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At Chubb's Office, in the City of St. John, on Friday, the 12th day of April next, at 12 o'clock noon, all that certain Leasehold Property or Right of Land, with the Buildings, Erections, and Improvements thereon, standing on the site of the Baptist Church, in the City of St. John.

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The Colonial Empire.

SAINT JOHN, MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1861. THE CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN. The Colonial Empire is requested, by its Special Reporter, Frederick W. G. H. B. to publish the following letter to the Reverend Editor of the Christian Watchman: To the Rev. E. B. DEXTER, A. M., Editor of the Christian Watchman: Sir--You will, I hope, pardon a stranger, not only to yourself, but in a great measure to the community in which you reside, for addressing you.

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SAINT JOHN MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

At the regular Annual Meeting of this Company, held at their Warehouses, St. John Street, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., the following gentlemen were elected Directors, viz--Wm. L. Avery, James Robinson, John Armstrong, John T. Stanton, and Robert Robertson; and, at a subsequent meeting, Wm. L. Avery was unanimously re-elected President of said Company.

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Mr. Hamilton thought it was not necessary to pass the bill this year. There was a feeling abroad in the country that representation must be increased soon, but at present he was averse to it.

Mr. Lewis agreed with Mr. Hamilton, and recommended that progress be reported. Mr. McPherson said that Kent surpassed Albert in population, in fisheries, and in lumbering, and it was entitled to a larger representation than the County of Albert.

Mr. Mitchell was called in to report on the Bill, but not to have it pass at the last session of a House before a general election.

Progress was then reported. The House went into Committee on a Bill relating to Savings Banks. The object of this Bill is to authorize all Deputy Treasurers to receive sums for deposit in the Savings Bank; to enable depositors to extend their deposits to \$300, instead of \$200, as at present; and to make more important alterations in the existing law.

The Attorney General brought in a Bill relating to the University of New Brunswick. The House in Committee agreed to a Bill prepared by Hon. Mr. King, relating to Courts of Probate, of a technical character, and therefore not generally interesting.

Mr. Allen moved an address for correspondence to the Executive and Her Majesty's Government, relative to the right of members of the Executive to see all dispatches relative to Colonial matters.

The Provincial Secretary said, the correspondence would be furnished. The House went into Committee on Mr. Gray's Bill to allow parties having claims against the Government, to bring actions in Courts of Law, for their recovery.

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Mr. Gray closed the debate on the Bill by a speech in support of the Bill, and the fairness and justice of its provisions. But the Government having determined that it should not pass, it was thrown out finally, by a vote of 17 against 12, and the House adjourned until Saturday morning.

By Special Express to the Colonial Empire. The Bill to amend the Act in relation to the Bill of Exchange, was this morning read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lawrence moved the House into Committee on the Bill to impose a tax on unimproved land, to provide a fund for the encouragement of Immigration, and the settlement of the country.

Mr. Smith was of opinion, that the Bill was an exceedingly important one, and had undergone so many changes since it was brought in, that the members could hardly tell what was in it.

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Mr. Smith said, that it was necessary, in some parts of the Province, for farmers to have lots of land for tobacco, and that under the Bill, these parties would have to pay a tax on these lots, though they did not happen to be situated in the tobacco lands. This, Mr. Smith thought, was unjust and unfair.

The Speaker said, the effect of the Bill would, if passed, tend materially to retard the settlement of wild lands.

Mr. McAdam made a rambling speech about the land Committee, and his name being dragged in; he said he had bought his land solely for the purpose of opening up the country.

Mr. McAdam alluded in general terms to some public spirit, and party, and said that the information promulgated by that party was incorrect. He did not know whether it was within the walls of the House or not; but he wished to give him an opportunity to correct his statements.

Mr. Tibbitts asked him if he intended to reflect upon the treatment he had received at the hands of the Land Committee?

Mr. McAdam said, he did not, and that he had been treated very properly by that Committee.

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such literature would be exempted. The Postmaster General replied, that he could not give such a promise. He thought it was already a sufficient amount of newspaper literature exempted. If the newspapers that pass through the Post Offices of the Province were charged for, an income of some thousands, annually, would be collected.

Mr. Cudlip thought the Government ought to require payment to be made by stamps. Messrs. Hamilton and Gilmore moved to re-consider the motion relating to magazines, but only five members, Hamilton, Gilmore, Williston, McLean, and Tapley, supported the re-consideration. The Bill then passed.

It was then made to Mr. Munro's Magazine, the *Illustrator*, during this discussion, and was urged to tax native literature, but to be a barrier to its growth. It was understood that the Bill would come into operation on the 1st May.

Mr. Tiley introduced a Bill for defraying the expense of paying a salary in Union street. Patrick and Clarence streets, in the City of St. John.

By command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Provincial Secretary laid on the table of the House, copies of all the awards made by the Commissioners and Empire, under the provisions of the Act in relation to the Bill of Exchange, with copies of all the maps and plans attached to such awards, the same having been furnished by Her Majesty's Commissioner, under the provisions of the Act in relation to the Bill of Exchange, to the Provincial Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Business was very late to-day, and the House adjourned at 4.30 p.m. A number of the members were absent on account of sickness. Among the latter, are the Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Mr. End, Mr. Desbrisay, Dr. Vail, Mr. Gilmore, and others. Several of these, however, were in attendance in the Legislative Council.

In the Legislative Council, the President was absent to-day on account of ill health. The first day of the session was devoted to the consideration of the Bill to amend the Act in relation to the Bill of Exchange. The House went into Committee on Mr. Gray's Bill to allow parties having claims against the Government, to bring actions in Courts of Law, for their recovery.

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QUEBEC, March 29th, 1861. The Legislative Council got through with the consideration of the Speech, on Thursday, and the day following presented their answer to His Excellency. They met for an hour on Saturday morning, and adjourned till Tuesday, thus taking but one holiday, and showing an example to the House of Assembly, who, after presenting their Address on Saturday, adjourned till the 2nd of April. The various clauses of the Speech and amendments thereto, exclusive of the last paragraph, were the subject of the discussion in the Assembly, of course, involved the question of Representation by Population, and the Federal Union. It would probably be more premature to say anything on the former, as the census is not yet complete; indeed, to say anything, "any legisla-tion based upon a faulty foundation, and a reliance upon statistics, is ill-judged and unwise."

Notwithstanding this, Mr. Ferguson moved in amendment, "That while this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects upon which your Excellency has outlined, it cannot close this Address without recording its regret, that your Excellency was not advised to make a more judicious selection of the subjects which have been recently taken, and which this House cannot regard as preliminary to legislation upon the great question of Parliamentary Reform, based upon the number of the population, irrespective of the line of demarcation which distinguished the Eastern and Western section of the Province, prior to the Legislative Union, 1841." The division showed a large Upper Canada majority vote in its favor, the only Lower Canadian voting for it, being Mr. Somerville.

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By Special Telegram to "Colonial Empire."

The following highly important information was received at the office of the "Colonial Empire" on Saturday evening, at too late an hour for publication.

New York, March 30. General MIRAMON, late President of Mexico, has arrived here, and is said to be en route to Madrid, to urge upon Spain the re-conquest of Mexico.

His Royal Highness PRINCE ALBERT, has arrived in the West Indies, in H. M. Ship "St. George." H. R. Highness left Barbadoes on the 12th inst. for St. Vincent.

The Paris correspondent of the New York Times, asserts that the Allies are fitting out a powerful fleet of War Steamers, to rendezvous in the Southern waters of the United States. There will be three French Steam frigates; the English contingent will be larger.

Great excitement exists in Havana, with regard to the annexation of St. Domingo to Spain. For some time past, there has been a large emigration of Spaniards to St. Domingo, and it was understood, that on the first favorable opportunity, they would hoist the Spanish flag, and invoke assistance from Spain.

A large body of Spanish troops have left Havana, in two frigates, for St. Domingo, to assist these Revolutionists, or rather, Annexationists.

WASHINGTON, March 30. An official order has been sent to the Western States, to seize, and confiscate, all foreign goods introduced through the Southern Confederacy, without payment of duty.

Boston, March 30. Superior State Flour, \$5.20 to \$5.30; Extra State, \$5.37 to \$5.45. Stock Market dull. Money plenty. Exchange on England, 108. Freight to Liverpool, 2s. 9d. to 2s. Cotton, 7 1/2 to 7 1/4.

New York, 30th. Freight from Colton, 1 to 5 1/4. Flour 3s.; Grain, 10 to 14. New Orleans, 29th. Freight to Colton 7 1/2 to a party per pound.

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