two pounds seven shillings and six pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Clerk of the House of Assembly, to defray the expenses of Extra Messengers, and other services, and to pay for Fuel £292 7 6 Contin- gencies H. A.

Fuel and other articles for the House during the present Session, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on the Contingencies of the House.

- £967 17 0 Leg. Cl. *Resolved*, That the sum of Nine hundred and sixty seven pounds and seventeen shillings, be granted to defray the Contingent expenses of the Legislative Council for the present Session.
- £288 7 6 A. & W. McKinlay, *Resolved*, That the sum of Two hundred and eighty eight pounds seven shillings and six pence, be granted and paid to A. & W. McKinlay, in full of their account for Stationery and Binding for the House of Assembly, during the last year.
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Repairs of H. A. *Resolved*, That the sum of Seventeen pounds one shilling and three pence be granted to pay the expense incurred in clearing and arranging the Public Documents of the Assembly; and nine pounds additional for the expense of Fuel in the Assembly Rooms, while undergoing Repair.
- Collegiate allow-
ances, *Resolved*, That the allowance now made to Collegiate and Academical Institutions, including King's College, Windsor, be continued under existing regulations for the present year.
- Pay of Members of
H. A. *Resolved*, That the sum of One pound per day be granted and paid to each Member of the House of Assembly, for the present Session, for his actual attendance in Parliament, to be paid on the Certificate of the Speaker; also the Travelling Charges as heretofore.
- Do. of Council, *Resolved*, That the sum of One pound per day be granted and paid to each Member of the Legislative Council, for his actual attendance in Parliament, with the same Travelling Fees as are received by the Members of the House of Assembly.
- £300 Drawbacks on
Officers' Wines, *Resolved*, That the Board of Revenue shall allow a Drawback upon Wines imported for, and consumed by the Commissioned Officers of the Army, composing the Regimental Messes of the Garrison at Halifax, or shall relinquish the Duties upon all such Wines, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the Board, that the Wines whereon Drawback or relinquishment of Duties is claimed, were imported for, or consumed by, such Officers, provided the whole amount do not exceed Three hundred pounds in the year.
- Comrs. of Treasury
Notes, *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor as will enable him to pay the late Commissioners for Issuing Treasury Notes the balance of the Commission of one-half per cent. due them on the amount of Treasury Notes issued by them since their appointment in 1846.
- £44 10 8 Overseers
of Clare, *Resolved*, That the sum of Forty-four pounds ten shillings and eight pence, be granted and paid to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Clare, to enable them to pay the following amounts for the support of destitute Indians, viz:—to Benjamin Comeau, £3 1s. 3d.; Augustine Heriot, £13 6s. 11d.; Peter Melansan, £15 5s. 6d.; Hypolite Amaro, £12 17s.
- £6 9 4 Aylesford, *Resolved*, That the sum of Six pounds nine shillings and four pence be granted to the Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Aylesford, to enable them to pay the following amount for the support of destitute Indians, viz:—John Jaques, £6 9s. 4d.
- £1 14 2 J. Stevens, *Resolved*, That One pound fourteen shillings and two pence, be granted and paid to Jacob Stevens, Lower Stewiacke, money expended by him in support of a poor Indian during the present year.
- £1,900 Penitentiary, *Resolved*, That the sum of One thousand and nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to defray the expense of the Provincial Penitentiary for the present year, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on that subject.
- Balance due Board
of Works, *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, as may be necessary to defray the Balance to the Board of Works, pursuant to the Report of the Committee on Public Accounts.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

Read 1st time. The same were read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day. A

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof; also, A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act. And to inform the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to the same, as amended.

H. A. finally agree to Probate Court, and New Practice Bills,

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment.

H. A. agree to amt. to Assessment Bill,

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of Thirteen pounds and twelve shillings, undrawn Road Monies for the County of Sydney, for the years 1851, 1853, and 1854, be appropriated for repairing the Marshy Hope Road, from Pictou County to Antigonishe.

Change of appropriation, Sydney,

Resolved, That so much of the Grant of Seventy-five pounds for exploring a Road from Dalhousie Road to Queen's County, as has not been required for that service, may be appropriated to the exploration of another Road lying further east, to run from Dalhousie Road to Queen's County.

Do. Annapolis,

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Resolutions were read a first time.

Read 1st time.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, with the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of Four hundred pounds per annum, for four years, be granted in aid of a Steam Boat Ferry, between McNair's Cove and Ship Harbour, in Strait of Canso, upon such conditions and subject to such regulations as the Governor in Council may prescribe and direct.

£400 Steamboat Canso, for 4 years.

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to the Ferryman between Maitland and Black Rock, to aid him in procuring a Scow, provided he raises a like amount for the same purpose.

£10 Scow, Maitland,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in relieving the destitute Indians in the County of Pictou.

£20 Indians, Pictou,

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted in aid of a Monument to be erected by private subscription to the Memory of the late Major Welsford, and Captain Parker, who gallantly fell in the assault on Sebastopol, and to whom, as Nova-Scotians, this tribute is due.

£200 Monument, Welsford and Parker.

Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred pounds be granted and paid to Messrs. Trotter and Murphy, to aid them in the re-erection of their Cloth Manufactory at Antigonishe, agreeably to the prayer of their Petition, in which their great loss by fire is set forth.

£200 Trotter and j Murphy,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted and paid to Stewart Campbell, Esquire, Speaker of the Assembly, for his Report to the late Government in the case of the Snows at Guysborough.

£10 S. Campbell,

Resolved, That the sum of Ten pounds be granted to Evan McPhee, and the sum of Five pounds and ten shillings each, to Charles Roan, Ronald McMillan, and Thomas Shea, Messengers to the House of Assembly, for their extra services in consequence of the length of the present Session.

£26 10 Messenger H. A.

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty four pounds and ten shillings, be granted and paid to Susan Kelly, and Twenty-four pounds and ten shillings, to John Barnaby, to aid them in supporting their Deaf and Dumb Children at Institutions in the United States.

£49 Kelly and Barnaby,

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to aid in placing a Buoy over the Sunken Rock in the Harbour of Liverpool.

£20 Buoy, Liverpool,

£75 0. Weeks, Jr.

£5,413 13 6 Govt.
Advances,

Resolved, That the sum of Seventy-five pounds be granted and paid to Otto Weeks, Junior, in addition to the sum already granted for the Reporting Service.

Resolved, That the sum of Five Thousand four hundred and thirteen pounds thirteen shillings and six pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the Governor, to re-pay the following advances from the Provincial Treasury during the year 1856, viz.:

Rev. A. McSween, for Indians, Pictou County, *	£10 0 0
Provincial Secretary, for Indians, Queen's County,	18 5 10
Do. for passage of 11 wrecked Seamen from Halifax to Quebec, and board at Halifax,	59 0 10
Do. to pay Mr Fowler for Alderney Cattle,	505 18 4
Do. to pay expence of keeping do. previous to sale,	38 14 9
Do. to pay S. Cunard for Seed Potatoes imported,	23 17 6
Do. to pay expence of conveying Prisoners accused of Murder, from Newfoundland to Sydney,	23 10 6
R. Hugonin, purchase of Sheep,	400 0 0
R. McLean, passage and board of 4 wrecked Seamen from Fortune Bay to Halifax,	10 17 6
J. R. Forman, on account of expences incurred in examining Harbors of Ingonish, Aspy Bay, Cheticamp, Mabou, and Port Hood,	72 16 3
John McMillan, for Barnaby's Mill Cove Breakwater,	100 0 0
Commissioners for the purchase of Cornwallis Bridge, as per Account passed in 1856,	400 0 0
Attorney General, expences of Witnesses in Crown Suit at Shelburne,	19 12 0
Rev. E. C. Cossman, expences incurred in attendance upon Executive Council on the subject of Immigration,	8 0 0
Inland Navigation Company, on account of Loan agreed to be made by Government,	3500 0 0
John Northup, expences to St. John's Newfoundland, to purchase Stock,	28 0 0
Gammell & Tupper for Mowing Machine sent to Annapolis,	32 10 0
Joseph Milward and James Wilson, Reward for apprehending George Izatt,	50 0 0
Richard Nugent, balance of Account for printing Dawson's Work on Agriculture,	112 10 0
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£100 17 6 H. G.
Hill,Vote of Credit for
Printing.

Read 1st time.

Adjourn.

Resolved, That the sum of One hundred pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, be granted and paid to Henry G. Hill, being the balance due him for drawing Plans for the erection of the new Court House in Halifax—this sum, together with One hundred pounds already paid to Mr. Hill on the same account, to be deducted from the monies payable from the Provincial Funds, towards the erection of the Court House.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct Advances from the Treasury of such sums as may be required towards defraying the expences of Public Printing, provided that no greater sum be advanced in the whole than Six hundred pounds, and this House will provide for the same at the next Session.

To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same were read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be read a second time at a future day.

On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

Thursday,

Thursday, 30th April, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,

The Honorable WILLIAM A. BLACK,
DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Sixty-eight Resolutions for granting Money, the two Changes of Appropriation, and the Vote of Credit for Public Printing, brought up from the House of Assembly yesterday, were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Money Votes read
2nd time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Municipal Govmt.
Counties Bill read
3rd time,

Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Telegraphic Com-
munication with
G. Britain Bill
read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative? Agreed to, with amt.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the Provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax, was read a third time, Loan for Railway,
City of Halifax,
Bill read 3d time,

Whereupon Mr. McCully moved, that the following further amendment be made to the said Bill: Amendment moved,

At the end of the Bill add the following Clause :

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“The Fuuds to be levied and assessed under this Act shall be invested in Railway Debentures, in the name of the City of Halifax, without interest, to be delivered to the Mayor; and so soon as the Railway shall be introduced into the City proper, as far as Cornwallis Street, the Governor and Council are authorized to call in and cancel such Debentures.

Which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, Whether this amendment be agreed to? There appeared, for the amendment, ten; against it, seven:

For the amendment:

Mr. Tobin,
“ McNab,
“ Cutler,
“ Bell,
“ McCully,
“ Keith,
“ Black,

Mr. Morton,
“ Grigor,
The President.

Against the amendment:

Mr. Comeau,
“ Harris,
“ Brown,
“ Pineo,
“ Fairbanks,
“ Crichton,
“ Rudolf.

And agreed to.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Then the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass?

Bill agreed to, with
amdt.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

And sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired.

Assessment Bill,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to establish a more equal and just System of Assessment, was read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

Finally agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

And sent to H. A.

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

Rep. City of Halifax
Bill, without amt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future day.

Rep. H. A. New
Practice Act Bill,
with amdt.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, and had made two amendments thereto.

The said amendments were read by the Clerk, as follows:

SIXTH CLAUSE—6th line.—After the word “Consul,” insert the words “Vice Consul, or Consular Agent.”

At the end of the Clause add the following words:

Amdt. read.

“Provided always, that if any person shall forge the signature of any such affidavit, or shall use or tender in evidence any such affidavit, with a false or counterfeit signature thereto, knowing the same to be false and counterfeit, he shall be guilty of felony, and shall, upon conviction, be liable to be imprisoned in the Provincial Penitentiary, for a term not exceeding three years, nor less than one year, with hard labor, and every person who shall be charged with committing any felony, under this Act, may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and if convicted, sentenced, and his offence may be laid and charged to have been committed in the County or place in which he shall be apprehended

apprehended or be in custody, and every accessory, before or after the fact, to any such offence, may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and, if convicted, sentenced, and his offence may be laid and charged to have been committed in any County or place in which the principle offender may be tried: Provided also, that if any person shall wilfully and corruptly make a false Affidavit before such Judge, Justice of the Peace, Consul General, Consul, Vice Consul, or Consular Agent, every person so offending shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of perjury, in like manner as if such false Affidavit had been made in this Province before competent authority, and shall and may be dealt with, indicted, tried, and, if convicted, sentenced, and his offence may be laid and charged to have been committed in any County or Place in which he shall be apprehended or be in custody, as if his offence had been actually committed in that County or Place."

And the said amendments being read a second time, were agreed to by the House. And agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill. S. O. S.

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Bill read 3rd time,

Whether this Bill, with the amendments, shall pass? Agreed to, with amt.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with amendments—to which amendments their concurrence is desired. And sent to H. A.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,

To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the first, second, third, and fifth amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, and did not agree to the fourth amendment proposed by this House to the said Bill. H. A. agree to all but 4th amdt. to Railway Damages Bill.

Also, to inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax, with amendments—to which amendments they desired the concurrence of this House. H. A. agree to W. Buildings, Halifax Bill, with amdt.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Government be empowered to provide at Hantsport, Kempt, Horton, Cornwallis, and Londonderry, Wharf Accommodation for Steamers to ply between those places and the Railway Depot at Windsor, and also to encourage Steam Navigation between those Ports and Windsor, touching at Parrsborough, and this House will provide for such Steam Service to the extent of Two hundred pounds, annually, for four years. Wharf Accommodation and Steam Com. Minas Basin

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The said Resolution was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be read a second time at a future time. Read 1st time.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the fourth amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly. 4th amdt. to Railway Damages Bill,

The said amendment was read by the Clerk,

And, on motion, *resolved*, that the said amendment be not adhered to. Not adhered to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,

To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House does not adhere to the fourth amendment proposed to the said Bill. And Message to H. A.

Am. to W Buildings
Halifax Bill, con-
sidered.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the House of Assembly to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax.

The same were read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdts. read.

FIRST CLAUSE—4th line.—Amend this Clause by leaving out the words “ the said,” and insert the word “ that.”

FIRST CLAUSE—6th line.—Leave out the words “ the said,” and insert the word “ such.”

FIRST CLAUSE—8th line.—Leave out the words “ the said,” and insert the word “ such.”

Add the following Clause :

“ The operation of the Act hereby amended shall not extend to the Court House about to be erected in the City of Halifax, nor the Church to be erected by the Congregation of St. Matthew’s.

Agreed to,

And the said amendments being read a second and third time, were agreed to by the House.

And Message to H.
A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To carry down the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House agrees to the amendments proposed by them to the said Bill.

Wharf Accom. and
Steam Commun.
Minas Basin,
Read 2nd time,

The Resolution relative to Wharf Accommodation and Steam Communication in the Bason of Minas was, by order, read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to?

Agreed to,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly by the Clerk.
To return the said Resolution and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

H. A. finally agree
to W. Buildings
Halifax Bill.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax, and to acquaint the House that the House of Assembly has agreed to the said Bill, as amended.

H. A. finally agree
Railway Damages
Bill.

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to a Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, as now amended.

H. A. agree to all
but last amendt. to
Railway Loan,
Halifax Bill

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the three first amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the Provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax, and did not agree to the last amendment proposed by this House to the said Bill.

Railway Damages
Bill finally agreed
to,

A Bill, entitled, An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages, was read, as now amended, and the question was put by the President,
Whether this Bill, as now amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

H. A. agree to Mar.
Bill, without am.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, “ Of Marriage, and the Solemnization thereof,” and to acquaint the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to the said Bill, without any amendment. The

The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act. H. A. agree to amt. to New Practice Act.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolutions :

Resolved, That the sum of £32,000 granted for the ordinary Road and Bridge Service, and the sum of £10,000 granted for the Great Road Service, for the present year, be applied as follows : Division of Road Money.

For the County of	Ordinary Service.	Great Roads.
Halifax,	£2355	£1213
Pictou,	2304	640
Inverness,	2112	560
Hants,	1920	933
Lunenburg,	1920	530
Colchester,	1869	773
Cumberland,	1869	640
Cape Breton,	1820	626
King's,	1728	476
Annapolis,	1664	476
Yarmouth,	1561	400
Shelburne,	1561	400
Digby,	1561	476
Sydney,	1561	400
Richmond,	1561	360
Victoria,	1561	380
Guysborough,	1561	400
Queen's,	1512	317

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Halifax. Sub-division, Hlfx.

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Pictou. Pictou,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Inverness. Inverness,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Hants. Hants,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Lunenburg. Lunenburg,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Colchester. Colchester,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cumberland. Cumberland,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Cape Breton. Cape Breton,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in Kings County. King's,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Annapolis. Annapolis,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Yarmouth. Yarmouth,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Shelburne. Shelburne,

Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Digby. Digby,

Also,

Sydney,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Sydney.
Richmond,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Richmond.
Guysborough,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in the County of Guysborough.
Queens,	Also, a Resolution sub-dividing the sums granted for Roads and Bridges in Queen's County.
Read 1st and 2nd time,	To which Resolutions they desired the concurrence of this House. The said Resolutions were read a first time, and, by order, the said Resolutions were read a second time, and the question was put by the President, on each Resolution, Whether this Resolution be agreed to?
Agreed to,	It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Resolutions, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.
New Practice Act of H.A. finally agreed to,	A Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the New Practice Act, was read, as amended and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.
And sent to H. A.	A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
Library Room Committee.	<i>Resolved</i> , That Mr. Grigor, Mr. McCully, Mr. Bell, Mr. Almon, Mr. Keith, and Mr. Brown, be a Committee to take charge of the Library of this House and of the Council Chamber and its Furniture, during the Recess.
Adjourn.	On motion made and seconded, the House adjourned until To-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

Friday, 1st May, 1857.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable EDWARD KENNY, President.

The Honorable WILLIAM RUDOLF,
ROBERT M. CUTLER,
MICHAEL TOBIN,
JOHN MORTON,
HUGH BELL,
STAYLEY BROWN,
JAMES D. HARRIS,
ALEXANDER KEITH,
WILLIAM A. BLACK,

The Honorable DAVID CRICHTON,
HENRY G. PINEO,
JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,
JAMES McNAB,
JONATHAN McCULLY,
WILLIAM GRIGOR,
WILLIAM McKEEN,
ANSELM F. COMEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Com. on Bills.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on Bills.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Rudolf reported that the Committee had made some progress.

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The Chairman also reported that the Committee had gone through a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown Steam Boat Company, and had made an amendment thereto.

Rep. Digby and
Bridgetown Steam
Bill, with amt.

The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows :

Amdt. read.

SECOND CLAUSE.—At the end of the Clause add the following words :

“ But this Act shall not go into operation until Three hundred Shares are actually subscribed for and paid up,”

And agreed to.

And the said amendment being read a second time, was agreed to by the House.

S. O. S.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at a future time.
Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.

Bill read 3rd time,

The said Bill was then read a third time, and the question was put by the President,

Agreed to, with amt.

Whether this Bill, with the amendment, shall pass,
It was resolved in the affirmative ?

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, with an amendment—to which amendment their concurrence is desired.

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James,
To inform the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to encourage the establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

H. A. agree to amt.
to Telegraph
Communication
with G. B. Bill.

The said Bill was then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President,

Bill finally agreed to

Whether this Bill, as amended shall pass ?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

And sent to H. A.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.

The Messenger also brought up the following Resolution :

Victoria Road
Monies,

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be authorized and respectfully requested to take such measures as shall be necessary for sub-dividing and appropriating the Road Monies granted during the present Session and appropriated in the General Division of Road Monies to the service of Ordinary and Great Roads in the County of Victoria, and also for directing the expenditure thereof.

To which Resolution they desired the concurrence of this House.

The same was read a first time, and, by order, the said Resolution was read a second time, and the question was put by the President,

Read 1st and 2nd
time,

Whether this Resolution be agreed to ?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Agreed to,

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk,
To return the said Resolution, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same, without any amendment.

And sent to H. A.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the last amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to carry out the Provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize a Loan for the Construction of Railways within this Province, so far as relates to the City of Halifax, which amendment has not been agreed to by the House of Assembly.

Last amdt: to Loan
for Railways,
Halifax, Bill
considered.

The same was read by the Clerk,

Whereupon.

Whereupon Mr. McCully moved, that the said amendment be adhered to; which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, Whether this amendment be adhered to? There appeared, for adhering to the amendment, ten; against adhering to it, eight:

For adhering:

Mr. Tobin,
 " McKeen,
 " Grigor,
 " Cutler,
 " Bell,
 " McCully,
 " Black,
 " Keith,
 " Morton,
 The President.

Against adhering:

Mr. McNab,
 " Harris,
 " Comeau,
 " Brown,
 " Fairbanks,
 " Pineo,
 " Crichton,
 " Rudolf,

- And adhered to, So it passed in the affirmative.
- And Message to H. A. A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and and acquaint them that this House adheres to the last amendment proposed to the said Bill.
- City of Halifax Bill read 3rd time, A Bill, entitled, An Act further to amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax, was read a third time.
- And deferred three months. Whereupon it was moved, that the further consideration of the said Bill be deferred to this day three months; which, being seconded, and the question being put by the President, was agreed to.
- Appropriation Bill, A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Tobin, with the following Bill:
 A Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes. To which Bill they desired the concurrence of this House.
- Read 1st time. The said Bill was read a first time.
- And referred. Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to examine and report upon.
- Committee. Ordered, That Mr. Pineo, Mr. Morton, and Mr. Crichton, be a Committee for that purpose.
- H. A. does not adhere to amt to Yarmouth Limits Bill. A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. James, To return a Bill, entitled, An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth, and to inform the House that the House of Assembly did not adhere to the amendment proposed by them to the said Bill, but agreed to the same as originally sent up.
- H. A. agree to amt. to Digby and B. Town Steam Boat Bill. The Messenger also informed the House that the House of Assembly agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to a Bill, entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown Steam Boat Company.
 The said Bill was then read, as amended, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.
- Bill finally agreed to A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them therewith.
- And sent to H. A.

Mr. Pineo, the Chairman of the Committee to whom a Bill, entitled, An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes, was referred, reported that the Committee had examined the said Bill, and found it correct, and recommended it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future time.

Resolved unanimously, That the Standing Order of this House, Number 72, relative to Bills not being read or proceeded with twice in the same day, be suspended as respects the said Bill.

The said Bill was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently.

On motion, the House was adjourned, during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time the House was resumed, and Mr. Cutler reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time, and the question was put by the President, Whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A Message was sent to the House of Assembly, by the Clerk, To return the said Bill, and acquaint them that this House has agreed to the same without any amendment.

At 3 of the clock, P. M., His Excellency Major General Sir JOHN GASPARD LE-MARCHANT, Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c., came to the Council Chamber, attended as usual, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency commands to let the House of Assembly know "It is His Excellency's will and pleasure they attend him immediately in this House,"—who, being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to Forty-nine Bills, entitled as follows:

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| An Act to Incorporate the Safe Harbor Pier Company. | H. E. comes to Council Chamber. |
| An Act relating to the Width of certain Roads in the County of Digby. | |
| An Act to Incorporate the Union Iron Company of Digby County. | |
| An Act to Incorporate the Halifax Corresponding Committee of the Colonial Church and School Society. | H. A. attend. |
| An Act to authorize the Sale of the Gairloch and New Lairg Meeting House. | H. E. assents to 49 Bills, viz.: |
| An Act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain Letters Patent for the Invention of a Machine for the Manufactory of Shingles. | Safe Harbor Pier, |
| An Act to amend Chapter 130 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Probate Court," and the Acts in amendment thereof. | Digby Roads, |
| An Act to amend the New Practice Act. | Digby Iron Co. |
| An Act to amend the Act to limit the erection of Wooden Buildings in the City of Halifax. | C. Church and Schl. Society, |
| An Act to amend Chapter 122 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Marriage, and the Solemnization thereof." | Gairloch Meeting, |
| An Act to settle and confirm the limits of the Town of Yarmouth. | Tupper's Patent, |
| An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Knox's Free Church at Baddack, in the County of Victoria. | Probate Court, |
| An Act to Incorporate the Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company. | New Practice Act, |
| An Act to Incorporate the Margareville Fishing Company. | W. Buildings, Hfx. |
| | Marriage, |
| | Yarmouth limits, |
| | Knox's Ch. Baddeck |
| | Port M. Ship & F. Co. |
| | An Margareville F. Co. |

Com. on Appropriation Bill report.

S. O. S.

Bill read 2nd time,

And ordered to Com.

Committed.

Report without amt.

Read 3rd time,

Agreed to.

And sent to H. A.

Provincial Loan,	An Act to authorize a Provincial Loan.
F. Engines, Dart.	An Act to amend the Act respecting Fire Engines at Dartmouth.
Special Sittings Sup. Court for Criminals	An Act to amend and render perpetual the Act to authorize Special Sittings of the Supreme Court for the Trial of Criminals.
Avon Ins. Co.	An Act to continue the Act to Incorporate the Avon Marine Insurance Company.
Bridge, Baddeck,	An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Baddeck River, in the County of Victoria.
Lock-up C. Breton,	An Act to authorize an Assessment for a Lock-up-House at North Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton.
Steam Ferry, Pictou,	An Act to continue the Act relating to the Steam Ferry across the Harbour of Pictou.
Streets, Halifax,	An Act to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1856, entitled, "An Act for the Repair and Maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax."
Free Church, Boulardrie,	An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the Free Church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie.
Polling Place Pictou	An Act to change a Polling Place in the County of Pictou.
Sl. House Bridge'er,	An Act to authorize the Sale of the School House at Bridgewater.
Bridge, Cape Sable,	An Act to provide for building a Bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the County of Shelburne.
Road, Crow Harbor,	An Act for improving the Road from Crow Harbor to Canso.
Registry of Ships,	An Act to extend the provisions of the Act for the Registry of Ships.
Supreme Court and its Officers,	An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."
Construction of Railways,	An Act to amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1854, entitled, An Act to authorize the Construction of Railways within this Province.
Fire Engines,	An Act to authorize Assessments to procure Fire Engines.
Weeds,	An Act for the destruction of Weeds injurious to Agriculture.
City of Halifax,	An Act to alter and amend the Act concerning the City of Halifax.
Normal School,	An Act to amend the Act to establish a Normal School.
Lands under Execution,	An Act to amend Chapter 118 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Sale of Lands to satisfy Execution Debts."
Bessemer's Patent,	An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent.
Inland Navigation Co.	An Act in further amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Inland Navigation Company.
Physic and Surgery,	An Act to regulate the Practice of Physic and Surgery.
Education.	An Act to continue and amend the Laws relating to Education.
Five Mile R. Bridge,	An Act to provide for Building a Bridge over Five Mile River, in the County of Hants.
Oysters,	An Act to prevent the destruction of Oysters.
Musqued't. Nav. Co.	An Act to Incorporate the Musquedoboit River Navigation Company.
Mpl. Gov. Counties,	An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.
Assessment,	An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessments.
Railway Damages,	An Act to authorize Assessments for Railway Damages.
New Practice Act,	An Act to amend the New Practice Act.
Tel. Com. with G.B.	An Act to encourage the Establishment of Telegraphic Communication between this Province and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
Digby and Bridge-town Steam Co. Appropriation.	An Act to Incorporate the Digby and Bridge-town Steamboat Company. An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes.

After which His Excellency was pleased to close the Session with the following Speech:

Mr.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Speech.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The change of Administration which occurred soon after the meeting of the Legislature, resulting from the principles of responsibility inherent in the existing Constitution of the Colony, necessarily occasioned an interruption of your deliberations, and unavoidably protracted the duration of this Session.

In releasing you from further attendance upon Legislative duties, which you have discharged with zeal and assiduity, I beg to assure you, that in the ensuing recess my best efforts shall be directed to the accomplishment of those important objects which you have entrusted to Executive management and control.

It affords me great satisfaction to contemplate the probability of a final adjustment of the difficulties which exist between the Provincial Legislature and the General Mining Association.

The liberality with which you have increased the appropriation for the encouragement of Common School Education, affords gratifying evidence of your attention to that important element of public improvement.

You may rest assured, that in the interval between this and the next meeting of the Legislature, I shall superintend with care, conduct with economy, and prosecute with energy, the great Public Works in progress, in the success of which the prosperity and happiness of the Province are deeply involved.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

The funds which you have provided for the public service shall be faithfully applied to the objects to which you have directed their appropriation.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I take leave of you with the conviction that you will return to your homes to cultivate those social virtues which, by uniting all classes, can alone render a people prosperous and happy ; and to cherish those sentiments of loyalty to our beloved Sovereign, for which this fine Province has ever been distinguished.

Then the President of the Council, by His Excellency's Command, said,

GENTLEMEN—

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Wednesday the 10th day of June next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the 10th day of June next, to be then here held. Prorogation.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON,

Clerk of the Legislative Council.



APPENDICES

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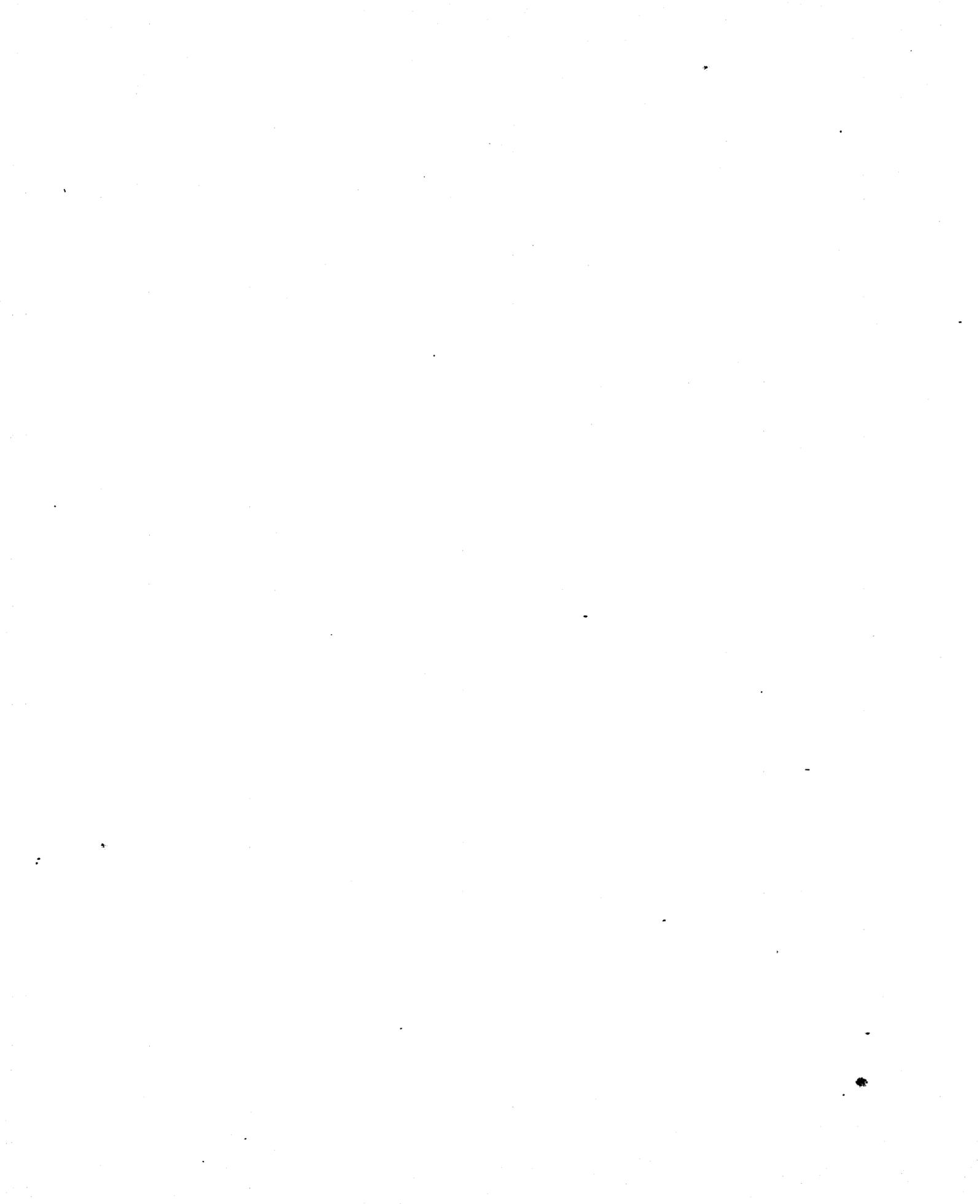
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Downing Street, 31st July, 1856.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration two Acts passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, in the month of March, 1855, and transmitted to me in your Despatch, noted in the margin. No. 88, 19th July, 1855.

These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation; and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 28th July, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, the 28th day of July, 1856.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the month of March, 1855, pass two Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3297. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 85 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the regulation and inspection of Provisions, Lumber, Fuel, and other Merchandize, so far as relates to the Inspection of Fish."

No. 3328. An Act in addition to Chapter 87 of the Revised Statutes, "Of general provisions respecting Corporations."

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters

matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation; Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the time being, of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

(Copy.)

No. 62.

Downing Street, 2nd August, 1856.

SIR—

I have had under my consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia, No. 3347, "to Incorporate the Transatlantic Submarine Telegraph Company." The language of the 2nd section of this Act, which empowers the Company to lay down Submarine Telegraph Wires from one or more points on the Coasts of Great Britain or Ireland, or from any point on the Continent of Europe, to some one or more points on the Coasts or Shores of the Province, or its Dependencies, and to erect all necessary Piers, Wharves, Breakwaters, Embankments, Docks, Stations and Buildings, and which declares that in a certain event the Company shall have the right and privileges of connecting Submarine Wires with the Coasts and Shores of the Province and its Dependencies for a period of Fifty Years, is extremely vague and indefinite; and it would be desirable that the powers and privileges intended to be conferred on the Company should be stated with more precision. It is further, in my opinion, very questionable whether the sanction of the Crown should be given to any Act conferring upon a Telegraph Company the power of laying down Telegraph Wires in any of Her Majesty's Colonies, without imposing upon the Company conditions for securing to the Government the right of taking temporary possession of the line in cases of public emergency, and for securing to the Government and the public the use of the Wires of the Company upon terms similar to those which have been imposed on Telegraph Companies in this Country by the Acts or Charters by which those Companies are incorporated.

I enclose for your information a copy of one of the Acts, in which the usual clauses for this purpose are contained.

I have therefore to instruct you to bring this Act again under the consideration of your Council, with a view to its amendment, and I shall in the mean time defer submitting it for Her Majesty's decision.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c. Nova-Scotia.

No. 73.

Downing-Street, 30th October, 1856.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration 98 Acts, passed by the Legislature of Nova-Scotia, in the months of March and April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch.

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These Acts having been referred by the Queen in Council to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, that Committee have reported to Her Majesty in Council their opinion that the said Acts should be left to their operation, and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 22d October, 1856, approving that Report.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient Servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor

Sir G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the Court at Windsor, the 22nd day of October, 1856.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the Governor of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, with the Council and Assembly of the said Province, did, in the months of March and April, 1856, pass Ninety-eight Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

- No. 3365. An Act to continue and amend the Laws imposing Customs Duties.
- No. 3366. An Act to alter and amend Chapter 126 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Supreme Court and its Officers."
- No. 3367. An Act to continue the law imposing Light House Duties.
- No. 3368. An Act to amend the New Practice Act.
- No. 3369. An Act to continue the Laws to regulate Distilleries.
- No. 3370. An Act to amend Chapter 66 of Revised Statutes, "Of the expenditure of Monies on the Roads."
- No. 3371. An Act to amend Chapter 136 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Juries."
- No. 3372. An Act to alter and amend the laws relating to the Customs.
- No. 3373. An Act to repeal Chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Immigrants."
- No. 3374. An Act for the regulation of Railways.
- No. 3375. An Act for the Municipal Government of Townships.
- No. 3376. An Act to amend the Act for the Municipal Government of Counties.
- No. 3377. An Act to amend Chapter One hundred and fifty-four of the Revised Statutes, "Of Costs and Fees."
- No. 3378. An Act to establish and regulate the sale by weight of Vegetables and Coal.
- No. 3379. An Act to amend the Act seventeenth Victoria, Chapter Second, entitled, An Act to authorise a Loan for the construction of Railways within this Province.
- No. 3380. An Act to facilitate the investment of Trust and other Funds.
- No. 3381. An Act to authorise a Provincial Loan.
- No. 3382. An Act to continue the License Laws.
- No. 3383. An Act to amend Chapter 67 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the preservation of Roads."
- No. 3384. An Act to establish a more equal and just system of Assessment.
- No. 3385. An Act for the preservation of Pheasants.
- No. 3386. An Act to amend Chapter 57 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Regulations concerning the practice of Physic and Surgery."
- No. 3387. An Act to amend the Act 18th Victoria, Chapter 16, relating to the Inspection of Fish.

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- No. 3388. An Act to amend Chapter 141 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Suits against absent or absconding Debtors."
- No. 3389. An Act to amend the Jury Law.
- No. 3390. An Act for a further issue of Treasury Notes.
- No. 3391. An Act to continue the Laws relating to Education.
- No. 3392. An Act to amend Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the preservation of useful birds and animals."
- No. 3393. An Act to extend the provisions of Chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes, "Of laying out certain Great Roads."
- No. 3394. An Act to amend Chapter 13 of the Act 16th Victoria.
- No. 3395. An Act to explain Chapter 113 of the Revised Statutes, "Of the Registry of Deeds and Incumbrances affecting Lands."
- No. 3396. An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Deeds by Married Women."
- No. 3397. An Act to amend Chapter 46 of the Revised Statutes, "Of County Assessments."
- No. 3398. An Act to enlarge the amount of Deposits in the Savings' Bank.
- No. 3399. An Act to amend Chapter 63 of the Revised Statutes, "Of Surveyors of Highways, and Highway Labor, except in Halifax."
- No. 3400. An Act to continue and amend the laws relating to the Militia.
- No. 3401. An Act to amend the Act concerning the Registry of Ships.
- No. 3402. An Act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.
- No. 3403. An Act to divide the County of Annapolis into two School Districts.
- No. 3404. An Act to constitute Argyle, in the County of Yarmouth, a separate District.
- No. 3405. An Act to make certain Records of the Township of Onslow receiveable in Evidence.
- No. 3406. An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to procure a General Survey of the City.
- No. 3407. An Act to authorise the alteration of certain Electoral Districts in the County of Guysborough.
- No. 3408. An Act for the repair and maintenance of Streets in the City of Halifax.
- No. 3409. An Act to provide for repairing a Bridge at Bridgewater, in the County of Lunenburg.
- No. 3410. An Act for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the County of Shelburne.
- No. 3411. An Act for improving the Harbor of Port Hood.
- No. 3412. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Towns of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for making and repairing Streets and Sewers.
- No. 3413. An Act to amend Chapter 56, 18th Victoria, entitled, An Act to authorise a Loan for the erection of a Court House in Pictou.
- No. 3414. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of Windsor to procure a Fire Engine.
- No. 3415. An Act to legalize the Grand and Petit Juries for the Counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.
- No. 3416. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a Fire Engine.
- No. 3417. An Act to enable the Corporation of Halifax to make improved Sidewalks in the City.
- No. 3418. An Act to regulate the marking of Logs in the County of Queens.
- No. 3419. An Act to provide for the improvement of the Road from Maitland to the Great Eastern Road.

- No. 3420. An Act to amend Chapter 76 and 80 of the Acts of 18 Victoria.
- No. 3421. An Act for improving the New Road from Annapolis to Liverpool.
- No. 3422. An Act to set off an additional Electoral Districts within the County of Annapolis.
- No. 3423. An Act to alter the times of holding the Sessions for the County of Lunenburg.
- No. 3424. An Act concerning the Division of School Districts in the County of Lunenburg.
- No. 3425. An Act to establish the Township of Morrystown, in the County of Sydney.
- No. 3426. An Act to provide for the rebuilding of Melford Bridge over the West River of Pictou.
- No. 3427. An Act to divide the Eastern School District of the County of Halifax.
- No. 3428. An Act to assess the Township of Granville.
- No. 3429. An Act to amend the Acts to provide for the erection of a Court House in Halifax.
- No. 3430. An Act to alter the Representation of Queen's County.
- No. 3431. An Act to provide for improving the Road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's.
- No. 3432. An Act relating to the Width of Roads at Brier Island, in the County of Digby.
- No. 3433. An Act to regulate the Setting of Nets in the Harbor of Liverpool.
- No. 3434. An Act to alter the Harbor Master's Fees in the Harbor of Sydney.
- No. 3435. An Act to authorise the sale of the Cornwallis Toll Bridge.
- No. 3436. Act to Incorporate the Milton Railroad Company.
- No. 3437. An Act to incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' Library Association.
- No. 3438. An Act to Incorporate the Union Bank of Halifax
- No. 3439. An Act to Incorporate the New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou.
- No. 3440. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the South Baptist Meeting House at Wilmot.
- No. 3441. An Act to Incorporate Saint George's Charitable Society in Halifax.
- No. 3442. An Act to Incorporate the Hantsport Cemetery Company.
- No. 3443. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Saint Matthew's Church at Wallace.
- No. 3444. An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Nova-Scotia Horticultural Society.
- No. 3445. An Act to Incorporate the College and Academy Board of the Free Church of Nova-Scotia.
- No. 3446. An Act to Incorporate the Newport Brooklyn Hall Company.
- No. 3447. An Act to Incorporate the Erasmus Hall Company.
- No. 3448. An Act to Incorporate the Liverpool Marine Railway Company.
- No. 3449. An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of McLean's Free Church at Indian Rear, in the County of Inverness.
- No. 3450. An Act to Incorporate the Ira Woodworth Pier Company at Cornwallis.
- No. 3451. An Act to Incorporate the Union Meeting House Congregation at Mahone Bay.
- No. 3452. An Act to Incorporate the Oak Point Pier Company at Cornwallis.
- No. 3453. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Trustees of Burns's Free Church in the County of Sydney.
- No. 3454. An Act to Incorporate the Centreville Hall Company.
- No. 3455. An Act for further increasing the Capital Stock of the Halifax Water Company.

No. 3456. An Act to authorise the Draining of a Peat Bog, near the Town of Liverpool.

No. 3457. An Act in addition to the Act for Incorporating the Margaretville Pier Company.

No. 3458. An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the Acadian Iron and Steel Company.

No. 3459. An Act to continue and further alter the Act to Incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the Acts in amendment thereof.

No. 3460. An Act to authorise the Sale of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House at Windsor.

No. 3461. An Act relative to a Town Hall at Onslow.

No. 3462. An Act to Naturalize Andrew Craigie White, William Higgins Sargent, and William Green Armstrong.

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantations, and the said Committee have reported, as their opinion to Her Majesty, that the said Acts should be left to their operation; Her Majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve the said Report,—whereof the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being of Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

MINES.

(Copy.)

No. 54.—(Executive.)

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the enclosed Minute in Council, submitted to me, on the claims of the General Mining Association, and in explanation of the united opposition offered by the Members of my Government to the Bill introduced by the Attorney General, in compliance with instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies; together with three other Documents noted in the margin, on the same subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable HENRY LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We beg leave to submit to Your Excellency the following observations on the claims of the General Mining Association, and in explanation of our united opposition to the Bill introduced by the Attorney General, in compliance with instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Whilst we participate in a common sentiment of deep regret that respect for the opinions and feelings of those whom they represent has made it impossible for Members of Administration, in their places in the Provincial Parliament, to carry out the wishes of the Imperial Government, as embodied in that Bill, we can assure Your
Excellency

Excellency that, adverting to the known sentiments of a large majority of the Representative Body in this Colony, no authority, influence, or argument could have effected the passage of that measure. An attempt to force it on the Assembly would have had no other effect than the destruction of our reputations and standings as public men.

The state of general opinion on this question is, indeed, sufficiently manifest from the majority of 34 to 13 which sustained the Address, and which comprehended several members who usually vote with the opposition.

Before stating the course of reasoning which led our minds to the unanimous conclusion at which they had arrived, it may be worthy of remark, that both the Amendment introduced by Mr. Martin Wilkins, and the Resolutions moved by Mr. Johnston, abstained from giving any pledge to pass the Bill as it was transmitted from England, the first proposing, in terms, the last, in substance, that the Bill should be committed *for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Indentures referred to are conformable to the spirit of the Agreement, and if so*, that the Bill should be carried through its various stages, and become law. That Amendment and those Resolutions were rejected by a majority of 35 to 12.

Men of all parties in this Province regard the execution of the original Lease to the late Duke of York as an extremely impolitic and ill-advised exercise of the Prerogative, and all are convinced that the enlightened views which now prevail of the Constitutional powers of the Sovereign, in relation to Public Lands in the Colonies, would effectually prevent such an act, if it were, now, for the first time, proposed to the Advisers of the Crown.

The expression of this opinion has been reiterated by the Commons of Nova-Scotia, in many successive years, and, though it is true that implied Legislative confirmations of the Act thus deprecated have been afforded, it is equally true that protests against the Act have accompanied those confirmations.

In the light of this, we think that Her Majesty's Ministers, thus aware of the sensitiveness on this subject of the people of Nova-Scotia, should have declined entering into an engagement with the General Mining Association, to execute, without the previous sanction of the Legislature, a new Lease, involving a renewed exercise of Prerogative so offensive, even though that instrument should not contain any provisions that would alter the relative positions and rights of the parties.

Following out these views, it has appeared to us that the deep seated reluctance of the Queen's Subjects in this Province, as manifested by their Representatives, to sanction the proposed Lease, was neither unnatural nor unreasonable, and that it imposed upon her public men an obligation to decline placing themselves in antagonism to it.

It will now be for the Directors of the General Mining Association, and the Representatives of the late Duke of York, to consider whether the time has not arrived when it is the true policy, and the real interest of both, to accept the highly favourable terms which are offered by the Assembly in their Address.

The Executive Government are empowered to renew the negotiations formerly offered, and it would afford us sincere pleasure to see them conducted to a successful issue.

W. YOUNG,
JAMES McNAB,
LEWIS M. WILKINS,
W. A. HENRY,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
B. WIER,
JOHN LOCKE.

Halifax, April 18, 1856.

Copy

No. 98.—(Executive.)

Government House, Halifax, 4th Dec. 1856.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, the enclosed Minute, adopted in Council, respecting the yet unsettled question of the Mines and Minerals of this Province.

The near approach of the Annual Session of both Houses of Legislature—the embarrassment which will be felt by the Executive Government in meeting them, unprepared with satisfactory arguments to shew that during the recess they have not neglected the interests of the Country in this respect—and the manifest impatience shewn by the people generally to close this long protracted and irritating discussion, furnish me with a sufficient apology for again pressing this subject on the notice of the Imperial Government.

To my Despatch of 8th May last, No. 54, enclosing a Minute in Council and other Documents relating to the subject now under consideration, I have received no official answer, beyond a mere acknowledgment of its receipt, which has been a source of serious disappointment and concern to my Council, as it was on this expected reply they depended to be able to shew the Country that by a zealous endeavour on their part to conduct the question to an issue, they have acquitted themselves of any charge of neglect.

So strong is the agitation of the public mind and so great the responsibility resting on the Government, that they would feel it their imperative duty to represent their views by means of a Delegation, did they not confidently expect to be in possession of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government before the approaching Session.

Considering all the circumstances of the case, I readily comply with their respectful request, to urge upon your attention the great importance of an early settlement of this long pending question before the Assembly meets, which will be about the last week in January next.

I have, &c.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

At a Meeting of the Executive Council of Nova-Scotia, held on the 2d December, 1856.

The Council proceeded to consider the position in which the Legislature and Government now stand with relation to our Mines and Minerals. No official reply has yet been given to the Address of last Session, or the Minute of Council which accompanied it, and although His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor has been desirous, in conjunction with his Council, to hasten the action of the Home Government in this important subject, difficulties existed which have hitherto prevented any decision. Under these circumstances, and in the confident belief that the interests of the Province, so deeply involved, will not be sacrificed or neglected, the Council will abstain from appointing one or more of their number to proceed to London, till the necessity for that step shall have become more apparent, and shall have met the approval of the Legislature; but, in view of the vital and important interests to be affected by the settlement of the question, the increasing agitation of the public mind in this Province, the embarrassed position of the Legislature and Government, and the weighty responsibility resting on the Council in regard to it, they have respectfully to request that His Excellency will urge upon the Colonial Secretary a determination

determination of the question before the meeting of the Assembly, and, at the same time, represent in strong terms, the growing and deep interest which the people and Government of this Province feel in it, and in the settlement upon sound and constitutional principles of the grand and important questions that are still pending.

W. YOUNG,
JAMES McNAB,
W. A. HENRY,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,
B. WIER.

No. 79.

Downing Street, December 19, 1856.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your Despatch, No. 98, of the 4th of this month, enclosing a Minute of your Council, respecting the question of the claims of the General Mining Association.

It would give Her Majesty's Government unfeigned satisfaction to be able to satisfy the wishes of yourself and your Council, by coming to a speedy decision thereupon, and, were it a question concerning the Province only, there can be no doubt that the decision would, by this time, have been arrived at and communicated. But you must remember that the immediate effect of the refusal of the Nova-Scotia Legislature to execute the Documents tendered to them, is, according to the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown, to devolve on the Crown a serious responsibility towards other parties.

Her Majesty's Advisers cannot therefore conclude the affair on such terms, or so speedily as it would have been their anxious wish to do, had the question lain between themselves and the Province alone.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut.-Governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c.

INLAND NAVIGATION.

To His Excellency Major General

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c. and the Honorable the Members of Her Majesty's Executive Council of the Province aforesaid.

The humble Memorial of the President and Directors of the Inland Navigation Company,

SHEWETH :

That your Memorialists have, during the past Spring and present Summer, made great progress towards the accomplishment of the important and useful work for the construction of which the above named Company was incorporated. That some doubts having arisen as respected the amount requisite to finish the work, and your Memorialists having been empowered by the Stockholders at a special meeting of the Company to engage the services of a competent engineer to inspect the work, and to examine the line and nature of the ground through which it was contemplated to carry the intended Inland Water Communication, and to estimate the expense thereof, they early this spring procured the services of William H. Talcott, Esquire, one of the most practised and eminent Civil Engineers in the United States of America, the greatest part of whose life has been passed in the construction and management of works of this nature. That Mr. Talcott, having proceeded to make such inspection and examination, pronounced the work one of great importance to the trade of the Province at large, and of incalculable advantage to the country through which it passes—commended the efficiency of those portions of the work then completed, and eulogised the ability and skill of the Engineer under whose direction the same had been performed. And having ascertained the nature and extent of the work necessary to fully finish the whole line of water communication from the Basin of Minas to the Harbour of Halifax, and made a careful estimate thereof in detail, and after allowing a very large margin for contingencies, Mr. Talcott computed the whole cost thereof at the sum of Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, in round numbers. That your Memorialists have, since Mr. Talcott's estimate was made, expended towards the actual construction of such work the sum of Two thousand five hundred and fifty-six pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, and your Memorialists feel satisfied from comparisons made between the estimates of Mr. Talcott at different points, and the actual expenditure since made to complete those points, that your Memorialists can finish the whole work within the sum estimated by Mr. Talcott. That at a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Company, held on the Second day of June last, the following Resolution was passed :

Resolved,

Resolved, That the President and Directors be authorised to raise a sum sufficient to complete the proposed Canal, or Inland Water Communication, in any manner and upon the best terms that they can obtain the same.

That your Memorialists endeavoured to raise such funds by sale of Preferential Stock, offering to take a considerable part thereof themselves, but could not succeed in disposing of the same.

That subsequently your Memorialists offered to public competition the Debeatures or Bonds of the Company, secured by a Mortgage of the whole property and works of the Company, but were equally unsuccessful. That unless your Excellency and your Honorable Board are willing to aid them in the prosecution of this work, which up to this time they have been enabled efficiently to carry on, they will be compelled must reluctantly to suspend their operations forthwith, which must prove most disastrous; leaving exposed the unfinished work, jeopardising perhaps this great and important public undertaking, and greatly disappointing a large portion of the people, who are looking forward with the greatest anxiety to its completion.

That it will take, according to Mr. Talcott's estimate, the further sum of Fifteen thousand pounds to complete the whole work.

That if your Excellency and your Honorable Board shall see fit to advance that sum to your Memorialists by way of loan, holding the property and works of the Company as security for the payment thereof, with interest, your Memorialists feel confident that they will be enabled to finish this valuable work within a very short space of time, as also to repay the sum so loaned. That it only requires now the sum of Four thousand pounds to complete the whole work at all the points except the inclined planes at Marshall's and Dartmouth, which, if done, would render the Navigation, even without the planes, most useful, and also ensure an immediate and increasing revenue to the Company.

That your Memorialists therefore humbly and urgently solicit the aid of your Excellency and your Honorable Board in the premises, and pray a loan for the above purposes.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.

JAMES F. AVERY, President.
WILLIAM STAIRS, } Directors.
JOHN GIBSON, }

Halifax, 8th August, 1856.

At a Council held at the Government House on the 14th day of August, 1856.

P R E S E N T—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

Ordered, in relation to the Memorial of the President and Directors of the Inland Navigation Company, read at the Board, and to the verbal report made by the Committee appointed to confer with the Memorialists, that the Provincial Secretary address a communication to the latter, informing them that, provided the Company can raise, by the issue of preferential stock, or otherwise, half the sum required for completing the work to the Dartmouth Lakes, including the inclined plane at Marshall's, the Executive Government will advance the other half to the extent of £5000, it being understood that the interest on the Company's Bond to be given therefor, is to be first paid out of the net income to be derived from the works, and that the title to the property shall remain as it now is until such advance is repaid, and the whole work completed.

August

August 14, 1856.

GENTLEMEN—

Your Memorial soliciting the Executive Government for a Loan, in order to complete the Inland Navigation from the Basin of Minas to Halifax Harbor, with the further explanations given to a Committee of Council at the meeting of yesterday, having been attentively considered, I am commanded by His Excellency to assure you that there is the strongest disposition, on the part of himself and his council, to avert the disastrous consequences which would result from an immediate suspension of the work. You are aware, however, that it is a delicate matter for the Executive Government to assume the responsibility of making a loan out of the Public Funds, without the sanction of Parliament, and that nothing but some unforeseen emergency or urgent necessity could justify it. His Excellency, therefore, is of opinion that the loan which you have asked of £15,000 to complete the work, cannot be granted. At the same time it must be admitted that Mr. Talcott's Report, and the progress that has been made in the work since the late Session, would probably induce all parties in the Legislature to look upon it with favor; and the Government believe they would be sustained in giving it such reasonable aid as would secure some at least of the great objects in view.

Assuming that the sum of £4,000 would complete the whole work, except the two inclined planes, and that a further sum of £5,000, or thereabouts, would complete the inclined plane at Marshall's, and open the whole Canal to the head of the inclined plane at Dartmouth, His Excellency conceives that it is indispensable for the right understanding and ultimate success of the work, that it should be finished at all events to the latter point, while it seems not unreasonable that the Shareholders should themselves make a further effort before calling in the last resort on the Executive Government.

I am commanded therefore, to acquaint you that, provided the Company can raise by the issue of preferential stock, or otherwise, one half the amount requisite for completing the work to the Dartmouth Lakes, including the inclined plane at Marshall's, the Executive Government will advance the other half, to the extent of £5000, it being understood that the interest on the Company's Bond to be given therefor, is to be first paid out of the nett income to be derived from the works, and that the title to the property shall remain as it now is, until such advance is repaid, and the whole work completed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

L. M. WILKINS,

The President and Directors of the Inland Navigation Company.

Halifax, 25th August, 1856.

SIR—

I have been requested by the Board of Directors of the Inland Navigation Company to transmit to you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and Her Majesty's Executive Council, the enclosed copy of a Subscription List, the original of which is in their hands, whereby it will appear that the Stockholders of such Company have complied with the condition upon which Her Majesty's Provincial Government offered to loan to the Company the sum of Five thousand pounds towards the completion of their works.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

SAMUEL GRAY, Secretary,

Inland Navigation Company.

WILLIAM H. KEATING, Esq.

Acting Provincial Sec'y, &c. &c. &c.

Her

Her Majesty's Provincial Government having agreed to advance to the Inland Navigation Company to the extent of Five thousand pounds, (provided the Stockholders of such Company raise other Five thousand pounds,) in order to enable them to finish their works, immediately, from the Basin of Minas through to the inclined plane at Dartmouth, we, the Subscribers, hereby agree to loan to the said Company, upon the Bonds or Debentures thereof, bearing Interest at the rate of six per cent., chargeable upon the property and works of the company, the several sums set opposite our respective names, to be paid in by us, as required by the Company's work.

(Signed)	JAMES F. AVERY, One Thousand Pounds,	£1,000	0	0
	WILLIAM STAIRS, One Thousand Pounds,	1,000	0	0
	W. A. BLACK, One Thousand Pounds,	1,000	0	0
	CHARLES COGSWELL, Five Hundred Pounds,	500	0	0
	JAMES C. COGSWELL, Five Hundred Pounds,	500	0	0
	JOHN EDW. STARR, Two Hundred and Fifty do.	250	0	0
	JOHN GIBSON, Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds,	250	0	0
	GEORGE H. STARR, Five Hundred Pounds,	500	0	0

Halifax, August 16, 1856.

Know all Men by these Presents, That the Inland Navigation Company, duly Incorporated by an Act of the Province of Nova-Scotia, is held and firmly bound to our Sovereign Lady Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the full and just sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, of Lawful Money of Nova-Scotia, to be paid to our said Lady the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors; for which payment, well and truly to be made, the said Inland Navigation Company binds itself, and the Capital, Joint Stock, and Funds thereof, firmly by these Presents, Sealed with the Seal of the said Company, and dated this Twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Whereas the said Inland Navigation Company have raised and expended a large sum of money upon the works now in progress, between the Basin of Minas and the Harbor of Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia, and having represented to the Provincial Government, that the sum of Ten thousand pounds would be sufficient to complete the said works to the head of the inclined plane at Dartmouth, and that without some aid from the Government, the said works would be suspended, if not destroyed, the Government thereupon agreed to lend to the said Company the one half of the said sum, provided they could raise the other half thereof. And Whereas the said Company have succeeded in raising the sum of Five thousand pounds, by a Loan, and have communicated to the Government a subscription list, with the names of seven persons who have agreed to advance the same, in certain proportions, upon the Bonds or Debentures of the Company, bearing six per cent. interest, and have thereupon applied to the Government for a loan of the like amount, it being understood and agreed that the Real Estate of the said Company, held under a Deed from the Honorable James McNab, dated on or about the Tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and the works thereon shall be charged with the sum so to be advanced by the Government, and that the interest thereon, at six per cent., shall be first paid out of the nett income to be derived from the works, and that the title to the property shall remain as it now is, until such advances, to be made by the Government, shall be repaid, with interest, and the whole work, from the Basin of Minas to the Harbor of Halifax completed.

Now the Condition of the above written Bond or Obligation is such, That if the said Inland Navigation Company do and shall well and truly pay and satisfy, or cause to be paid and satisfied to the Receiver General of the said Province, for the use of our said Lady the Queen, on demand, the full and just sum of Five thousand pounds, of lawful money of Nova-Scotia, with lawful interest, in each and every year, at the rate of six pounds per cent., to be paid on the Thirty-first day of December, on the said sum of Five thousand pounds, or on such proportion thereof as shall be then due; such interest to be computed from the respective days on which the advance from the Provincial Government, on account of the said sum, shall be made to the said Company, then the said Obligation shall be and become void, but otherwise shall remain in full force.

Signed and delivered by the President and Secretary }
of the said Inland Navigation Company, and }
Sealed with the Seal thereof, in presence of }

SAMUEL C. WEST.

JAMES F. AVERY,
President I. N. Company,

SAMUEL GRAY,
Secretary I. N. Company.

ST. PETERS CANAL.

At a Council held at the Government House on the 14th day of August, 1856.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

The attention of the Board having been called to the St. Peters Canal, and to Executive steps necessary to be taken in relation thereto: Ordered, that the Attorney General do confer with Mr. Talcott, the Civil Engineer who lately examined the Inland Navigation Company Canal, and invite him to come to Cape Breton in September next, and report on the Works first above mentioned.

Letter of Instructions.

Halifax, August 30, 1856.

SIR—

Having put into your hands, since your arrival, all the Documents, Papers, and Information in the power of the Government, on the subject of the Saint Peter's Canal, and furnished you with a Letter of Introduction to the Commissioners at Arichat, and the views entertained by the Government being familiar to you from my former Letter, and the conversations I have had the pleasure of holding with you, I have merely to suggest to you, in general terms, that on arriving at Arichat you

you will communicate freely with the Commissioners, and will inspect the original Contract with Mr. McLeod, the Plans or Sections annexed thereto, and all other Papers that may come into your hands. You will then, of course, proceed to Saint Peters, where I presume you will meet Mr. Folson, the Local Engineer, and will take such steps as will enable you to complete a thorough and accurate Survey of the locus, and to inform your own judgment as to the practicability and character of the undertaking, the nature and progress of the work done, the probable expense of completing it, the quantity of rock cutting, and the wisdom of pursuing the Plans that are in progress, or of substituting other Plans in their room, we have to invite your attention also to the relative heights of the water in the Lake, and in the Bay outside, the Breakwaters or Locks that are requisite for safety and the working of the Canal when finished, and the power that can be best employed for working it. The Provincial Government, in fact, have employed you that this work may have the benefit of your professional skill and experience, and that the Legislature may be assured of the public money being judiciously expended, and of a work in which large masses of the population are deeply interested, being prosecuted with due economy and with adequate skill. The three Commissioners who will be with you, I trust, on the ground, and the Local Engineer, will afford you every facility in their power, and the Government, who have given you their full confidence, will look anxiously for your Report on a work which has excited large expectations, and is universally regarded as of great importance.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. YOUNG,
Atty. General.

W. H. TALCOTT, Civil Engineer.

Report by William H. Talcott, Esquire, on the St. Peter's Canal.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the Members of the Provincial Government.

GENTLEMEN,

Having received an invitation from your Honorable Body, communicated under date of the 11th of August last, by letter from the Honorable W. Young, Attorney General for the Government, to examine the Canal, now in course of construction at St. Peters, for opening a water communication for vessels through the Isthmus that separates the Bras D'or Lake from the Atlantic Ocean, and report upon the same, I made arrangements immediately, to comply with your wishes, and at an early day proceeded to Halifax, where, after the pleasure of a personal interview with the Attorney General, in which were made known to me more fully the wishes of the Government in relation to the object of my mission, he placed in my hands certain Papers, Reports and Documents, pertaining to the St. Peters Canal, and also a Letter of Instructions, under date of the 30th of August last.

I then proceeded immediately to St Peters, where I was met by the Canal Commissioners, Thomas H. Fuller, Hugh Munro, and Henry Martell, Esquires, and also by Mr. Charles W. Folson, the resident Engineer of the work; and I take great pleasure in saying here, that the Commissioners afforded me every facility in their power for obtaining a full understanding of all the facts connected with this work and also, that I am much indebted to the resident Engineer, and the very excellent and

and systematic manner in which everything connected with his department has been kept, for having obtained so much information in so short a time.

I have now given due attention to all the questions referred to in the above mentioned communications, and beg to submit herewith the result of my investigations, which may be done conveniently, under the following heads :

I. What effect will the opening of such a communication probably have on the country surrounding the Bras d'Or lake ?

II. Is a Canal practicable ?

III. Is that the best method of opening such a communication ?

IV. Is the line as now located the best one for a Canal ?

V. What will be the probable cost of completing a Canal and its necessary fixtures, with 22 feet width of Canal bottom, and a Lock 22 feet in the clear ?

VI. What additional cost will probably be required to make the Canal 25 feet wide, and a Lock 25 feet in the clear ?

VII. What length of time should it take to complete such a work ?

1. The probable effect on the country surrounding the Bras d'Or Lake :

My limited acquaintance with the features of the country bordering on this Lake, will prevent my saying much under this head, and what is said must be in general terms, the applicability of which, to this particular location, must be judged of by those, who are more intimately acquainted with the circumstances.

The general importance of Inland Navigation has long been so evident, that it would seem to be almost a work of supererogation to dwell on this point.

The wants of mankind are various, and these wants increase with the advancement of civilization. At the present time the great facilities of inter-national communication, and of travel generally, have induced extensive immigration in all parts of the civilized world.

This immigration seeks a location, where, by proper exertions, not only the necessaries of life, but also some of the comforts which they have left behind, may soon be obtained. These cannot be obtained by clearing the forests and cultivating the soil, unless the product of such labour can be exchanged for money, or its equivalent ; consequently every such person, whose ambition looks beyond the lowest condition of existence, seeks a location for his future home where those higher attainments can be realized ; and just in proportion to the facilities offered for such exchange, will be the inducements for the settlement of any part of any country, by so desirable a class of inhabitants.

In the early settlement of a country articles of great weight and bulk, in proportion to their value, must be sent to market, these cannot bear the expense of much land transportation, nor of too great a distance by water.

These remarks indicate the general importance of Inland Navigation, for promoting the internal prosperity of any country. Communication by water seems to be the most desirable to the early settlers ; it is the cheapest of all ways, and affords them an opportunity of exchanging their products, by means of their own labor, and with the least possible outlay of money on their part.

The above statements are advanced, not as founded upon mere theory, but from the actual experience of those Countries which are now reaping the benefits of an enlightened statesmanship, in securing to their citizens the advantages of extensive Inland Navigation.

How far these general remarks apply to this particular case, your long and intimate acquaintance with the condition of that part of the Province, will enable you the better to judge.

The lands which I saw on the southwesterly shore of the Lake, for several miles from

from St. Peters, are capable of being highly cultivated, and of sustaining a dense population. The means for promoting such cultivation seem to be abundant, particularly Lime, which is now so extensively used for agricultural purposes with great benefit.

The opening of a convenient navigation between the Bras d'Or Lake and Saint Peters Bay, can hardly fail to invite to the shores of this Lake a better class of citizens than could be expected without it. It must give additional value to *all* the land bordering on this vast Inland Sea. It will also invite the use of steam in navigating the Lake, and also coastwise to Halifax, securing greater celerity and frequency of the Mails, and thereby stimulate agriculture and trade, the effects of which will be felt at your largest commercial cities, and by a reflex and reciprocal influence, benefit almost every part of the province.

Various other advantages, in a political point of view, will be felt, which I will not presume to mention, but will now proceed to discuss the other questions which are more directly connected with my profession.

2. Is a Canal Practicable?

Under this head may be stated a description, in a few words, of the line as staked out, and the present condition of the work; and also what has been done to ascertain the practicability of the work.

The distance from shore to shore is about 2,400 feet, and the deepest cutting required to make a Canal with 13 feet water, at ordinary low water in the Bras d'Or Lake, is about 74 feet. The line is located on the westerly side of, and nearly parallel with, a steep and high hill, somewhat irregular in its outline, with a surface inclined at an angle of about 30 degrees, or say one foot vertical to two feet horizontal.

On the westerly side of the line, the ground rises gently for a distance of two to three hundred feet from the Canal, and then falls off gently towards the west, thus forming a dividing ridge which turns the surface water away from the Canal.

The excavation has been commenced along nearly the whole length of the Canal, from shore to shore. At the Bras d'Or Lake end it was commenced at fifteen feet above Canal bottom, and continued in a regularly ascending grade, a distance of about 400 feet, where it reached a level of 30 feet above Canal bottom. At this point the Contractor was at work on a breast of about twelve feet, making the top of the ground, at the breastwork, 42 feet above Canal bottom. From this point the excavation has been carried along, slightly ascending for a distance of several hundred feet, to near the middle of the Isthmus, where it reached about 50 feet above Canal bottom; thence toward St. Peters, the excavation has been wrought in a similar manner, gradually descending towards the Bay, with a breast of 12 feet perpendicular height, at a point about 700 feet from the shore. At the foot of this breast the surface is 30 feet above Canal bottom, and the excavation has been carried thence about 300 feet toward the Bay, gradually descending to the natural surface of the ground, at about 18 feet above Canal bottom. A portion of the side cuttings have been sloped, others are left nearly perpendicular.

For greater convenience, in the further description of the work, reference will be made to the accompanying map, which is a copy from the map made by the resident Engineer, and used in staking out the work.

The excavations already made have been of a very uniform character, the materials being almost entirely a hard tenacious clay and gravel intermixed, with various sized stones, from the size of gravel up to a few scattering large boulders, of half a ton weight.

The total amount of excavations made to September 1st, 1856, appears to have been as follows:

1. Under the Commissioners, previous to the Contract of } John McLeod,	12,266	C. yds.
2. By John McLeod in 1855,	39,600	"
3. By John McLeod in 1856, to September 1st,	17,850	"
	69,716	C. yds.

These excavations have laid the rock bare in several places, and have also opened several springs of water. At K 2×35 links the rock appears at about 21 feet above Canal bottom, extending from the centre line to the east side of the cutting, and rising one foot in five feet from west to east. Mr. G. T. Handley says there used to be a beautiful spring of water coming out at the top of the ground near the centre line at this point before the Canal was commenced, and that it was the only spring that shewed itself north of the middle of the Isthmus. The ground was then 28 feet above Canal bottom, where it discharged itself, and about 15 feet above the surface of the Lake.

There is now a spring in the bottom of the excavation at K 4, about 30 feet east of the centre line, which comes out 25 feet above Canal bottom. This is probably the same spring that discharged itself at K 2, before the excavations were made; it discharged one gallon in four minutes, boiling up in several small holes with such force as to move fine particles of sand at the mouth.

Water sweats out of the east side of the cutting from A to A×50 links, and gathers into a running stream, discharging one gallon in 8 minutes. It softens the earth and causes it to slough off, as the bank now stands, nearly perpendicular. Several small springs appear at the foot of the excavations on the east side of the cut, from A 3 to B 2, which discharge altogether one gallon in 73 seconds. This is all the water, running towards the Lake, that appeared in the excavations, amounting in the aggregate to only one gallon in 50 seconds.

At A 4 the rock appears at the bottom of the cutting, 41 feet above Canal bottom, and at a point 26 feet east of the centre line. This rock ascends towards the east, at an angle of about 40 degrees, forming a part of the adjacent high hill.

Another point of rock juts out into the Canal at B 1×30 links, to within 19 feet of the centre line, at 48 feet above Canal bottom; this also rises towards the east, at the same angle, and runs into the same hill.

Water shows itself at only two places on the southerly or Bay side of the Isthmus, one at the east side of the excavation, at D 1×50 links, where it runs out clear at 31 feet above Canal bottom, and discharges one gallon in 42 seconds; the other, at the west side of the excavation, near D 3, which discharged only one gallon in 30 minutes, this last was the only indication of water coming into the cut from the westerly side of the Canal.

It was next ascertained by test pits, dug outside of the present excavations, that the rock on the easterly side of the Canal lies near the surface of the ground, for about two-thirds of the distance from shore to shore; other test pits mentioned below, show, that in all probability, there is no rock within reach of the Canal on the remaining one-third of the distance, and also, that there is no rock near the line on the westerly side, except what extends across the Canal at the middle of the Isthmus.

The examinations thus strongly indicated the entire feasibility of the work; still, in order to place this question beyond any reasonable doubt, it was decided to excavate three test pits, near the centre line, at such points as would be likely to show whether any treacherous, or doubtful materials, would be encountered in carrying the excavations down to Canal bottom; these excavations were made after I left under the supervision of the resident Engineer, whose report is copied nearly verbatim below:

“ Test

“ Test pit No. 1 is near the Bras d’Or Lake at K, $\times 70$ links and 26 feet west of the centre of Canal, surface of ground stood $15\frac{1}{2}$ feet above bottom of Canal. At $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet above bottom, comes in a spring from the south running a gallon in 35 seconds. The spring comes in on the top of a decomposed rock, which projected into the pit some two feet; whether a boulder or rock in place, could not certainly be told, it is of the same character as the rock shown by the excavations in the middle of the Canal. The spring ran in perfectly clear and as if out of a pipe, bringing no material or earth tinge with it; it was pure and delicious to drink. At $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet above bottom, the soil was somewhat mixed with a vein of clear gravel about six inches thick. At $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet above bottom discontinued the excavation as the water made it very inconvenient, sounded the remaining $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet with the iron rod, and at the bottom of Canal or 2 inches below it, struck something quite hard, I think a soft rock. The impression produced on my mind was, that we had come to the irregular and partially decomposed rock, which, as we see elsewhere, lies on the top of the solid rock. The soil throughout (with the exception of the layer of gravelly clay above mentioned) was precisely similar to the stony clay above in the excavations.”

Pit No. 2, at K 5×60 links, and 7 west of the centre of Canal. The surface of the ground as left by the contractor, stood 27.5 feet above bottom of Canal. At $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet above bottom, a weak spring came in from the south, running a gallon in perhaps two or three minutes or more. At $4\frac{3}{4}$ feet above bottom, came to solid rock in irregular masses but covering the whole pit, say 8 feet by 5 feet, so that I think it may safely be considered the rock in place. Some little more water bubbles up from the crevices of the rock under foot, the spring above mentioned was so close to the rock that it did not bring in any earthy matter. “ The soil from top to bottom was of precisely the same character as the stony clay in the excavations above, and was as “ dry as a bone” until we struck the spring above mentioned. The surface of the rock, though irregular, might be considered about level.”

“ Pit No. 3 at D 2×65 links, and 10 feet west of the centre line of Canal, surface as left by the contractor’s excavation, stood 26 feet above bottom of Canal. At 3 feet above bottom, struck a spring coming in from the north running a gallon in 45 seconds. This spring was of perfectly pure cold water, delicious for drinking, and was not at all discolored by any earthy matter. It spirted out several inches from the side of the pit, exactly as if from a gimblet hole in a cask. I carried the pit down one foot lower, or to two feet above bottom of Canal, when (as Saturday night came on and there would have been considerable expense to get out the water, and commence digging again on Monday morning) there appearing to be no change whatever in the character of the soil, I discontinued the excavation. The soil consisted throughout of the same hard clay, mixed with small stones, which appear in the excavations above, and the pit was as *dry as a flour barrel*, all the way down till we struck the above spring. The spring came out from the pure clay, and there was no appearance of rock at all, nor any indication that we were approaching it.”

By referring to Captain Barry’s report and diagrams, it will be seen that he bored at near E 3, considerably below Canal bottom, and found nothing but pure clay.

It will be observed that pits No. 1 and 2 are on the lake side of the Isthmus, and that the springs came into both from the south, clearly indicating that the same were fed by the water that naturally follows down upon the surface of the rock that appears on the south-easterly side of the Canal, consequently there need be no fears of encountering any great difficulty from water on any part of the work from the Lake to C 3.

The other pit was located at a point which it was believed would show the worst feature on the remaining distance, particularly as regards the destructive effects of water coming in near the bottom of the excavations.

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ST. PETERS CANAL.

The results may therefore be considered as placing the practicability of making a Canal from shore to shore beyond any reasonable doubt, and also as demonstrating clearly that it will be a permanent work, requiring but a trifling annual expense to keep it in perfect order.

In order to ascertain as far as possible the kind of materials to be excavated under water at each end, soundings were made with a sharp iron rod near the centre line of the Canal. The rod was churned up and down by three men so long as it could be withdrawn. The following Table shows the result in the Lake :

Distance from Shore.	Depth of water.		Depth below the water		Remarks.
	feet.	ichs.	feet.	inches.	
40 feet.	2	0	5	8	Hard clay and gravel.
60 "	3	6	3	6	" "
80 "	3	10	6	9	Softer clay and gravel.
100 "	6	4	2	9	Sand and gravel, appeared to strike on rock.
100 " & 10 ft. east.	6	6	2	6	" " "
120 "	7	10	4	4	Mud, Clay, and gravel, appeared to strike on rock.
150 "	13	0	0	0	

Like soundings were made in the Bay, with the following results :—

Distance from Shore.	Depth of water.		Depth below the water.		Remarks.
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	
30 feet.	2	0	4	0	Sand and gravel.
50 "	2	6	3	6	" "
80 "	4	0	4	0	" "
110 "	5	0	5	0	" "
150 "	6	0	6	6	Mud, sand, and gravel.
200 "	8	0	7	0	" " "
300 "	15	0	0	0	" " "

These soundings were taken on the 5th day of September, at which time the resident Engineer considered the water in the Lake to be, at ordinary low water, and in the Bay, 2 feet above ordinary low water. They indicate that some rock would be encountered in the underwater excavations in the Lake on the line as now staked out; but the test-pit No. 1 shows clearly the limit of that rock, and as clearly points out the way to escape it. Test-pit No. 3, and the borings made by Capt. Barry, near the shore of the Bay, are indications that no rock will be encountered at the
underwater

underwater excavations in the Bay; and this conclusion is strongly confirmed by the conformation of the surrounding grounds.

The material in both cases appears to have sufficient tenacity to retain its position after the channel shall have been excavated. This part, therefore, may be considered quite as practicable as making the Canal from shore to shore.

The only mechanical structures required will be one Lift-Lock, one set of Stop Gates near the Lake, and one road Bridge. The foundation of the Lock will be in clay, and the Gate in rock—both of which are good foundations for such structures. There is plenty of good limestone near at hand for all the masonry that may be required.

The whole work is, therefore, every way practicable, and, I think, more than ordinarily free from the casualties that are usually encountered in such deep cuttings and underwater excavations.

3. Is a Canal the best method of opening such a communication?

The only other system that has been successfully used for passing water craft from one level to another, is that of Inclined Planes. I am perfectly familiar with the whole history of this system, and also with the cost of constructing and operating such Planes, and do not hesitate to say that such a method would be *applicable* in this case, and *might* be successfully used. It would, however, have to be operated by steam power, and that would require an annual expense, which, with the expense of perpetuating the machinery, would far exceed the annual interest upon any saving of cost in the first construction of such a work, as compared with a Canal. There cannot, therefore, be any doubt as to which method should have the preference in this case.

4. Is the line as now located the best one for a Canal?

The configuration of country at the Isthmus clearly points out two routes, and only two, as any way practicable: the one, as now located, and the other at the route referred to in Capt. Barry's report, and estimated upon by Mr. Fairbanks.

In some respects, the last mentioned route would have been likely, at first view, to strike one favourably, particularly the fact that it presented a lower summit, and little or no rock excavation. A mere cursory view convinced me, that however it may have been originally, it would now require *more* excavation than will be required to complete the Canal on the route adopted. Its entrance into St. Peters' Bay would certainly be more exposed, and consequently more expensive to make and maintain, than the entrance of the other route.

A still more forbidding aspect, in reference to this route, appears in the broad ascending slope of the ground to the westward of it, and the very considerable distance of the line from the rock on the east side, clearly indicating that there would be a large amount of water to contend with in the lower excavations, and probably in a formation that could not resist the destructive effects of such a discharge of water, even during the construction of the Canal.

It is therefore probable that the route selected is, all things considered, the best that could have been adopted. The only variation which I propose from the line as now staked out, may be seen by the dotted line on the accompanying map. This variation has been suggested by the borings, soundings, and test-pits already made, and it is not unlikely that some further variations may be required in prosecuting the work. The excavations should be made next to the rock first, so as to ascertain its precise location, and then the centre line may be so arranged as to give the best and most permanent structure, at the least expense. This can be done only by the superintending Engineer as the work progresses.

5. The cost of the Canal, with 22 feet width on bottom, and a lock 22 feet in the clear.

It is estimated that there will be required to complete such a Canal, from shore to shore, 191,683 cubic yards of earth excavation; also 28,533 cubic yards of rock excavation. I estimate the average cost of the earth at (35c.) 1s. 9d. per yard, and of the rock at (100c.) 5s. per yard.

Assuming these prices to be relatively correct, I have placed on the map three cross sections of a cutting 60 feet deep, for the purpose of showing at a glance the comparative cost of rock and earth excavations for such a work. These sections are marked A, B, C,—A representing 25 feet of earth on top and 35 feet of rock in the bottom, being the most economical division of earth and rock; B representing all earth, and C representing all rock.

In one foot length of Canal prism, A would have—		
73.29 c. yards earth, at 35c.	=	\$25.65
36.09 c. yards rock, at 100c.	=	36.09
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	Making,	\$61.74
B would have—266.11 c. yards, at 35c.,	=	\$93.14
C would have— 77.77 c. yards, at 100c.,	=	77.77

This shows clearly the advantages in the first cost of having rock in the bottom wherever the cutting exceeds 25 feet in depth. A still stronger reason in its favour is found in the increased security of the work from the greater stability of the material.

It is proper to state that the estimate of the Lock masonry is based on the plan of making the face-work of cut limestone, dressed to what is called one quarter inch joints—i. e., so that the mortar between the stones shall not exceed an average of one quarter of an inch thick over the whole surface, all to be laid in mortar, made of hydraulic cement, of a good quality. The backing to be good solid masonry, laid in mortar made of part lime and part hydraulic cement. All to be well bonded together by large stones reaching through the wall. The Lock is estimated at 122 feet length of chamber, between the quoins. I have estimated the average cost of the Lock walls at £1 15s. per cubic yard, and the average cost of the underwater excavations at 5s. per cubic yard.

Bringing together the several items, we have—			
191,683 c. yards earth excavation, at 1s. 9d.,	£16,772	5	3
28,533 c. yards rock " at 5s.,	7,133	5	0
4,754 c. ys. under water " at 5s.,	1,188	10	0
Litt-Lock complete, with tide gates,	4,625	0	0
Guard Gates,	500	0	0
Swing Bridge,	250	0	0
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	£30,469	0	3
Add for contingencies,	3,530	19	9
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Total,	£34,000	0	0

If there had been no rock excavation, the amount would have been swelled to 376,753 cubic yards, from shore to shore, which, at 1s. 9d. per yard, would be £32,965 12s. 9d. instead of £23,905 10s. 3d., as above stated.

6. Additional cost to make the Canal bottom 25 feet wide, and the Lock 25 feet in the clear.

I estimate this item as follows:—

11,601 c. yards of earth excavation, at 1s. 9d.,	£1,015	1	9
1,859 c. yards of rock " at 5s.,	464	15	0
Widening Lock,	112	10	0
Do. Guard Gates,	25	0	0
Lengthening Swing Bridge,	12	10	0
Contingencies, say	170	3	3
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Making,	£1800	0	0

If the Canal should be made with bottom 25 feet wide, and the Lock 25 feet in the clear, the Lock ought to be made 140 feet long in the chamber. This would add to the above £450, making the total amount under this head £2,250, and the total cost of the canal and fixtures complete, with 25 feet width of lock and of Canal bottom, £36,250.

7. Length of time required to do the work.

I see no reason why the work may not be completed in two full years from the time of commencing it; and I do not think it can be done economically in less than two years.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Some other facts were obtained which have more or less bearing upon the work in question, and which are stated below.

1. Difference of high and lower water in the Lake is $3 \frac{23}{100}$ feet, as given by Mr. Folson, who obtained it by getting persons to show certain marks which they have preserved from memory, the high water being in time of wet weather with an easterly storm, and low water in time of extreme drouth with westerly winds.

2. Difference of high and low water in St. Peters' Bay obtained in the same way was $8 \frac{93}{100}$ feet.

3. Ordinary spring tides in the Bay as obtained by actual observations made by Mr. Folson, being an average of several observations taken in August and September, 1855, showed a difference of $5 \frac{90}{100}$ feet between high and low water.

4. The following soundings were made by George T. Handley in the Lake, on the ice, March 7, 1852, commencing at the shore at the Canal, and extending to Campbell's Island:—

Station.	Distance.	Water depth.
1	100 feet.	3 feet.
2	100 "	15 "
3	100 "	26 "
4	100 "	35 "
5	100 "	44 "
6	100 "	39 "
7	100 "	32 "
8	100 "	16 "
9	100 "	11 "
10	80 "	
	980 feet from shore to shore.	

ST. PETERS CANAL.

5. An account of the Tides in the Bras d'Or Lake, furnished by Mr. G. Handley, of Halifax, from a Record, dated November and December, 1839, showing the highest and lowest in each 24 hours :—

1839. November.	High Water.		Low Water.		Difference.
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	
20	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
21	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
22	1	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{3}{4}$
23	1	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	10	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
24	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2
25	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
26	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
27	0	8	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
28	0	7	0	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
29	0	6	0	3	3
30	0	7	0	5	2
December 1	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	6	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
3	0	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	0	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	4	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
5	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
6	0	9	0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
7	0	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
8	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
9	0	7	0	4	3
10	0	8	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
11	0	11	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
12	1	2	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
13	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
14	1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
15	1	6	1	1	5
16	1	5	1	4	1
17	2	2	1	11	3
18	1	9	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
19	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
20	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	10	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
21	1	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	5
22	1	5	1	1	4

6. An Account of the Tides in St. Peters Bay, furnished by Mr. G. Handley, taken in the same manner as those in the Bras d'Or Lake:—

1839.	High Water.		Low Water.		Difference.	
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.
November 20	8	4½	2	8½	5	8
21	6	11	0	10	6	1
22	6	4	0	6	5	10
23	5	6	0	5	5	1
24	5	½	0	5	4	11½
25	4	11	0	11½	3	11½
26	5	5	0	0	0	0
27	4	3½	1	2½	3	1
28	4	1	1	9	2	4
29	4	5½	1	7	2	10½
30	4	9½	1	10½	2	11½
December 1	3	6	1	3½	2	2½
2	4	11½	1	9½	3	2
3	0	0	1	3	0	0
4	0	0	1	3½	0	0
5	4	11	1	4½	3	6¾
6	5	1	1	4	3	9
7	4	10½	1	3½	3	7½
8	5	2½	1	4	3	10½
9	4	11½	1	4½	3	7
10	5	1½	1	7	3	6½
11	5	2	1	11	3	3
12	5	2	0	0	0	0
18	5	6	2	5½	3	½
14	5	3½	1	7	3	8½
15	5	1½	1	9	3	4½
16	6	3	2	1¾	4	1½
17	6	5	2	2½	4	2½
18	6	4	1	3½	5	1½
19	6	5¾	1	0¼	5	5½
20	5	8½	0	10	4	10½
21	6	½	0	10	5	2½
22	5	10	0	9	5	½

The following Table of Dimensions of Coasters was obtained from the Captains of the Vessels in the Harbor of Halifax, on the 10th of September, 1856 :—

NAME.	Kind of Vessel.	Length of Keel.	Breadth of Beam.		Depth of Water loaded		Measurement.	Remarks.
			feet.	inch.	feet.	inch.		
Fanny, of Sydney,	Shallop.	52	19	0	9	0	41 old.	Ordinary size. Landing Coal.
Catharine, of Sydney,	Schooner.	52	19	0	9	4	65 new.	Landing Fish. Will carry 90 tons.
Quickstep, of Halifax,	Schooner.	75	22	6	10	0	85 "	Loading with Fish for West Indies.
Mary Ann, do.	Brigantine.	72	23	2	11	6	125 old.	} Called a large sized Collier, carries 140 chaldrons of Sydney Coal; say 200 tons.
Rosalie, of Windsor,	Brigantine.	71	22	0	12	0	122 new.	Largest sized Brigantine, carries 180 tons cargo.
Susan, of Halifax,	Schooner.	63	21	6	10	0	74 "	Small Coaster, landing Sydney Coal, carries 96 chaldrons.
Eclipse, of Sydney,	Brig.	86	23	6	11	6	137 "	} Largest class of Coasters, except French, landing Sydney Coal, carries 160 chaldrons.
Dima, of Halifax,	Schooner.	73	24	0	10	6	110 "	} Largest class Coasting Schooner, landing Sydney Coal, carries 130 chaldrons.
Ospray,	Steamor.	122	22	9	12	6	350 "	Runs between Halifax and Newfoundland.

It is evident from the last Table, that a Lock of 22 feet in the clear and 122 feet long, will accommodate a large class of the coasters now in use ; still it ought to be borne in mind that already there are some that could not pass through such a lock ; also, that the tendency of the times is to increased burden of vessels, and particularly so in reference to those that are propelled by steam.

Very respectfully,

W. H. TALCOTT, C. E.

Jersey City, Nov. 17th, 1856.

FOREIGN TRADE.

(Copy.)

No 55.

Downing Street, July 15, 1856.

Sir—

The Treaty of 1854, commonly known as the Reciprocity Treaty between Great Britain and the United States, was concluded under circumstances of political exigency, with the immediate object of terminating questions in dispute as to rights of Fishery, and at the same time with the desire on the part of the British Government to secure Commercial advantages for the British North American Provinces.

At the time when the Treaty was concluded many of the articles enumerated in the Treaty were subject to duty in the North American Colonies equally when brought from Great Britain, the British Colonies, and from Foreign Countries, so that the immediate effect of the Treaty was to establish differential duties on such of the enumerated articles as were before subject to duty to the disadvantage of the United Kingdom and the British Colonies, as well as of Foreign Countries. To meet this, in some measure, special provision has been made in Colonial Acts. Thus, in Newfoundland, the Governor is authorized by Proclamation to declare some of the articles enumerated to be admissible duty free when the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or of the British North American Colonies and others of them, to be so, only when the produce of the latter Colonies.

By an Act 15th Vict. Cap 2, passed in contemplation of the Reciprocity Treaty, but before its conclusion, the Governor of Nova Scotia is authorized to declare by Proclamation, that articles being the produce of any Foreign Nation entitled to trade with Nova Scotia on the same terms as the United States, shall be free from duty in Nova Scotia if the same articles are free when the produce of the United States, and the wording of the Section seems to imply that this proviso is to come into force for Countries which shall admit any of the enumerated Articles duty free and is not restricted to those Countries which shall admit them all.

Other modifications have been made in the Tariffs of the North American Provinces, which go far to remove any practical inconvenience which might have arisen under the operation of the Treaty, still it must be admitted that so long as any articles are admitted duty free from the United States, which are subject to duty when the produce of the United Kingdom, the British Colonies, or other Foreign Countries,—this Treaty clashes with the provisions of several existing Commercial Treaties with other Countries, while at the same time it presents an exception to the whole course of recent
Legislation

Legislation, a state of things which certainly tends to encourage other propositions equally at variance with economical principles, such for instance as that which has been put forward for the mutual abolition of duties between the West Indies and the North American Provinces.

All the accessible Documents in this office, and especially the Customs Returns for the North American Provinces, have been examined with a view to discover what actual amount of duty would be sacrificed in the North American Provinces by completely abolishing the duties upon all the articles enumerated in the Treaty, from whatever County imported. But owing to the incompleteness of the available information it is not possible to arrive at perfectly accurate results. It is, however, most probable, that in nearly every instance the operation of the Treaty has been to greatly diminish, if not to put an end to, the import of the enumerated Articles from places other than the United States, so that any estimate of the loss which might follow from the complete opening of Trade in the enumerated articles, derived from the returns of Imports before the Treaty came into complete operation, are probably much in excess of the truth.

The estimated loss in Nova Scotia would appear from the following Statement to be about £606 per annum, arising almost exclusively from giving up the duties on Fruit. On the aggregate amount of the Customs duties, which in 1854 exceeded £100,000, this loss is not more than £6 per £1,000.

Articles imported.	United Kingdom and British Colonies.	Foreign countries, excluding U. States.	Total.
Butter,		10 0 0	10 0 0
Wheat Flour,		8 10 0	8 10 0
Fruit (about)	110 0 0	470 0 0	580 0 0
Pork,	7 10 0		7 10 0
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	117 10 0	488 10 0	606 0 0

With regard to the most considerable item in the preceding statement, viz., that of dried and preserved Fruits, it may be assumed that the terms of the Treaty which admit these duty free only when the produce of the United States, do not in fact interfere with Imports from other Countries, or from the United Kingdom, of articles which are not exported to any great extent from the United States; but it seems probable, that since the Treaty the Imports of the other articles named from Foreign Countries, other than the United States, must have nearly ceased.

Her Majesty's Government, therefore, think that little inconvenience could arise from the opening, to all the world, the trade with Nova Scotia in the articles which are made free of duty when imported from and the produce of the United States. I have accordingly to request that you will consult your Executive Council on this subject, and report to me your opinion upon the expediency of announcing to the Provincial Parliament the views entertained upon it by Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Nova-Scotia.

At a Council held at the Government House, on the 14th day of August, 1856.

P R E S E N T—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&c. &c. &c.

Read a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to His Excellency, referring to the Trade of this Province with other Countries than the United States, in connexion with the Reciprocity Treaty, and submitting to His Excellency and the Council "that little inconvenience would arise from the opening to all the world the Trade with Nova Scotia in the articles which are made free of duty when imported from, and the produce of, the United States."

The same is reserved for future consideration, and ordered that the matter be brought before the Legislature in the ensuing Session.

(Copy.)

No. 84.—(Executive.)

Government House, Halifax, September 2, 1856.

SIR—

I have submitted to my Executive Council, your Despatch of the 15th July last, No. 55, on the operation of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854, and will take care that the views of Her Majesty's Government, expressed therein, shall be brought before the Legislature of this Province in the next ensuing Session.

The anomalies arising out of the Treaty did not escape the attention of this Government at the time it was concluded, and it would doubtless be desirable that they should be corrected.

At the same time, disinclination may exist to open the Ports of this Province to the articles enumerated in the Treaty, duty free, from Countries, which are not proposed to grant corresponding privileges to its productions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable HENRY LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

MILITARY—WINES DUTIES.

(Copy.)

No. 67.

Downing Street, 5th September, 1856.

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith the copy of a Letter and Enclosures, from the War Department, on the subject of granting an allowance to the Officers of Her Majesty's Regiments stationed in Nova Scotia, as an equivalent for the Duties on Foreign Wines, or of exempting from duty Wines imported for the Regimental Messes of the Officers. I request that you will bring this subject under the notice of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, by whom I shall be very glad if it shall be favorably considered, and that you will report to me the results.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut.-Governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c.

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 30th July, 1856.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to forward two Letters from the Officers commanding the 62nd and 63rd Regiments at Halifax, requesting that an allowance of £25 per annum may be granted to each Company of their respective Corps, in order to assist in defraying the Duties imposed on all Wines that are imported into these Colonies for the Regimental Messes.

The prices of all Articles and Provisions necessary for the comfort and position of an Officer in these Provinces, have risen to such an extraordinary extent, that at the end of each year the amount of Messing, with every economy, is far greater than what is usually paid at home.

When, therefore, your Lordship is pleased to take into consideration the extra expense incurred by the duties and transport on all Wines imported for the use of Officers, in which the Legislature of this Province refuse to afford the slightest assistance, I beg to recommend the enclosed applications to your Lordship's favourable decision, being an advantage similar to that enjoyed by all Regiments in Home Service.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

Major Gen'l. Commanding.

The Right Honorable

The Secretary of State for War, War Department,
&c. &c. &c.*Halifax,*

Halifax, Nova Scotia, 19th July, 1856.

SIR—

The Legislature of this Province having taken away the privilege formerly enjoyed by the Officers of the Army stationed here, of importing Wines and Spirits duty free, I have the honor to submit for your favorable consideration, that an allowance of Twenty-five Pounds per year for each Company of a Regiment be granted, as is the case in Great Britain and on certain Stations.

I have, &c.

(Signed) E. RAWLEY HILL,
Col. and Lt. Col. Comm'dg. 63rd Regt.

The Right Honorable

The Secretary of State for War, &c. &c. &c.

SIR—

Halifax, July 29th, 1856.

In consequence of the annual allowance which was formerly granted by the Legislature of this Province as an equivalent for the Duties paid by Officers on the importation of Wine having been stopped for some years past, the expense of Wine which has been imported from England, is, after paying the freight, insurance, and duty, as great as it is in England, which prevents many Officers from drinking a moderate quantity daily. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that should it meet with the Major General's approval, that application may be made to the Secretary at War to grant the 62nd Regiment the Regent's allowance when serving in Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. DAUBENEY,
Lt. Col. Comm'dg. 62nd Regt.

To the Assistant Military Secretary, &c. &c., Halifax.

No. 86045—39.

War Department, 30th August, 1856.

SIR—

I am directed by the Secretary of State to acquaint you that a Letter has been received from Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, commanding at Halifax, Nova Scotia, forwarding the enclosed applications from the Officers commanding the 62nd and 63rd Foot, in which it is represented to his Lordship that the Provincial Legislature of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, have discontinued for several years the allowance which was formerly granted to Officers as an equivalent for the heavy duties on Foreign Wines imported from England for the use of Regimental Messes, and with reference to the communication from Earl Grey, dated the 19th October, 1850, forwarding a copy of a Despatch from the Governor of Canada, and an extract of an Act passed by the Provincial Parliament in that Colony, exempting from duty Wines imported for the use of Officers' Messes, and Military Clothing, provided such regulations as the Governor in Council shall make for the purpose of preventing fraud or abuse under pretext of such exemption from duty be complied with, and not otherwise.

I have to signify to you his Lordship's request that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies will be pleased to urge upon the Colonial Legislature of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, the necessity of continuing the before mentioned allowance, or exempting from duty Wines imported for the use of Officers' Messes within that command.

I have, &c.

H. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c.

G. C. MUNDY.

MILITARY DEFENCES.

(Copy.)

No. 57.

Downing Street, 18th July, 1856.

SIR—

Lord Panmure has communicated to me your Despatch of the 8th of May, enclosing the Report of the Commission appointed by his Lordship to enquire into the state of the Defences of Halifax. Instructions have been given to the Inspector General of Fortifications to specify the Works which he would recommend to be undertaken progressively for the repair and improvement of the existing Defences, so as to prevent the enemy from occupying the North side, and so bombarding the Town and Harbour,—together with the probable expense which such Works would occasion. It therefore only remains for me to observe, that while Her Majesty's Government are prepared to afford such Naval protection as may be necessary, they look to the Local Government to contribute largely in constructing such Defences on Land as may be deemed requisite.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lt. Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c.,
Nova Scotia.

At a Council held at the Government House, on the 14th day of August, 1856.

PRESENT—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&c. &c. &c.

Read a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 18th July last, to His Excellency, stating the measures designed to be adopted by the Imperial Government to strengthen the Fortifications of Halifax, and their intention to provide Naval protection, but intimating that they look to the Local Authorities to contribute largely in constructing such Defences on Land as may be deemed requisite.

Ordered that the same be submitted to the Legislature in the next session.

No. 83.—(Executive.)

Government House, Halifax, 1st September, 1856.

SIR—

Referring to your Despatch, No. 57, of the 18th July last, apprising me of the Instructions that had been given to the Inspector General of Fortifications, relative to specifying the best mode of repairing and improving the existing Defences of Halifax, and to ascertaining the probable expense which such Works would occasion,—communicating also the readiness of Her Majesty's Government to afford such Naval protection

protection as may be necessary, as well as the expectation entertained by them that the Local Government will contribute largely in constructing such Defences on Land as seem to be required,—I have the honor to inform you that the Despatch has been under my consideration in Council, and that the particular attention of the Legislature shall be called to the subject of it in the next ensuing Session.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Hon. HENRY LABOUCHERE, &c. &c.

No. 96.—(Military.)

Government House, Halifax, 29th Novr., 1856.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 15th October last, transmitting for my information and guidance copy of a Letter addressed to your Department by desire of Lord Panmure, enclosing extract of a Report received from the Lieutenant General commanding the Troops in the British North American Provinces, respecting the Ordnance Lands situated in New Brunswick, and instructing me to cause the necessary arrangements to be made with a view to the proposed enquiry, in accordance with the desire expressed in Mr. Peel's Letter.

The duties of Mr. Ince, the Commissioner appointed by me, with the sanction of Lord Panmure, extend to New Brunswick as well as to Newfoundland, both of which Provinces it will be necessary for him to visit personally.

New Brunswick will be the sphere of his inspection and investigation in the ensuing year, and I shall not fail to direct his particular attention to the subject thus brought to my notice; and it will of course be my duty to transmit his Report to Lord Panmure, with such observations upon it as it may suggest.

In the meantime I can assure his Lordship that, although Sir William Eyre seems to have been under contrary impressions, there exists upon the part of the Civil functionaries in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, a sincere desire to aid the Military Authorities in protecting Ordnance property, and that the Colonial Legislatures in these Provinces have ever evinced a perfect willingness to promote that object by Legislative enactments.

The provisions already made will be found, if vigorously acted up to and enforced, to be sufficient for that purpose; but whether any instrumentality may be necessary more effectually to co-operate with the Chief Officer of the Engineers in furtherance of that object, is a subject that I have now under consideration, and on which I will communicate with Lord Panmure hereafter.

In cases where the ejectment of "squatters" from Crown Lands has hitherto failed to be maintained, it has arisen less from a deficiency in the Law than from the failure on the part of the Ordnance to shew proper title to the Land.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Memorandum prepared by the Attorney General on the subject of Mr. Peel's letter to Mr. Merivale, and I beg leave to add that I entirely concur in it.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c.

Memorandum on Mr. Peel's Letter to Mr. Merivale, of 7th October, 1856, enclosing an extract from Lieut. General Sir W. Eyre, of 9th Sept., 1856.

By an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, passed in 1843, all such Lands and Tenements as had at various times been set apart for Military Defence, or which had at various times been purchased for the use of the Ordnance Department or Military Defence, or had been used or occupied for those services by whatever mode of conveyance the same should have been so purchased or taken, are vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in Great Britain for the time being, and their successors in the said office. A power of sale under certain conditions is recited in the Act, and the second section extends the same principle to subsequent acquisitions.

Under this Act the title to all the Ordnance Lands in this Province passed to the Principal Officer in Great Britain, and no practical or legal difficulty has hitherto been felt in protecting or enforcing the title or in resisting encroachment.

If it be thought desirable to vest these Lands in the Minister of the War Department, and his successors in office, as suggested by General Eyre for New Brunswick, I have no doubt that an Act of this Province could be obtained for that purpose.

The ungranted Crown Lands of Nova Scotia stand upon a wholly different footing; and by the Civil List Act of 1849, which continues in force till eighteen months after the demise of Her present Majesty, the net proceeds of all grants, sales, or leases, of such Lands, after deducting the necessary expenses of managing the same, are paid into the Provincial Treasury.

In effect, the disposal, management and proceeds of such Lands belong, under that Act, to the Government and Legislature of the Province, but the Act in no way touches or affects the Ordnance Lands.

(Signed)

W. YOUNG,

Atty. General.

To His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, &c. &c.

Halifax, 10th Novr., 1856.

P. S.—I may add that if the Principal Officers of the Ordnance in Great Britain are no longer recognized as a distinct body, but have merged in the War Department, it seems very advisable to transfer the title of the Ordnance Lands by an Act of our Legislature.

I may also remark that our Law gives ample powers of punishing and removing "squatters" on the Crown Lands, though such powers are seldom exercised.

W. Y.

CAPE RACE LIGHT HOUSE.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, September 1, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to those Clauses of the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act of 1855, which provide for levying Tolls for the erection and maintenance of Light Houses in the British Possessions abroad, I have to request that you will furnish me with a Report of the number and tonnage of vessels arriving at, or departing from, Ports in the Colony under your Government, which, in the course of their voyages, pass near enough to Cape Race to derive benefit from the Light to be there erected.

In making this Return, it is desirable to distinguish between vessels which are proceeding to, or arriving from, Ports in the United Kingdom,—vessels proceeding to, or arriving from, Ports in the British Colonies,—and vessels proceeding to, or arriving from, Ports in Foreign Countries.

It will also be desirable that you should supply any further information which may throw light on the amount of Revenue to be expected from this source. You will further report to me whether you apprehend any objection on the part of the Colonial Legislature to take such steps as are necessary, under the Act, for the purpose of levying the tolls in the respective Ports; and whether there are, in your opinion, any other objections or difficulties, and whether you have any suggestions to offer on the subject of the proposed mode of raising the necessary Revenue.

I have, &c.,

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut.-Governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c., Nova-Scotia.

No. 59.

Downing Street, 23rd July, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to Sir William Molesworth's Circular Despatch of the 1st of September last, I transmit for your information and guidance a copy of a Letter from the Board of Trade, enclosing the Draft of an Order in Council, imposing a Toll upon certain Ships that will derive benefit from the Light House on Cape Race.

You will observe that the toll which it is intended to impose can only be levied upon certain classes of vessels with the consent and aid of the Local Governments; but I cannot doubt that the respective Provinces interested in the maintenance of the Light will cheerfully co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in giving effect to the proposed measure. You will therefore bring the subject under the early consideration of your Council, and you will transmit to me full information on the several points adverted to in the Letter from the Board of Trade, so far as the Colony under your government is concerned.

I have, &c.,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut.-Governor of Nova Scotia.

Office

*Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, July 9, 1856.*

SIR—

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to transmit to you, for the consideration of Mr. Secretary Labouchere, the enclosed copy of a Draft Order in Council, imposing a toll upon certain ships that will derive benefit from the Light House upon Cape Race, Newfoundland.

The toll is to be levied under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Amendment Act, 1855, (18 and 19 Victoria, Cap. 91,) which empowers Her Majesty in Council to impose a toll in respect of any new Light House erected in or near the coasts of any British Possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative Authority of such place. My Lords calculate that the cost of erecting the Light will be about £5,160, and that the cost of maintaining it will be somewhat over £400 per annum. Assuming that the cost of erection is to be paid off in five years, or thereabouts, it will be necessary to raise by the toll a sum of about £1,500 a year, to be reduced as soon as the cost of erection is paid off. From Returns which have been furnished in the Country and by the Colonial Governments, it appears that the annual amount of the shipping that will pass or derive benefit from this Light is about 5,500,000 tons, which, at the sixteenth of a penny per ton, will give the required income; my Lords, therefore, propose to fix the toll to that amount.

It will be observed that the Order in Council extends to ships navigating between Ports in the United Kingdom, and certain Ports in North America, and also to ships navigating to and from Ports in British North America, upon transatlantic voyages from and to ports not in the United Kingdom. Upon the former of these classes, the toll can be collected in this Country; upon the latter, the toll can only be levied in the respective Colonies with the consent, and by the help of, the Colonial Governments. The two classes are, however, so far as regards the benefit to be derived from the Light, precisely in the same position, and my Lords trust, therefore, that there will be no difficulty on the part of any of the Colonies, in levying and accounting for the toll thus imposed.

There are, however, two other classes of vessels which will derive benefit from the light, viz: 1st,—ships engaged in the Coasting Trade of the Colony of Newfoundland, 2nd,—ships engaged in the Inter-Colonial Trade of the British Colonies in North America, and passing the light.

With regard to these two classes, my Lords do not think it desirable to make any provision by the order in Council until they learn precisely in what manner and to what extent the several Colonial Governments are disposed to concur in imposing and collecting the toll. In the case of Newfoundland, my Lords understand that the Colonial Government are willing to tax coasters to the same extent for which they are taxed for Cape Pine; but they think it desirable to know the exact terms which the Colonial Government propose for the purpose before embodying them in any order in Council, if indeed it be necessary to do so at all. As regards the mode of collecting the tolls imposed by the order in Council, it appears desirable that they should be collected, whenever it is possible to do so, at the Port of clearance before the vessel sails. My Lords propose accordingly that they shall be so collected in Ports of the United Kingdom in the case of vessels departing from those Ports, whilst in the case of Ships arriving in the United Kingdom, my Lords propose that they shall not be demanded if a Colonial receipt, showing that the toll for the voyage has been paid in the Colony before starting, is produced. As regards the management of the Light, it appears to my Lords that it may very properly be entrusted to the Board of Works mentioned in the Despatch of the Governor of Newfoundland of the 8th January last, which was transmitted to this Board in your Letter of the 26th February; and my
Lords

Lords will be prepared to make arrangements for the remitting of the tolls and for providing thereout the funds necessary for maintaining the Light, after learning the arrangements made for collecting and accounting for the tolls to be taken in Newfoundland and the other Colonies, and the particulars of the measures which the Board of Works propose to adopt for maintaining the Light.

The convenient course will probably be, that an account should be rendered quarterly to this Department, from the Colony of Newfoundland, of the cost of the management and also of the amount of tolls received in that Colony, with the particulars of the vessels which have paid the tolls, giving the name of the vessel and the port to which she belongs—her tonnage, rate of toll, and amount paid by each vessel. If there is a balance due to the colony upon such account, it may be settled by a Draft upon the Accountant to the Board of Trade; but if the receipts are more than the payments, the balance should be remitted to Her Majesty's Paymaster General, to be placed to the credit of the account for Colonial Light Houses. The balance from the other Colonies should be remitted in like manner.

As regards the proposal contained in the Despatch of the Governor of Newfoundland, above referred to, to the effect that the Light House on Cape Pine and the tolls for that Light, should be placed upon the same footing as the Light House on Cape Race, and its tolls, my Lords direct me to state, that as soon as they have concluded the arrangements for Cape Race, and have seen how they answer, they will be prepared to consider the proposal, but they think it better to defer its consideration for the present.

As the Light House on Cape Race will soon be in a condition for exhibiting the Light, it is desirable that the Order in Council should be submitted for Her Majesty's sanction as early as possible. My Lords will be glad, therefore, to be favored with Mr. Secretary Labouchere's opinion at his earliest convenience, whether there is any objection to the Order in Council, as proposed to be framed; and they would be glad to receive also the required information upon the several points before adverted to with reference to the Colonies, so soon as Mr. Labouchere has had an opportunity of making the necessary communications with the Colonial Governments.

With reference to Dues to be levied in the Colonies, I am to call your attention particularly to the third section of the Act above mentioned.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES BOOTH.

Whereas, by the Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1855, it is enacted that upon the erection of any new Light House in or near any of the Coasts of the British Possessions, by or with the consent of the Legislative Authority of such Possession, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such toll in regard thereof to be paid by the master or owner of any Ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable:

And whereas a Light House is, by and with the consent of the Legislative Authority of the Colony of Newfoundland, now being erected on Cape Race, in the said colony:

And whereas the erection of such Light House will soon be completed, and the light thereof will shortly be exhibited.

And whereas the several classes of Ships following, that is to say:

All Ships, whether Sailing Ships or Steam Ships, navigating from any Port or Ports in the British Colonies in North America, to any Port or Ports in the United Kingdom.

All Ships, whether Sailing Ships or Steam Ships, navigating from any Port or Ports in the United Kingdom to any Port or Ports in the British Colonies in North America.

All Ships whether Sailing Ships or Steam Ships, bound from any Port or Ports in the British Colonies in North America, upon any Transatlantic voyage.

All Ships, whether Sailing Ships or Steam Ships, arriving at any Port or Ports in the British Colonies in North America, after any Transatlantic voyage.

All Ships, whether Sailing Ships or Steam Ships, arriving at any Port or Ports in the United Kingdom from New York, or any Port in the United States, north of New York.

All Steam Ships leaving any Port or Ports in the United Kingdom for New York, or any Port in the United States north of New York, will pass the said Light House, and will, when the Light is exhibited therein, derive benefit therefrom.

Now therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of her Privy Council, is pleased to direct, that upon and after the lighting of the said Light upon Cape Race, there shall be paid for very such Ship as aforesaid, except Ships belonging to Her Majesty, her heirs and successors, the toll of One sixteenth of a penny per ton of the burthen of every such Ship for every such voyage as aforesaid.

And the Right Honourable, &c.

No. 74.

Downing Street, November 13th, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to my Despatch, No. 59, of the 23rd of July last, I have to acquaint you that the Law Officers of the Crown, having been consulted respecting the Order in Council which it has been proposed to issue for the purpose of levying tolls for the maintenance of the Light House on Cape Race, Newfoundland, have expressed themselves of opinion that under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1855, the "consent of the several Colonial Legislatures to the levy of these tolls must be obtained before such promulgation can legally take place."

You will therefore bring the subject under the notice of your Council, in order that the necessary measures may be taken for obtaining the expression of the assent of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, either by means of an Address to the Crown or by some Legislative Act.

I have, &c.

H. LABOUCHERE.

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR of Nova-Scotia.

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(Copy.)

No. 60.—(Executive.)

Government House, Halifax, 22nd May, 1856.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Resolution which was passed by the House of Assembly in the last Session, referring to your Circular Despatch of the 21st of December last, and to inform you that the same was concurred in by the Legislative Council.

I have &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The Right Honorable H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

No. 52.

Downing Street, 5th July, 1856.

SIR—

Having referred your Despatch No. 60, of the 22nd of May, with the Resolution of the House of Assembly of Nova-Scotia, to the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, their Lordships have informed me that it is their intention to communicate with the Poor Law Commissioners, with the view of being informed of any cases of Colonial Seamen being thrown upon a Parish for relief, and should the occasion arise, their Lordships will submit for my consideration such measures as they may think necessary to be adopted for sending the Seamen home, and for the re-payment, by the Colony to which they belong, of the expenses incurred in so doing.

I have, &c.

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-Governor.

Sir. J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

RAILWAY SURVEY, 1847.

(Copy.)

No. 35.

Downing Street, 4th April, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the repayment by the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, of the advances made by Her Majesty's Government on account of the Exploration Survey for a Trunk Line

of

Appendix to Assem-
bly's Journal 1849,
No. 1, page 80.

of Railway from Halifax to Quebec, and especially to Lord Grey's Despatch of the 14th August 1848,* calling upon the respective Provinces for the repayment of the expenditure on account of this service up to the end of the year 1847. I now enclose abstracts of the further expenditure incurred in 1848 on the same service.

It having been arranged that New Brunswick should defray one-third of the whole of the expense of the Survey, leaving the remaining two-thirds to be borne by Canada and Nova-Scotia, in certain given proportions, it follows that the sum payable by New Brunswick would be £4862 4 8; but, £3950 0 7 having been paid by that Province, there remains due from it only £912 4 1; and to make up the further sum of One thousand four hundred and forty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and four pence still owing to the Imperial Treasury from Canada and Nova-Scotia, Five hundred and thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and three pence, will have to be refunded by those Provinces on the proportions agreed upon between them as explained in Sir John Harvey's Despatch and enclosures of the 19th June, 1848,* a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information.

Appendix to Assem-
bly's Journal 1849,
No. 1, page 76.

I request you will communicate with the Governor of Canada respecting the division of the sum of Five hundred and thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and three-pence, and cause the amount due by the Province under your Government to be paid into the Commissariat Chest on the Station, and report to me the date on which such payment is made.

I have addressed similiar Despatches to this by the present mail to the Governor of Canada and Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, for their guidance.

I have, &c.

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-Governor

Sir. J. GASPARD LEMERCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Statement of sums due to Her Majesty's Government on account of the advances for the Railway Survey of British North America:

Expenditure for Railway Survey,		£14,605	17	10
Deduct received sale of old stores,			19	3
				0
Net expenditure,		14,586	14	0
Deduct—repaid by Canada, June, 1852,	£6,464	19	5	
New Brunswick, July, 1848,	3,950	0	7	
Nova-Scotia, November, 1848,	2,721	16	8	
		13,136	16	8
Balance due from the three Provinces,		£1,449	18	4
One third of net expenditure,	14,586	14	0	
Payable by New Brunswick,	4,862	4	8	
Deduct repaid,	£3,950	0	7	
Due from New Brunswick,		912	4	1
Due from Canada and Nova-Scotia, being remainder of the above balance,		537	13	3
		£1,449	17	4

MINES.

No. 3.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 6th February, 1857.

SIR—

With reference to former Despatches on the subject of the affairs of the General Mining Association, I transmit to you some additional Correspondence, ending with a Letter which has been addressed to this Department by the Secretary to that Body, informing me that a conditional Agreement has been entered into between the Association and the Duke of York's Representatives for the surrender of the rights of the latter.

2. Should this Agreement be completed, the Association will be the only Body with which the Crown and the Province will have to deal on the subject of these rights.

3. Her Majesty's Advisers have no motive in interfering in respect to these rights, except to perform the imperative duty of securing the Crown from the loss which, as they are advised in opinions already transmitted to you, may be sustained by it, unless either the engagement to complete the Lease to the Association be fulfilled by the Province, or some other equitable arrangement is effected to supersede that engagement.

4. The completion of such an arrangement, as suggested in the Address transmitted in your Despatch of the 8th May last, would be highly satisfactory to Her Majesty's Government, as relieving the Crown from this liability, and themselves from the necessity of protecting its interests. And if, in the opinion of yourself and your Council, it can be promoted by the visit to this country of some gentleman duly authorized on the part of the Province, every facility and assistance would be afforded him on their part.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-Governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Downing-Street, 4th July, 1856.

SIR—

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to transmit to you the copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova-Scotia, forwarding an Address of the House of Assembly of that Province to the Queen—certain extracts from the Journals of the Assembly of the past Session, and from the proceedings of the Legislative Council, together with a Minute of the Lieutenant-Governor's Executive Council—all on the subject of the claims of the General Mining Association.

I am further directed to send you the copy of a recent Correspondence between this office and the Solicitor to the General Mining Association, and to request that you will take the necessary steps for communicating with the Representatives of the Duke of York on the subject of these papers, and furnishing Mr. Labouchere with any observations they may think proper to offer in reference thereto.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

WILLIAM FARRER, Esquire.

*66, Lincolns Inn Fields, London,
25th September, 1856.*Lt. Gov. 8th May,
1856, No. 54.5th June, 1856,
Answer C. O. 16th
June.
18th June.

SIR—

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 4th of July, with copies of the Documents therein referred to.

The Representatives of the Duke of York, after giving those Documents attentive consideration with reference to the difficulty that has arisen in consequence of the Colonial Act not having duly provided for carrying into effect the Agreement entered into with the sanction of the Crown between the General Mining Association and the Duke's Representatives, and inasmuch as the Duke's affairs are under the administration of the Court of Chancery, and such agreement being by a Decree of the Court directed to be specifically performed and carried into execution, they feel they can only call upon the Crown to give effect to it.

We are, &c.

(Signed)

FARRER, OUVRY, & FARRER.

HERMAN MERRIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

66 *Lincolns Inn Fields*, December 4, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to your Letter of the 4th July, and ours of the 25th September, respecting the difficulties which have arisen in carrying the Agreement relating to the Nova-Scotia Mines into effect, we have the honor to state that the General Mining Association have been in communication with the Representatives of the Duke of York on the subject of an arrangement, with a view, if possible, to relieve the Crown from such difficulties, the result of which has been an offer from the Association to the Representatives, "to buy up the whole of their interests, past and prospective." The amount offered is £120,000, to be paid by the 1st January, 1858, but "contingent upon the Association being able to effect satisfactory arrangements with the Home Government, or the Colonial Authorities, failing which each party is to be remitted to their respective present rights."

The nature and amount of their offer shews plainly the disadvantageous circumstances to the Duke of York's Estate, under which it is made, but the Representatives have not thought it right at once to refuse to take it into consideration without making it known to the Government, and ascertaining whether they will consent by a concession, which is in their power, to facilitate the arrangement.

The Representatives of the Duke of York have, under the directions of the Court of Chancery, distributed the balance of his Estate, which has produced to the specialty Creditors a dividend of 1s. 9d. to the £.

They would now be in the immediate receipt for distribution of a sum of £60,000, and upwards, from the Mining Association, and would be further in receipt, annually, for thirty years to come, of the Royalties (which, for the year 1855, amounted to £6000 and upwards) if the new Grant of the Mines upon the terms agreed on had been made.

The concession sought for, which, to a certain extent, will make good to the Creditors of the Duke of York the great loss which will fall on them by the Crown having omitted to reserve power, when passing the Civil List Act for Nova-Scotia, to make the new Grant of the Mines, and which the Representatives think will induce the Court of Chancery to sanction the proposed arrangement is—

That in the Creditors' Suit the purchase money for York House should, on the date of the order of the 3rd November, 1855, be considered as applied in discharge of the incumbrances upon it, according to the priorities of such incumbrances. By such an application it will be seen from the following Statement that the Crown will get the whole of the principal and interest of its specialty debt, and the whole of its equitable and simple contract debt, with a portion of the interest thereon, and all, therefor, that the Crown would be doing would be giving up a portion of the interest on their simple contract debt, in favour of the Creditors.

In stating thus briefly this proposition, some explanation may be required by the
Government

Government, and the Representatives therefore request the favour of an interview with Mr. Labouchere or yourself, on the subject, at any time which you may be pleased to appoint. The urgency of the General Mining Association for a reply to their proposition before the meeting of the Legislative Assembly of Nova-Scotia will, we trust, excuse our requesting an early communication from you.

We have, &c.

(Signed) FARRER, OUVRY & FARRER.

H. MERIVALE, Esq. &c. &c. &c.

Statement referred to.

Amount of Specialty Debts due to the Crown, with interest thereon to 3rd November, 1855, as certified by the Master's Report,	£122,713	0	0
Deduct dividend of 1s. 9d. paid thereon,	10,737	0	0
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Balance of Principal and Interest due on Specialty Debts,	£111,976	0	0
Due from the Crown for Principal and Interest on York House to 31st November, 1855, as certified by the said Report,	185,738	0	0
Deduct therefrom the above balance due on the Specialty Debts,	111,976	0	0
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Balance due from the Crown after such payment,	£73,762	0	0
The Crown's Equitable Mortgage and Simple Contract Debt, Interest thereon to 3rd July, 1854,	47,000	0	0
	57,013	0	0
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	£104,013	0	0
Deduct the above balance due from the Crown thereon,	73,762	0	0
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Balance of Interest remaining due to the Crown, and proposed to be given up,	£30,251	0	0

Downing Street, 12th January, 1857.

GENTLEMEN—

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to inform you that he has been in communication with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury on the subject of your Letter of the 4th ultimo, and that he is now able to inform you that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to sanction the remission of their claim upon the Estate of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York, to the extent of £30,250, as described in your Letter, contingent, however, on your effecting an arrangement with the General Mining Association, and on a further arrangement being effected between the Association and the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, to the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government, relieving it of all liability arising out of these transactions. If such arrangements cannot be effected, the present concession to be regarded as withdrawn.

Mr. Labouchere proposes to inform the General Mining Association of what has passed, by sending them copies of this Correspondence.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

MESSRS. FARRER, OUVRY & FARRER,
66, Lincolns Inn Fields.

Downing-Street,

Downing Street, 17th January, 1857.

SIR—

Messrs. Farrer, 4th
Dec. 1856.
C. O. 12th Jan. '57.

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to transmit to you, for the information of the Directors of the General Mining Association, copies of a Correspondence with the Solicitors to the Representatives of the late Duke of York, respecting the remission, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, of their claim against the Estate of His Royal Highness, contingent, however, on an arrangement relative to the Mining rights in Nova Scotia, as specified in Mr. Merivale's Letter of the 12th instant being completed.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

J. BALL.

F. BIRCHAM, Esq.

*General Mining Association,
52, Old Broad Street, 27th January, 1857.*

SIR—

The Board of Directors of this Association having had under their consideration Mr. Ball's Letter to their Solicitor, dated 17th instant, enclosing copies of Messrs. Farrer, Ouvry & Farrer's Letter to Mr. Merivale of the 4th December, and his reply thereto of the 12th instant, I have been instructed respectfully to inform you, that the Directors in their anxious desire to bring the long pending points in dispute between the Crown, the Duke of York's Representatives, the Province of Nova-Scotia, and the General Mining Association, to a final and satisfactory settlement, have made a conditional offer for the purchase of the whole of the Duke's interest, present and prospective, in the original Grant from the Crown, which offer, if carried out, would place the Association in the same position as respects its rights as it stood when united with the Duke, the Association being then the sole Lessees under the Crown.

Greatly embarrassed as the Association has hitherto been in all its operations, the Directors having no power to deal with the rights of the Duke of York, could not enter into any discussion or arrangement with Her Majesty's Government calculated to place the affairs of the Company on a more satisfactory footing, and although the proposed bargain does not in any way, abrogate, interfere with, or curtail, the rights which the Association possesses under the Crown, the arrangement, if completed, will at once enable the Directors to treat with Her Majesty's Government with a view to giving effect to the important measures which it is believed will result from it.

As, however, difficulties have arisen with the Provincial Government which have not only been injurious to the interest of the Association, but greatly retarded the permanent prosperity of the Province, by discouraging the Association from expending large sums of money in the extension of its Mining operations, the Directors beg to suggest the expediency of a person being sent from the Colony duly authorized and empowered to conclude a final arrangement between Her Majesty's Government, the Province, and the Association, by which means the obstacles now in the way of the completion of such a settlement might be removed, and the Association enabled to come to a more speedy conclusion of the conditional agreement already entered into with the Duke of York's Representatives.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. B. FOORD, Sec'y.

The Right Hon. H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

RAILWAYS.

*Nova-Scotia Railway Office, Halifax,**February 4, 1857.*

SIR—

We have the honor to furnish you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,

1. A Statement of the Expenditure and Receipts of this Board up to the 31st day of December, 1856 :

In 1854 the Board expended	£53,573	17	4
1855, " "	163,302	7	10½
1856, " "	249,875	18	2½
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In all	£466,752	3	5

Of this amount there was received from the Honorable the Receiver General—In 1854, £56,228 2 6
 1855, 149,847 15 2
 1856, 249,299 7 6

In all £455,375 5 2

Leaving due on Sundry Accounts,
 as per Balance Sheet, £12,231 8 5
 Cash on Hand, 854 10 2

11,376 18 3

£466,752 3 5

2. A Report made to the Board by JAMES R. FORMAN, Esq. Chief Engineer, showing the progress of the works, and describing their general character, and state of advancement.

3. Traffic Returns, showing the amount of movement of passengers and freight upon those sections of the road thrown open for the use of the country.

The Quarterly Balance Sheets, Accounts, and Vouchers, have been lodged with the Honorable the Financial Secretary, as the Law directs.

The cost of Railroads in this Province has been enhanced by the rise in the price of labour, and all other commodities in the general markets of the world, ever since the operations of the Board commenced. This advance, whether produced by a state of war, or by the influx of gold from California and Australia, or resulting from both or from other causes, has been marked both in Europe and America. These general causes have of course operated here; and the expenditure of large sums of money, in a country into which no steady stream of emigration has been directed, naturally raised the rates of wages when Railways commenced: and these rates, both for labourers and skilled workmen, have, from the rise in the price of labour abroad, been steadily maintained.

But while our Roads have, from the operation of causes over which we have had no control, cost more than it was assumed they would a few years ago, we have reason to believe that they have cost less than roads of like description, built elsewhere.

The Board regret that it was not possible owing to the tardiness with which some of the Contractors advanced their works, to open the sections through to the Grand Lake until after the close of the year.

The transportation of Freight has steadily increased. Though the portion of the road worked throughout the year, was too short to command the great staples of the

country

country, the results have been most encouraging, as will be seen by reference to the Returns that accompany this Report, and from which the nature and extent of the Passenger and Freight business are shown under separate heads.

The whole revenue of the road (8 miles) for the year ending 31st December, 1856, was

From Passengers	£2401	0	8	
Freight	577	1	10½	
Mail Coaches	168	10	7	
Contractor's Freight	822	0	11	
Conveyance of Troops	25	0	0	
Locomotive work on No. 3	107	10	0	
Storage, &c	18	18	4	
				£4120 2 4½

The expenses were, viz. :

Locomotive charges	£786	19	10	
Accident at 3 mile house	497	9	7½	
Traffic charges	254	16	9½	
Repairs of Stock	355	7	8	
Fuel	325	11	6	
Upholding	618	14	5½	
Miscellaneous	173	6	10½	
				3012 6 9
Nett	£1107	15	7½	

It will be perceived that the expenses, this year, have been largely increased, from the necessity of repairing a Locomotive injured by the accident at Three Mile House, in March, thereby decreasing the nett revenue.

The Board are gratified in being enabled to state, that since the Road has been opened, 81,407 passengers, and 6,748 horses, have been carried over it, without the slightest injury.

The road through to the Grand Lake, near Shultz's, 22½ miles, was opened in the month of January. It will be seen from the Traffic Returns furnished, that the number of passengers, and the quantity of freight conveyed, afford very cheering indications of what may hereafter be expected.

The Board have but little to add to the description of the works in progress, given by the Chief Engineer. They believe that he is not too sanguine in assuming that the Western Branch to Windsor, and the whole of the Main Line to the Stewiacke, will be completed and opened during next Summer.

It will appear by Mr. Forman's Report that the Section between Stewiacke and Truro is ready for contract. The Board wait the instructions of the Executive Government as to the period when that portion of the work shall be advertised.

There is nothing to prevent the location and letting of the whole road to Pictou during the next summer, if the Board are authorised and instructed so to do. Whether this course be prudent must depend upon those on whom devolves the responsibility of stimulating or restraining their action, according to the views which may be entertained of the necessity of the work to be done, and of the resources at command.

The Board invite the very special attention of the Government to the necessity that exists for the passage of some law, by which the assessments contemplated for the compensation of proprietors, from whom lands and materials have been taken, may be levied and paid over.

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Though proprietors have submitted to the operation of the Construction Act, with respect, if not with cheerfulness, this has been done in the confident belief that the Legislature would do them justice. They are looking forward to the passage of a law at the approaching Session which shall realize their expectations, and we now record our unanimous opinion, that the perfection of such a measure cannot be longer delayed without serious embarrassment.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, Chairman.
JONATHAN McCULLY.
WILLIAM PRYOR, JR.
JOHN H. ANDERSON.
P. M. CUNNINGHAM.
THOMAS S. TOBIN.

The Honorable Provincial Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY.

Engineer's Office, Halifax,

January 31, 1857.

SIR—

I have to submit the following Report upon the progress of the works during the year ending 31st December, 1856.

At the date of my last Report eight miles were in operation, and fifty-two and one half miles in course of construction; and during the above period an additional ten miles were put under contract at a cost of £41,616 18s. 4d. to be completed by 30th June next. Thirty miles have also been located during this period. Since the commencement of this year a further distance of four and a half miles, terminating at the public road leading up the Stewiacke Valley, including the Lower Shubenacadie Bridge, has been let at a cost of £21,993 3s. 10d., to be completed by the 30th November next; and the Sections between Bedford and the Grand Lake have been opened for traffic. At this date there is therefore twenty-two and a half miles open for traffic, fifty-two and one half miles in course of construction, exclusive of the extension into Windsor, one mile in length, and twenty-five and one half miles located but not yet under contract.

The adjustment of the Sections between Bedford and the Grand Lake was not effected before the winter commenced, these works had therefore to be secured with the view of accommodating the present traffic at a moderate speed, and if the Spring prove favorable can be completed at the proper season without interfering with the passage of Trains.

CONSTRUCTION.—The expenditure during the year, has been, for

Excavations,	£127,884	15	10
Bridges,	33,278	10	3
Roads,	1,355	11	4
Drainage,	6,245	5	11
Finishing,	24,575	12	2
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	£193,339	15	6
		And	

And on Stations, viz.,			
Richmond, including wharf, &c.	2,985	11	8
Bedford,	244	18	3
Fletcher's,	142	14	7
Grand Lake,	572	16	0
Nine Mile River,	187	0	0
Shubenacadie,	688	12	10
St. Croix,	362	3	3
Windsor, including wharf,	4,274	6	3
			£9,458 2 10
	Total		£202,797 18 4

As the extent of drainage and some of the other operations can only be ascertained during construction, the Specifications contemplate and are drawn out with the view of providing for alterations and additions in these particulars. The extra work executed during the year on these Accounts to be added to the above is £4,500.

The number of yards of excavation put into embankments were		
Main Line	C. yds.	563,183
Windsor Branch	"	602,364
		C. yds. 1,165,547

The materials in the excavations are well suited for embankments, and ensure a good and cheaply maintained road. The Viaduct at Bedford is completed, those for Fletcher's and St. Croix River nearly so; the Upper Shubenacadie, Nine Mile River, Barney's Brook, Holdsworth's Meadow, and Five Mile Lake Viaducts, are well advanced; and nearly the whole of the material for the Big Bog Brook Viaduct is prepared. The road and other small bridges and stone drains are in several cases completed, the remainder being for the most part in a forward state. The Viaducts in most instances built of stone, or stone and iron combined, not excepting the smaller ones for road crossings and drainage, are of the most substantial and durable description, and put together with due regard to appearance, and I may state generally that no saving that would affect the stability or permanency of the line, or economy in working it after completion, by insufficient grading, has been attempted.

The levelling for the Windsor Depot and the road-side Stations is designed, and being executed with the view of providing ample accommodation for a large amount of traffic; their position and relation to the other works rendered this advisable. The area required at Richmond will eventually be extensive and must be formed independently of road construction—the course adopted in this instance has therefore been to execute, from time to time, such portions as are necessary to meet immediate demands.

Labourers' wages have seldom, during the year, been below five shillings per day, in many instances six shillings have been paid. From ten to twelve shillings have been a common allowance for masons, and the remuneration made to other tradesmen bears the same proportion. The average daily number of men employed upon the contracts for the year was sixteen hundred and twenty-two.

The following Table shows the length, amount of tender, and value of contract work done on each of the sections not completed at 31st December:

Contracts.

CONTRACTS.	Length.		Amount of Tender.			Value of work done.			Date of Letting.	Date of Completion.
	Miles.	Chains.	£	s.	D.	£	s.	D.		
MAIN LINE.										
No. 5	8	60	46,360	19	3	43,465	5	5	April 14, 1855	June 1, 1856
" 6	2	40	16,798	8	6	15,201	5	6	Sept. 15, 1855	" "
" 7	7	0½	30,774	10	6	21,821	17	0	Nov. 27, 1855	June 30, 1857
" 8	10	9½	41,616	18	4	24,964	16	0	May 10, 1856	" "
WINDSOR BRANCH.										
No. 1	6	7½	33,305	0	3	19,591	8	11	July 7, 1855	June 1, 1857
" 2	6	39	28,000	0	0	16,964	6	4	" "	" "
" 3	5	76	41,411	11	5	25,030	9	6	" "	" "
" 4	5	74	47,458	13	3	35,291	0	0	" "	Sept. 1, 1856
" 5	6	30	21,500	0	0	18,708	16	0	" "	" "
Extension	1	0			3,465	5	0	" "	" "
Totals	60	16½	£307,226	1	6	£224,504	9	8		

PERMANENT LOCATIONS.—The permanent locations beyond Shubenacadie have extended up to, and for a few miles beyond Truro; this district presents no engineering difficulties. The only important Viaducts are at the crossings of the Shubenacadie and Stewiacke Rivers; the first of these has been let, and is included in the last contract. It has three spans of one hundred feet each in the clear, and the road-way will be supported by iron girders on stone abutments and piers. The Stewiacke Viaduct will be less expensive, but the plans for it have not yet been prepared. The excavations on these sections will be easily removed, the materials are well suited for the work, the construction can go on rapidly, and the cost per mile will probably be less than the average of what has been already executed, or is in progress.

Explorations were carried beyond Truro before the end of the summer, at which period they were about thirty miles in advance of the works under construction, and as some time must elapse before this point could be reached it was considered prudent to stop operations there for the present, as in all probability a number of the stakes would be destroyed and necessitate an additional outlay in re-staking the line. It is seldom that a broken country admits of a course so direct, and at the same time, of a line so easily and cheaply constructed as the one selected,—the excess in distance over a straight line between Fletcher's and Truro, forty miles, is two miles, and the sharpest grade on this portion is but forty feet per mile.

MAINTAINANCE OF WAY.—The works on the completed portion of the road are in good repair, the wages paid on upholdence range from four and six pence to five shillings per day, and the cost per mile under this head is seventy-seven pounds. In England when wages are at sixteen shillings, Sterling, or twenty shillings, Currency, per week, the average cost is about one hundred and twenty pounds, Currency, per mile; in the United States it is about £250. It is true the traffic has not been of a heavy description, and the upholdence should bear some proportion to the weight conveyed, but though every allowance be made on this account the result will be found most favourable.

The embankments around the Basin are in excellent condition, and the expence necessary to keep them so will for the future be trifling—the traffic has in no instance been interrupted from imperfections in construction, and no indications of any want of solidity have been manifested.

The tests to which the girders in the Bedford Viaduct were subjected before running the Trains over it gave satisfactory results. This description of bridge is extremely well suited for Railway purposes, both for cheapness and durability, and whether it be compared with the expensive and massive stone erections found on English roads, or the wooden and less permanent ones in the United States, the result will be found in favour of the malleable iron girder, as adopted in this instance, either in one or other of these respects, and generally as compared with those in the latter country, in both.

The Rolling Stock, consisting of:

- 3 Locomotives,
- 4 Passenger Carriages,
- 4 Horse and Cattle boxes,
- 2 Goods Vans,
- 8 Platform Trucks,
- 2 Ballast Waggons,
- 52 Setts of Malleable Iron Carriage Wheels and Axles,

is in good working order. Several pieces of Machinery have been added during the year to the Workshops at Richmond, and platform and other Trucks are being constructed there.

In conclusion, I have to state that the Windsor Branch and the Main Line, so far as the Stewiacke Valley, will in all probability be ready for use before the end of the ensuing Summer; and connected with this result, and as a means of greatly promoting economy in working the road, I beg leave to suggest that the Legislature authorize the Board to provide and erect a Telegraph to notify the departure and arrival of all the Trains at the several Stations. I feel the vast importance of employing this mode of communication, from the conviction that proper security, on a single line of road, is otherwise unattainable.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. FORMAN,
Engineer.

Hon. JOSEPH HOWE,
Chairman of the Railway Board, &c.

*Nova Scotia Railway Office, Halifax,
4th February, 1857.*

STATEMENT OF THE WORKING OF THE NOVA-SCOTIA RAILWAY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1856.

Miles open—Halifax to Bedford	8
Miles Run	17,271
Passengers carried	50,844
	Receipts.

RECEIPTS.

	PASSENGERS.	FREIGHT.	TOTALS.
January	£169 4 5	£28 18 2½	£198 2 7½
February	104 13 7½	28 0 7½	132 14 3
March (accident)	59 5 7½	16 11 6	75 17 1½
April	131 9 11½	22 15 1½	154 5 1
May	187 9 9	37 15 3½	225 5 0½
June	249 7 8	41 14 11	291 2 7
July	280 18 10	51 9 11	332 8 9
August	294 8 8½	54 2 6½	348 11 3
September	289 0 4	70 17 10½	359 18 2½
October	254 6 11	68 18 0	323 4 11
November	187 7 8	67 8 7	254 16 3
December	183 17 3½	54 7 11½	238 5 3
Extras	9 9 10½	34 1 4	43 11 2½
	<u>£2401 0 8</u>	<u>577 1 10½</u>	<u>£2978 2 6½</u>
For Mail Coaches			168 10 7
Contractor's Freight			822 0 11
Conveyance of Troops			25 0 0
Locomotive work on No. 3			107 10 0
Storage, &c.			18 18 4
			<u>£4120 2 4½</u>

CHARGES.

Locomotive charges	£786 19 10
Accident at 3 Mile House	497 9 7½
Traffic charges	254 16 9½
Repairs of Stock	355 7 8
Fuel	325 11 6
Upholding	618 14 5½
Miscellaneous	173 6 10½
	<u>3012 6 9</u>
Nett	<u>£1107 15 7½</u>

FREIGHT CARRIED.

Horses and Waggon	3166
Single Horses	134
Mail Coaches	743
Do. Horses	2655
Hogsheads and Puncheons	207
Barrels	4134
Boxes	1327
Bags	3157
Bundles and Parcels	1273

Baskets

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Baskets	828
Bars Iron	154
Fish, quintals	219
Lumber, feet	121,410
Chests Tea	30
Tubs	185
Oxen or Cows	70
Sheep, Calves and Pigs	199
Dogs	203
Stoves	83
Lumber, cubic feet	548
Wood, cords	13
Timber, pieces	147
Shingles, bundles	1002
Bricks	10,650
Iron, cwt.	208
Bundles Iron	12
Bundles Laths	290
Staves	2250
Wheels	122
Axles	74
Waggons	12
Hay, tons	1 and a half.
Packages Sundries	749
Iron Rails	11,391
Railway Chairs	91,563
Casks Spikes.	16

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

DR. *The Province of Nova-Scotia in Account Current with the Receiver General from 1st January to 31st December, 1856.*

1856.

December 31.	To Cash paid. Advances, per Abstract,	£5413	13	6
	“ Chairman Board of Works, do.	27000	0	0
	“ Criminal Prosecutions, do.	254	13	0
	“ Coroners’ Inquests, do.	327	10	0
	“ Drawback of Duties, do.	3059	19	8
	“ Erection of Oat Mills, do.	0	0	0
	“ General Education, do.	17049	9	0
	“ Judiciary Expenses, do.	365	3	4
	“ Legislative Expenses, do.	10196	13	9
	“ Miscellaneous Expenses, do.	5890	12	8
	“ Militia Expenses, do.	442	19	7
	“ Piers and Breakwaters, do.	3157	19	3
	“ Post Communication, do.	7912	0	2
	“ Poor Asylum, do.	2072	10	3
	“ Provincial Railway, do.	6645	0	0
	“ Public Printing, do.	1468	12	9
	“ Revenue Expenses, do.	9422	12	11
			December	

December 31.	To Cash paid	Rations to Troops do.	£66	13	6
	"	Support of Indians, do.	423	11	9
	"	Support of Agriculture, do.	2175	16	8
	"	Support of Transient Poor, do.	441	6	2
	"	Do. Packets, Steamboats Ferries, do.	1333	10	0
	"	Salaries to officers of Government, do.	15680	0	0
	"	Copy Right,	147	10	0
	"	Interest,	3911	11	6
	"	Casual Revenue,	1905	14	11
	"	St. Peters Canal,	1550	0	0
	"	Wrecks,	21	19	4
	"	Copper Coin,	1771	12	7
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			£130,108	16	3

ROAD SERVICE.

1856.

December 31.	To Cash paid for Road Advances,	£1179	4	1
	" Road Compensation,	899	5	1
	" Old Road Votes,	2007	17	8
	" Annapolis,	2049	5	2
	" Colchester,	2414	8	4
	" Cumberland,	2465	8	10
	" Cape Breton,	2280	13	10
	" Digby,	2077	12	2
	" Guysborough,	1897	3	6
	" Halifax,	3328	0	1
	" Hants,	2351	11	5
	" Inverness,	2476	1	4
	" Kings,	2167	5	8
	" Lunenburg,	2421	6	2
	" Pictou,	2921	18	9
	" Queens,	1856	19	6
	" Richmond,	1693	16	5
	" Sydney,	1939	14	0
	" Shelburne,	1930	17	11
	" Victoria,	1935	11	1
	" Yarmouth,	1696	12	7
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		43,990	13	7
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		174,099	9	10
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	Balance,	22,384	9	3
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		£196,483	19	1

1856.		Cr.
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	By balance at this date,	£23,730 3 10
	Cash received for Colonial Duties, viz :	
From Halifax,	£91,950 2 3	
Annapolis,	642 8 0	
Amherst,	1,051 5 9	
Antigonishe,	260 12 6	
Argyle, (Tusket)	162 6 3	
Arichat,	562 18 2	
Advocate Harbor,	15 0 0	
Barrington,	192 8 4	
Beaver River,	39 17 3	
Bridgetown,	406 2 11	
Cornwallis,	589 8 11	
Cape Canso,	13 13 1	
Canada Creek,	320 0 8	
Clements Port,	205 17 1	
Church Point, Clare,	287 5 6	
Digby,	1219 16 0	
Guysborough,	92 6 5	
Givan's Wharf,	0 0 0	
Great Bras d'Or,	157 13 9	
Horton,	230 0 0	
Hants Port,	107 18 5	
Harbour Buchie,	9 0 0	
Joggins,	149 16 4	
Lunenburg,	34 10 3	
Liverpool,	1005 0 6	
Londonderry,	434 5 6	
La Have,	160 16 9	
Maitland,	200 19 5	
McNair's Cove,	98 14 0	
Margaree,	10 6 8	
Pictou,	4041 11 7	
Pugwash,	405 15 11	
Port Hood,	9 7 11	
Parrsborough,	63 10 0	
Pubnico,	69 4 10	
Ragged Islands,	314 1 9	
Sydney, C. B.	.275 0 0	
Shelburne,	83 12 1	
St. Mary's River,	50 3 0	
Ship Harbour,	77 8 6	
Sheet Harbor,	10 7 6	
Sandy Cove,	22 7 6	
St. Ann's,	10 19 4	
Truro,	388 10 10	
Tatamagouche,	98 11 10	
Thorne's Cove,	100 13 1	
Windsor,	1421 1 1	
Westport,	196 0 0	
Weymouth,	79 19 11	

Brought

		<i>Brought over—</i>	£23,730	3	10	
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	From Wilmot,	£470	0	0		
	Wallace,	42	1	0		
	Walton,	49	12	10		
	Yarmouth,	3419	1	11		
	French Cross,	117	5	2		
	Bear River,	122	4	9		
	Light Strait of Canso, M'Keen	£232	0	3	} 3216 14 10	
	Do. do. Bigelow,	107	12	0		
	Halifax Light Duty,	1891	2	10		
	Stait of Canso, Purcell,	985	19	9		
		—————			115765	17 10
	By Cash received from Canada, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie Light Houses,		£680	14	1	
	Do. from New Brunswick, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie Light Houses,		549	10	10	
	Do. from Prince Edward Island, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie Light Houses,		40	16	10	
	Do. from Distilleries, for License granted,		7000	0	0	
	Do. Casual Revenue,		13737	7	0	
	Do. from Crown Land Department, for Land sold,		0	0	0	
	Do. for Fees from the Secretary's Office,		0	0	0	
	Do. from Savings' Bank,		14000	0	0	
	Do. from Board of Revenue,		0	0	0	
	Do. from the Lords of the Treasury, towards support of Sable Island,		502	4	5	
	Do. from Sable Island,		854	8	7	
	Do. for Fines and Forfeitures,		360	0	0	
	Do. Treasury Notes,		15000	0	0	
	Do. for Miscellaneous Expences,		619	14	2	
	Do. Wreck Money,		44	9	1	
	Do. Copper Coinage,		1000	0	0	
	Do. Advances,		1112	17	6	
	Do. Copy Right,		19	15	2	
	Do. Interest,		137	3	0	
	Do. Passenger Head Money,		31	11	9	
	Do. from Prothonotaries,		43	14	5	
	Do. received from North Sydney,		1109	10	6	
	Do. received from Port Medway,		70	0	0	
	Do. received from Lingan,		74	0	0	
		—————			£196,483	19 1
	Balance brought down,		22,384	9	3	

RECEIVER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Halifax, Decr. 31, 1857. }

JAMES McNAB,
Receiver General.

Examined and found correct,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Report

Report of Joint Committee of Council and House of Assembly.

The Joint Committee appointed by the Council and Assembly, to investigate the Public Accounts, beg to report to the House that they have carefully examined the same, and the Vouchers connected therewith, and they found the same correct.

Your Committee observe that the Revenue arising from Excise Duties, including Distilleries, is £94,317 12s. 3d. Sterling, as against £94,538 8s. 6d. Sterling, for the year 1855, shewing a decrease of £220 16s. 3d. on these branches of the Revenue, taking them in the aggregate. There is, however, a considerable variation from last year on certain branches of these duties; the greatest increase has taken place on Brandy, Wines, Gin, and the ad valorem duties of two and a half per cent. and six and a quarter per cent; the aggregate excess on these items amounts to £3,201 10 5 Sterling, while the principal decrease has been on Molasses, Sugar, Leather, and ten per cent. ad valorem duties, amounting in the whole to £3,086 13 5;—while the Revenue has been increasing in the Capital it has been decreasing at the Out Ports.

Halifax has paid into the Treasury during the past year £73,459 15s 9d. Sterling, while during the previous year it contributed only £71,526 15s. 7d. Sterling, shewing an increase of £1,933 0s. 2d. Sterling; the Out Ports, on the other hand, shew a decrease of £2,153 16s. 5d. Sterling.

The Light Duties collected during the past year amounts to £7,249 3s. 0d. Currency. By the Returns of the previous year there had been collected to 31st December, 1855, £5,757 2s. 0d. and there remained unpaid of duties in the hand of the Collector at Canso, but which was paid before the House rose, a sum which your Committee estimated at about £500 Sterling, but which turned out to be £584 13s. 6d. Currency, which, being added to the amount returned in last year's report, makes £6,351 15s. 6d., there is therefore an increase in Light Duties of £897 7s. 6d. Currency, during the year 1856.

Your Committee further observe that the Receiver General reports in his account a credit to the late Collector at the Strait of Canso, on the balance £232 10s. 3d., being the amount of Cash in his hands, and also states that the Collector has handed over Notes and Orders to the amount of £185 19s. 0d. which however your Committee consider not available for any amount.

Your Committee also observe that a balance of considerable amount remains due from the Collector at Parrsborough, but they are glad to learn that such amount is in the way of being adjusted and will probably be paid into the Treasury soon after the rise of the House.

In the Receiver General's Account for 1855 the balance stated by him to be in his hands was £23,730 3s. 10d. The balance at the close of the year 1856 was £22,384 9s. 3d. shewing a decrease in the amount in hand of £1,345 14s. 7d.

Your Committee annex hereto a statement of the amounts due from the Collectors of Impost, Excise, and Light Duties, to the 31st December, 1856, by which it appears that there was due at that date £5,343 16s. 7d. which, has been reduced to £766 7s. 9d. by payments received to the amount of £4,597 8s. 10d.

Light,

LIGHT, IMPOST AND EXCISE.

Balances due by Collectors 31st December, 1856.

Since paid. £10 4 7		£10 4 7
	Halifax,	
	Halifax Light,	
20 0 0	Antigonishe,	26 6 5
69 10 0	Arichat,	217 2 10
12 1 3	Advocate Harbor,	21 2 6
240 15 7	Annapolis,	240 14 7
52 15 6	Barrington,	52 15 6
	Ditto Late Collector, 24 16 10	
21 4 4	Beaver River,	21 4 4
132 15 0	Bridgetown,	132 15 0
7 0 0	Bridgeport,	7 10 2
68 12 9	Bear River,	68 12 9
57 14 9	Canada Creek,	57 14 10
113 5 1	Church Point,	113 5 1
74 10 4	Clementsport,	74 10 4
143 2 6	Cornwallis,	142 1 6
29 11 4	Cape Canoe,	29 11 4
253 14 7	Ditto (Bigelow)	253 14 7
41 13 4	Canso Strait,	41 13 4
	Ditto (Hadley) old bal. 46 1 5	
345 16 10	Digby,	345 16 10
33 5 0	French Cross,	33 3 11
31 0 2	Great Bras d'Or,	33 4 0
	Guysborough,	0 2 0
	Ditto Late Collector, 5 7 2	
13 0 7	Harbor au Bouche,	13 0 7
100 0 0	Horton,	208 0 6
61 16 8	Hantsport,	61 7 6
57 8 2	Joggins Mines,	57 8 2
7 8 0	Little River,	7 8 0
	Lunenburg,	0 12 4
242 16 1	Londonderry,	242 18 1
1 10 4	La Have	18 15 7
250 7 3	Liverpool,	250 7 3
	Ditto (J. Newton) old balance, 40 1 9	
12 11 0	Margaree,	12 11 0
118 15 11	Maitland,	118 15 11
30 16 1	McNair's Cove,	30 16 1
167 6 8	North Sydney,	174 6 7
158 12 5	Pictou,	158 11 4
5 0 0	Parrsborough,	277 18 6
122 2 6	Pugwash,	122 2 6
53 7 0	Port Hood,	53 7 9
	Pubnico,	17 8 1
	Port Medway,	85 6 2
	Ditto Late Collector, 2 16 7	
2 4 11	Ragged Islands,	2 4 11
65 0 0	Sydney, C. B.	74 14 11
16 13 0	Shelburne,	16 13 0
	Ship	

	Ship Harbor.	£7	1	7
	St. Mary's,	20	5	9
	Sheet Harbor,	9	13	0
£1	St. Ann's,	3	9	9
13	Sandy Cove,	8	17	11
3	Tatamagouche,	8	3	8
8	Truro,	283	6	0
0	Ditto Late Collector,	6	3	8
8	Tusket,	38	1	2
3	Thorne's Cove,	19	1	5
8	Walton,	3	0	7
283	Wilmot,	285	6	10
4	Wallace,	38	19	1
5	Westport,	48	15	11
38	Weymouth,	99	10	10
0	Yarmouth,	51	11	0
19	Amherst,	490	10	11
15				
7				
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4597		£5343	16	7

This statement your Committee are disposed to consider satisfactory. They consider it a matter of great importance that the Officers charged with the collection of the Colonial Revenues should punctually pay into the Treasury the amounts collected, and in their hands; and it is gratifying to observe, that out of a Revenue of £140,000, or thereabouts, no larger a sum than £750 remains unpaid.

The proceeds from the Casual and Territorial Revenue which have been paid into the Treasury, are exhibited in the following Abstract:

Abstract of Monies received on account of the Casual Revenue between 1st January and 31st December, 1856.

Jan. 18.—From Commissioner of Crown Lands,	£1000	0	0	
April 4. Ditto	1000	0	0	
July 3. Ditto	310	0	0	
Augt. 19. Ditto	600	0	0	
Dec. 30. Ditto	1000	0	0	
				3910 0 0
Jan. 19.—From Secretary's Office (fees),	£297	12	5	
April 1. Ditto	200	0	0	
July 15. Ditto	150	0	0	
Nov. 4. Ditto	100	0	0	
Dec. 18. Ditto	150	0	0	
				897 12 5
Jan 21.—From Mining Association,	1875	0	0	
March 4. Ditto	5178	9	7	
Aug. 1. Ditto	1876	5	0	
				8929 14 7
				£13737 7 0

Receiver General's Office, Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

The gross proceeds of the lands sold and applied for during 1856 amount to	£5247	0	0
The monies returned to applicants, and charges, amount to	2501	4	4½
	£2745	15	7½

Add to this the balance in hand 31st December, 1855,	£1218 15 0
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	£3964 10 7½
Of which there has been paid into the Treasury,	3910 0 0
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Leaving in the hands of the Commissioner,	£54 10 7½

In this Department there appears to be a falling off from the year 1855 to the amount of £4,937 3s. 6d.

The whole Revenue for 1856 may be stated as follows :

Statement of the Provincial Revenue for the year 1856.

Impost and Excise Duties, including Licenses to Distilleries,	£117897 0 3
Light Duties,	7249 3 0
Due from Provincial Secretary's Office, for Fees,	897 8 1
Crown Land Department,	2745 15 8
Mining Association,	9870 6 0
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	£138,659 13 0

The whole Revenue for 1855 may be stated as follows :

Statement of the Provincial Revenue for the year 1855.

Impost and Excise, including Licenses to Distilleries,	118173 0 7
Light Duties,	5767 2 0
Due from Provincial Secretary's Office, for Fees,	858 12 5
Due Crown Land Department,	6687 4 9
Mining Association, as reported,	12466 15 0
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	£143,952 14 9

The expenditures of the different Departments under the control of the Board of Public Works were, in 1856, as detailed in their Statement hereto annexed :

1856. *The Province of Nova-Scotia in account with the Board of Works.*

1855.	DR.	
Decr. 31. To balance due this date,		£5804 6 7
" Hospital for Insane,	6248 14 8	
" Penitentiary,	1673 6 8½	
" Sable Island,	1439 13 6	
" Acadienne,	1028 11 6	
" Lady Vivian,	87 5 2	
" Light House service, including St. Paul's } and Scattarie, }	7881 1 9½	
" Public Buildings,	2172 16 10	
" Celebration of 9th June,	309 5 4	
" Board of Works, Salaries and Charges,	619 9 5	
" Amt. paid over to Recr. General for Light } Houses, Sable Island, Acadienne, &c. }	896 15 2	
" Ditto from New Brunswick, for Brier and } Seal Island, for 1855, }	299 10 10	
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		22,656 10 11
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1856.		£28,460 17 6
December 31. To balance brought down,		41 5 10

		CR.		
By Cash from Receiver General for	1855,		£5804	6 7
Do. do.	1856,		21195	13 5
Do. Penitentiary,		5 8 9		
Do. Sable Isld., exclusive of	Acadienne freight,	650 1 6		
Do. Daring,		115 12 6		
Do. Acadienne,		181 0 0		
Do. Light Houses,		139 5 5		
Do. Public Buildings,		28 12 8		
Do. New Brunswick, for Brier and Seal	} 299 10 10			
Island, for 1855,				
			1419	11 8
Balance carried down,			41	5 10
			£28,460	17 6

Office of Board of Works, }
Halifax, Dec. 31, 1856. }

H. BELL,

Chairman Board Works.

By this statement it appears that during the past year they have disbursed 22,656*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, which, added to 5,084*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* due them of the previous year's account, as per report of your Committee, makes in all 28,460*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a balance of 41*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* due the Board, up to the 31st December last. They have received from the Treasury during the year 1856 the amount of the balance due for the previous year, and in addition 21,195*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, and from other sources 1,419*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* There are still due and remaining unpaid for several services connected with this Department, 4,153*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

Your Committee in the report of last year strongly recommended the necessity of the most rigid economy in the Board of Works; but your Committee regret their further duty of calling the attention of the House to an account of disbursements of that Department in the celebration of the 9th of June last, on the occasion of laying the Corner Stone of the Lunatic Asylum, amounting to 313*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Your Committee again feel themselves called upon to recommend the most rigid economy in this department of the public service.

Up to the the 31st December, 1855, the expenditure on the St. Peters Canal amounted to	£4149 12 8½
During the year 1856 there was expended	1618 16 10½
Making the whole sum expended on the service	£5768 9 7

The Commissioners have drawn from the Receiver General during 1856, 1450*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* There was in their hands, as reported last year, a balance of 448*l.* 7*s.* 3½*d.*; and their account of expenditure and receipts during the past year shews a balance in their hands of 279*l.* 10*s.* 5½*d.*, which balance stands to their credit in the bank of Nova Scotia.

The particulars of this Account are shown in the following :

The

The Province of Nova Scotia in Account Current with Commissioners of St. Peters Canal.

DR.

1856.

Dec. 31.—To paid John McLeod for removing obstruction under bridge crossing Canal route,	1	£10	0	0
John McLeod, excavating 20014 yards } at 1s. 1d. £1084 1 10 } Less 6 per cent. 65 10 0 }	2	1019	1	0
John McLeod for extra work,		1	5	0
C. W. Folsom, engineer's accounts,	3	375	0	2½
C. W. Folsom's accounts, building office, &c.	4	39	3	3
C. W. Folsom's accounts, teste pits, &c.	5	48	12	7½
Archibald McPherson's account,	6	6	12	6
David Landry, Ferryman,	7	9	10	0
John Ballum's account,	8	2	0	0
James Wood's account,	9	5	3	0
E. McDonald, for advertising,	10	0	10	0
Late J. H. Crosskill, for advertising,	11	1	0	0
Henry Martell's account,	12	2	0	0
Thomas H. Fuller's account,	13	7	10	0
Hugh Munro's account,	14	12	0	0
Richard Nugent, for advertising,	15	2	7	6
Commission on £1541 15 1 at 5 per cent,		77	1	9
Balance remaining in Bank of Nova Scotia to credit of Commissioners,		279	10	5½

£1898 7 3½

1857.

January.—To paid James McKenzie's Bill,

16 1 0

CR.

1856.

December 31.—By balance remaining in Bank of Nova-Scotia to credit of Commissioners this day,		448	7	3½
Amounts placed to our credit with Bank of Nova-Scotia, by Receiver General,		1450	0	0
		£1898	7	3½

1856.

December 31.—By balance remaining in Bank of Nova-Scotia to credit of Commissioners this day,

279 10 5½

(Errors and omissions excepted.)

Arichat, December 31, 1856.

THOMAS H. FULLER, } Commissioners
HENRY MARTELL, } of
HUGH MUNRO, } St. Peters Canal.

The Railway expenditure during the year 1856 was	249,875	18	2½
Up to the 31st December, 1855, the sum expended was	216,876	5	2½
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Making in all	£466,752	3	5
There has been paid to the Commissioners by the Receiver General to the 31st December, 1856,	455,375	5	2
There is a balance due by the Commissioners on sundry Accounts of	12,231	8	5
They have Cash in hand,	854	10	2
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	11,376	18	3
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	£466,752	3	5
Of the sum paid by the Receiver General on account of the Railway there has been supplied, as reported last year, from the new issue of Notes,	45,000	0	0
From the Savings' Bank,	42,000	0	0
From the General Revenue,	13,000	0	0
And from the General Revenue for 1856,	6,645	0	0
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	106,645	0	0
The remaining sum of	348,730	5	2
has been provided for by the sale of Debentures in Nova-Scotia and London, from Monies borrowed from the Bank of Nova Scotia, and from other sources, in the following proportions, viz:	£455,375	5	2
From Debentures sold in England,	250,625	0	0
Ditto sold in Nova-Scotia,	41,625	0	0
Borrowed from the Bank of Nova-Scotia,	45,262	10	10
Borrowed from other sources,	21,500	0	0
Premium and working account,	4,767	10	0
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	£363,780	0	10
From which deduct the amount due by Baring & Brothers, as per account to 31st December, 1856,	5,896	10	3
Interest and premium account,	9,153	5	5
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	15,049	15	8
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Making as shewn before,	£348,730	15	2

Your Committee subjoin a Balance Sheet, shewing the state of the Commissioners Book to 31st December, 1856:

DR.	<i>Balance Sheet, December, 1856.</i>		
1. Cash,	£121	4	9
9. Bank,	733	5	5
49. W. J. Wiswell,	500	1	5
57. Johnson & Blackie,	10236	2	4
72. Sleepers,	4469	10	5
87. J. & E. Fisher,	50	4	8
90. Materials,	355	13	4
97. Iron Rails.	69699	4	8
105. Office Furniture,	187	3	2
110. J. H. Gibbs,	52	0	0
115. Firewood,	138	9	9

123. Station,	£1847	3	10
124. Spikes,	3358	1	7½
127. Iron Chairs,	25856	17	10
133. Permanent Way,	63927	18	5½
140. Switches and Crossings,	1501	7	8½
141. Keys,	2585	15	2
142. Wharf,	854	17	3½
161. Rolling Stock,	14606	18	3½
167. Wm. McCully, Liverpool,	62	10	0
175. War Department,	20	2	6
176. Omnibusses,	260	10	6
192. Blacksmith's shop,	214	10	0½
197. Timothy Lorrie,	24	10	0
199. Thomas Shea,	53	10	0
213. Wheels and Axles, per Plantagenet,	0	0	0
215. Brick Working Machine,	0	0	0
222. Black, McDonald & Irons, Contract 5,	41820	17	8½
225. Station at Sackville,	763	15	4
230. Survey into Halifax,	32	15	6
231. Air Apparatus,	0	0	0
233. Property at African Village,	193	16	3
234. Executive Government,	0	0	0
235. Conlon & Keating,	15	0	0
237. Blacksmith's Shop, Grand Lake,	3	12	2½
240. Scows,	52	10	0
243. Herbert Harris,	406	5	0
244. King & Brothers,	46	9	4½
248. Lumber and Timber,	702	19	5
251. T. & L. Piers,	500	12	2½
256. Thomas Foot,	32	13	6½
261. Machine Shop,	1786	14	11½
269. House at Terminus,	437	11	5½
268. McDonald & Simpson, Contractors,	940	3	9½
270. Uniform Guards,	19	19	0
278. Contract No. 4, Trunk Line,	7247	2	2
288. Express Waggon,	61	2	2½
294. Blacksmith's Shop at Sackville,	44	15	2
301. Johnson & Blackie, Contract No. 3,	2467	0	0
303. Bridge at Sackville,	7472	7	6
306. Cameron, Cameron & McDonald, Contract No. 4, W. B.	34088	0	0
314. Big Bog Brook bridge,	2217	16	4
338. Cameron, Cameron & McDonald, contract No. 3, W. B.,	14007	0	0
341. Bridge at St. Croix,	1326	19	5
342. McDonald & Simpson, Contract No. 5, Windsor Branch,	21673	0	0
346. Contract No. 3,	21995	18	1½
347. Johnson & Blackie, Contract No. 1, W. B.	4534	0	0
352. Bridge at Fletcher's,	917	10	6½
362. Cameron, Cameron & McDonald, Contract No. 1, W. B.,	14554	0	0
370. New Engine House,	372	4	8
376. McDonald & Simpson, Contract No. 2,	16707	0	0
380. Donald Fraser,	14695	1	2
382. A. Moir,	62	15	7
381. County of Halifax,	0	0	0

388.	Freight of Iron up the road,	860	10	3
399.	Gas Machine,	77	12	5
405.	Cordwood on the line,	£310	8	9
409.	S. Sutherland, & Co.,	21252	11	1
417.	Johnson & Blackie, Contract No 8, M. L.,	23256	0	0
418.	Land at terminus, Marshall's,	175	18	6
419.	Chairs per Onward,	20	16	4
428.	Contract No. 1, Windsor Branch,	25	0	0
432.	Plant Account,	372	6	0
433.	Contract No. 8, Main Line,	18	0	0
434.	Platform Cars,	595	7	4
435.	Bridge at Shubenacadie,	1362	18	11
436.	S. Sutherland & Sons, Railroad Station,	1618	5	9
438.	Extra work on Contract No. 3,	115	2	9
439.	Wharf and property at Windsor,	2695	9	1
440.	Expenses on Rails, Chairs, and Spikes, Windsor,	171	19	7½
442.	Johnson, O'Brien, and John Creighton,	725	0	0
443.	Deputy Quarter Master General,	11	5	0
445.	Conveyance of Troops,	25	0	0
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		£467,606	13	7
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21.	Receiver General,	£455375	5	2
26.	Premium and Discount,	77	15	0
38.	Baring, Brothers & Co.,	10618	5	0½
59.	A. Murphy,	76	15	0
93.	Ward,	2	2	6
95.	Post Office,	11	14	2
98.	J. R. Morse,	112	10	0
103.	R. Marshall,	46	17	6
163.	Railway Tickets,	0	0	0
174.	Thomas Hanwright,	13	9	0
188.	Interest Account,	49	9	0½
198.	Governor's Farm,	39	3	2
252.	Revenue,	1107	15	7½
291.	William Davies,	21	14	1
378.	P. M. Cunningham,	14	3	3½
410.	Young & West,	3	15	0
444.	C. E. Hewitt,	36	0	0
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		£467,606	13	7

(Errors and omissions excepted.)

JOHN MORROW.

Halifax, December 31, 1856.

Examined and found correct,
SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Financial Secretary's Office.

The monies granted last year for the relief of the Coloured Population have been drawn, with the exception of Yarmouth and Shelburne, and amount to £190.

Your Committee again have to observe, that there are no vouchers for the expenditure, except from Halifax.

Undrawn

Granted to Colored Population and drawn in 1856.

Hants County,	£10	0	0
Queen's County,	10	0	0
Guysborough County,	10	0	0
Annapolis County,	10	0	0
Sydney County,	10	0	0
Digby County,	10	0	0
King's County,	10	0	0
Cumberland County, 1855 and 1856,	20	0	0
Halifax County,	100	0	0
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	£190	0	0

Your Committee report a list of undrawn monies, exclusive of Road Grants, to 31st December, 1856:

Undrawn Monies, December 31st, 1856.

Steamboats, Packets and Ferries,	£1373	10	0
Bahama Grant,	17	7	5
Salaries,	3792	10	0
Education,	1500	0	0
Revenue Expenses,	— 3678	9	10
Agriculture,	116	13	4
Navigation Securities,	4567	13	3
Post Communication,	120	12	1
Lunatic Asylum,	3664	11	7
River Fisheries,	450	0	0
Road Compensation,	102	0	0
Drawbacks,	27	2	8
Public Printing,	0	15	0
Poor Asylum,	525	0	0
Miscellaneous,	403	0	0
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	£20339	5	2

Your Committee report a list of undrawn monies, for Roads:

UNDRAWN ROAD MONIES—31st DECEMBER, 1856.

ANNAPOLIS.

130	Harris Ward,	1855,	£5	0	0
132	Thomas Moody,	"	5	0	0
140	Benjamin Brown,	"	5	19	3
0		"	15	10	10
16	John Ramson,	1856	0	0	6
28	Thomas Brown,	"	10	0	0
	Unappropriated,	"	17	0	0
154	Benaiah Morse,	"	0	7	6
155	Ditto	"	12	6	5
157	Jacob Kempton,	"	0	5	6
174	William Crosscup,	"	7	18	9
177	Enoch Dodge,	"	25	0	0
	Unappropriated,	"	11	19	10

COLCHESTER.

32, 80, 207, 189, 104,	1853,	£0 14 4	
123 James Seaton,	1854,	3 0 0	
47 James Dismore,	1855,	3 0 0	
50 Robert Askan,	"	3 0 0	
73 Simpson,	"	3 0 0	
92 Joshua Corbet,	"	4 0 0	
96 Ferguson McNutt,	"	0 0 2	
122	"	6 0 0	
4 William McCallum,	1856,	0 0 6	
35 Gilbert Matheson,	"	0 1 6	
59 John Annand,	1856.	12 10 0	
83	"	3 0 0	
93 Charles Faulkner,	"	4 0 0	
100 Daniel Christie,	"	3 0 0	
105 Thomas Morrison,	"	3 0 0	
110 Samuel Morrison,	"	4 0 0	
113 William Gray,	"	6 0 0	
119 J. N. Spencer,	"	3 0 0	
135	"	5 0 0	
191	"	16 17 6	
194	"	0 5 6	
203	"	8 0 0	
206 Faulkner and Miller,	"	333 6 8	
			424 6 2

CUMBERLAND.

149		1 13 3	
34 Gabriel S. Purdy,	1856,	8 0 0	
46 Philip McKeen,	"	3 11 3	
49 Neil McIver,	"	0 3 4	
85 Wm. Donkin,	"	0 8 9	
91 Cyrus Black,	"	4 18 9	
104 Joshua Chandler,	"	0 5 0	
160 Josiah Ruscoe,	"	5 0 0	
165 George Smith,	"	30 0 0	
180	"	19 12 5	
			73 12 9

CAPE BRETON,

2	1855,	10 0 0	
78 Malcom Johnston,	"	5 0 0	
88	"	0 9 7	
104	"	0 0 9	
109	"	15 0 0	
83	1856,	84 10 0	
9 Ryan and Carroll,	"	7 10 0	
58 John Ryan,	"	5 0 0	
78 John Ferguson,	"	4 0 0	
79A	"	2 0 5	

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

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123	Layman and Morrison,	1856,	£20	0	0	
0		"	4	2	1	
142	Unappropriated,	"	38	3	8	
						195 16 6

DIGBY,

43	Maurice Melanson,	1855,	10	0	0	
108	January Mallet,	"	9	0	0	
10	Daniel Rice,	"	5	0	0	
7	George Sonia,	"	0	7	6	
8	Archangel Devouse,	"	0	10	0	
18		"	27	1	4	
20	Jacob Roop,	"	9	0	0	
24	Daniel Rice,	"	6	0	0	
34		1856,	12	0	0	
35		"	18	0	0	
39		"	8	0	0	
46	Carter Bell,	"	10	0	0	
67		"	18	0	0	
69		"	9	0	0	
84		"	10	0	0	
113		"	8	0	0	
131		"	7	0	0	
164		"	12	0	0	
						178 18 10

GUYSBOROUGH.

2 & 5		1856,	0	1	1	
17	Henry Tory, Sr.	"	0	0	6½	
33	John Carr,	"	9	3	9	
52		"	0	10	0½	
57	John B. McDonald,	"	58	0	0	
78	Hugh McNeil,	"	12	10	0	
81		"	0	0	0½	
						80 5 5

HALIFAX.

26	Richard Roach,	1856,	4	0	0	
29	William Shea,	"	0	5	6	
44	Contingencies,	"	3	15	7	
70	William Anderson,	"	18	10	0	
80	Alexander Fraser,	"	15	0	0	
81	Ditto,	"	10	0	0	
100	James McCurdy,	"	0	3	4	
104	Wilson and McHeffey	"	1	0	0	
109	John Annand, Sr.	"	5	0	0	
122		"	7	15	10	
125		"	0	6	10	
129		"	5	0	0	
130		"	3	3	9	
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HANTS,

HANTS.			
72	Dougald McDonald,	1852,	£5 0 0
40	5s. ; 71, 2s. 6d. ; 9 ¹ / ₂ , 2s. 9d. ; } 98, 3s. ; 105, 1s. 6d. ; 124, 1s. }	1854,	0 15 9
12	William McKay,	1855,	5 0 0
20	William Reynolds,	"	2 10 0
142	Edward Stoddart,	"	10 0 0
4		1856,	3 13 11
6		"	0 0 3
8	Joel Harvie,	"	0 2 9
17	Isaac Sandford,	"	0 7 6
100	William McDougall,	"	19 14 0
97	George Smith,	"	0 1 0
102	Duncan McDougall,	"	5 0 0
122	Richard Deale,	"	15 0 0
134	John Redin,	"	12 0 0
135	Peter Dawson,	"	7 0 0
146	John Nickwire,	"	0 14 7
148	G. Swinehammer,	"	0 2 0
150	Lockhart Sweet,	"	24 1 4

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INVERNESS.			
134	Campbell & Miller,	1852,	£1 0 0
148	P. Godet,	"	3 0 0
156	McDonald & McKeen,	"	7 10 0
157	John McGregor,	"	7 0 0
123	Malcom McKay,	1853,	4 16 0
	Sundries,	"	0 16 10
78	Donald Campbell,	1854,	7 0 0
	Sundries,	"	0 10 11
55	John Murray, Esquire,	1855,	15 0 0
92	Angus Campbell,	"	10 0 0
112	J. McFarlane,	"	7 0 0
	Sundries,	"	0 8 7
146	Reserved,	"	14 9 0
5	D. McEachern,	1856,	10 0 0
7	John McMillen,	"	7 0 0
37	Malcom McKay,	"	30 0 0
51	John Murray, Esquire,	"	15 0 0
55	Rev. A. McDonald,	"	25 0 0
59	Archibald Campbell,	"	10 0 0
65	Angus Beaton,	"	10 0 0
78	G. C. Lawrence,	"	10 0 0
94	Angus Beaton,	"	10 0 0
95	John Wright,	"	10 0 0
107	M. McMillan,	"	0 2 6
132	Rev. H. J. Cheval,	"	10 0 0
134	John McLean,	"	10 0 0
136	Arch'd. McIsaac,	"	10 0 0
	Reserved,	"	28 16 2

274 10 0
KING'S,

KINGS.

185		1853,	£5	0	0
	Balance from No. 95, 193, and 199, 1853,		1	12	9
18	Nathan Flint,	1854,	1	0	0
23	A. Beckwith,	"	6	0	0
60	Jos. Kinsman,	"	5	0	0
66	William Thomas,	"	10	0	0
94	William A. Frost,	"	4	0	0
118		"	0	10	0
168	George Harvey,	"	10	0	0
200	Unappropriated,	"	0	1	6
22,	2s: 130, 4s.,	"	0	6	0
68	Josiah Shaw,	"	5	0	0
147A	Unappropriated,	"	0	2	8
152	Wm. McKittrick,	"	0	10	0
187	Wm. Patterson,	"	0	1	9
16	John Clarke,	1856,	5	0	0
18	John McMullen,	"	5	0	0
35	Charles Burbridge,	"	5	0	0
36	Hains Newcomb,	"	7	0	0
58	William Baxter,	"	5	0	0
59	Ephraim Kinsman,	"	4	10	0
65	Joseph Lyons,	"	5	0	0
78	Philip Weaver,	"	6	0	0
95	Thomas H. Blemns,	"	2	7	0
100	Charles Katen,	"	5	0	0
102	Adolphus West,	"	4	0	0
110	Timothy Barnaby,	"	15	0	0
115	George Munro,	"	10	0	0
183	Grandison Eagles,	"	7	10	0
191	William Reid,	"	0	2	10
203	William Thomas	"	5	0	0
210	E. Hamilton,	"	3	4	0
215	S. Sharp,	"	50	0	0

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LUNENBURG.

42		1854,	1	10	0
1	James Starritt,	1856,	12	8	6
110	Casper Miller,	"	15	0	0
119	George Corkum,	"	0	3	3
134	John Fanning,	"	0	11	4
0		"	7	0	0
0		"	10	0	0
182	Christian Vogler,	"	0	1	3
184	Abraham Hebb,	"	5	0	0
	Unappropriated,	"	8	15	6

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PICOU.

55	Samuel Cameron,	1856,	22	10	0
59	John McLean,	"	0	1	3

69	Robert McNaughton,	1856,	£40	0	0	
78	John McP. Fraser,	"	17	10	0	
83 and 119,		"	1	2	4	
						£81 3 7

QUEEN'S.

4	Lewis Gardiner,	1856,				1 2 6
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RICHMOND.

	Sundries	1853,	0	7	6	
15		1854,	0	2	0	
	Murdoch Smith,	"	0	8	11	
20		"	0	18	6	
31	Donald Campbell,	1856,	8	0	0	
57		1854,	0	8	3	
49		1856,	10	0	0	
52		"	10	0	0	
58	Donald Ferguson,	"	0	1	0	
113		"	32	0	0	
114	Simon Martell,	"	10	0	0	
	Unappropriated,	"	6	12	7	
118	Norman McDonald,	"	50	0	0	
121		"	32	14	9	
						161 7 6

SYDNEY.

	Fraser & McKenzie,	1851,	2	12	0	
	Sundries,	1853,	0	7	6	
48		1854,	3	7	4	
102	John Brown,	"	5	0	0	
	Sundries,	"	2	5	2	
21	Angus McDonald,	1855	4	0	0	
42	William McDonald,	"	5	0	0	
		"	0	0	6	
39		1856,	1	6	0	
70	George Lavendier,	"	5	0	0	
73	Angus McNeil,	"	5	0	0	
91	Robert N. Henry,	"	5	0	0	
107	Samuel McDonald,	"	5	0	0	
						43 18 6

SHELBURNE.

9	Rufus Brown,	1856,	0	0	6	
60	Gordon D. Bill,	"	40	0	0	
75	Josiah Snow, Sr.	"	0	0	3	
78	Thomas Coffin, Sr.	"	6	0	0	
92	Robert Stoddart,	"	8	0	0	
94	Solomon Adams,	"	0	0	8	
117	John Martin,	"	0	17	9	
120	James Boyd,	"	0	2	3	
						55 1 5

VICTORIA.

14	1853,	£2 5 0	
32	1856,	20 0 0	
34	"	7 10 0	
42	John Young,	10 0 0	
54	Neil McCaskill,	10 0 0	
		<u> </u>	£49 15 0

YARMOUTH.

6	Stilman Larkin,	1856,	0 5 0	
27	"	"	5 0 0	
45	"	"	34 13 11	
59	Municipality,	"	1 0 11	
			<u> </u>	40 19 10
				<u> </u>
				£2,217 0 6

Your Committee also report a list of Undrawn Grammar School Monies :

Undrawn Grammar School Monies, 1856,

Halifax, (Rural District)		£12 10 0
Victoria,		50 0 0
Guysborough,		100 0 0
Cumberland, (Western District)		25 0 0
Digby, (Clare District)		33 6 8
Yarmouth, (Argyle District)		33 6 8
Shelburne, (Shelburne District)		25 0 0
Inverness, (South District)		20 12 0
Annapolis, (Eastern District)	12 10 0	
Annapolis, (Western District)	15 0 0	
	<u> </u>	37 10 0
Hants, (Rawdon District)		12 3 7
Pictou, (North District)	16 13 4	
Pictou, (South District)	8 19 4	
	<u> </u>	25 12 8
Cape Breton,		33 6 8
		<u> </u>
		£408 8 3

The sum of Six thousand pounds in torn and defaced Province Notes, has been handed to your Committee, who have destroyed them.

During the past year £15,000 have been added to the issue of Province Notes, making the whole of the new issue £60,000,—the old issue is £59,682; there are, therefore, afloat in all £119,682 of Province Notes.

During the past year the sum of £14,000 has been borrowed from the Savings' Bank, which, added to the sum of £42,000 borrowed from that source under the Acts of 1854 and 1855, makes £56,000, to which is to be added other £50,000, being amount of Funded Debt deposits in the Savings's Bank under previous Acts, and thus the whole Provincial liability to the Savings' Bank amounts to the sum of £106,000

The

The whole amount of the Provincial indebtedness, therefore, may be shewn in the following Statement :

DR.				
Amount of Province Notes, old issue,		£59,682	0	0
Amount of Province Notes, new issue,		60,000	0	0
Savings' Bank,		106,000	0	0
Undrawn for Roads and Bridges,		2,217	0	10
Undrawn for other services,		20,339	5	2
Due Board of Works,		41	5	10
		£248,279	11	10

CONTRA, CR.				
Balance in hands of Receiver General,	£22,384	9	3	
Due from Collectors of Colonial Duties,	5,343	16	7	
Due from Casual Revenue,	9,044	13	0	
Due from Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island	1,324	5	0	
Due from Dalhousie College,	5,000	0	0	
Due from Inland Navigation Company,	3,500	0	0	
Advances to Railway,	106,645	0	0	
Due from Counties for advance for Road Service,	1,298	4	0	
		154,540	7	10
		93,739	4	0

There is due by the Railway to the ordinary funds of the Province, as charged above :

Savings' Bank and Province Notes,	87,000	0	0
General Revenue,	19,645	0	9
	£106,645	0	0

Your Committee annex the Annual Abstract of the Saving's Bank for the year 1856, showing a balance in the hands of the Cashier of £200 15s. 8d.

Annual Abstract of the Accounts of the Halifax Savings' Bank for the year 1856.

1855.				
December 31.—To balance,		£364	14	2
1856. - This sum received from depositors between the 1st January and 31st December,		47170	6	0
One year's interest on £9200 at 4 per cent. to 31st December,		3680	0	0
Interest on £14000, paid between the 5th Feb. and 31st December, on broken periods,		231	11	6
		£51446	11	8
1856.				
December 31.—By this sum repaid depositors between 1st January and date,		36937	15	5
Interest paid thereon,		293	1	7
				This

1856. Dec. 31. This sum paid into the Treasury between the 5th February and this date, under various Acts,	£14000 0 0
This sum paid for expences of management,	14 19 0
	<hr/>
	51245 16 0
Balance in hand of Cashier,	200 15 8
	<hr/>
	£51446 11 8

E. DUCKETT, Cashier.

Saving's Bank Office,
Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

Your Committee are happy to report that the claim on the Prussian Treasury reported last year, for advances to Prussian Passengers shipwrecked at Sable Island, amounting to £749 5s. 11d. has been refunded.

Your Committee report the Estimate furnished by the Financial Secretary, of the probable Assets and expenditure of the Province for the present year :

Statement of the probable Assets of the Province of Nova-Scotia, for the year 1857.

Balance in the hands of the Receiver General, 31st Dec. 1856,	£22384 9 3
Due from Collectors of Colonial Duties,	5343 16 7
Casual Revenue,	9044 13 0
Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for Lights,	1324 5 0
Counties for advances for Road Service,	1298 4 0
	<hr/>
	£39395 7 10

PROBABLE RECEIPTS.

From Collector of Excise at Halifax,	£111000 0 0	
Collectors at Outports,	28000 0 0	
Collectors of Light Duty,	6000 0 0	
Casual Revenue,	10000 0 0	
Distilleries,	7000 0 0	162000 0 0
	<hr/>	<hr/>
		201395 7 10

Deduct undrawn monies for Roads and Bridges,	2217 0 10	
Ditto other services,	20339 5 2	
Interest due 31st December,	9500 14 2	
Balance due Board of Works,	41 5 10	32098 6 0
	<hr/>	<hr/>
		£169297 1 10

Deduct ordinary and Legislative appropriations, viz. :

Salaries of Lieut. Governor and Public Officers,	15170 0 0
Legislative Expenses,	10000 0 0
Revenue Department, Halifax,	6000 0 0
Salaries to Outport Collectors and Commissions,	3500 0 0
General Education,	17000 0 0
Interest on Funded Debt,	4240 0 0
do. to be provided for Railway Bonds,	33000 0 0

Support of Light Houses,	£8000	0	0		
do. Sable Island,	400	0	0		
Provincial Penitentiary, £800; Public Buildings, £1000,	1800	0	0		
Rations to Troops, £50; Poor Asylum, £2000,	2050	0	0		
Transient Paupers,	250	0	0		
Immigrant Expenses,	250	0	0		
Halifax Dispensary, £50; Indians, £300,	350	0	0		
Post Communication,	8000	0	0		
Packets and Ferries,	1300	0	0		
Road compensation, £1000; Casualties, £1000,	2000	0	0		
Drawbacks, £3,500; River Fisheries, £450	3950	0	0		
Miscellaneous,	8500	0	0	125760	0 0
				£43537	1 10

Your Committee are happy to perceive from the last mentioned Document that, after the new Tariff goes into operation, there will be a sum available for the Road and Bridge Service equal to about £43,000, after making due allowance for the usual Grants, and adding the sum required for the payment of the interest on the Railroad Debentures, for the present year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, Chairman,	}	Committee of Legislative Council.
T. D. ARCHIBALD,		
H. G. PINEO,		
JOHN ESSON, Chairman,	}	Committee of House of Assembly.
THOMAS KILLAM,		
CORNELIUS WHITE,		
A. C. McDONALD,		
W. B. WEBSTER,		

CONVENTION NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES.

(Copy.)

No. 10.

Downing Street, March 26, 1857.

SIR—

I transmit, for your information, copy of a Despatch which I have this day addressed to the Governor of Newfoundland, on the subject of the Fishery Convention with France, which the Legislature of that Colony have refused to adopt.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE,

Lieutenant Governor

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c., Nova-Scotia.

No.

No. 10.

Downing Street, March 26, 1857.

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your Despatches of the numbers and dates specified in the margin.

When Her Majesty's Government entered into the Convention with that of France, which has formed the occasion of that Correspondence, they did so in the hope of bringing to a satisfactory arrangement the many complicated and difficult questions which have arisen between the two Countries on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries.

But they did so with the full intention of adhering to two principles which have guided them, and will continue to guide them, namely, that the rights at present enjoyed by the community of Newfoundland are not to be ceded or exchanged without their assent, and that the Constitutional mode of submitting measures for that assent is, by laying them before the Colonial Legislature.

For this reason they pursued the same form of proceeding which had been before pursued in the case of the Reciprocity Convention with the United States, and which was in that case adopted and acted upon by the Newfoundland Legislature.

It was in perfect uniformity with the same precedent that it appeared necessary in the present instance to add a condition respecting Parliamentary enactment, in order that, if necessary, any existing obstacles to the arrangement in the series of Imperial Statutes might be subsequently removed.

The proposals contained in the Convention having been now unequivocally refused by the Colony, they will, of course, fall to the ground. And you are authorized to give such assurance as you may think proper, that the consent of the Community of Newfoundland is regarded by Her Majesty's Government as the essential preliminary to any modification of their territorial or maritime rights.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

GOVERNOR DARLING, &c. &c. Newfoundland.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENTS.

(Copy.)

Brook House, Dartmouth, 5th April, 1856.

SIR—

As the Session of the Legislature is drawing to a close, and the business accumulating so as to render the Sittings of the Legislative Council more protracted, I find my compulsory attendance as President, particularly inconvenient to myself and family, from my residence being at so great a distance from the City; I have therefore to request you will pray His Excellency to accept my resignation of the Office of President of the Legislative Council, which I now tender.

The next meeting of the Council will take place on Monday, 7th instant, at half-past two o'clock, P. M., when the announcement will be made that the Chair is vacant.

I have &c.

(Signed) MICHAEL TOBIN.

The Hon. L. M. WILKINS, Provincial Secretary, &c.

Halifax,

No. 8, 7th Feb. 1857.
 " 9, 3d March "
 " 12, 4th " "
 " 13, 5th " "

Halifax 7th February, 1857.

SIR—

I beg leave to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that I can no longer retain the Office of President of the Legislative Council, and I now most respectfully resign it. Having explained to yourself and your Colleagues in the Government my reasons for taking this step, I deem it unnecessary to repeat them here.

I have the honor &c.

(Signed) EDWARD KENNY.

The Hon. W. A. HENRY, Provincial Secretary.

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

*Provincial Secretary's Office,
Halifax, February 26th, 1857.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I am commanded by the Lieutenant Governor to request that you will furnish, for His Excellency's information, the following returns connected with the great public work committed to your charge.

First—A detailed statement of the total cost of the portions of Railway already completed, distinguishing the cost of Road and Permanent Way, Stations, Land Damages, Plant, Rolling Stock, &c.

Second—An approximate estimate of the amount required to complete and equip unfinished portions now under contract, in addition to what has already been expended.

Third—A similar estimate of the probable amount per mile, required to complete and equip the lines to Windsor, Truro, and Pictou, from the termination of the existing contracts.

Fourth—An estimate of the probable annual receipts from goods and passengers' traffic between Halifax and the termini on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy.

Fifth—A detailed statement of all the different amounts received by the Board, with their expenditure, during the years 1855 and 1856.

Sixth—A detailed statement of the Salaries, Contingencies, Office Expenses, &c. of the board and staff of engineers, &c., during these years, including surveys, &c.

Seventh—A statement of the working expences on the line opened, distinguishing wages, repairs and other items of expenditure in the several years.

Eighth—A statement of the plant and other materials on hand.

Ninth—A succinct statement of the various contracts, with names, dates, amounts, sections, &c., and whether performed and paid for in whole or in part.

I am to request that you will furnish these returns with the least possible delay, as they shall from time to time be prepared, in order to their being submitted to the Legislature at an early day.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. H. KEATING.

Deputy Secretary.

The Commissioners for the Construction of Provincial Railways, &c.

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*Nova Scotia Railway Office,
Halifax, March, 1857.*

SIR—

For the information of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and in reply to your letter of the 26th ult. we have now to furnish the information required, as follows :

First—"A detailed statement of the total cost of the portions of Railway already completed, distinguishing the cost of road and permanent way, stations, land damages, plant, rolling stock, &c."

Total cost of Railway fully completed, say contracts 1 and 2, Halifax to	
Bedford, exclusive of terminal stations, in sterling monies,	£50,859 19 8
Of this, the road and permanent way cost	£46,401 7 9
Stations—Four-mile house, Nine-Mile River, and	
Bedford,	553 9 8
Land damages paid by Board,	168 6 3
Rolling Stock for 8 miles,	3,736 16 0
	£50,859 19 8

It may be proper here to remark that the portion of the Line actually completed in consecutive sections is about 8 miles, as above stated, lying between Halifax and Bedford. The next section beyond, after crossing the Sackville Viaduct, which is completed, passes through a heavy clayey district for a short distance, and the embankments are not sufficiently consolidated as yet to justify their being finally dressed and faced. The Engineer, however, assures the Board that this can be done now at a small outlay as soon as Spring opens.

Second—"An approximate estimate of the amount required to complete and equip the unfinished sections now under contract, in addition to what has already been expended."

To complete unfinished portions under contract—approximate estimate,	<i>Stg.</i> £129,904 0 0
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The equipment for these unfinished sections depends so entirely upon the amount of traffic, that it is difficult to furnish any satisfactory estimate.

At present the Rolling Stock in use upon the 22½ miles in operation, cost,	<i>Stg.</i> £10,509 7 1
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This has furnished sufficient accommodation up to the present time ; but the Board anticipate that, as the traffic along the line becomes developed, this equipment may require to be materially increased.

Third—"A similar estimate of the probable amount per mile required to complete and equip the line to Windsor, Truro, and Pictou, from the termination of the existing contracts."

The amount required to complete the line to Windsor, and as far as Stewiacke on the route towards Truro, all of which is under contract, is, as nearly as can be estimated, given in our reply to question No. 2.

The portion of road lying between Stewiacke and Truro has been located, but is not yet under contract.

The completion of this section will probably average for construction, exclusive of equipment, £5,000 per mile, Sterling.

That portion of the line lying between Truro and Pictou, except for about ten miles, is not yet located. Assuming that there are no greater engineering difficulties to encounter than exist upon that portion of the works lying between Grand Lake and Stewiacke, and now under contract, which includes the Shubenacadie Bridge, one of the heaviest Viaducts on the lines, to be constructed of stone and iron—then, as an approximate estimate, the mileage for construction may be fairly set down at £5,000 sterling.

The following tabulated statement gives the results at a view :—		
Distance—Halifax to Windsor—miles		45
Junction to Truro—miles,		48
Truro to Pictou—miles,		45
		—
Whole distance—Halifax to Windsor and Truro,		138 miles.
Expended on 76 miles under contract, including expenses of every kind, as well for engineering as for stations, and contingencies of all kinds, per Commissioners Report and account rendered,		£466,752 3 5
	Less 1-5th difference, Currency.	93,350 8 8
		£373,401 14 9
Add to finish, as per estimate above,		129,904 0 0
		£503,305 14 9
Remaining distance, say 62 miles, at £5,000 per mile,		310,000 0 0
		£813,305 14 9
For equipment 138 miles, at £400 per mile, which allows 1 locomotive and 10 mixed cars to every 10 miles,	£55,200 0 0	
Less Rolling Stock on hand,	10,509 7 2	
		£44,690 12 10
	Total for 138 miles,	£857,996 7 7

Being at the rate of £6,217 7s. 3d. Sterling. per mile.

This, it will be understood, is exclusive of way and terminal stations, except so far as already expended, and included in our accounts rendered, amounting at present to £9,407 2s. 2d. It, however, includes a charge of upholding of the works by the contractors for one year. Contracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 excepted.

Fourth—"An estimate of the probable annual receipts from goods and passengers' traffic between Halifax and the termini of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy."

To the fourth enquiry the Board feel that it would be presumption on their part to attempt a reply.

In a young country like Nova-Scotia, where the operation of Railways is an untried experiment, and where no reliable data exist from which to prepare the estimate sought in a country known to abound with much of the crude materials of Commerce, where the capabilities for manufacturing operations can hardly be surpassed—with the prospect of commanding a large share of the Gulf Trade, including that of Great Britain, Prince Edward Island, the North Shores of New Brunswick and the River St. Lawrence on the one hand—on the other, that of the Western Counties of the Province, the fine agricultural and richly endowed districts adjacent to the Basin of Minas; contemplating the increased intercourse certain to ensue with New Brunswick and the eastern parts of the United States by Steam and other Navigation of the Bay of Fundy, in view of a future so promising, the Board feel that they may well be excused for declining to hazard a conjecture as to the probable amount of receipts from goods and passengers' traffic between Halifax and the several termini proposed.

Indeed,

Indeed, what might constitute a reasonable estimate for such receipts for a first year's operations, judging from the results of Railways and their introduction in other Countries, would form a very imperfect criterion for a second or subsequent year, much less for an annual return. And, as lines from their location are unlikely to be subjected to rival influences, which is eminently the case with those under construction in Nova Scotia, just in the same proportion their productiveness may be relied upon as increasing and permanent. The experience of Railway operations in other countries tends uniformly to establish this position.

Fifth—"A detailed statement of all the different amounts received by the Board with their expenditure during the year 1854, 1855 and 1856."

The statement sought in the fifth requirement, has been furnished by the Board quarterly, with the vouchers, to the Financial Secretary of the Province, as by reference to that Officer's Department will appear. The several Accounts for the years 1854 and 1855, it may be remarked, having been first audited by that officer, have been subsequently audited and reported upon by the Joint Committees of Public Accounts drawn from the two Branches of the Legislature. These Documents are necessarily very voluminous, and would require a considerable period of time for transcribing.

If, upon reference as above given, His Excellency is still desirous that the Board should furnish further copies, you will be pleased to signify his pleasure to that effect, and they shall be put in hand forthwith.

Sixth—"A detailed Statement of the Salaries, Contingencies, Office Expenses, &c. of the Board and Staff Engineers, &c. during these years (1854, 1855 and 1856,) including Surveys, &c."

The Returns required for Salaries and for Contingencies, have already been made to the Financial Secretary's Office, the latter under the head of Incidental Expenses, to which the Board desire respectfully to refer. Under the head of Office Expenses a detailed account has in like manner been rendered, and in each case quarterly, and with Vouchers. The same observations apply to the return required for surveys under the head surveying.

Seventh—"A Statement of the Working Expenses on the Line opened, distinguishing wages, repairs, and other items of expenditure in the several years."

During the year 1855, the road was operated upon for but about six months. Interruptions from various causes occurred. Up to the first of January, 1856, the working expenses, although fully detailed and vouched, as by reference as above will appear, were not analyzed and systematized in the Books of the Board, as they have been during the year 1856.

For the year 1856, the Working Expenses have been detailed with much particularity, and the vouchers setting forth the nature of the disbursements have passed out of the possession of the Board, under the control of the Financial Secretary, in accordance with the requirement of the Acts of the Legislature. But as these accounts are not very voluminous, the Board have caused them to be again transcribed, and now annexes copies, see schedule A. B. C. & D.

Eighth—"A Statement of the plant and other materials on hand."

Schedule E. contains a list of materials and plant.

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

Ninth—"A succinct statement of the various contracts, with names, dates, amounts, sections, &c., whether performed and paid for in whole or in part."

Annexed marked (F.) will be found a tabulated statement furnished by the Chief Engineer, and showing the particulars sought under this head.

All which is respectfully submitted.

We have the honor to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, CHAIRMAN
J. McCULLY,
WM. PRYOR, JUNR
J. H. ANDERSON,
THOS. S. TOBIN.

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary, &c. &c.

[A.]

Locomotive's Account of the year 1856.

1856.		Currency.		
January 11.—	To paid sharpening picks,	£0	1	3
	Murray's Return,	6	15	0
12.	Do.	8	12	6
20.	1 gal. neats foot oil,	0	4	0
	1 do.	0	7	6
19.	Carrying coals to Engine,	0	14	7½
	Cutting wood,	0	4	6
	Labor at Engine,	1	3	9
	Shifting car,	0	9	0
	Murray's Return,	8	5	0
26.	Woodworth's Return,	8	5	0
	Hushman's Return, 1 mo.	9	0	0
			44	2 1½
6.	Woodworth, 1 mo. Salary, } 31st December,	31	5	0
24.	Wm. M. Harrington,	1	6	3
	Dechezeau & Crow,		32	11 3
			13	6 3
				89 19 7½
23.	Woodworth's Return,	8	5	0
	Do.	0	14	7½
	Cleaning out Ashes,	0	1	1½
	Removing small Engine,	0	13	0
2.	E. Woodworth's Return,	8	0	0
	Do.	1	10	4½
	Salary to 31st ult.,	31	5	0
				Woodworth's

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Jan. 9.—To paid Woodworth's Return,	£8 5 0			
Do.	0 15 9			
16. Do.	8 5 0			
Do.	0 13 6			
Cleaning out Ashes,	0 2 3			
			£68 10	7½
Jan. 1.—To paid James Hunter,			1 10	0
Thomas Mitchell's Account,			35 15	1
Mar. 1.—To paid Woodworth's Return,	£8 5 0			
Bringing Coals from Wharf,	0 18 0			
Cleaning out Ashes,	0 1 1½			
		£9 4 1½		
8. Coghill's Return,	8 5 0			
Carrying Coals, &c. for Engine,	0 4 6			
		8 9 6		
15. Coghill's Return,	6 15 0			
Carrying Coals, &c.,	0 12 4½			
Watching Engine at Sackville,	0 5 0			
		7 12 4½		
25. Morriscey's Account,		0 10 0		
21. Coghill's Return,	7 10 0			
Bringing Coals for Engine, &c.,	1 4 9			
		8 14 9		
26. Wier's Bills—America 13s. 8d. } Africa 5s. 3d. }			0 18	11
29. Coghill's Return	7 11 3			
Wooding up, &c.,	0 19 7½			
		8 10 10½		
			44 0	0½
April 3.—To paid Dixon, truckage Steam Pipe,			0 1 3	
5. Ryley's Return,	7 10 0			
Firing up, &c.,	1 10 3			
		9 0 3		
11. Lime truckage.		3 8 6		
18. Ryley's Return,	7 10 0			
Coaling up, &c.,	0 18 9			
Lime truckage,	0 5 0			
11. Ryley's Return,	7 10 0			
Coaling up,	0 8 1½			
		16 11 10½		
25. Ryley's Return,	7 10 0			
Waiting on Engine,	1 0 0			
Cleaning out Ashes,	0 1 1½			
		8 11 7½		
James Shaw, driver, 19 days, 9s. 4½d.		8 18 1½		
30. Burton, for 2 Lamps,		0 14 0		
			47 5	1½
17. Wm. Chambers, accident to his horse,			25 0	0
E. Woodworth, 1 month Salary,			31 5	0
Dechezeau & Crow, 2 tin Oil Cans, with copper tubes,			0 16	0

April 3.—To paid Sprague, Soule & Co., 5 bbls.					
	Lard Oil,	\$192.85			
	1 Tierce Lard,	32.72			
	1 Piece Green Bunting	5.50			
	1 Bag Worsted	27.81			
		<u>\$258.88</u>			
	Truckage, Wharf Insurance,				
	per cent on \$275,	4.75			
	Commission 2½ per cent. on				
	\$258.88,	6.47			
	Bills Exchange, Premium on				
	\$720.10, at 4½ per cent.,				
					3 0 9
May 3.—To paid A. Moir's Return,		£8 1 3			
Coaling and Wooding up,		0 12 4½			
		<u>8 13 7½</u>			
10. A. Moir's Return,		8 1 3			
Coaling and Wooding up,		0 11 3			
		<u>8 12 6</u>			
15. J. Mitchell's Account,		7 19 9			
Less charged Sackville Bridge,		0 16 9			
		<u>7 3 0</u>			
17. A. Moir's Return,		8 1 3			
Coaling and Wooding up,		0 7 10½			
		<u>8 9 1½</u>			
24. A. Moir's Return,		8 1 3			
Coaling and Wooding up,		0 7 0			
Wm. Royd, 21 days at 10s.—£10 10s.					
Less this sum ordered by Mr. McCully,					
£3 15s. Od.,		6 15 0			
		<u>15 3 3</u>			
31. A. Moir's Return,		11 1 3			
Coaling and Wooding up,		0 9 7½			
Extra work at Special Trains,		0 9 6			
Repairing "Sir Gaspard"		0 5 0			
		<u>12 5 4½</u>			
1 lb. Yarn,					0 1 6
10. J. Ryley, 37 days, 25s.					46 5 0
Matthfield Mannfactory Co. :—					
Oct. 1st, 1855, 1 sett eccentric strap,					
per inv. Book, 1857,		\$54.50			
Oct. 8, 2 pump con'tions,		\$6.52			
2 steam balances,		\$26			
Feb. 13, 1 sett loc. pumps,		84.00			
		<u>\$171.2</u>			
Premium 4 per cent.,		6.84			
		<u>\$177.86</u>			
			£44 9 4	£44 9 4	£151 2 8½
June 11—To paid Wm. Howe for Railway Steam					
Whistle,					4 0 0
Downs & Son,					6 19 3

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June 16—To	paid Rennel's Account,	£16 9 9					
	Less, box sperm candles,	5 17 0					
						£10 12 9	
7.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 9 3					
						11 10 6	
14.	A. Moir's Return, Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 9 3					
						11 10 6	
21.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 7 10					
					£11 9 1½		
28.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 8 3			11 9 6		
						67 11 7½	
	A. Moir, for Expences from Glas- gow, for self and James Shaw,			Stg. 45 0 0			
						56 5 0	
July 2.—To	paid W. Merrick's & Sons's Acct.,	10 18 0					
	Less for Office Expenses,	0 18 0					
					10 0 0		
5.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up Engine,				11 1 3 0 7 0		
July 23—To	paid carriage of 4 wheels and axle,	1 0 0					
	Trucking from Station to Com. wharf,	0 2 6					
12	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up Engine,	11 1 3 0 3 6					
					12 7 3		
19.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up Engine,				11 1 3 0 7 3		
26.	A. Moir's Return, Assisting in getting wheels from town to Depot, Coaling and Wooding up Engine,	11 1 3 1 0 0 0 2 11½					
					12 4 2½	57 8 2½	
24.	For Wheels Axles per M. Park,					6 2 1	
Aug. 1.—To	paid A. Moir's Return, Wooding up, Going to Foundry at Dartmouth,	11 1 3 0 4 1 0 3 1½					
					11 8 5½		
8.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 4 6					
					11 5 9		
15.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 3 6					
					11 4 9		
22.	A. Moir's Return, Coaling and Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 4 9					
					11 6 0		
29.	A. Moir's Return,				11 1 3		
						56 6 2½	

September

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Nov. 1.—To paid A. Moir's Return,	£11 15 0		
Wooding up Engine,	0 4 4		
8, A. Moir's Return,	11 13 9		
Wooding up Engine,	0 2 10		
14. A. Moir's Return,	9 6 6½		
Wooding up Engine,	0 4 6		
22. A. Moir's Return,	11 10 0		
Wooding up Engine,	0 5 7½		
28. A. Moir's Return,	12 15 0		
Wooding up Engine,	0 7 1½		
	<hr/>	58	4 9
H. Brown, for pattern and core box,	5 15 0		
H. Brown, for pump for Mayflower,	3 6 0		
	<hr/>	10	1 0
		<hr/>	
		68	5 9
Dec. 13.—To paid Thomas Hennessey, one chld. coals, and trucking,			1 17 6
6. A. Moir's Return,	12 15 0		
Wooding up Engine,	0 15 3		
12. A. Moir's Return,	12 15 0		
Wooding up Engine,	0 14 0		
19. A. Moir's Return,	12 15 0		
Loading up Engine,	0 8 8		
Overtime omitted last week as fire- man on Engine "Mayflower,"	0 10 0		
26. A. Moir's Return,	12 15 0		
Wooding up Engine,	0 9 10		
Anger's amount of Account,	1 1 0		
	<hr/>	56	16 3
31. A. Moir's Salary to 31st December,	62 10 0		
John Stairs,		119	6 3
		<hr/>	17 12 7
		<hr/>	
		£1349	6 4

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By amounts transferred—

Permanent way,	£108 11 4
Rolling Stock,	140 16 6
Incidental expenses,	105 6 4
Accident at 3 Mile House,	207 12 4
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	562 6 6
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	£786 19 10

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By Revenue,

786 19 10

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Traffic charges Account for the year 1856.

1856.			£	s	d		£	s	d
Jan. 7.—	To paid O'Connor's Return,						1	7	0
	Do.						1	17	6
	Coghill,		£3	13	1½				
	Norris,		0	2	3				
			<hr/>				3	15	4½
4.	Loading Rails for Sackville,						0	13	6
	Shifting Cars,						0	13	6
	Unloading Rails,						0	2	3
12.	W. Coghill, 1 month Salary,						8	6	8
	Loading Rails,						0	4	6
	Shifting Cars,						1	4	9
	Honey, 6 days, 4s. 6d.,						1	7	0
25.	W. U. Jones,						11	3	0
19.	Coghill's Return,		3	1	10½				
	Do.		0	19	1½				
			<hr/>				4	1	0
	Feetburn's, for J. Smith,						0	2	3
	N. Honey,						1	0	0
26.	E. Woodworth's Return,						2	19	7½
	Labour,						2	5	0
	Honey,						0	13	6
	Unloading Rails,						0	13	6
							<hr/>		
							42	9	11
Feb 2.—	To paid loading and unloading Rails,						3	3	0
	" " Freight,						0	4	6
9.	" " Rails,						10	0	3
	" " Freight,						0	6	9
	Wm. Coghill, 1 month Salary,						8	6	8
							<hr/>		
							22	1	2
16.	Loading and unloading Rails,		10	16	0				
	" " Freight,		0	5	6½				
	Making Hooks for Rails,		0	1	3				
			<hr/>				11	2	10½
23.	Loading and unloading Rails,		8	4	3				
	" " Freight,		0	15	9		9	0	0
							<hr/>		
							20	2	10½
Mar. 1.—	To paid loading and unloading Freight,		1	19	4½				
	Loading and unloading Rails and chairs,		2	8	4½				
			<hr/>				4	7	9
8.	Loading and unloading Freight,						0	7	10½
15.	Wm. Coghill, 1 month Salary,						8	6	8
21.	Loading and unloading Freight,						1	0	3
	" " Rails,		2	3	4				
29.	Waiting on Cars,		2	16	3		5	19	10
			<hr/>				<hr/>		
							19	2	1½
April 5.—	To paid loading Chairs,		1	0	0				
	Waiting on Cars,		1	18	3				
			<hr/>				2	18	3

April

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April 11—	To paid Lane, truckage,	£0	2	6	
18.	Loading, &c.		2	18	6
11.	“		2	0	6
	Wm. Coghill, 1 month Salary,		8	6	8
25.	Loading and unloading Freight,	£1	8	4½	
	“ “ Rails,	0	18	0	
			2	6	4½
			£18 12 9½		
May 3.—	To paid loading and unloading Cars,	2	0	0	
	“ “ Rails,	1	2	6	
			3 2 6		
10.	Working on Cars and Engine,				
	loading &c.	2	8	4½	
	Loading and unloading Rails,	0	16	1½	
			3 4 6		
	Wm. Coghill, 1 month Salary,		8	6	8
17.	Working on Cars, loading &c.	2	7	4½	
	Loading and unloading Rails,	0	6	10½	
			2 14 3		
24.	Working on Cars and Engine,	2	14	0	
	Loading and unloading Rails,	0	9	1½	
			3 3 1½		
31.	A. Moir's Return,		2	19	9
			23 10 9½		
June 7.—	To paid waiting on Cars, &c.,	2	5	10½	
	P. McCarron, overtime,	0	5	0	
14.	Loading and unloading Rails,	1	1	3	
	Working on Cars and Engine,	2	8	4½	
	Washing Cars,	0	3	7½	
			6 4 1½		
	Wm. Coghill, 1 months Salary,		8	6	8
21.	Loading Chairs and Rails,	0	14	1	
	Waiting on Cars, loading, &c.,	2	10	7	
28.	“ “ “	3	4	4½	
	Loading Chairs,	0	11	9	
			7 0 10½		
			2 11 8		
July 5.—	To paid washing Passenger Carriages,	0	12	0	
	Waiting on Cars, loading, &c.,	3	6	4½	
	Loading and unloading Rails, &c.,	1	17	0	
12.	Waiting on Cars, loading Freight &c.	2	19	9	
	A. Moir's Return, for money paid out				
	at sundry times,	9	10	0	
19.	Waiting on Cars, loading Freight &c.	2	14	0	
	Overtime running Extra Train,	0	4	9	
			12 3 8½		
26.	Loading and unloading Chairs and				
	Rails for Sackville,	0	19	3	
	Waiting on Cars and Engine, loading				
	and unloading Freight, &c.,	2	14	0	
	Overtime waiting on Extra Train,	0	3	9	
			3 17 0		
			16 0 8½		

August

Aug. 1.—To paid waiting on Cars and Engine, loading and un'ing Freight &c.	£2 19 7½		
Overtime on Extra Train,	0 3 9		
8. Waiting on Cars and Engine, loading and unloading Freight, &c.,	2 16 3		
	<hr/>	£5 19 7½	
15. Working on Cars, loading and unload- ing Freight, &c.,		2 18 7½	
22. Washing Passenger Cars,		3 5 9	
29. Loading and unloading Rails, Chairs, and Spikes,	2 10 0		
Waiting on Cars and Engine, loading and unloading Freight, &c.,	2 19 7½		
	<hr/>	5 9 7½	
		<hr/>	£17 13 7½
Sep. 5.—To paid loading Chairs for Sackville, Waiting on Cars, loading and unload- ing Freight,		3 7 3	
Loading and blocking at Sackville, and unloading at Station,		3 16 6	
		0 10 0	
13. Waiting on Cars and Engine, loading and unloading Freight,		4 1 6	
20. Loading and unloading Freight,		4 6 0	
27. Do.		4 4 9	
		<hr/>	20 6 0
Oct. 4.—To paid Working on Cars, &c.,		4 1 0	
11 Do.	4 5 6		
Loading and unloading Rails and Chairs for Sackville,	1 15 0		
18. Waiting on Cars, &c.,	4 1 0		
Moving Rails, Sleepers, broken Chairs, &c.,	2 10 0		
Moving Rails and Chairs from wharf,	10 3 9		
	<hr/>	22 15 3	
25. Waiting on Cars, &c.	4 6 10½		
Loading and unloading Rails for Sackville,	0 12 6		
	<hr/>	4 19 4½	
		<hr/>	31 15 7½
Nov. 1.—To paid working on Cars, &c.,	5 17 0		
Loading and unloading Rails and Chairs for Sackville,	1 10 0		
Moving Deals and Sleepers,	1 10 0		
Cleaning and washing Cars,	0 5 0		
8. Waiting on Cars, &c.	5 4 3		
Loading and unloading Rails and Chairs for Sackville,	1 13 3		
	<hr/>	15 19 6	
14. Waiting on Cars &c.	5 6 6		
Loading and unloading Rails and Chairs,	2 7 10½		
22. Waiting on Cars, &c.,	5 2 0		

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Nov. 22.—To paid loading and unloading Rails for Sackville,	£1 5 1½	£14 1 6	
28. Waiting on Cars, &c., Loading and unloading Rails and Chairs for Sackville,	4 10 9		
	0 13 10½		
			<u>5 4 7½</u>
			35 5 7½
Dec. 6.—To paid waiting on Cars, loading and unloading Freight, &c.,	4 12 6		
12. Do.	5 6 6		
Overtime loading and unloading Rails and Chairs.	6 7 9		
19. Waiting on Cars, loading and un- loading Freight, &c.	3 15 0		
Loading and unloading Rails, Chairs and Spikes,	1 18 3		
26. Waiting on Cars, loading Freight, Loading Rails, Chairs, Keys, and Spikes,	6 18 4½		
	0 13 0		
			<u>29 11 4½</u>
12 Night Work delivering Materials to Black & Co.,			<u>1 6 3</u>
			30 17 7½
			<u>319 10 6½</u>
CR.			
December.—By Permanent Way,			<u>64 13 9</u>
			£254 16 9½
CR.			
By Revenue,			£254 16 9½

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Repairs of Stock Account for the year ending, 1856.

Jan. 4.—To Cash paid Labor,	4 13 9
Ward,	0 3 1½
Moving Engine,	0 9 4½
Blacksmith,	1 8 0
2. Malcolm, £1 3s. 9d. and £2 7s. 6d.,	3 11 3
Going up with Snow Plough,	1 5 0
Ward at night,	0 7 6
19. Working at Platform Cars,	0 3 9
At Engine,	2 10 0
Platform Cars,	0 12 6
20. Coals,	0 6 9
Blacksmith,	1 1 3
Platform Cars,	0 2 6

Jan. 20—To	paid Working at New Engine,	£1	3	9			
	Fixing damaged Car,	0	9	4½			
	Cow Catcher,	1	0	7½			
						19	9 3
Feb. 2.—To	Cash paid Ward working at Engine,	1	13	9			
	Repairing Cars, &c.,	0	11	3			
	Going to Foundry, &c.,	0	5	0			
	Making Cow Catcher,	1	7	6			
9.	Removing Tools, &c.,	0	12	6			
	Making Platform for Waggons,	0	5	7½			
	Going to Foundry,	0	1	10½			
	Making Cow Catcher,	1	1	3			
	Making Bolts and Nails for Cars,	0	1	3			
	Malcolm at New Engine,	0	2	6			
16.	Malcolm,	0	1	3			
	Do.	1	2	6			
	Repairing Cars,	1	8	9			
	Work at New Engine,	0	7	6			
23.	Work at Cars,	2	2	6			
	Work at Engine,	1	6	3			
	Malcolm at Cow Catcher,	1	3	9			
	Malcolm at Cars,	0	2	6			
	Do.	0	1	3			
						13	18 9
Mar. 1.—To	Cash paid Ward at Engine and						
	Patterns,	1	2	6			
	Working at Cars,	0	5	0			
	Malcolm at Cow Catcher,	0	5	0			
	Malcolm at New Engine,	0	8	9			
					2	1	3
8.	Carpenters at Engine,	1	13	1½			
	Making Patterns, &c.,	0	11	3			
	Honey, coming to Town,	0	1	1½			
	Malcolm at Engine,	0	6	3			
					2	11	9
15.	Coming to Town for Turpentine, &c.,	0	2	3			
	Going up Line,	1	2	6			
	Working at Platform Car,	0	15	0			
	Making Patterns, &c.,	0	7	6			
	Fixing Temporary Snow Plough,	0	1	3			
	Repairing Engine,	3	6	1½			
	Assisting getting from Sackville,	0	9	0			
					6	3	7½
21.	Repairing Engine,	11	15	4½			
	Coming to Town with Pipes,	0	1	1½			
	Oiling Cars, &c.,	0	4	6			
	Ward, making Patterns, &c.	1	2	6			
	Working at Cars,	1	2	6			
	Malcolm, working at Engine,	0	8	9			
	Do. at Platform, Car, and Springs,	0	6	3			
	Connell and Dunn, over time,	1	0	7½			
					16	1	7½

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Mar 21.—To paid Gourley, for horse hire, hauling,					
	Engine,			£0	5 0
29.	H. Deal,	£0	5 0		
	Carpenters at Cars,	3	2 6		
	Making Bolts, &c.,	0	18 9		
	Repairing Tools for shop,	0	5 0		
	R. Ward's Account,	2	0 0		
		<hr/>			6 11 3
28.	W. Johns,			2	10 0
		<hr/>			£36 4 6
April 5.—To paid repairing "Mayflower,"		5	14 0		
	Boxes off Cars, oiling and packing,	1	15 0		
	Repairing Tools,	0	2 6		
		<hr/>			7 11 6
11.	Lane, for truckage,			2	15 0
18.	Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	5 2½		
	Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	0	18 9		
	Working at Snow Plough and Cars,	2	1 1½		
	Making bench for Grindstone,	0	10 0		
	Vice Board,	0	7 6		
		<hr/>			4 2 7
11.	Repairing Engine Sir "Gaspard,"	0	15 0		
	Passenger Cars,	3	15 0		
		<hr/>			4 10 0
25.	Malcolm, at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	3 9		
	Working at Passenger and Platform				
	Cars,	1	17 6		
	Ward, making patterns,	0	7 6		
		<hr/>			2 8 9
	Lane, truckage,			0	2 6
		<hr/>			21 10 4
	J. Jennings & Son,				7 11 6
May 3.—To paid working at Engine "Mayflower,"		1	7 3		
	Working at Cars,	0	15 0		
	Washing Cars,	0	7 3		
	Making Springs, Keys, and Hinges,	0	3 0		
10.	Ward, working at Cars,	0	15 0		
	Cleaning Engine "Mayflower,"	0	2 3		
		<hr/>			3 9 9
17.	Working at 2nd Class Cars,	3	6 3		
	Making Chocks for Engine and Cars,	0	3 9		
	Working at Passenger and Baggage				
	Cars,	1	15 0		
	Connell, 6s. 6½d., Lacy, 3s. 9d.,				
	overtime at Engine,	0	10 3½		
		<hr/>			5 15 3½
24.	Working at 2nd Class Carriage,	8	18 1½		
	Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	3	19 9		
	Working at Passenger and Baggage				
	Cars,	1	2 6		
		<hr/>			14 0 4½

May

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

		£0 2 6		
May 24.—To paid Lane, truckage,				
31. Moir's Return,	£10 15 6			
Do.	1 0 6			
Do.	3 6 0			
Do.	1 0 0			
	<hr/>	16 2 0		
		<hr/>	39 9 11	
June 7.—To paid working at "Mayflower,"	12 12 9			
Working at Cars,	3 12 6			
Making Breaks for Cars,	0 3 0			
	<hr/>	16 8 3		
14. Working at "Mayflower,"	11 11 3			
Working at Cars,	1 7 6			
Making Breaks for Cars,	2 0 0			
Ward, making Patterns,	1 2 6			
Making steps for 2nd Class Cars,	0 6 0			
	<hr/>	16 7 3		
21. Working at "Mayflower,"	1 16 3			
Working at "Sir Gaspard,"	8 0 7½			
Cleaning Car Wheels,	0 5 0			
Taking Wheels to Wier's Wharf,	0 16 6			
Making Hooks for Cars,	0 18 0			
	<hr/>	11 16 4½		
20. Making Square and Straight Edges,	0 15 0			
Working at Cars,	1 2 6			
28. Working at "Sir Gaspard,"	2 11 3			
Working at "Joseph Howe,"	3 11 3			
Working at Cars,	0 11 3			
	<hr/>	8 11 3		
Lane, trucking 200 feet Pine,		0 2 6		
		<hr/>	53 5 7½	
July 5.—To paid working at Platform Cars,	1 17 6			
Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	1 15 0			
12. Engine "Sir Gaspard," and making house for do.	1 2 6			
Engine "Sir Gaspard" omitted last week,	1 0 0			
Engine "Joseph Howe,"	1 0 0			
Passenger Cars,	0 7 6			
Engine "Mayflower,"	0 6 0			
Making Hooks for Platform Cars,	0 18 0			
	<hr/>	8 6 6		
19. Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0 10 0			
Do. "Sir Gaspard,"	2 10 0			
Making House for do.	1 10 0			
Working at Cars,	2 0 0			
Making Rings and Staples for Horse Car,	0 12 0			
	<hr/>	7 2 0		
26. Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0 10 0			
Do. "Joseph Howe,"	3 1 0			
Shifting Platform Car Wheels,	0 17 6			
Making Hooks for Cars,	0 6 0			

July 26.—To paid screwing Bolts for Platform Cars,		£0	7	6		
	Making House for Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	17	6		
	Working at Cars,	3	0	0		
	Cleaning Carriage Wheels,	0	9	3		
	Making House for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0	17	6		
		<hr/>			£10	6 3
					<hr/>	£25 14 9
Aug. 1.—To paid working at "Sir Gaspard," and making House for do.		5	11	7½		
	Working at Cars,	1	15	0		
		<hr/>			7	6 7½
8.	Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	7	0	6		
	Making Patterns for Engine "Mayflower,"	0	15	0		
	Working at Cars,	2	12	6		
	Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0	3	9		
		<hr/>			10	11 9
15.	Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0	10	0		
	Do. "Sir Gaspard,"	1	15	0		
	Working at Cars, and repairing Break Rods,	2	16	6		
	Making Rings and Staples for Horse Cars,	0	9	0		
		<hr/>			5	10 6
22.	Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	17	6		
	Working at Engine "Joseph Howe," and making Cow Catcher,	2	1	6		
		<hr/>			2	19 0
29.	Working at Cars,	2	3	9		
	Making Cow Catcher, and mending Bonnet for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	2	7	3		
	Working at Carriages, omitted last week,	1	13	9		
	Working at Tender for Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	7	6		
		<hr/>			6	12 3
					<hr/>	33 0 1½
Sep. 5.—To paid working at Carriages,		1	5	0		
	Making Cow Catcher for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	2	11	0		
	Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	17	6		
		<hr/>			4	13 6
13.	Working at Engine "Joseph Howe," and making Cow Catcher,	3	7	0		
	Cleaning Wheels for Engine "Mayflower,"	0	5	0		
	Working at Carriages,	1	2	6		
		<hr/>			4	14 6
20.	Working at Carriages,	2	12	0		
	24					

Sep. 20.—To	paid making Patterns for Cars,	£0 15 0		
	Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0 17 6		
	Working at Cow Catcher, for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	2 2 0		
		<u> </u>	£6 6 6	
			<u> </u>	£15 44 6
27.	Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0 10 0		
	Do. "Mayflower,"	0 17 6		
	Fitting Iron Patterns,	0 10 0		
	Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0 3 9		
	Working at Cars, and making Stakes for do.	2 16 3		
	Working at Cow Catcher for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	1 5 0		
		<u> </u>	6 2 6	*
			<u> </u>	6 2 6
Oct. 4.—To	paid making Patterns,	0 7 6		
	Working at Carriages,	1 12 6		
	Working at Tender, &c., for Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	1 17 6		
	Working at Cow Catcher for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	3 0 0		
	Making Bolts and working at do.	4 12 3		
		<u> </u>	11 9 9	
11.	Working at Carriages,		2 3 9	
	Making Patterns for "Mayflower," and New Cars,	0 11 3		
	Working at and making stays for Cow Catcher, for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	2 14 0		
	Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	2 0 0		
	Working at Engine, "Sir Gaspard," House and Tender,	1 0 0		
	Mending Draw Bars for Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0 6 0		
		<u> </u>	8 15 0	
18.	Working at Carriages,	1 2 6		
	Working at house for Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0 15 0		
	Painting House for Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0 5 0		
	Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	1 5 0		
	Working at Cars,	4 4 0		
	Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	4 8 6		
	Cleaning Wheels, and painting the same,	4 16 3		
		<u> </u>	16 16 6	
			<u> </u>	37 1 0
11.	P. H. Brown's Account,			18 0 3
Nov. 1.—To	paid cleaning Engine "Mayflower,"	1 3 9		
	Working at Cars,	3 11 3		
	Making Patterns,	0 7 6		

Nov. 1.—To paid working at Engine "Mayflower"	£2	12	6				
Do. "Sir Gaspard,"	1	18	9				
					£9	13	9
8. Cleaning Engine "Mayflower," and Tender,	0	13	0				
Working at Snow Plough,	0	12	6				
Working at "Sir Gaspard,"	8	6	0				
Working at Cars,	2	16	9				
					12	8	3
14. Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	0	4	6				
Working at Snow Plough,	0	10	0				
Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	12	7	3				
Working at Cars,	0	19	3				
					14	1	0
26. Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	11	0	9				
Working at Carriages and making Patterns,	1	10	0				
Making hooks and mending Brakes for Cars,	0	12	0				
					13	2	9
28. Cleaning Engine "Joseph Howe,"	0	2	4½				
Fitting up new Pumps, repairing Bonnet, and cleaning Engine,	4	5	6				
Working at Cars,	1	12	10½				
Repairing Gravel Cars,	0	10	4½				
Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	0	7	6				
					6	18	7½
						56	4 4½
Dec. 6.—To paid working at Carriages,					0	18	9
Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"					3	7	6
Fitting new Pumps for Engine "May- flower,"					1	11	6
Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"					0	7	6
Attending on small Engine,					0	12	6
12. Working at Cars,					0	19	10½
Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"					4	7	4½
Do. "Sir Gaspard,"					1	6	3
Do. "Mayflower,"					0	15	4½
					14	6	7½
19. Overtime working at Engine and Cars at night,	1	18	9				
Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	2	10	0				
Turning up small Engine,	0	11	3				
Working at Engine "Joseph Howe,"	2	7	4½				
Putting in Windows and making Seat for 2nd class Carriages,	0	11	3				
Working at Snow Plough,	0	15	0				
Working at Carriages,	0	15	0				
Making Hooks, &c., for Engine,	0	2	10½				

Dec. 19.—To paid overtime working at Engine,	£0 3 9		
McAllan's Acct. 2 days fixing Snow			
Plough on Cow Catcher,	0 15 0		
McAllan's Acct. 2 days repairing			
Ballast Waggon,	0 15 0		
26. Working at Engine "Sir Gaspard,"	1 3 9		
Do. "Joseph Howe,"	3 5 0		
Working at Carriages,	2 0 0		
Working at Engine "Mayflower,"	0 10 0		
Making seats for Baggage Cars,	0 10 0		
Making Stays, &c. for Gravel Cars,	0 11 6		
	<u> </u>	£19 5 6	
			£33 12 1½
December.—To paid John Stairs,			<u>2 16 11</u>
			419 16 5

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By amounts transferred—

Rolling Stock,	58 11 3		
Permanent Way,	1 2 6		
Accident at 3 Mile House,	4 15 0		
	<u> </u>	64 8 9	
			£355 7 8
			<u>355 7 8</u>

December.—By Revenue,

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Upholding Account for the year ending 1856.

Jan. 1.—To paid Feetham's Return,	£9 13 6		
12. Do.	5 0 3		
19. Do.	11 13 6		
26. Coghill,	0 4 6		
Feetburn,	5 19 3		
	<u> </u>	£32 16 0	
Feb. 2.—To paid making Chest for Feetburn,	£0 7 6		
Mending Picks,	0 2 6		
	<u> </u>	0 10 0	
Feetham's Return,		6 2 7½	
9. Sharpening Picks, &c.		0 5 0	
Feetham's Return,		6 6 0	
16. Repairing Picks,	0 1 3		
Making and repairing Hammers,	0 3 9		
" handles for Hammers,	0 3 9		
	<u> </u>	0 8 9	
Feetham's Return,		6 6 0	
		<u> </u>	26 6 10½

February

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

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Feb. 23.—To paid Malcolm,	£0 2 6		
Feetham's Return,	6 6 0		
Mar. 1.—To paid Malcolm sharpening Picks, &c.	0 16 3		
Feetham's Return,	6 0 0		
	<u> </u>	£7 2 3	
8. Feetham's Return,	6 6 0		
Malcolm sharpening Picks,	0 18 9		
	<u> </u>	7 4 9	
15. Feetham's Return,	8 13 3		
21. Fixing Picks handles,	0 10 0		
Mending Picks, Cars and Hand-Car,	0 5 0		
Feetham's Return,	12 0 9		
29. " "	15 19 6	28 15 3	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	£51 15 6
April 5.—To paid repairing Hand-Car, Sledge, and Adze handles,	0 11 3		
Cutting Rails, repairing Hand and Gravel Waggons,	0 10 0		
Repairing Gravel Cars,	0 5 0		
	<u> </u>	1 6 3	
Feetham's Return,		15 19 6	
11. Lane, truckage,		0 9 0	
18. Malcolm,		0 1 3	
Feetham's Return,		19 11 6	
11. Malcolm,	0 2 6		
Making Chests for Feetham,	0 3 1½		
	<u> </u>	0 5 7½	
Feetham's Return,		19 7 0	
25. Malcolm,		0 7 6	
Lane, truckage,		0 2 6	
Feetham's Return,		17 8 9	
		<u> </u>	74 18 10½
April 25.—To paid J. Jennings & Son, 203 ft. mer. pine, 100s.			£1 0 4
May 3.—To paid Harshman, 21s., Malcolm, 15s.	1 16 0		
Harris, 12s. 6d., Cameron, 6s. 3d.	0 18 9		
	<u> </u>	2 14 9	
Feetham's Return,		13 10 0	
10. Harshman, 8s. 9d. Malcolm, 6s. 3d.		0 15 0	
Feetham's Return,		17 5 0	
17. Harris, making chocks along the the line,		0 6 3	
Feetham's Return,		17 14 0	
24. Repairing Picks for Feetburn,	0 6 0		
Making Pick and Adze handles,	0 5 7½		
	<u> </u>	0 11 7½	

May 24.—To paid Feetham's Return,		£16 7 0	
31. "		13 13 0	
		<u> </u>	£82 16 7½
June 7.—To paid Feetham's Return,		12 6 0	
14. Repairing Hand-Car		0 12 0	
Feetham's Return,		12 6 0	
21. "		12 6 0	
28. Sharpening Picks,		0 6 0	
Feetham's Return,		12 6 0	
		<u> </u>	50 2 0
July 5.—To paid Feetham's Return,		12 6 0	
12. Do.		12 6 0	
19. Do.		12 6 0	
26. Do.		12 6 0	
		<u> </u>	49 4 0
Aug. 1. Do.		12 6 0	
8. Do.		12 6 0	
15. Do.		12 6 0	
22. Do.		12 6 0	
29. Do.		12 6 0	
		<u> </u>	61 10 0
Sept. 5. Do.		12 6 0	
13. Do.		12 6 0	
20. Do.	£12 6 0		
Less permanent way,	7 4 0		
	<u> </u>	5 2 0	
27. Feetham's Return,	12 6 0		
Less permanent way,	7 4 0		
	<u> </u>	5 2 0	
		<u> </u>	34 16 0
Oct. 4.—To paid Feetham's Return,		12 6 0	
Less permanent way,		7 4 0	
		<u> </u>	5 2 0
11. Feetham's Return,		12 6 0	
18. Do.		12 6 0	
25. Do.		12 6 0	
		<u> </u>	42 0 0
Nov. 1.—To paid Feetham's Return,		11 10 9	
8. Do.		12 6 0	
14. Do.		12 6 0	
22. Do.		12 6 0	
		<u> </u>	48 8 9
28. Do.		12 6 0	
Less Revenue,		6 3 0	
		<u> </u>	6 3 0

December

Dec. 6.—To paid Feetham's Return,	£11 19 9	
12. Do.	9 15 0	
19. Do.	12 1 6	
26. Do.	11 19 9	
	<hr/>	£45 16 0
John Stairs,	8 1 6	
	2 19 0	
	<hr/>	11 0 6
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		£618 14 5½
CR.		
By Revenue,		<hr/>
		£618 14 5½

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Plant and materials on hand.

RICHMOND STATION.

Machine, Blacksmiths, and Joiner's Shops, Wharves, Sidings, Loading Banks, Offices, Storehouses, Station Sheds Turnable, and a quantity of Waggon Timber and other Timber, and Iron Castings on hand, &c. &c. &c.

3 Locomotives, 4 Passenger Carriages, 4 Horse Boxes, 2 Freight Vans, 13 Platform Waggons, 2 Ballast Waggons, 1 Travelling Crane, 2 Hand Cars.

5868 Tons Rails,

2755 Tons Iron Chairs,

167 Tons Spikes,

222723 Five Inch Keys,

39892 Eight Inch Keys,

38 Tons Service Rails,

36 Setts Switches and Crossings.

The above includes the portion of Rails, &c. laid down.

BEDFORD STATION.

Store and Dwelling Houses,

Loading Banks and sidings, &c. &c. &c.

Offices in town, furnished.

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NOVA-SCOTIA RAILWAY.

STATEMENT SHEWING NUMBER OF SECTIONS, NAMES OF CONTRACTORS, LENGTH, DATE, AMOUNT, AND CONDITION OF EACH CONTRACT.

No. of Section.	Name of Contractor.	Length.		Date.	Amount of Contract.	Value of Work done.	Conditions of Contract.
		Miles.	Chains.				
Main Line, No. 1,	Cameron & Co.	6	45	June, 1854,	£22,925 0 0	Completed.	Extra operations still to be done, in sloping, on this Contract, estimated at seven hundred and fifty pounds.
" "	Wyman & Co.			March 5, 1855,	846 0 0	Do.	
" 2,	John Cameron,			April 16, 1855,	725 0 0	Do.	
" 3,	Black & Co.	1	9½	September 22, 1854,	9,398 16 0	Do.	
" "	Wyman & Co.			June, 1855,	360 0 0	Do.	
" "	Creechman & Co.			December 2, 1854,		Do.	
" 4,	William Turnbull,	2	57	March 12, 1856,	24,201 0 1	Do.	
" "	Johnston & Blackie,			July 26, 1856,		Do.	
" "	James Grant,			September, 1856,		Do.	
" "	William Grant,			February 14, 1855,	2,505 0 0	Do.	
" "	William Turnbull,			February 14, 1855,	2,956 10 5	Do.	
" "	James Kennedy,	0	70	November, 1855,	171 0 0	Do.	
" "	James Grant,			February, 1856,	1,145 16 3	Do.	
5,	Black & Co.	8	60	April 14, 1855,	46,360 19 3	44,448 1 8	
6,	Donald Fraser,	2	40	September 15, 1855,	16,798 8 6	15,639 18 0	
7,	Sutherland & Sons,	7	0½	November 27, 1855,	30,774 10 6	28,942 6 6	
8,	Johnston and Blackie,	10	9½	May 10, 1856,	41,616 18 4	26,936 17 3	
9,	Sutherland & Sons,	4	41	January 7, 1857,	21,993 3 10	277 0 0	
Windsor Branch, No. 1,	Cameron & Co.	6	7½	July 7, 1855,	38,305 0 3	14,554 4 8	The value of work done as compared with the contract price shows the advancement of these sections.
" "	Johnston & Blackie,	6	39	September 30, 1856		7,044 2 8	
" 2,	McDonald & Simpson,			July 7, 1855,	28,000 0 0	19,253 14 1	
" 3,	Cameron & Co.	5	76	September 30, 1856		14,007 4 9	
" 4,	Johnston & Blackie,	5	74	July 7, 1855,	41,411 11 5	14,455 15 8	
" 5,	Cameron & Co.	6	30	July 7, 1855,	47,458 13 3	38,230 15 0	
" "	McDonald & Simpson,	6	30	July 7, 1855,	21,500 0 0	19,394 5 9	
" "	McDonald & Simpson,	1	30			3,465 5 0	
Bedford Viaduct, Ditto,	T. & R. Caudle, Thomas Hanwright,			April 10, 1855, January 29, 1856,	2,747 14 3 472 13 0	Completed. Do.	

I N D E X
TO THE
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1857.

- Accounts, Electric Telegraph Company ; laid before House, 20.
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- Assessment, more equal ; Bill to establish, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and
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agree to amdt., 109 ; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to
H. A., 112 ; assent, 120,

B.

- Bessemer, H. ; Letters Patent, (*Vide Patent.*)
- Bridge, Baddeck River ; Bill for, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred,
58 ; report, read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 60 ; committed,
64 ; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 65 ; assent, 120.
- Cape Sable Island ; Bill for, brought from H. A., and read 1st time, 77 ;
read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 79 ; committed, read 3rd time,
agreed to, and sent to H. A., 80 ; assent, 120.
- Five Mile River ; Bill for, brought from H. A., and read 1st time, S. O. S.,
read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 99 ; committed, 101 ; read
3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A. 103 ; assent, 120.

Bridgewater, School House ; Bill to authorize Sale of, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 77 ; Report, read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 80 ; committed, read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 80 ; assent, 120.

C.

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Cornwallis Bridge ; Bill for repairing, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 47 ; report, read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 50 ; committed, 51 ; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 53 ; assent, 55.

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Special Sittings for Trial of Criminals ; brought from H. A., and read 1st time, 57—8 ; read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 59 ; committed, 64 ; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 65 ; assent, 120.

and its Officers ; Bill to amend, brought from H. A., and read 1st time, 77 ; read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 79 ; committed, read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 80 ; assent, 120.

D.

Decimal System of money reckoning ; Bill for, presented, read 1st time, and referred, 63 ; Report to lie over to another Session, 83.

Departments, Public ; alterations in, Resolution for, brought from H. A., read 1st time, 69 ; read 2nd time, agreed to, on division, and sent to H. A., 87.

Distilleries ; Bill to regulate, brought from H. A., read 1st time, S. O. S., read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 35—6 ; committed, read 3rd time, and agreed to, 36—7 ; sent to H. A., 37—8 ; assent, 40.

Duties, Customs ; Bill imposing, (as above.)

Light House ; Bill imposing, (as above.)

E.

Education ; Bill relating to, brought from H. A., and read 1st time, 96 ; read 2nd time, and ordered to Committee, 99 ; committed 101 ; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 103 ; assent, 120.

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F.

- Fire Engine, Dartmouth; Bill respecting, brought from H. A., read 1st time, 57—8; read 2nd time, 59; committed, 64; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 65; assent, 120.
- Fire Engines; Bill to authorize Assessments for, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 57—8; Report, and read 2nd time, 60; amended, 75; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 76; H. A., agree to amdt. 88; finally agreed to, and sent to H. A., 90; assent, 120.
- Fisheries, Newfoundland and Labrador; Convention with French, Petition of Mayor of Halifax against, 36.
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G.

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- Gas Company, Halifax; Bill to increase Stock, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 26—7; Report, read 2nd, time, 28; committed, 31; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 32; assent, 39.
- Government Provincial; Bill to implead, presented, and read 1st time, 59; read 2nd time, 63; committed, 66; read 3rd time, passed and sent to H. A., 68—9.

H.

- Halifax; City of, Bill concerning, brought from H. A., read 1st time and referred, 39; Report and read 2nd time, 40; amended 74; read 3d time, and sent to H. A., 76.
 Bill to alter and amend Act concerning, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 87—8; Report, and read 2d time, 94; committed, 94; read third time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 98; assent, 120.

- Halifax; Bill further to amend Act concerning, brought from H. A., read 1st time, S. O. S., read 2d time, 99; committed, 112; read 3d time and deferred, 118.
- Streets; Bill for repair of, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 43; Report, read 2nd time, 46; committed, 48; read 3d time, agreed to and sent to H. A., 49; assent, 55.
(*Vide Statutes, Cap. 44 of 1856.*)
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- Wooden Buildings; Bill to limit brought from H. A., read 1st time and referred, 34; Report, and read 2nd time, 36; amended, 41; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 42; H. A. agree to amdt. 45; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A. 45; assent, 55.
- Bill to amend Act to limit, presented, read 1st time, S. O. S., read 2nd time, 99; committed, 101; read 3rd time, passed, and sent to H. A. 103; H. A. agree to with amdt. 113; amdt. agreed to and Bill sent to H. A. 114; H. A. finally agree to Bill, 114; assent, 119.
- Highways; Labor on, Bill to regulate, brought from H. A., read 1st time, referred 88; Report majority favourable, Bill read 2nd time, and motion to commit carried on division, 90.

I.

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- Avon Marine Insurance Company; brought from H. A., and read 1st time, 57—8; read 2nd time, 59; committed 64; read 3rd time, agreed to and sent to H. A., 65; assent, 120.
- Baptist Parsonage, Chester; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 27; Report, and read 2nd time, 28; committed, 30; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 32; assent, 39.
- Colonial Church and School Society; presented, and read 1st time, 55; read 2nd time, 56; committed, read 3d time, passed, and sent to H. A. 57; H. A. agree to, 83; assent, 119,
- Digby and Bridgetown Steamboat Company; brought from H. A. and read 1st time, 75; read 2nd time, 76; amended, read 3d time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 117; H. A. agree to amendment, Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A. 118; assent, 120.
- First Baptist Church, Horton; brought from H. A. read 1st time, 43; read 2d time, 44; amended, 44; read 3d time and sent to H. A. 46; H. A. agree to amdt. 53; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A. 54; assent, 55.
- Free Church, Broad Cove; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 34; Report, and read 2d time, 36; committed, read 3rd time, 36—7; sent to H. A., 37—8; assent, 40.
- Free Church, Great Bras d'Or; brought from H. A., read 1st time, 53; read 2nd time, 55; amended 57; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 59; H. A., agree to amdt. 75; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A., 77; assent, 120.
- Inland Navigation Company; brought from H. A., read 1st time, 88; read 2nd time, 90; committed, read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 103; assent, 120.

Incorporation Bills:

- Knox's Free Church Baddeck; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 34; Report, and read 2nd time, 38; amended 41; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 42; H. A. agree to amdt., 58; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A., 58; assent, 119.
- Margaretville Fishing Company; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 41; Report, and read 2nd time, 42; amended, 48; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 49; H. A., agree to amdt. 58; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A., 58; assent, 119.
- Minas Hall Company; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred 27; Report, and read 2nd time, 28; amended, 31; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 32; H. A. agree to amdt., 34; Bill finally agreed to, 35; and sent to H. A., 37; assent, 40.
- Musquodoboit River Navigation Company; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 88; Report, and read 2nd time, 100; committed, 101; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 103; assent, 120.
- Port Medway Shipbuilding and Fishery Company; brought from H.A. read 1st time, and referred, 43; Report, and read 2nd time, 44; amended, 48; read 3rd time, and sent to H. A., 49; H. A. agree to amdt. 58; Bill finally agreed to, and sent to H. A., 58; assent, 119.
- Safe Harbor Pier Company; presented, and read 1st time, 63; read 2nd time, 65; committed, 66; read 3rd time, passed, and sent to H. A., 69; H. A. agree to Bill, 77; assent, 119.
- St. Matthew's Church, Halifax; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 26—7; Report, and read 2nd time, 28; committed, 30; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 32; assent, 39.
- Trout Cove Pier Company; brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 41; Report, and read 2nd time, 42; committed, 44; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 46; assent, 55.
- Union Iron Company; presented, and read 1st time, 28; read 2nd time, 30; referred to Select Committee, 34; Report, and ordered to Committee, 67; recommended to be again referred, 70; Rep. 72; amended, 74; read 3rd time, passed, and sent to H. A., 76; H. A. agree to Bill, 83; assent, 119.

J.

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L.

- License Laws; Bill to continue, brought from H. A., read 1st time, S. O. S., read 2nd time, 35—6; committed, read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 36—7; sent to H. A., 37—8; assent, 40.
- Loan Provincial; Bill to authorize, brought from H. A., read 1st time, 57—8; read 2nd time, 59; committed, read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 65; assent, 120.

- Lock-up, North Sydney; Assessment for, Bill to authorize, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred, 58; Report, and read 2nd time, 60; committed, 64; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 65; assent, 120.
- Logs, Queen's County; Marking of, Bill to regulate, brought from H. A., read 1st time, and referred 24; Report, and read 2nd time, 27; committed, 34; read 3rd time, agreed to, and sent to H. A., 35; assent 39.
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