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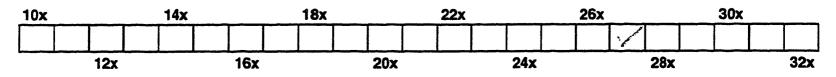
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BY HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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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, chancellor of the same, &c. &c.

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday, the eleventh day of May, instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the twentieth 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 10th day of May, A. D. 1854, and in the 17th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

WM. H. KEATING, Deputy secretary. ţ

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WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday, the twentieth day of July, instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the twenty-first 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 19th day of July, A. D. 1854, and in the 18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.



BY HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL

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WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday, the twentyfirst day of September, instant:

I have thought fit further to prorouge the same until Thursday, the fifth day of October 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 20th day of September, A. D. 1854, and in the 18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

WM. H. KEATING, Deputy secretary. 6

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WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday, the fifth day of October next :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the nineteenth day of October 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 27th day of September, A. D. 1854, and in the 18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.



BY HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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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, chancellor of the same, &c. &c.

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday, the nineteenth day of October, instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday, the second 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 18th day of October, A. D. 1854, and in the 18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

WM. H. KEATING, Deputy secretary. ¢

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WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday, the second day of November, instant :

I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of November instant—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

> Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1854, and in the 18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.



BY HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

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J. 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, chancellor of the same, &c. &c.

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Tuesday, the twentyeighth day of November, instant :

I have thought fit further to prorouge the same until Saturday, the second day of December 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 11th day of November, A. D. 1854, and in the 18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

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OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

2nd SESSION 1854.

18°. VICTORIÆ.

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER, 1854.

The house having been by several proclamations prorogued until this day, then to meet House meet. for the despatch of business ; and being met-

A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor, by John James Sawyer, esquire, Message from goverthe gentleman usher of the black rod :

Mr. Speaker,

His excellency the lieutenant governor commands the immediate attendance of this Commands attendance of house. honorable house in the council chamber.

Accordingly the house went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber. And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber, Governor's speech and that his excellency had been pleased to make a speech to both houses of the provincial parliament-of which Mr. Speaker said he had, for greater accuracy, obtained a copywhich he read to the house as follows :

Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :

A treaty between her majesty and the government of the United States has recently been concluded, and laws necessary to its operation have been passed by congress, and by the legislatures of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

I shall direct copies of the treaty, of correspondence in relation thereto, and of the laws referred to, to be laid before you. 3

House attend.

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Should you, concurring with the other colonial legislatures, approve the provisions of the treaty as adapted in your judgments to promote the commercial, agricultural, and general interests of this province, I shall gladly concur in any measure which you may pass to give them effect here.

I have felt it my duty to summon you to meet at an earlier period than usual, but a regard for the public welfare will, I am persuaded, induce you cheerfully to submit to personal inconvenience.

Reports of commissioners entrusted with the conduct of public works will be laid before you, and I trust that the monies placed by the legislature at their disposal will be found to have been judiciously expended.

I announce with pleasure a considerable increase of revenue.

A bountiful harvest has rewarded the labors of the husbandman—the fisheries, though not altogether successful, have been, on the whole, remunerative—and many indications are afforded of a prosperous condition of the people.

Our fervent gratitude is due to the Almighty for exemption from an epidemic that produced great mortality in our sister colonies, and for the blessings of contentment and peace vouchsafed to us.

Availing myself of your liberal grant, I have imported into the province stock selected in accordance with your suggestions, and as the object thus contemplated by you is of great public interest, I recommend its further advancement by such means as you may, in the present session, think proper to adopt.

A prominent event of the year has been the "provincial exhibition," manifesting the capabilities of the country and furnishing by its gratifying success a powerful stimulus to public spirit and industrial energies.

Education, though always hitherto supported by large grants, is still defective. Your wisdom will, I hope, be enabled to devise such improvement of the existing system as the resources of the province will warrant and public opinion will sustain.

A correspondence which has taken place during the recess, in conformity with your concurrent resolutions, on the subject of the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia, will be submitted for your consideration.

I regret to inform you that during my absence from Halifax on a tour of duty to the west, government house was so materially injured by fire that it has ever since been unin-habitable. This will, I fear, involve the necessity of considerable expense to the province.

To the rear admiral commanding on this station our thanks are due, for the promptitude and zeal with which he invariably co-operated with my government in the public service of protection of the fisheries.

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly:

The public accounts, with the estimate for the ensuing year, will be submitted for your inspection with the least possible delay.

Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council :

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly:

A measure will be submitted to you for further simplifying and improving the practice of the courts of common law, and for introducing changes in the law of evidence, approved by the experience of the parent state.

Reports of the supervisors of great roads, and of the wardens of the river fisheries, will be laid before you.

You may rely on my cordial co-operation with your endeavours to promote every object that involves the public interests and the happiness of the people.

Our beloved sovereign, in conjunction with her allies, is engaged in a righteous but sanguinary war with the emperor of the Russias; and I feel the strongest assurance that in the sufferings and sorrows which its ravages have brought home to thousands of British hearths, you and the loyal people whom you represent will sincerly and deeply sympatize. Mr. Speaker announced to the house that having, during the recess, received official vacancies reported information that the honorable William Young, member for the county of Inverness, had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of attorney general; the honorable William mond, and township A. Henry, member for the county of Sydney, had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of solicitor general; the honorable James B. Uniacke, member for the county of Richmond, had been appointed to, and had accepted, the office of commissioner of crown lands; whereby their respective seats in this house had become vacant—and having also received from Lewis M. Wilkins, esquire, member for the township of Windsor, notice of his vacating his seat as such member—he the speaker had thereupon, pursuant to law, required that writs might be issued to supply such vacancies.

The honorable William Young, attorney general, returned duly elected a member for the Members sworn incounty of Inverness; the honorable William A. Henry, solicitor general, returned duly elected a member for the county of Sydney; and the honorable Lewis Morris Wilkins, provincial secretary, returned duly elected member for the township of Windsor, severally took the oath of allegiance before the honorables Hugh Bell and Edward Kenny, commissioners authorized to administer the same, and took their seats as such members.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a clerk in the place of Joseph Whidden, Choice of clerk esquire, deceased;

And thereupon-on motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, clerk assistant, be the clerk of this house; H. C. D. Twining choand he took the oath of office accordingly.

Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the law of evidence—and Evidence amendment the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a clerk assistant; and thereupon, on motion Choice of clerk assistant; of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That Alexander James, esquire, be the clerk assistant of this house; and he A. James chosen and took the oath of office accordingly.

Mr. Doyle then proposed the following address, in answer to the speech of his excellency Address in answer to the lieutenant governor, and moved that the same do pass, viz. :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY COLONEL

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, chancellor of the same, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

1°. We, her majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the representatives of the people of Nova Scotia, thank your excellency for the speech with which your excellency has been pleased to open the present session of the legislature.

2°. To the important subject of the treaty, referred to in your excellency's speech, we will give our immediate and earnest attention.

3°. Your excellency very justly assumes that a regard for the public welfare will ever be a sufficient inducement to us cheerfully to submit to personal inconvenience, when legislative duties render it necessary.

4°. For the bounties of Providence manifested in our exemption from a fatal epidemic that has prevailed in other British North American colonies—in the blessings of contentment and peace vouchsafed to us—in a bountiful harvest—and in the general success which has attended the fisheries,—we concur with your excellency in the expression of a sentiment of gratitude to the Almighty. 5°. 5°. The reports of commissioners of public works, when laid before us, shall receive that consideration which their importance demands.

6°. We learn with gratification that an increase has taken place in the public revenue.

7°. We thank your excellency for the promptitude with which you have, in accordance with our wishes, selected and imported stock into the province; and in common with your excellency, we regard improvement of the various breeds of our cattle as an object meriting still further encouragement by the legislature.

S². It is most satisfactory to us to be apprized of the happy auspices which have attended the first provincial industrial exhibition held in Nova Scotia, and we trust that its success will operate as an incentive to public spirit and the energies of our people.

9°. We concur with your excellency in opinion that our existing system of education is imperfect; and we trust that some measure may be devised for its improvement, which, harmonizing with the tone of general feeling, will possess that best guarantee for its useful operation which unison with public sentiment ever affords to a legislative body.

10°. The correspondence touching the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia, which your excellency has promised to submit, will not fail to be attentively considered by us.

11°. To the measures designed to be introduced for a further simplification and improvement of the practice of the courts of common law, and for introducing changes in the law of evidence, we shall apply our deliberations with the earnestness that subjects of such importance demand.

12". The promised reports of the supervisors of great roads, and of the wardens of the river fisheries, when laid before us, will not fail to be considered with the attention that they merit.

13°. The serious injury done to government house by the casualty of fire, as announced in your excellency's speech, we have learned with regret, not merely on account of the expense of repairs and restoration, but in respect of the great personal inconvenience which must thus necessarily have been occasioned to your excellency and your family.

14°. We entirely respond to your excellency's opinion that our thanks are due to the rear admiral commanding on this station, for the promptitude and zeal evinced by him in the protection of the fisheries.

15°. Experience of the past would, without your excellency's assurance to that effect, convince us that we may ever confidently rely on your excellency's cordial co-operation in promoting all objects referring to the public interests and the happiness of the people.

16°. In common with your excellency, we acknowledge the righteous foundation of the war in which our beloved queen, in conjunction with her allies, is now engaged, whilst we deplore its sanguinary character, and the sorrows and sufferings which have resulted from it; and your excellency may be well assured that with the afflictions thus brought home to British hearths, we, and the loyal people whom we represent, sincerely and deeply sympathize.

Consideration post-

Which motion being seconded,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

Resolution to extend franking privilege.

Mr. Holmes moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the franking privilege of members of this house be extended during the present session, so as to include correspondence with all parts of her majesty's dominions, and with the United States :

Agreed to.

Which being seconded and put, and the house divided thereon, passed in the affirmative. Ordered accordingly.

Then the house adjourned until Monday at three of the clock.

MONDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to order, the house proceeded to the consideration of the address, proposed and Address considered. moved on Saturday, in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor.

And the address having been read, and Mr. Doyle having renewed his motion that the same do pass, such was seconded and propounded from the chair.

Ordered, That the same be again read and considered clause by clause.

And accordingly, the respective clauses thereof being read, were severally agreed to by the house; and thereupon,

Resolved, That the address do pass.

Ordered, That the address be engrossed.

To be engrossed.

Passed.

Ordered, That the address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant governor by the whole house.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Time appointed for receiving address. informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at half-past four of the clock, at the council chamber, to receive the house with their address in answer to the speech at the opening of the session.

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Ordered, That the hon. the attorney general be substituted, on the committee of privi- Members changed on com of privileges. leges, in place of the hon. James B. Uniacke, whose seat has been vacated; that Mr. Wilkins be substituted, on the same committee, in the place of Mr. Hall, deceased; and that the hon. the solicitor general be re-appointed on such committee.

On motion, resolved, that a select committee be appointed to enquire into and report Committee on report upon the subject of reporting the debates of this house during the present session.

Ordered, That Mr. Annand, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Holmes, be a committee for that purpose.

At half-past four of the clock, Mr. Speaker and the house went up to the council cham- House wait upon go vernor with addr ber to attend his excellency with the address of the house, in answer to the speech of his excellency at the opening of the session.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that he had presented the address to his excellency, and that his excellency had been pleased to give this reply thereto :

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly:

I receive with much gratification your address, with the assurance it conveys that your best attention will be given to the several subjects brought under your consideration.

It will be my pleasing duty to lay at the foot of the throne the expression of your loyal feelings towards her majesty, and of your deep sympathies with the sufferings of those whose afflictions are the sad but inevitable result of the righteous war in which the empire is engaged.

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for giving effect, Beciprocity treaty on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Papers relating to re-presented to the house, copies of various despatches and correspondence, and other papers fisheries, laid on tarelating to the fisheries and the reciprocity treaty between the governments of Great Britain and the United States, with the reports of the officers employed in the protection of the fisheries.

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fisheries, and observations on the light houses on the coasts of Nova Scotia—and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 1.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

Despatches allowing various acts, laid on table. The hon. the provincial secretary, by the like command, also presented to the house, copies of certain despatches from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, leaving to their operation various acts of last session—and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 2.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

TUESDAY, 5th DECEMBER, 1854.

Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, returned duly elected as member for the county of Richmond,

took the oath of allegiance before the honorables Hugh Bell and Edward Kenny, commis-

sioners authorized to administer the same, and took his seat as such member.

PRAYERS.

Member forRichmond sworn in.

Committee to confer with government as to shipwrecked passengers. On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to confer with the executive government, and report the best course to be adopted, with reference to the relief of the German passengers of the American ship "Arcadia," lately wrecked on Sable Island.

Ordered, That Mr. Killam, Mr. Zwicker, and Mr. Esson, be a committee for that purpose.

Reciprocity bill read 2nd time.

A bill for giving effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America, was read a second time.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow at eleven of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

Resolution as to reciprocity treaty. The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

Whereas the legislature and people of Nova-Scotia have repeatedly made known to their sovereign and the imperial government, in the strongest language, the high appreciation in which they held the inshore fisheries as an element of wealth and prosperity; and this house on two occasions during the session of 1853 addressed our gracious sovereign on the subject; on the 17th February they expressed themselves in the following terms: "We have learned with deep interest that negotiations are pending between your majesty's government and the government of the United States, involving not only questions of reciprocal trade between the two countries, but the surrender of national and colonial rights of a very important character.

"Warned by the experience of the past and the results of treaty stipulations, in which the interests of British America have been seriously compromised without the provincial governments and legislatures being consulted, the house of assembly pray that no treaty may may be negotiated by your majesty which would surrender to foreigners the reserved fisheries on our sea coasts, or any participation therein, without an opportunity being afforded to the government and legislature of Nova-Scotia to consider and express an opinion upon its terms."

And on the 29th March they laid at the foot of the throne their prayer in these terms : "Your majesty's loyal subjects therefore pray your majesty to continue the protection which was extended to them last season, and by force repel all foreign aggression on their reserved fishing grounds, the exclusive enjoyment of which is solemnly renounced to the British by the convention of 1818, between your majesty and the republican government; fully believing that the admission of foreigners to participate in that fishery would have a most disastrous effect, can be purchased by no equivalent, and would tend to weaken the confidence of your majesty's subjects in the policy of a government which does not protect your people in the legal enjoyment of their unalienable right."

That the queen was advised to answer both addresses, that her majesty had been pleased very graciously to receive the same.

And whereas the house has learnt that by a treaty concluded at Washington on the 5th Junc last, by lord Elgin on the part of the British government, and Mr. Marcy on the part of the United States, and subsequently ratified by both governments, not only has the privilege of enjoying the inshore fisheries on the coasts of Nova Scotia in common with her majesty's subjects been surrendered to the United States, but the right to land and use the coasts and shores for purposes connected with the fisheries has been conceded, subject to arbitrament as to the portions that shall be exempted as being in the occupation of the inhabitants.

And whereas her majesty's secretary of state hastened to open to the fishermen of the United States the privileges thus conceded before they were entitled by the treaty to their enjoyment, and before the equivalents could be realized by her majesty's subjects.

And whereas the members of the provincial government have communicated to this house that the opportunity was not afforded them by the imperial government, or any functionary thereof, to represent, at the negociation of the treaty, the opinions, feelings and interests of the people of Nova Scotia on the vitally important questions it involved :

Resolved, That in view of these facts, this house owes it to itself and to the people it represents, solemnly to declare—

First.—That the fisheries within three marine miles of the shores of Nova Scotia belong exclusively to British subjects; that this right is appurtenant to this province as a territorial incident founded on the law of nations; that the peculiar interest of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia in the enjoyment of the inshore fisheries, and the authority of their legislature and government to make and enforce laws for their regulation and protection against encroachment, have been acknowledged by the imperial government; and that the possession of these fisheries is of very great value, as affecting the enterprising and useful class of our fellow citizens, by whom they are conducted, and in promoting in the most essential manner the commerce, navigation, and ship building of the province, and in preparing an intelligent and hardy body of provincial seamen; and as the people and government of the United States have ventured to question the exclusive exercise of this privilege, it is proper to notice their own estimate of the principle on which it rests, when their interest calls it into exercise, as illustrated in the treaty under consideration, in which they have excluded from the reciprocal right to fish a portion of their coast altogether, and have excepted all that is valuable in that portion over which a reciprocal right is nominally given.

Secondly.—That in surrendering to foreigners the equal participation with the inhabitants of this province of a right—territorial in its nature, colonial in its enjoyment, and in itself of great magnitude and value, without the opportunity being afforded of remonstrance or of modifying the terms of surrender by abridging the concession or enlarging the equivalents—the imperial government and lord Elgin have exercised a power of questionable right, have not faithfully respected the pledges implied in past correspondence, and, irrespective of pledges and of authority, have not duly regarded either the essential and peculiar rights and interests or the feelings of her majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova Scotia. ThirdlyThirdly.—That this house indignantly protests against that part of the treaty which gives to foreigners an equal right to use the coasts and shores of this colony, subject only to such exceptions as commissioners may please to make in favor of actual occupants, and which, as if in contempt of the essential right of freemen, makes it dependent on the turn of the dice whether an interest so important in all its aspects shall not be placed in the hands of three commissioners, of whom two shall be citizens of the United States.

This house denies the right of lord Elgin to concoct, and of the imperial government to ratify, a stipulation by which no Nova Scotian fisherman can place his foot on any portion of his native coast in the confidence of its exclusive enjoyment, and by which a foreign power is sanctioned to intrude upon our shores throughout their whole extent, under a title which, if well founded, would be paramount as emanating from the crown, and may be made the pretext of setting at naught the authority of the legislature and government of this province, and at the caprice of a foreign state be vindicated by force and the cannon.

Fourthly.—That the terms of the treaty are unequal and unjust, because the right it gives to British subjects to fish on the American coast is valueless and delusive, and because the free interchange of commodities for which it provides, (and the great value of which to this province this house most freely admits), if the principles of free trade be sound, is in itself of reciprocal and equal advantage to both parties, and hence the fisheries of Nova Scotia have been given up without equivalent, and the withholding of the right of American registry for our ships, and a free and reciprocal coasting trade, was inconsistent with justice and fair dealing.

Lastly.—That the legislature of this province is placed in a position inconsistent with the independence and dignity that belong to the representatives of British subjects—called upon to deliberate on a question of the deepest moment to their country after the principal subject of deliberation has been arbitrarily removed from their control; and invited to discuss the adoption or rejection on their part of a treaty, after the object of most value has been absolutely alienated without their concurrence and beyond their recall. And those members of this house who are of opinion that the territorial right conceded to the United States ought not to be surrendered, may be compelled as an act of necessity to acquiesce in a measure which, had they the power, they would reject, as incompatible alike with the honor and the interest of their country.

Which being seconded,

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de Ordered, That the resolution be printed, and that the house do to-morrow proceed to the consideration thereof.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

Resolution for granting £2000 sterling to widows and orphans, passed On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved unanimously, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized to draw from the public treasury, and remit to the committee in charge of the patriotic fund in London, the sum of two thousand pounds, sterling—to be applied towards the relief, education, and support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers, sailors, and marines, who may have fallen, or may hereafter fall, in battle, or die on active service during the present war.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concurrence.

Select committee as to provincial horses

Sent to council

On motion of the hon. the financial secretary,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to report as to the keeping and disposal of the provincial horses lately imported.

The order of the day being read,

The house proceeded to the consideration of the resolution respecting the reciprocity consideration of procity treaty re tion. treaty, moved yesterday.

And after some time occupied in debate thereon,

Ordered, That the house do to-morrow resume the consideration thereof.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant Farther reciprocity governor, presented to the house, certain despatches and papers relating to the fisheries and reciprocity treaty, being in continuation of the correspondence submitted to the house on the 4th December instant-and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 1—part 2.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

The order of the day being read,

The house proceeded to the further consideration of the resolution respecting the recipro- Further consideration city treaty, and the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such resolution be agreed to by the house,

Mr. Wilkins moved that such resolution be amended, by leaving out all the words thereof Amendment moved. after the word "whereas," and in place of the words so left out inserting the following words:

"The inshore fisheries constitute an invaluable property of the people of this colony, Amendment whose exclusive right thereto has not only been frequently asserted by this house. but has been expressly acknowledged by the British government, and is especially recognized in the opinion of the crown officers to whom the subject was referred, which opinion is recorded in the following terms, that is to say : ' Even if the imperial act 59 Geo. III., chap. 38, should be insufficient to give her majesty power to impose all or any of the rules and regulations in question, (a question which we need not now consider,) the authority of the local legislature appears to us to be sufficient to make them valid in effect, by its express legislative enactment of them. The authority of the local legislature extends like that of the imperial parliament, over the space of three miles of the high seas next the coast which is by the comity of nations part of the country to which it is adjacent ; and we are of opinion that upon this general principle, and irrespective of the convention. the imperial statute or the regulations of the sovereign in council, the colonial legislature was legally entitled to legislate as it has done relative to the fisheries, and its enactments are valid and binding :'

And whereas the enactments referred to as valid and binding are now in full force, and cannot be constitutionally repealed by any other authority than that whereby they were enacted :

And whereas it appears that a treaty has been concluded between her majesty the queen and the American republic, whereby a privilege has been conceded to the fishermen of the United States, not only to participate in the said fisheries, in open violation and contravention of the said enactments, but also to land upon the shores of the province for the purpose of curing their fish, in negotiating which the people of Nova Scotia have been in no manner consulted :

And whereas by an address of this house on the 17th day of February, 1853, her majesty the queen was humbly solicited to enter into no treaty whereby participation in the fisheries should

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should be conceded to any foreign power without the previous action of this house, the receipt of which address was duly acknowledged by her majesty's secretary of state for the colonies :

And whereas the treaty above referred to has been concluded in open violation of the laws of the province, and in entire disregard of the right of the people of Nova Scotia to be a party to any negotiation having for its object the transfer of any of their constitutional rights, and in contempt of the address of this house :

Resolved therefore, That this house, representing the people of Nova Scotia, and in duty bound to defend and maintain all their undoubted rights against invasion from any quarter whatsover, and being impressed with a deep sense of the injustice of her majesty's ministers in not merely negotiating a treaty contrary to laws in force, by which her majesty is equally bound with her subjects, and in a manner so offensive to the people of Nova Scotia, and so materially affecting their property and welfare, but in having, without any adequate consideration, admitted American fishermen to the full enjoyment of the fisheries, in open violation of the laws of the province, and in utter contempt of the rights of the people of Nova Scotia, would fail in the discharge of their duty to their constituents were they to take any action in relation to such treaty which would have the effect of ratifying the same, and thereby virtually consenting to an encroachment on the unquestionable rights of the people of Nova Scotia.

Resolved also, That the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to communicate to her majesty's ministers the determination of this house to take no action on the said treaty, until the protection of the fisheries, which has been so unlawfully withdrawn, shall be re-established, and the exclusive possession of their undoubted property in the said fisheries be fully and effectually restored to the people of Nova Scotia, in obedience to the laws and statutes of this province."

Which proposed amendment being seconded, a debate arose thereon; and after some time occupied therein,

Further order for tomorrow.

- Ordered, That the house do again, to-morrow, resume the consideration of the said resolution and amendment.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

Order of day Further consideration of resolution and amendment.

Further order for Monday. The order of the day being read,

The house proceeded to the further consideration of the resolution concerning the reciprocity treaty, and of the proposed amendment thereto.

And after some time occupied in debate thereon,

Ordered, That the house do again, on Monday next, resume the consideration of the said resolution and proposed amendment.

Then the house adjourned until Monday, at twelve of the clock.

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MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the committee appointed on Tuesday last on the subject of the ship- Committee wrecked passengers, do report thereon to-morrow.

The order of the day being read,

The house proceeded to the further consideration of the resolution concerning the reci- runter consideration procity treaty, and of the proposed amendment thereto; and the question that the amend- amendment. ment do pass being propounded from the chair, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, eleven ; against it, thirty-three.

For the amendment :	Again	st the amendment :		Division on amend- ment-
Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Moore,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. McKinnon,	
" Jost,	" Esson,	" Chipman,	" Beckwith,	
" John Campbell,	" Bent,	" Holmes,	" Whitman,	
" Josiah Coffin,	" Martell,	" Fuller,	" Thos. Coffin,	
" Zwicker,	" John Munro,	" H. Munro,	" Wier,	
" Mosher,	" Brown,	" Killam,	" Murray,	
" Cowie,	Hon. Sol. Gen.,	" Bourneuf,	" Shaw,	
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	" Atty. Gen.,	" Dimock,	" P. Smyth,	
Mr. Wilkins,	" Prov. Sec.,	" McQueen,	" Ryder,	
" Locke,	" Fin. Sec.,	" Archibald,	" Annand,	
" B. Smith.	" Mr. Fulton,	" Jas. Campbell,	Hon. Mr. Howe.	

So it passed in the negative.

The hon. Mr. Johnston then moved that the originally proposed resolution be amended Farther at by leaving out all the words thereof except the word "whereas," and in place of the words so left out to insert the following words :

"The legislature and people of Nova-Scotia have repeatedly made known to their sovereign and the imperial government, in the strongest language, the high appreciation in which they held the inshore fisheries as an element of wealth and prosperity; and this house on two occasions during the session of 1853 addressed our gracious sovereign on the subject; on the 17th February they expressed themselves in the following terms:

'We have learned with deep interest that negotiations are pending between your majesty's government and the government of the United States, involving not only questions of reciprocal trade between the two countries, but the surrender of national and colonial rights of a very important character.

Warned by the experience of the past and the results of treaty stipulations, in which the interests of British America have been seriously compromised without the provincial governments and legislatures being consulted, the house of assembly pray that no treaty may be negotiated by your majesty which would surrender to foreigners the reserved fisheries on our sea coasts, or any participation therein, without an opportunity being afforded to the government and legislature of Nova-Scotia to consider and express an opinion on its terms.'

And on the 29th March they laid at the foot of the throne their prayers in these terms :

' Your majesty's loyal subjects therefore pray your majesty to continue the protection which was extended to them last season, and by force repel all foreign aggression on their reserved fishing grounds, the exclusive enjoyment of which is solemnly renounced to the British by the convention of 1818, between your majesty and the republican government; fully believing that the admission of foreigners to participate in that fishery would have a most disastrous effect, can be purchased by no equivalent, and would tend to weaken

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weaken the confidence of your majesty's subjects in the policy of a government which does not protect your people in the legal enjoyment of their unalienable right.'

That the queen was advised to answer both addresses, that her majesty had been pleased very graciously to receive the same.

And whereas the house has learned that by a treaty concluded at Washington on the 5th June last, by lord Elgin on the part of the British government, and Mr. Marcy on the part of the United States, and subsequently ratified by both governments, not only has the privilege of enjoying the inshore fisheries on the coasts of Nova Scotia in common with her majesty's subjects been surrendered to the United States, but the right to land and use the coasts and shores for purposes connected with the fisheries has been conceded.

And whereas her majesty's secretary of state hastened to open to the fishermen of the United States the privileges thus conceded before they were entitled by the treaty to their enjoyment, and before the equivalents could be realized by her majesty's subjects.

And whereas the members of the provincial government have communicated to this house that the opportunity was not afforded them by the imperial government, or any functionary thereof, to represent, at the negociation of the treaty, the opinions, feelings and interests of the people of Nova Scotia on the vitally important questions it involved :

Resolved, That in view of these facts, this house owes it to itself and to the people it represents, solemnly to declare—

First.—That the fisheries within three marine miles of the shores of Nova Scotia belong exclusively to British subjects; that this right is appurtenant to this province as a territorial incident founded on the law of nations; that the peculiar interest of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia in the enjoyment of the inshore fisheries, and the authority of their legislature and government to make and enforce laws for their regulation and protection against encroachment, have been acknowledged by the imperial government; and that the possession of these fisheries is of very great value, as affecting the enterprising and useful class of our fellow citizens, by whom they are conducted, and in promoting in the most essential manner the commerce, navigation, and ship building of the province, and in preparing an intelligent and hardy body of provincial seamen; and as the people and government of the United States have ventured to question the exclusive exercise of this privilege, it is proper to notice their own estimate of the principle on which it rests, when their interest calls it into exercise, as illustrated in the treaty under consideration, in which they have excluded from the reciprocal right to fish a portion of their coast altogether, and have excepted all that is valuable in that portion over which a reciprocal right is nominally given.

Secondly.—That in surrendering to foreigners the equal participation with the inhabitants of this province of a right—territorial in its nature, colonial in its enjoyment, and in itself of great magnitude and value, without the opportunity being afforded of remonstrance or of modifying the terms of surrender by abridging the concession or enlarging the equivalents—the imperial government and lord Elgin have exercised a power of questionable right, have not faithfully respected the pledges implied in past correspondence, and, irrespective of pledges and of authority, have not duly regarded either the essential and peculiar rights and interests or the feelings of her majesty's subjects, the people of Nova Scotia.

Thirdly.—That the attempt to confer upon a foreign people a title to use the shores of Nova Scotia in the manner proposed to be done by this treaty is inconsistent with the privileges of the people and the rights and powers of the legislature and government of this province; the more especially as the soil and lands of Nova Scotia have been, by the consent and on agreement with the crown, transferred to the people of this province by legislative enactment for a valuable consideration: that the privileges that have been granted to foreign fishermen are liable to become the pretext of setting at nought the provincial authorities; to lead to dangerous contests on the coasts between our own and the American people, and to be resorted to as an excuse for forcible interference by a foreign power.

Fourthly.—That the terms of the treaty are unequal and unjust, because the right it gives to British subjects to fish on the American coast is valueless and delusive, and because the free interchange of commodities for which it provides, (and the great value of which which to this province this house most freely admits), if the principles of free trade be sound, is in itself of reciprocal and equal advantage to both parties, and hence the fisheries of Nova Scotia have been given up without equivalent, and the withholding of the right of American registry for our ships, and a free and reciprocal coasting trade, was inconsistent with justice and fair dealing.

Lastly.—That the legislature of this province is placed in a position inconsistent with the independence and dignity that belong to the representatives of British subjects-called upon to deliberate on a question of the deepest moment to their country after the principal subject of deliberation has been arbitrarily removed from their control; and invited to discuss the adoption or rejection on their part of a treaty, after the object of most value has been absolutely alienated without their concurrence and beyond their recall. And those members of this house who are of opinion that the territorial right conceded to the United States ought not to be surrendered, may be compelled as an act of necessity to acquiesce in a measure which, had they the power, they would reject, as incompatible alike with the honor and the interest of their country."

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, fifteen ; against it, thirty-one.

Against the amendment :

For the amendment :

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Mr. Creighton, "Jost, Zwicker, Josiah Coffin, B. Smith, Mosher, Holmes, Hon. Mr. Howe,	Mr. H. Munro, " Jno. Campbell, " J. Munro, " Cowie, " Wiłkins, " Locke, Hon. Mr. Johnston.	Mr. Wade, "Wier, Fuller, Moore, Martell, McQueen, Murray, Murray, Killam, Killam, Killam, Killam, Killam, Chipman, Archibald, Doyle,	Mr. Jas. Campbell, "Thos. Coffin, Bent, Hon. Prov. Sec., Atty. Gen., Sol. Gen., Sol. Gen., Fin. Sec., Mr. Fulton, Mr. Beckwith, Bourneuf, Shaw, Annand, P. Smyth, Young, Esson.	

So it passed in the negative.

The resolution as originally proposed being then read, and the usual question having been again propounded from the chair, that the same be agreed to by the house,

Mr. Killam moved, by way of amendment, that the house do now resolve itself into a Original resolution amended by question committee on bills, for the purpose of taking up the bill for giving effect to the reciprocity to go into an bills treaty.

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, thirty-one; against it, fifteen.

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Mr. Wade,

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Fuller,

Moore,

Martell,

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Amendment carried on division.

For the amendment :

Mr. Jas. Campbell,

" Thos. Coffin,

Hon. Prov. Sec.,

Mr. Beckwith,

Shaw,

Bourneuf,

Annand,

Young, Esson.

The house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

P. Smyth,

Atty. Gen.,

Sol. Gen.,

Fin. Sec.,

Mr. Fulton,

" Bent,

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So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Against the amendment :

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- " Mosher,
- " Holmes,
- Hon. Mr. Howe,

Mr. H. Munro,

- " Jno. Campbell,
- " J. Munro,
- " Cowie,
- " Wilkins,
- " Locke,
- Hon. Mr. Johnston.

Committee on bills.

Report reciprocity treaty bill, without amendment.

Division on question for engrossing. effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America—and had directed him to report such bill to the house, without any amendment; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table. The usual question being then propounded from the chair, that such bill reported from

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill for giving

the committee be fairly engrossed, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirty-two; against it, ten. For the motion: Against the motion:

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r. Jas. Campbell,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Jno. Campbell,	
• Shaw,		" J. Munro,	
' Wade,	" Holmes,	" Wilkins,	
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" Fin. Sec.,	" Sol. Gen.,		
" Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Archibald.		
And accordingly			
A message from th	e council by Mr. Halliburton :		
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The council have u	nanimously agreed to the resolution	n of this honorable house for granting the	
	 Shaw, Wade, Moore, Murray, Whitman, Thos. Coffin, Wier, Killam, Martell, Ryder, Bourneuf, Chipman, on. Atty. Gen., Fin. Sec., Mr. Fulton, So it passed in the And accordingly Ordered, That the A message from the Mr. Speaker- 	 Shaw, "McQueen, Wade, "Holmes, Moore, "Brown, Murray, "Bent, Whitman, "Beckwith, Thos. Coflin, "McKinnon, Wier, "Dimock, Killam, "Esson, Martell, "Annand, Ryder, "Young, Bourneuf, "Doyle, Chipman, "P. Smyth, on. Atty. Gen., Hon. Prov. Sec., Fin. Sec., "Sol. Gen., Mr. Fulton, Mr. Archibald. So it passed in the affirmative. And accordingly Ordered, That the bill be fairly engrossed. A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker— 	 Shaw, "McQueen, "J. Munro, Wade, "Holmes, "Wilkins, Moore, "Brown, "Mosher, Murray, "Bent, "Cowie, Murray, "Bent, "Cowie, Whitman, "Beckwith, "Jost, Thos. Coffin, "McKinnon, "Locke, Wier, "Dimock, "B. Smith, Killam, "Esson, Hon. Mr. Johnston, "Killam, "Esson, Hon. Mr. Johnston, "Howe. Ryder, "Young, Bourneuf, "Doyle, Chipman, "P. Smyth, on. Atty. Gen., Hon. Prov. Sec., "Sol. Gen., Mr. Fulton, Mr. Archibald. So it passed in the affirmative. And accordingly Ordered, That the bill be fairly engrossed. A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker— The council have unanimously agreed to the resolution of this honorable house for granting

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Agree to vote of£2300 stg. for soldiers' widows, and orphans.

the sum of two thousand pounds, sterling, towards the relief of the widows and orphans of those soldiers, seamen and marines, who may fall during the present war.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

On motion of the hon. the financial secretary,

Resolved, That the committee appointed on Thursday last on the subject of the disposal Committee on provide of the provincial horses, be composed of a member from each county in the province.

Ordered, That the hon. Solicitor General, the hon. Attorney General, Mr. Esson, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Wade, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Josiah Coffin, Mr. Jno. Campbell, Mr. Jost, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Bent, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Fuller, Mr. McQueen, and Mr. H. Munro, do compose such committee.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Copies of certain correspondence conducted by the hon. attorney general in 1854, touching the mines and minerals of the province-and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 3.)

Ordered, That the correspondence do lie on the table.

Also—by the like command,

An account of the receipts and expenditures of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph com-pany, from 1st January to 30th September, 1854, together with a statement of the gross and nett receipts, income and profits of the company, for the same period.

(See appendix No. 4.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Mr. Killam reported from the committee appointed to make enquires relative to the Report from commit-shipwrecked passengers of the Arcadia; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 5.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

An engrossed bill for giving effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a cer- Reciprocity treaty bill read Srd time. tain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America, was read a third time.

Upon the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do finally pass, Question as to passing

The hon. Mr. Howe moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That, however highly the people of Nova Scotia value free trade, and the First emendment. reciprocal interchange of commodities, they value still more the rights which their fathers acquired and transmitted, and which their government and legislature have ever sacredly maintained, over the territory included within the boundaries of this province.

That, in no negociation ever conducted by their government-in no public document, emanating from their legislature—was it ever suggested or proposed to yield to the citizens of foreign states the right to land upon the shores of Nova Scotia to dry nets, cure fish, and participate in the inshore fishery in all respects as though they were British subjects.

Adopted_

of bill.

That, in the darkest periods of British and Irish history, no such privilege was ever yielded to foreigners upon the coasts of England, Ireland or Scotland, by the most incompetent or corrupt negociator, or by the most pusillanimous and feeble administration.

That, at the present time, with all the relaxations of the commercial code of the mother country, no such privilege exists. That the inhabitants of the British Islands have never asked, nor could they securely venture, to dry nets or cure fish upon the coasts of the continent, whose inhabitants, of whatever nation, would be driven into the sea if they attempted such an intrusion upon the British or Irish coasts.

That the Venetians and Genoese never granted such a privilege. That the Dutch never claimed it while at the height of their maritime superiority, and have never sunk so low that they would not have cut their dykes, and laid their country under water, rather than have granted to foreigners, not residing within their states, the right to occupy and use their shores.

That, although Great Britain is in close alliance with the government of France, and although the allied soldiers, restrained by discipline, and bent upon accomplishing common objects, fraternize in the Crimea, the hazardous experiment has never yet been tried by imperial statesmen of permitting French fishermen to dry nets and catch fish on the shores of Yarmouth, Berwick, or Loch Fine--well knowing that British fishermen, whom no power could restrain, would resent and resist such intrusions.

That the British plenipotentiary who, on the 5th day of June last, yielded to the citizens of a foreign republic the right thus to intrude upon the shores of British America; and the sccretary for foreign affairs, who, before the colonial legislatures could be consulted, left those shores defenceless, have proclaimed to all the world that the queen's dominions on this continent are but lightly valued—that the rights of British subjects are not worth defending, and that the pressure of foreign diplomacy outweighs, in the counsels of their sovereign, the solemn grants of the crown, and the claims to consideration established by a century of loyal attachment and devotion.

That the shores of Nova Scotia have been granted by the crown, and paid for by the hardy race which inhabits them. That such portions of the soil as have not been granted, were formally transferred to the provincial government by the civil list act. That the British plenipotentiary at Washington had no more power to give to foreigners the right of intrusion upon those lands, for any purpose, than he had to authorize them to kill deer on an English gentleman's estate.

That the corresponding privilege, granted by the republic, is a delusion and a snare. The fisheries on the coasts of the United States being less valuable than our own, will rarely be resorted to, and if they were, no colonial fishermen could safely sweep his seine or dry his fish where American fishermen were present in force sufficient to resist the intrusion and destroy his property.

That the history of American diplomacy shews the use that will be made of this concession. There will never be wanting fillibusteros to abuse it, or ambitious and daring politicians to protect them.

That even should the imperial parliament, acting upon the threat contained in the colonial secretary's despatch of the 24th of August, "overrule the provisions of colonial law," or should the provincial parliament, mistaking its functions, and regardless of its dignity, ratify this treaty, British and colonial courts will still vindicate the rights of property, and the hardy possessors of the soil will not hesitate to defend it.

That one of two consequences must result from this concession—either that the republican and British fishermen will perpetually disturb the peace of the two nations by collisions and hostilities which no government can prevent, or the fishing and maratime population of British America, deeply resenting the sacrifice of their rights and the violation of their territory, will fraternize with their invaders, and learn to respect a nation whose statesmen know the value of, and are not afraid to protect, "hook and line, bob and sinker."*

^{* &}quot;I will protect you," said Daniel Webster to the American fishermen, "hook and line, bob and sinker."

That the citizens of the republic, having, through the imbecility of imperial statesmen, obtained the use of all the great rivers and canals of North America, and of the inshore fisheries and sea coasts, possess advantages to enable them to exert foreign influence, and ultimately to incorporate the provinces into their confederacy, which history teaches us that no powerful nation, so tempted, ever could resist.

That if imperial statesmen desire to retain these provinces, they must show that they appreciate their value; —they must propound a national policy that British subjects can comprehend; —they must resist encroachments in the west as firmly as in the east, and they must apply to the shores of the queen's dominions in America the same principles which have for ages guarded the shores of the parent state.

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Negatived on division there appeared for the amendment, fourteen; against it, thirty-one.

For the amendment :

Against the amendment :

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Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Wade,
" H. Munro,	" Jas. Campbell,	" McQueen,
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" Zwicker,	" Holmes,	" Bent,
" Jost,	" Whitman,	" Martell,
" Locke,	" Thos. Coffin,	" Fuller,
" Josiah Coffin,	Hon. Mr. Fulton,	Hon. Sol. Gen.,
" Cowie,	" Prov. Sec.,	" Fin. Sec.,
" Mosher,	Mr. Wier,	Mr. McLelan,
" Marshall,	" Moore,	" Chipman,
" Wilkins,	" Bourneuf,	" Murray,
" B. Smith,	" Archibald,	" Shaw,
Hon. Mr. Howe.	" Dimock,	" P. Smyth,
	" Brown,	" Annand.
	" Doyle,	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. B. Smith then moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the follow- second amendment ing resolution :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this house that in the passage of any laws regulating the terms of reciprocal interchange of the products of this colony with those of the republic of the United States, no permission should be given to the citizens of the United States to land upon or to occupy any portion of the shores of this province, for the purpose of taking or curing fish : and that a free participation to take fish within three marine miles of the coasts and harbors of this province should not be granted to citizens of the United States until the same privileges which the citizens of that republic now enjoy of registering ships and conducting the coasting trade of this country be awarded by the people of the United States to the inhabitants of this province.

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Negatived on division there appeared for the amendment, thirteen ; against it, thirty.

For the amendment :	Against the a	umendment:
For the amendment : Mr. Creighton, "Jno. Campbell, "J. Munro, "Jost, "Zwicker, "Josiah Coffin, "Cowie, "Mosher, "Marshall, "Wilkins, "E. Smith, "Locke,	Against the a Mr. Brown, "Beckwith, "McKinnon, "Comeau, "Thos. Coffin, "Wade, "McLelan, "Murray, "Shaw, "P. Smyth, "McQueen,	mendment : Mr. Jas. Campbell, "Killam, Annand, Martell, "Fuller, "Wier, "Wier, "Moore, "Bourneuf, "Archibald, "Dimock, "Ryder, "Doyle,
Hon. Mr. Howe.	"Young, Hon. Sol. Gen., "Fin. Sec.,	"Whitman, Hon. Prov. Sec., "Mr. Fulton.

So it passed in the negative.

Original question agreed to on division.

The question as originally propounded from the chair, that the bill do finally pass, being put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirty-one; against it, thirteen.

	For the motion :		Against the motion :
Mr. Brown, " McQueen, " Beckwith, " McKinnon, " Dimock, " Whitman, " Wier, " Bourneuf, " Murray, Hon. Sol. Gen., " Fin. Sec., Mr. Shaw, " Chipman,	Mr. Archibald, " Annand, " Ryder, " Fuller, " McLelan, " Young, " Doyle, Hon. Prov. Sec., " Mr. Fulton, Mr. Wade, " Jas. Campbell, " Killam, " Comeau,	Mr. Martell, " Thos. Coffin, " Holmes, " Moore, " P. Smyth.	Mr. Creighton, " Jno. Campbell, " Marshall, " B. Smith, " Zwicker, " Wilkins, Hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. Cowie, " Jost, " Mosher, " J. Munro, " Josiah Coffin, " Locke.

So it passed in the affirmative. And accordingly

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for giving effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America.

Sent to council.

Bill passed.

Resolutions as to reciprocity treaty. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Archibald then moved that the house do come to the following resolutions :

Whereas the shore fisheries of this province are justly considered by the people of Nova Scotia as a most valuable source of wealth and industry :

And whereas our legislature and people have repeatedly, in addresses and memorials to the crown and imperial government, expressed their sense of the importance of the exclusive enjoyment of these fisheries, and deprecated the concession of any participation therein to American citizens without the opportunity being first afforded to the people of this province to express their views as to the terms upon which such participation should be permitted :

And whereas the right to these fisheries, though in one sense belonging to the whole British people, is more immediately appurtenant to Nova Scotia, whose legislature, by the

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law of nations, as recently recognized by the crown officers of England, has jurisdiction over three marine miles from our shores :

And whereas any admission of the rights of a foreign nation within these limits, touches, in a most delicate manner, the rights, the dignity, and the spirit of our people :

And whereas on the 5th day of June last a treaty was concluded at Washington, between the imperial and American governments, whereby, in exchange for certain commercial privileges conceded by the United States to the British provinces, the citizens of the republic were admitted to a participation in the reserved fisheries of the colonies, and allowed the enjoyment of certain temporary rights on their unoccupied shores, provided the legislatures of the various provinces, whose interests were concerned, should be found willing to accept the privileges conceded by the United States as an equivalent for those demanded by that country :

And whereas it has been made appear by the explanations given on the floors of this house by the members of the provincial administration, that the provincial government felt themselves restrained from sending delegates to Washington, by the language of a communication from general Rowan, transmitting the desire of the British ambassador that no delegates should be sent :

Resolved therefore, That this legislature recognizes, in the stipulation that the treaty should not be operative without the sanction of each of the colonial legislatures, the desire of lord Elgin to consult the feelings and wishes of the people of this province, on a matter of vital importance to their best interests; and conceives that such stipulation, had it been carried out, would have afforded this legislature an opportunity of expressing an effective and independent opinion on the acceptance or rejection of the treaty.

And whereas the act of the imperial ministry in withdrawing the protection of our fisheries, and admitting American citizens to the enjoyment of all the privileges of the treaty before either the government of the United States was in a condition to extend the reciprocal concessions stipulated in the treaty, or the legislature of this colony had been consulted on its terms, coupled with the despatch of Sir George Grey to lord Elgin, practically intimates the determination of the imperial government to dispose of the question, irrespective of the feelings and the rights of this province, is derogatory to the character and insulting to the pride of a free people :

Resolved therefore, That this house feels it a duty which it owes to itself and the country, to enter a solemn protest against the mode in which the dearest interests of this province have been disposed of, its legislation anticipated and forestalled, and its independent action largely restrained.

And whereas the reciprocal privileges conceded by the United States, in the admission of most of our staples to the ports of the union free of duty, have long been an object of earnest desire to the people of this province, and this house has, by resolution, intimated its willingness to surrender our exclusive rights of fishery for sufficient equivalents of a commercial character:

Resolved therefore, That this house are of opinion that the privileges conceded to us by the treaty, though not equal to what this province had a right to expect, are still of vast importance to the interests and prosperity of the country, and that it is the duty of the legislature, in view of these interests, and under existing circumstances, to pass such a law as is required by the treaty to give effect to its provisions.

Which resolutions being seconded,

Mr. Killam moved that such resolutions be amended by leaving out all the words therof Amendment proposed after the word "whereas," and in place of the words so left out inserting the following words :

"The high duties imposed by the government of the United States on the productions of foreign countries have operated strongly against the interests of the people of Nova Scotia since the United States afford the nearest and best market for many of their most important products, they have therefore long been anxious that some amicable treaty of reciprocal commerce should be negociated on behalf of themselves and their fellow colonists.

And whereas, in common with all British subjects, the people of this province have been enjoying

enjoying the exclusive right to the reserved fishing grounds on the coast of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Canada, and have, through the legislature, repeatedly represented to the sovereign their high appreciation of these privileges, yet this assembly did, on a recent occasion, by a large majority, express their willingness to relinquish these exclusive rights, provided an equivalent was obtained therefor :

And whereas lord Elgin, under the instruction of the imperial government, and Mr. Marcy on the part of the United States government, have concluded a treaty, which has been solemnly ratified, and which provides for the enjoyment of mutual rights to fish, and for specific purposes connected therewith, to land on the coasts of the territory of each nation, and also for the long desired introduction, free of duties, of their respective products:

Therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this house the imperial government and lord Elgin, by bringing this long, protracted negociation, on behalf of the British North American colonies, to an amicable conclusion, obtaining for them, in consideration of conceding the right to participate in each others' fisheries, special and most valuable commercial advantages, have not disregarded the best interests of the people of Nova Scotia, and are entitled to their approbation."

Regulived on division

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, five ; against it, thirty-four.

So it passed in the negative.

Original resolutions being then put, and the house dividing thereon, mentived on division. there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, thirty-four.

For the motion :	: Against the motion :		
Mr. Jas. Campbell, " Dimock, " McLelan, " Wier, " Annand, " Archibald, " Murray, " Esson. " P. Smyth.	Mr. Brown, " Chipman, " Zwicker, " Comeau, " Whitman, " Jno. Campbell " Jost, " Wilkins, " Shaw, " Killam, " Martell, Hon. Fin. Sec.,	[•] Mr. Moore, ^(*) Mosher, ^(*) J. Munro, ^(*) Creighton, ^(*) Josiah Coffin, ^(*) Bourneuf, ^(*) Cowie, ^(*) McKinnon, ^(*) B. Smith, ^(*) Locke, ^(*) Wade,	Mr. Thos. Coffin, "Young, H. Munro, McQueen, Marshall, Fuller, Holmes, Hon. Prov. Sec., Sol. Gen., Mr. Fulton, Howe.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolution as to treaty. The hon. Mr. Howe then moved that the house do come to the following resolution : Resolved, That this house having, under the peculiar circumstances in which the province was placed, passed a bill to give effect to the treaty negotiated at Washington on the fifth day of June last, yet regard it as a sacred duty to enter their solemn protest against the manner in which the territorial rights of Nova Scotia were bargained away, and the inshore fisheries left defenceless, without the presence at Washington of any representatives of this province, and before either its government or legislature had been consulted.

Regatived on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen ; against it, twenty-three.

For the motion :		Against the motion :	
Mr. Locke, " Jno. Campbell, " Zwicker, " J. Munro, " Moore, " Holmes, " B. Smith, " Wilkins, " Doyle,	Mr. Jas. Campbell, "Josiah Coffin, Jost, Marshall, Cowie, Hon. Mr. Johnston, "Howe, Mr. H. Munro, "P. Smyth.	Mr. McLelan, "Shaw, Bent, Killam, Whitman, Wade, McKinnon, Bourneuf, Dimock, Chipman, Martell, Ryder,	Mr. Brown, "Wier, "Thos. Coffin, "Comeau, "Fuller, Hon. Sol. Gen., "Prov. Sec., "Atty. Gen., "Fin. Sec., "Mr. Fulton, Mr. Young.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown have leave of absence to return home on urgent private busi- Leave of absence. ness.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 1854.

PRAYERS.

The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee on the disposal of the pro- Report from commit-vincial horses; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendi	x No. 6.)
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Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for giving effect, on the part of the Agree to reciprodity province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of amendment America, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act for giving effect, on council's amendment the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the considered. United States of America, was read a first and, nem. con., a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and BUD, Sc. sent back to acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendment. conneil.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for giving effect, on the part of the Agree to responsive province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of ded. America, as now amended.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Message from council.

Agreed to.

Adopted.

Message from council.

Message from lieuten- ant governor.	A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor by the gentlemen usher of the black rod :
Commands atten- dance of house. House attend.	Mr. Speaker, His excellency the lieutenant governor commands this honorable house to attend his excellency immediately in the council chamber. Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council chamber.
Governor assents to reciprocity treaty hill	And being returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber, when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to a bill, entitled, An act for giving effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America.
Resolution as to rail- way construction mo- ved.	The hon. Mr. Howe moved that the house do come to the following resolution : Resolved, That the railway commissioners be instructed, and they are hereby empowered with the sanction of the governor and council, to proceed with the construction of the lines east and west from the point of junction, and to locate and put under contract any portions of such lines which in their discretion will be most advantageous to the public service. Which being seconded,
Amendment moved.	Mr. B. Smith moved that such resolution be amended by leaving out all the words thereof after the word "resolved," and in place of the words so left out inserting the fol- lowing words : "That it is the opinion of this house that the commissioners of the railroad do proceed
Negatived of division	with the construction of the main trunk line, without deciding upon the route of the west- ern branch until the next meeting of the legislature." Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, three ; against it, thirty-eight. So it passed in the negative.
Original resolution agreed to on division	The resolution as originally proposed being then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, thirty-seven ; against it, five. So it passed in the affirmative.
Besolution as to rail- way expenditure mo- ved.	The hon. Mr. Howe then moved that the house do come to the following resolutions: Resolved, That in any year when the $\pounds 200,000$ by law provided shall not have been expended, the balance may be added to the amount to be disbursed in the following year, should it be required to complete any important section of either line.
Resolution for gui- dance of railway com- missionets.	Resolved, That whenever the commissioners shall be of opinion that work can be better and more economically performed under the direction of their officers, it shall not be impe- rative to put the same to contract, provided that the sanction of the provincial government has been first obtained.
Resolution agreed to and sent to council-	Which said two resolutions being seconded and put, were respectively agreed to by the house. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the three resolutions to the council and desire their concurrence.
Besolution authori- sing issue of procla- mation agreed ie.	On motion of the hon. the financial secretary, Resolved, That the governor in council be, and he is hereby authorized to issue a pro- clamation declaring that the articles exempted from duty in the act passed during the pre- sent session, entitled, "An act for giving effect, on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America," shall forthwith be admitted into this province or taken out of warehouse free of duty, without requiring any bonds in respect of the duties on such articles, or any of them, during the

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present session of the legislature.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur- sent to councel rence.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1854.

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A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the three resolutions of this honorable house, relative to the Agree to railway recoconstruction of railways in this province ; and also to the resolution of this honorable house resolution. relative to the immediate admission of certain articles duty free, severally without any amendment.

The council desire a conference, by committee, with a committee of this honorable Ask conference. house, on the general state of the province.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that the conference desired by the council be agreed to, and that conference agreed to. the clerk do acquaint the council therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Annand, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Moore, be a committee to manage such Committee of conferconference.

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Annand reported that the managers had been at the conference, and that the com- Beport. mittee of conference on the part of the council handed to them a paper suggesting a money grant, which they do not feel themselves at liberty to report to the house, as being inconsistent with its privileges.

Mr. Marshall moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance such sum as will suffice to pay every member of the house of assembly one pound per day for his attendance in general assembly to the date of the adjournment of the present session,—also the travelling fees as heretofore; and that this house will provide for the same when it again meets.

Which being seconded,

Mr. Annand moved that such resolution be amended by leaving out all the words thereof Amendment moved. after the word "suffice," and in lieu of the words so left out inserting the following words :

"To pay every member of the house of assembly the travelling fees as heretofore, and that this house will provide for the same when it again meets."

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Amendment negatived on division. there appeared for the amendment, ten ; against it, thirty-two.

Message from council.

Held.

Vote of credit for men bers' pay, &c. moved.

For the amendment :	Against the amendment :		
Mr. Locke,	Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Martell,
" Wier,	" Zwicker,	" Whitman,	" Doyle,
" Chipman,	" Marshall,	" Wade,	" J. Munro,
" Archibald,	" Thorne,	" Ryder,	" Jno. Campbell,
" Esson,	" Thos. Coffin,	" Jost,	" H. Munro,
" Annand,	" Josiah Coffin,		" McKinnon,
Hon. Atty. Gen.,	" Mosher,	" Murray,	" Beckwith,
" Prov. Sec.,	" Moore,	" Bourneuf,	" Comeau,
" Fin. Sec.,	" Holmes,	" Cowie,	" B. Smith,
" Mr. Fulton.	" Dimock,	" Shaw,	" Young.
	" P. Smyth,	Hon. Mr. Howe,	U
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So it passed in the negative.

Original resolution and to.

The original resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concurrence.

Vote of credit for con-tingencies of house.

Mr. Marshall then moved that the house do come to the following resolutions :

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance the sum of two hundred and seven pounds, in order to enable the clerk of assembly to defray the contingent expenses of the house of assembly up to the adjournment of the present session, and that this house will provide for the same when it again meets. *Resolved*, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and respectfully

Vote of credit for reporting

requested to advance the sum of sixty pounds, to be applied under the direction of the committee on reporting in paying for the expenses incident to the reporting the debates of the present session up to the time of the adjournment, and that this house will provide

Vote of credit for pay of legislative council

for the same when it again meets. *Resolved*, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance such sum as will suffice to pay every member of the legislative council one pound per day for his attendance in general assembly to the date of the adjournment of the present session,-also the travelling charges as heretofore; and that this house will provide for the same when it again meets.

Vote of credit for contingencies of counsil

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and respectfully requested to advance the sum of one hundred and twenty-four pounds to enable the clerk of the legislative council to defray the contingent expenses of that branch of the legislature up to the adjournment of the present session, and that this house will provide for the same when it again meets.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above four resolutions to the council and desire Sent to conncil their concurrence.

Resolution as to franking privilege moved

Mr. Wade moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That in future the franking privilege of members of this house be the same as in the last session of the legislature.

Which being seconded,

Mr. Wier moved that such resolution be amended by leaving out all the words thereof Amendment moved after the word "resolved," and in place of the words so left out inserting the following words :

"That the franking privilege of this house be abolished, and in lieu thereof all letters Regatived on division addressed to members during any session shall be free of postage; and that the postmaster general be instructed to issue, at the commencement of the adjourned session, one hundred threepenny stamps to each member of this house."

> Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, fifteen ; against it, twenty-three.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Esson then moved that the resolution, as originally proposed, be amended by leav- Amendment mered ing out all the words thereof after the word "resolved," and in place of the words so left out inserting the following words :

"That for the future the franking privilege of members of this house be abolished :"

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Negatived on division passed in the negative.

The resolution, as originally proposed, being then put, and the house dividing thereon, Original resolution there appeared for the resolution, twenty-seven ; against it, twelve.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered accordingly.

The hon. the solicitor general reported finally from the committee on the provincial stud mittee on stad horses horses — and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 6—part 2.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

On motion, resolved, That no bill of a private or local nature, or petition therefor or for Bes. as to reception money or relief, be received by the house after the ninth day of February next; and that at adjourned meeting. the clerk do, one month previous to the adjourned meeting of the legislature, cause this notice to be inserted in five of the public newspapers.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That this house do stand adjourned until Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of January next, at twelve o'clock, then to meet for the despatch of business.

And accordingly,

The house adjourned until Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of January next, at twelve o'clock.

SATURDAY, 27th JANUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to enlarge and Practice act enlargeamend the new practice act—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend witnesses and evidence and the proof of written bill dence amendment dence amendment documents "—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the provincial secretary also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for the criminal custody bill. safe custody of persons charged with offences, and to make provision for the prevention of offences by insane persons—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next at twelve of the clock.

MONDAY, 29th JANUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow at twelve of the clock.

Besolution for adjournment agreed to.

Received and adopted

TUESDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1855.

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall and the hon. the solicitor general be added to the committee

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on reporting.

Committee on reporting added to.

Continuation of papers and correspondence rel. to mines and minerals.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Copies of certain despatches and papers in continuation of the correspondence communicated to the house on the 12th December, on the subject of the mines and minerals of this province—and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 3—part 2.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

Papers respecting transfer of duties (imperial customs officers.

Also—copies of certain despatches and correspondence relating to the transfer to colonial of officers of customs of duties performed by imperial officers of customs prior to 5th January, 1855—and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 7.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Despatch relating to Also—copy of a despatch from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, dated 8th November, 1854, on the subject of the militia law—and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 8.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Copies of patriotic fund commission, &c. Also—copies of the royal commission of the patriotic fund, and of the notice relating thereto—and the same were read by the clerk. Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Committee to prepare lists of standing committees.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report lists of members of standing committees on general subjects.

Ordered, That Mr. Annand, the hon. the provincial secretary, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. McQueen, be a committee for that purpose.

Halifax peninsula road bill.

. Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill concerning a road on the peninsula of Halifax—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Retimate for 1855. The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

An estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province for the year 1855.

(See appendix No. 9.)

Ordered, That the estimate do lie on the table.

Supply granted. On motion of the hon. the financial secretary, Resolved, That a supply be granted to her majesty.

Estimate referred. Ordered, That the estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province be referred to the committee of supply.

Order of day for suppy. Ordered, That the house do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the supply granted to her majesty. The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Post office papers. presented to the house,

The report of the postmaster general for the year ended 5th October, 1854, together with various returns and accounts therein referred to—and such papers were severally read by the clerk.

For the report—

(See appendix No. 10.)

Ordered, That the report and other papers therein referred to do lie on the table.

The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to extend the elective Elective legislative council bill. For the legislative council and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The order of the day being read,

The house, pursuant to such order, resolved itself into a committee of supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had come to several resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house—and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

The chairman also acquainted the house that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the supply, to which the house agreed.

The resolutions reported from the committee were then read a first and second time, and Resolutions reported. are as follow:

1°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the speaker speaker of as of the house of assembly, in full for his salary as speaker for the present year.

2°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of ²²⁰⁰ clerk of assembly, the house of assembly, for his services for the same year.

3°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the chaplain for asof the house of assembly, for his services during the present session.

4°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of assembly. assistant of the house of assembly, for his services during the present session.

5°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the sergeant-at-arms 250 series at arms to the house of assembly, for his services for the present session.

6°. Resolved, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to the assistant estimated and sergeant-at-arms to the house of assembly, for his services for the present session.

7°. Resolved, That the sum of forty pounds be granted and paid to the messenger of \$40 messenger of gothe governor and the executive and legislative councils, for his services for the present year.

8°. Resolved, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to John Fitzgerald, ^{230 John Fitzgerald} for his services as messenger to the house of assembly, during the present session.

Committee of supply.

Order of day.

250 clerk of board of revenue
 250 clerk of board of revenue, for his services during the present year.
 Allowance to waiters 10°. Resolved, That such sum be granted and paid, on the certificate of the board of revenue, as may be sufficient to pay, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per day, to such persons as shall be employed by the receiver general as extra waiters for the port of Halifax during the present year; five shillings a day to such extra waiters when unem-

^{£300} guager, &c. Halifax 11°. Resolved, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted and paid to such persons as the governor shall appoint to discharge the duties heretofore performed by the guager, weigher, and proof officer, for the port of Halifax.

ployed, and at the rate of five shillings a day to temporary waiters.

too keeper of assembiy, &c. 12°. Resolved, That the sum of sixty pounds be granted and paid to the keeper of the assembly house, council chamber, and law library, for the present year.

- 13°. Resolved, That the sum of four hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, for the support of the establishment at Sable Island for the present year.
- Arichat packet 14°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted to such persons as will run a proper packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and Causo, under the regulations of the sessions for the counties of Guysborough and Richmond —to be paid on the certificate of such sessions that the packet has been properly kept and run during the present year : provided that the judges of the supreme court shall be taken without charge, if required, from Guysborough to Arichat, and from Arichat to Guysborough, on their circuit to Cape Breton, and that the packet shall also carry the mail between Guysborough and Arichat, if required.
- 15°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted to aid the inhabitants of Douglas, at the mouth of the River Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable boat or scow to run between Londonderry and that place, such boat or scow to be under the regulations of the sessions for the county of Hants—to be paid upon the certificates of three justices of the peace residing in Douglas, that such boat has been running at least twice a week for six months to their satisfaction, under the regulations aforesaid.
- 16°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two licensed ferrymen at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of horses and carriages across that river—to be paid on the certificate of the general or a special sessions of each county respectively that such ferry has been duly attended, and proper boats procured and used.
- **E23 LaHave ferry** 17°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted and paid to Joseph Pernette and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the ferry over LaHave river.
- E10 Cornelius Craig 18°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up a ferry across the narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the county of Shelburne, under the regulations of the sessions, and to be paid on their certificate.
- 19°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Alexander McGuire, or such other person as shall run a ferry boat or scow between Carter's landing, on the western side of the Gut of Canso, and Alexander McPherson's, on the eastern side thereof—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county of Guysborough that such boat or scow has been provided and run under their regulations and to their satisfaction.
- 20°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Alexander McPherson, to enable him to run a suitable ferry boat or scow between his landing on the eastern side of the Gut of Canso, and John Carter, on the western side thereof—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county of Richmond that such boat or scow has been provided and run under their regulations and to their satisfaction. 21°.

21°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to such two persons as shall for terry, PortL'Har-
respectively keep up a ferry at the mouth of the harbor of Port L'Herbert, provided a bert boat be kept to convey horses and cattle across the harbor—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county of Shelburne that such boat has been properly kept and run under their regulations.
22°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, to enable \$10 Duncan McPhee him to maintain a ferry between Low Point and Sydney Mines, at the mouth of Spanish River, in the county of Cape Breton—to be paid on the certificate of three of the justices of the peace for the county of Cape Breton that he has faithfully discharged the duties assigned him by the sessions.
23°. Resolved, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted to William Cunningham and £15 w. Cunningham John Knowles, or such persons as shall keep a ferry across the narrows of the passage between Cape Sable Island and the Main, such persons being furnished with suitable boats for the accommodation of passengers—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for Shel- burne that such boats have been properly kept and run under their regulations.
24°. Resolved, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted to aid in maintaining a ferry £15 terry, Ambernat during the present year between Amherst and Minudie, such ferry to be under the regula- tions of the sessions for the county of Cumberland, and the foregoing sum to be paid on their certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.
25°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two licensed ferry- ²⁵⁰ terry, Grandique men at the mouth of the Grandique River, in the county of Richmond—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions of the county that the work has been faithfully performed and the public properly accommodated.
26°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal for the set of the governor, to provide for the maintenance of ferries across Sheet Harbor and the mouth of the North West Arm, in the county of Halifax.
27°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds each be granted to such two persons, one floterry, Liscombe on each side of Liscomb's Harbor, in the county of Guysborough, as shall maintain a ferry across the harbor during the present year—to be paid on the certificate of three justices of the peace for the county that suitable boats have been provided, that the ferry has been conducted under the regulations of the sessions, and that the public have been properly accommodated.
28°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to John Leary, the 25 John Leary ferryman at Basin Gut, Sambro, in the county of Halifax.
29°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two ferrymen at £20 terrymen, Big Big Harbor, Bras d'Or Lake, in the county of Victoria—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions that the ferry has been properly kept up for the accommodation of the public.
30°. Resolved, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to £7 10 C. Smith Charles Smith, to enable him to keep a ferry over Necum Teuch river, eastern shore, in the county of Halifax.
31°. Resolved, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted to aid in 27 10 Ferry, Lis- establishing a ferry during the present year over Liscomb's Harbor, opposite the highway at Clare Head, in the county of Guysborough; such ferry to be under the regulations of the sessions, and the amount to be paid on their certificate that the same has been con-

ducted to their satisfaction.

32°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at 25 Bear Biver terry Bear River. 33°.

- 33°. £25 Horton packet Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid in aid of the packet between Horton and Parrsborough, and between Windsor and Parrsborough; such packet to make two trips each week and carry the mails. £25 W. Chappel 34°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to William Chappel, to encourage him to run a packet between the Bay Verte and Charlottetown, provided such packet shall run at least once a week from the first day of May to the first day of November, under the regulations of the sessions for Cumberland. 35°. Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted to £375 steamboat. Ha lifax and Newfound-land such person as shall run a suitable steamboat between Halifax and St. Johns, Newfoundland, touching at Cape Breton going and returning-to be paid when it shall appear to the governor in council that the service has been properly discharged. £10 ferrymen at the Grand Passage 36°. Resolved, That the sum of two pounds and ten shillings each be granted to two ferrymen, one on each side of the Petite Passage, and five pounds to the ferryman at the Grand Passage, in the county of Digby-to be paid on the certificate of three justices of the peace for the county that suitable boats have been provided, that the respective ferries have been conducted under the regulations of the sessions, and that the public have been properly accommodated. £5 John Young 37°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to John Young, of Lingan, in the county of Cape Breton, to enable him to keep a ferry across the strait or passage between Lingan and Bridgeport. £5 ferry, St. Ann's harbor Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be applied in keeping up a ferry across St. Ann's harbor, in the county of Victoria. £5 ferry, Margaree 39°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of river the governor, for a ferry across Margaree River, in the county of Inverness. £5 ferry, Grand Nar. **40°**. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be applied in maintaining a ferry at the Grand Narrows, in the county of Cape Breton. £5 ferry, North Bar 41°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, for keeping the ferry between the North Bar and the town of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton. £7 10 ferry, Great Bras d'Or Resolved, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and placed **42º**.
- at the disposal of the governor, to establish a ferry across the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or, in the county of Victoria.
- ^{25 ferry, Pugwash} 43°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid in aid of the ferry across Pugwash harbor.
- 44°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the distou and P. E. Island posal of the governor, to aid in running a steamboat between Pictou and Prince Edward Island, and to carry the mails—to be drawn and applied when it shall appear to the governor in council that an equal sum for the same purpose has been granted by the legislature of Prince Edward Island.
- Agreed to

The several resolutions were then, upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the house.

Report of lists of committees of standing committees on general subjects that the committee had agreed upon such lists — and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follow, viz. : Public accounts.-Mr. Killam, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Jost. Public accounts

Agriculture.-Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Annand, Mr. Holmes, Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Agriculture McKinnon, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Zwicker, and Mr. P. Smyth.

Education .-- Hon. Mr. Howe, hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. the financial secretary, Mr. Education Creighton, Mr. Doyle, hon. Mr. McLeod, and Mr. Brown.

Trade and manufactures .- Mr. Wier, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Locke, Mr. Wilkins, hon. Mr. Trade and manufactures. Fulton, Mr. John Munro, and Mr. Fuller.

Fisheries.-Mr. Marshall, Mr. Esson, Mr. Jost, Mr. Thomas Coffin, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Fisheries Martell, and Mr. Bourneuf.

Post office.—Hon. solicitor general, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Annand, Mr. Murray, Mr. Hugh Post office Munro, Mr. Creighton, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Wade.

Mines and minerals .--- Mr. Archibald, hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. attorney general, Mr. Mines and minerals Comeau, Mr. Bent, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Wilkins.

Navigation securities .- Mr. Chipman, Mr. Josiah Coffin, Mr. Wier, Mr. Cowie, Mr. Navigation securities Wade, Mr. Murray, Mr. MacQueen, Mr. Young, and Mr. McKinnon.

Penitentiary.---Mr. Jost, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Murray, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. John Campbell. Penitentiary

Transient paupers.-Mr. Brown, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Whitman, Mr. P. Smyth, and Mr. Transient paupers Marshall.

Sick immigrants.—Hon. provincial secretary, Mr. MacQueen, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. James Sick immigrants Campbell, and Mr. Mosher.

Indian affairs.—Mr. Whitman, Mr. MacQueen, Mr. Moore, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. John Indian affairs Campbell.

Printing.-Hon. Mr. Fulton, Mr. Zwicker, Mr. Cowie, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Bent. Printing

Road damages .- Mr. Creighton, Mr. H. Munro, Mr. B. Smith, hon. Mr. Fulton, and Road damages Mr. Shaw.

Private bills.-Mr. Wade, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Fuller. Private bills

Poor asylum.—Mr. Creighton, Mr. Thomas Coffin, Mr. John Munro, Mr. Ryder, and Poor asylum Mr. Moore.

Expiring laws.—Mr. MacQueen, Mr. Freeman, and Mr. Doyle.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such lists be agreed to ; and that the several members therein Lists agreed to named do respectively compose the standing committees on general subjects.

Ordered, That the clerk do acquaint the council of the appointment of the committee on public accounts.

On motion of Mr. Marshall,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed on the subject of amendments to the Committee on amend-ments to revised starevised statutes. tutes

Ordered, That the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Marshall, Mr. MacQueen, Mr. Creighton, and the hon. the attorney general, do compose such committee.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed on the subject of the militia laws.

Committee on militia laws

Ordered,

Expiring laws

	THURSDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1855.
•	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.
Referred to committee on public accounts	Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on public accounts.
	(See appendix No. 11.)
Account current of receiver general	The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, The account current of the hon. the receiver general, of all monies paid into, and monies paid from the provincial treasury, during the year ending 31st December, 1854.
Referred to select committee	counsel for the crown in the cause of the queen vs. Martin, for felony. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Annand, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Wade, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Martell, to examine and report upon.
Petition of Charles F. Harrington	A petition of Charles F. Harrington, of Arichat, barrister at law, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying to be remunerated for professional services as
Petitron of Mr. Jus- tice Haliburton	A petition of the hon. Mr. justice Haliburton, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying to have his retiring allowance of three hundred pounds per annum restored to him, in order that he may be enabled to vacate his seat on the bench of the supreme court. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Creighton, to examine and report upon.
Petition of Octavus W. Grindon	A petition of Octavus W. Grindon, of Argyle, was presented by Mr. Ryder, and read, praying compensation for his services as district school teacher.
Referred to commit- tee on transient poor expenses	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
per expenses Petition of Jacob Smith	A petition of Jacob Smith, of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying remuneration for maintaining a transient pauper.
Referred to commit- tee on transient pau-	transient paupers. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition of overseers for towpship of Cle- menis	A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Clements, was also presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of two
liatt Referred to commit- tee on trade	was presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying for a return of duties on Canada flour. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
tee on trade Petition of James Gil-	A petition of James Gilliatt, of Clementsport, in the county of Annapolis, merchant,
Petition of Jas. Grant Referred to commit-	A petition of James Grant, of the East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying for aid to a mill for the manufacture of cloth now in operation. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Committee on statute labor laws	On motion of Mr. Thomas Coffin, <i>Resolved</i> , That a select committee be appointed on the subject of the statute labor laws. <i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Thomas Coffin, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Killam, Mr. Wilkins, and the hon. the solicitor general, compose such committee.
	Ordered, That Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Creighton, Mr. Killam, Mr. Wier, and Mr. Martell, compose such committee.

read, praying remuneration for medical attendance upon sick Indians. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. ۰.

Referred to Indian committee

A petition of James Churchill, of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, Petition of James praying compensation for damages sustained by him in consequence of opening a road through his land, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages. **Beferred** to committee on road damages A petition of R. H. Bath, and others, inhabitants of the township of Annapolis, was Petition of B. H. Bath, and others presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to post office ommitte A petition of John Whitman, and others, inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was retition of Jno. Whitman, and others also presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying the house to repeal the act of last session empowering aliens to hold lands in the province. And thereupon, Mr. Whitman moved that the petition be referred to a select committee, to examine and Motion to refer to see report upon : Which being seconded, The hon. the attorney general moved, by way of amendment, that a committee be Amendment thereto appointed to enquire into the condition, management, and best method of disposing of the public lands belonging to this province, and the operation of the alien act of last session in relation thereto: Which proposed amendment being seconded, and a debate arising thereon; after some

time spent therein, Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the subject of referring the petition of John Whitman, and others, praying for the repeal of the alien act, to a select committee, and of the proposed amendment thereto; and after some time spent therein, the question was propounded from the chair, that such proposed amendment be agreed to :

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the Amendment agreed to on division amendment, twenty-two; against it, nineteen.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the condition, management, Committee on public and best method of disposing of the public lands belonging to this province, and the operation of the alien act of last session in relation thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. B. Smith, hon. Mr. Fulton, Mr. Whitman, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Marshall, do compose such committee.

Ordered, That the petition of John Whitman, and others, presented yesterday, be Petition of J. Whit-ferred to such committee. referred to such committee.

A petition of Edward Lippencott, of the West River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Petition of E Lippen-Wilkins, and read, praying for aid to a fulling mill in operation.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Falmouth, was presented by Mr. Petition of overseers Young, and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in support of a transient pauper.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.

Adjourned debate re-sumed

Debate adjourned

Referred to commit-tee on trade

FRIDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY, 1855.

Petition of N. Davi- son Referred to commit-	A petition of Nathaniel Davison, of Falmouth, was also presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying compensation for the expenses incurred in supporting a transient pauper. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
tee on transient pau- pers Message	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :
Committee on public accounts	Mr. Speaker— The council have appointed Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. McCully, and Mr. Archibald, a com- mittee to join a committee of this honorable house to examine the public accounts. And then the messenger withdrew.
Petition of inhabitants of Hantsport	A petition of inhabitants of Hantsport, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Sebra Crooker, M. D. Referred to Indian	A petition of Sebra Crooker, M. D., of Brookfield, in Queen's county, was presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying compensation for medical attendance upon sick Indians. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
committee	
Petititon of Peter Bobbeie	A petition of Peter Bobbeie, governor of the aborigines of the counties of Queen's, Shel- burne, Annapolis, and King's, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying a grant of money to enable him to alleviate the distress of his people.
Referred to commit- tee on Indian affairs	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Liverpool fire engine bill	Mr. Cowie, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to enable the inhabitants of Liver- pool to provide monies to procure a suitable fire engine—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Nova Scotia bank amendment bill	Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to alter and amend the act to incor- porate the bank of Nova Scotia—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of B. L. Henry	A petition of Samuel L. Henry, of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying for an increase of salary as postmaster.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Moses Smith, and others Referred to post office committee	A petition of Moses Smith, and others, inhabitants of Sambro, in the county of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying for the establishment of a way office. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of residents ot Scot's Bay	A petition of residents at Scot's Bay, Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Beckwith, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
Referred to post office	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Joshu 1 Heustis	A petition of Joshua Huestis, postmaster of Wallace, was presented by hon. Mr. Fulton, and read, praying for an increase of salary.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Bobert Martin	A petition of Robert Martin, postmaster of South Sydney, in Cape Breton, was presen- ted by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying for an increase of salary.
Beferred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of inhabitants of Ingonish	A petition of inhabitants of Ingonish, in the county of Victoria, was also presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying for aid to the support of a ferry at the entrance of the southern bay of Ingonish.
Referred to nav. sec. committee	O 1 . I The table metition he referred to the committee on navigation securities
Petition of Angus McDonald	A petition of Angus McDonald, of Middle River, in the county of Victoria, was also presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying for aid to a mill for fulling, dyeing, and
Referred to commit- tee on trade, &c.	dressing cloth. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Two

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Two petitions of inhabitants of Port La Tour and Cape Negro, in the county of Shel- burne, were presented by Mr. Thomas Coffin, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication to those places.	Petition of inhabitants of Port LaTour
Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of the commissioners of schools for the township of Barrington, was also pre- sented by Mr. Thomas Coffin, and read, praying for a change of appropriation of certain undrawn school monies.	Petition of commis- sioners of schools, Barrington
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Referred to education committee
A petition of Thomas Logan, of Gay's River, surveyor, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying compensation for services performed in 1846 in surveying part of the proposed line for the Halifax and Quebec railway, under the circumstances detailed in his petition.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. Holmes, to examine and report upon.	Referred to select committee
A petition of Sarah Kelly, of Halifax, widow, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying aid to enable her to educate a deaf and dumb son at an asylum in the United States. And thereupon,	Petition of Sarah Kelly
On motion, resolved, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the sub- ject of the deaf, dumb, and blind within the province. Ordered, That Mr. Creighton, Mr. James Campbell, and Mr. Wade, be a committee for	Committee on deaf, dumb and blind
that purpose. Ordered, That the foregoing petition of Sarah Kelly be referred to such committee.	Petition referred
Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	
A petition of William Kynock, of Sydney, merchant, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying payment of the amount of compensation awarded for opening a road through his land, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages.	Beferred to commit-
A petition of Angus McDonald, of Mire' Bay, in the county of Cape Breton, was also	tee on road damages.
presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying aid to enable him to keep up a ferry at Mire' River.	ACTORE
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of shipmasters and others, inhabitants of Sydney, in Cape Breton, was also presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying for the erection of a light house at the north side of Lingan harbor, on Little Head.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of inhabitants of the county of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Locke, and read, praying for a grant to aid in removing obstructions from the Roseway River, in that county.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Beferred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of Edmund Crowell, of Seal Islands, in the county of Yarmouth, was pre- sented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying for an increase of the usual grant, under the cir- cumstances detailed in his petition.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of Edward Huestis and John C. Moulton, of Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying a return of duties paid by them on imported machinery. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	
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Petition of L. Durkee Referred to commit-	A petition of Lyman Durkee, tide waiter at the port of Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying for an increase of salary. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
tee on trade	Ordered, That the perition be reserved to the committee of trade and manufactures.
Petition of Yarmouth board of health	A petition of the board of health for Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in medical and other attendance upon a transient pauper suffering from small pox.
Referred to transient poor committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition of inhabitants on Tusket River Beferred to nav. sec. committee	A petition of inhabitants of Tusket River, in the county of Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying for aid to remove obstructions in said river. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of Inhabitants of Seal Island Beferred to education	A petition of inhabitants of Seal Island, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying a grant to enable them to procure an efficient teacher in that locality. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
committee	
Petition of John E- Crane Referred to commit- tee on trade	 A petition of John E. Crane, of Walton, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying a return of duties paid by him on Canada flour. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Petition of inhabitants of Kempt	A petition of inhabitants of Kempt, in the county of Hants, was also presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying for an alteration in the present mail route.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Inhabitants of Catalone	A petition of inhabitants of Catalone, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, complaining of great irregularity in the conveyance of the mails in Cape Breton, and praying a change in the existing mail arrangements.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Inhabitants of Boularderic Referred to post	A petition of inhabitants of Boulardrie, in Cape Breton, was also presented by Mr. H. Munro, and read, complaining of irregularity in the conveyance of the mails in that dis- trict, and praying a change in the present arrangements. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
office committee	Ordered, that the period be referred to the committee of post office analis.
Petition of oversecrs for township of Anna- Folis	A petition of overseers of the poor for district No. 1, township of Annapolis, was pre- sented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in support of a transient pauper.
Referred to transient pauper committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition of John Har- ris	A petition of John Harris, of Annapolis, president of the Lequille mills company, was presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying a return of duties paid on machinery im- ported by the company.
Referred to commit- tee on trade	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Petition of inhabitants of Mire, Cow Bay and Sydney	A petition of inhabitants of Mire', a petition of inhabitants of Cow Bay, and a petition of inhabitants of Sydney, all in the county of Cape Breton, were severally presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, respectively complaining of great irregularities in the convey- ance of the mails in Cape Breton, and praying a change in the existing arrangements.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of overseers for Barrington	A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Josiah Coffin, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred in support of a transient pauper.
Referred to commit- tee on transient poor	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition of inhabitants of Cornwallis	and read, praying for an alteration in the mail route.
Beferred to post	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Referred to post office committee

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A petition of William Lynch, of Cornwallis, was also presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying to be appointed way office keeper. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Petition of W. Lynch Beferred to post office committee
A petition of inhabitants of Cornwallis, was also presented by Mr. Chipman, and read,	
praying aid towards erecting a public wharf at Baxter's inlet, in the county of Kings. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec.
A petition of John McMullan, and others, was also presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying aid towards completing the breakwater at Barnabe Mill Cove, in King's county.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. sec.
Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to authorise the sale of the old presbyterian meeting house at Five Islands—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	Five Island meeting house bil
Mr. Archibald also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to authorise the sale of the jail at Truro—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	Truro jail bill
A petition of Benjamin Langley, of Halifax, livery stable keeper, was presented by Mr- Esson, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred by him in the keep- ing of the provincial stud horse "Norfolk." Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. McLelan,	ĸy
to examine and report upon.	
The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, A despatch from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, dated 17th January, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of the sum of $\pounds 2000$, sterling, voted by the legislature in aid of the patriotic fund; and a copy of the despatch from the lieutenant governor transmitting that sum—and the same were read by the clerk.	aid of patriotic fund
(See appendix No. 12.)	
Ordered, That the despatches do lie on the table.	
A petition of Donald McLean, of Boulardrie, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying the house to repay him the sum of ten pounds abstracted from a money letter in 1852, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post
A petition of Robert J. Pollock, of Stewiacke, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of five pounds abstracted from a money letter in 1853, as detailed in his petition.	office committee Petition of R. J. Pel- lock
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
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Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A petition of overseers of the poor for the middle division of Maxwelltown, in the county Petition of overseers of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Murray, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.

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Picton steam ferry in- corporation amend't- bill	Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Beferred to nay. sec-	A petition of inhabitants of Tracadie, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying for a grant towards improving Tracadie harbor. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
committee Petition of trustees of Burns' free church, county of Sydney	A petition of the trustees of Burns' free church, Copper district, in the county of Syd- ney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying for an amend- ment of the act of incorporation.
Table, and leave for bill	Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
Petition of inhabitants of Morristown and Cape George	A petition of inhabitants of Morristown and Cape George, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying that a portion of the townships of Dorchester and Arisaig may be set off into a separate township.
Table, and leave for bill	Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
Petition of H. P. Hill Referred to post	A petition of Henry P. Hill, postmaster at Antigonishe, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying for an increase of salary. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
effice com mittee Petition of inhabitants of Manchester and Milford Referred to post office committee	A petition of inhabitants of Manchester and Millford, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying for an increase of mail communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Jas. Duffy and others	A petition of James Duffy, and others, of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Mar- shall, and read, praying a grant to aid in supporting a Squaw, under the circumstances set out in the petition.
Referred to commit- tee on Indian affairs	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Petition of Jas. Walsh and others Referred to post office committee	A petition of James Walsh, and others, freeholders, of St. Mary's Bay, was presented by Mr. Bourneuf, and read, praying for the establishment of a way office. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition for aid to Groscoque break- water Referred to nav. sec:	A petition of inhabitants of Clare, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf, and read, pray- ing aid to the breakwater at Groscoque, in the county of Digby. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
committee Petition for aid to	A petition of inhabitants of Clare, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf, and read, pray-
Belliveau's Cove breakwater Referred to nay. sec. committee	ing aid to extend the breakwater at Belliveau's Cove, in that township.
Petition of H.E. Payson	A petition of II. E. Payson, and others, inhabitants of Westport and Clare, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf, and read, praying an increase of the grant towards the sup- port of the packet between Montagan and Westport.
Referred to nay. sec. committee	
Petition of inhabitant of Economy and Five Islands Referred to post office committee	[*] Lelan, and read, praying for increased mail communication. Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition for aid to Gates' breakwater Referred to nay. sec committee	A petition of Harris Ward, and others, inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying aid towards Gates' breakwater. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

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A petition of Handley Starrat, and others, inhabitants of Granville, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Petition of H. Starrat Referred to post office committee
A petition of Patrick D. Scanlan, and others, residents of Sherbrooke, Dalhousie, and vicinity, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of Samuel B. Chipman, and others, of Lawrencetown, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying the house to grant a sum of money to assist George Merry to keep a house of entertainment for travellers on the road betweeu Anna- polis and Queen's county. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Chipman,	
and Mr. Thomas Coffin, to examine and report upon.	committee .
A petition of Reuben K. Dodge, of Bridgetown, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying remuneration for services performed by him, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Moore, to	
examine and report upon.	committee
A petition of Rev. Nathaniel Viditoe, and others, of Wilmot, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying for an act to incorporate the south baptist meeting house in that locality.	Petition of Rev. N. Viditoe and others
Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance therewith. And accordingly,	Table, and leave for bill
The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to such leave, presented a bill to incorporate the trus- tees of the south baptist meeting house at Wilmot—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	Wilmot south baptist meeting house incor- poration bill
A petition of inhabitants of Kennetcook and Cockmagun, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Mosher, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Petition of inhabitants of Kennetcook, &c. Referred to post office committee
A petition of Job Dart, of Black Rock, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying a grant of money to enable him to furnish a new horse boat.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec.
A petition of the court of sessions of the county of Colchester, was also presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for an alteration of the law relative to the laying out of highways.	Petition of court of sessions, Colchester
Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.	Table, and leave for bill
A petition of Matthew Guild, of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying compensation for the damage he has sustained by the opening of a new road through his land.	Petition of M. Guild
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages.	Referred to commit- tee on road damages
A petition of the court of sessions for the county of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying for an alteration of the law as respects railroad damages to land. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.	-
A petition of James Gayton, of Argyle, was presented by Mr. Ryder, and read, praying a drawback on American flour imported, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Petition of James Gayton Beferred to commit-
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Petition of David Scott	A petition of David Scott, of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in maintenance of shipwrecked
Beferred to immigrant committee	seamen. Ordered, That the petitton be referred to the committee on immigrant expenses.
Petition of II. B. Forman	A petition of Henry B. Forman, of Sydney, surgeon, was also presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying compensation for attendance and medicines furnished to sick Indians.
Referred to Indian committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Petition of Thomas E. Jeans	A petition of Thomas E. Jeans, of Sydney Mines, surgeon, was also presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying to be compensated for medicines and attendance upon sick Indians.
Referred to Indian committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Petition of Samuel Martin Beferred to post	A petition of Samuel Martin, way office keeper at Newport corner, was presented by Mr. Dimock, and read, praying for increased compensation.
office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Alexander McConnell and others Beferred to nav. sec.	A petition of Alexander McConnell, and others, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Chipman, and read, praying aid towards the extension of the breakwater at Ogilvie Brook. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
committee Petition of inhabitants	A petition of inhabitants of King's county, was also presented by Mr. Chipman, and
of Kings Co. Referred to nav. sec. committee	read, praying aid towards extending the breakwater at Hall's Harbor. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of overseers, Granville	A petition of overseers of the poor for the eastern district of the township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in supporting a transient pouper
Beferred to transient poor committee	supporting a transient pauper. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition of trustees of grammar school, Bridgetown	A petition of trustees of the grammar school at Bridgetown, was also presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying that the grammar school allowance may be paid to Mr. Shipley, under the circumstances set forth in their petition.
Beferred to education committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
Petition of inhabitants of Grand River, &c.	A petition of inhabitants of Grand River, and a petition of inhabitants of West Bay, in Cape Breton, were severally presented by Mr. Fuller, and read, complaining of great irre- gularities in the transmission of the mails, and praying a change in the present arrange- ments.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of G. S. Mil- lidge	A petition of George S. Millidge, and others, of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whit- man, and read, praying for the appointment of two boards of school commissioners for that county, and the division thereof into two school districts.
Table, and leave for bill	Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance therewith.
Annapolis school dis- trict bill	And accordingly, Mr. Whitman, pursuant to such leave, presented a bill to divide the county of Anna- polis into two school districts—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Poor asylum accounts	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house
	presented to the house, Accounts and statements relative to the poor asylum at Halifax, for the year 1854. (See appendix No. 13.)
Referred to commit- tee on poor asylum	

Also-a despatch from the British minister at Washington to the lieutenant governor, Besnatch covering dated 29th January, 1855, enclosing the draft of a bill reported by the committee of com- procity treaty merce of the senate of the United States to amend the reciprocity treaty-and the same were read by the clerk.

For the despatch-

(See appendix No. 14.)

Ordered. That the despatch and enclosure do lie on the table.

A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Shubenacadie, was presented by Petition of over the hon. the financial secretary, and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.

A petition of William C. Eaton, of Truro, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, Petition of William C. Eaton praying remuneration for services performed by him as adjutant of the first battalion of Colchester militia in 1854, under the circumstances detailed in his petition.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the militia laws.

A petition of Donald McKinnon, of Pugwash, in the county of Cumberland, was pre-Petition of Donald sented by Mr. Bent, and read, praying aid to the ferry across Pugwash harbor. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Simon D'Entremont, and others, inhabitants of Pubnico, was presented by Petition of Simon and others Mr. Ryder, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

A petition of Simon D'Entremont, and others, inhabitants of Pubnico, was also pre-Petition of inhabitant sented by Mr. Ryder, and read, praying for aid to keep up a ferry across Pubnico harbor. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

A petition of the inhabitants of the town of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and Petition of inhabitants of the town of Pictou read, complaining of the unequal and injurious operation of the present law regulating the performance of statute labor on the highways, and praying that the same may be amended. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on statute labor laws.

A petition of Matthew Sproull, of Fisher's Grant, in the county of Pictou, was also pre- Petition of Matthew sented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying to be compensated for loss he sustained in erecting a bridge across the West River of Pictou, under the peculiar circumstances detailed in his petition.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Killam, Mr. Cowie, and Mr. Beckwith, Beterred to steet to examine into the merits thereof, and to report thereon to this house.

A petition of George K. Ball, of the North West Arm of Sydney River, was presented Petition of George K. by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying to be compensated for loss he has sustained in erecting a suspension bridge across Sydney River, under the peculiar circumstances detailed in his petition.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the preceding petition.

A petition of Daniel Carter, of Brookfield, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, Petition of Daniel 13 praying

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Referred to a committee	sehet	road in 1840, under the peculiar circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the two preceding petitions.
Petition of Smith	Benjami:	A petition of Benjamin Smith, of Hants county, csquire, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying to be allowed the sum of ten pounds, granted him in 1840 as chairman of the committee on bills, and undrawn by petitioner from the treasury.
Referred to a committee	select	Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Ryder, Mr. P. Smyth, and Mr. Dimock, to examine and report upon.
Petition of crs of Maitla	shipown md	A petition of shipowners, and others, of the port of Maitland, in Hants county, was presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying for the appointment of a harbor master at that port.
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Petition of E Logue	Bichard	A petition of Richard Logue, of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred in relation to the special sittings of the supreme court at Sydney in August last.
Referre 1 to s committee	select	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee already appointed to consider the petition of Charles F. Harrington.
Petition of J. Referred to	-	A petition of John Barnaby, of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying a grant to enable him to educate a deaf and dumb son at an asylum in the United States. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on deaf and dumb.
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Petition of co sioners of sch		A petition of the commissioners of schools for the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying for a change of appropriation of certain undrawn school monies.
Referred to ec committee	ducation	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
Petition of inh of Digby Nec: Referr d to r committee	: k	A petition of inhabitants of Digby Neck, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying for aid to build a breakwater at Trout Cove. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Security for c	costs bill	Mr. Holmes, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill relating to security for costs-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of ov county Shelbu	urne	A petition of overseers of the poor of the middle district, of the county of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Locke, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.
Beferred to the poor committee		Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient paupers.
Petition of ou Clare Referred to I:		A petition of overseers of the poor for Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in supporting certain poor indians. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
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Petition of Jo and Kenneth son		A petition of John Ross, ferryman on the south side of Big Bras d'Or, and a petition of Kenneth Matheson, ferryman on the north side of the Big Bras d'Or, were presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, severally praying for an increased grant to that ferry.
Referred to n committee	av. sec.	Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of Ho McNeil	ector	A petition of Hector McNeil, of the north side of the Grand Narrows, in the county of Victoria, was also presented by Mr. H. Munro, and read, praying compensation for his services as ferryman.
Referred to n committee	aav. sec.	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of R McLeod	loderick	A petition of Bollerick McLeod, of Boulardrie, in the county of Victoria, was also pre- sented

sented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying compensation for his services as ferry-	
man. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of Abraham Whitman, of Canso, in the county of Guysborough, was presen- ted by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred in the support of shipwrecked seamen.	Petition of A. Whit- man
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on immigrant expenses.	Referred to immigrant committee
A petition of Samuel Bayard, of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred in supporting a sick Squaw. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.	Petition of S. Bayard Referred to Indian
	committee
A petition of inhabitants of Guysborough, and its vicinity, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	of Guysborough Referred to post office committee
A petition of Alexander Boudrot, and others, inhabitants of Whitehead, Molasses Harbor, and Torbay, in the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying aid to construct a canal through the Haulover, in that county.	Petition of A. Boadrot and others
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee.
A petition of John H. Tory, of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying to be compensated for advances made and loss sustained by him in building a bridge over Milford Haven, under the circumstances detailed in his petition.	Petition of John H. Tory
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee already appointed on the petition of Matthew Sproull.	Referred to select committee
A petition of Thomas S. Bown, collector of colonial duties at North Sydney, was pre- sented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying to be refunded the sum of fifteen pounds o	f
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Petition withdrawn	It was then moved that Mr. H. Munro have leave to withdraw such petition: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house. And accordingly, Ordered, That such petition be withdrawn.
Petition of Samuel Lusby Referred to commit- tee on trade	A petition of Samuel L. Lusby, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe, and read, praying a return of duties paid on a mowing machine imported from the United States. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Petition of John Woodill Beferred to post office committee	A petition of John Woodill, courier between Sydney and Cow Bay, in Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying increased remuneration. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Francis Carroll	A petition of Francis Carroll, and others, inhabitants of Parrsboro', was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe, and read, praying increased mail communication between Amherst and Parrsboro'.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of W. D. Corbett	A petition of William D. Corbett, of Amherst, in the county of Cumberland, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Howe, and read, praying compensation for injury done to his property by Indians.
Referred to Indian committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Parraboro' polling bill	The hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to change a polling place in the township of Parrsborough—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of managers of infant school Referred to education	A petition of the ladies, managers of the infant school at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying continued aid to that institution. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
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Petition of Mack and Foster	A petition of William Atwood Mack and Ezekiel Foster, praying the house to pass an act authorising them to dam the Annapolis River at Mutton Island, for the purpose of erecting a mill establishment;
Petition in favor	A petition of Thomas A. Balcom, and others, inhabitants of Annapolis, recommending the prayer of the foregoing petition; and
Petition against	A petition of William C. Whitman, and others, inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, praying the house not to grant the prayer of the petition of Messrs. Mack and Foster; Were severally presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read; and thereupon,
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the three foregoing petitions be referred to Mr. Jost, Mr. Wade, Mr. Bcckwith, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Cowie, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thercon to this house.
New practice amendt. and evidence amendt. bills read 2nd time, and reterred to a se- lect committee.	A bill to enlarge and amend the new practice act; and, A bill to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written documents;" Were severally read a second time. Ordered, That the bills be referred to the hon. the attorney general, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Creighton, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. McLelan, hon. Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.
Bills read 2nd time- Halifax read; Five Island meeting house; Truro jail; Wilmot baptist meeting house; Referred to private bills committee.	The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. : A bill concerning a road on the peninsula of Halifax; A bill to authorise the sale of the old presbyterian meeting house at Five Islands; A bill to authorise the sale of the old jail at Truro; and, A bill to incorporate the trustees of the south baptist meeting house at Wilmot. Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on private bills.

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A bill to enable the inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies to procure a fire engine ; Liverpool engine ; A bill to alter and amend the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia; Bank of N. S. amdt. ;

A bill to amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxi- Licenseament.; cating liquors;"

A bill to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steamboat ferry across Picton steam teny and t.; the harbor of Pictou ; and,

A bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts ;

Were severally read a second time.

Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to alter Beport bank of Nova and amend the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia, and the bill to enable the inha-bitants of Liverpool to provide monies to procure a fire engine, and had directed him to ment; and Picton ment; and that they had gone to the house severally without any amendment; and that they had gone report the same to the house severally without any amendment; and that they had gone mendment. through the bill to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill-and he delivered the bills, together with the amendment to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bill reported with amendment be engrossed.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A petition of overseers of the poor for the first section of the township of Pictou, was Petition of overse presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in supporting transient paupers.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient paupers.

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for the preservation of pheasants Pheasant's preserve -and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Report of commissioners for counting signers f presented to the house,

Report of the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of a court house in Halifax; together with the plans and specifications relating thereto-and such report was read by the clerk.

For the report—

(See appendix No. 15.)

Ordered, That the report and accompanying papers do lie on the table.

Also-the report of the commissioner of crown lands upon the state of his department Beport on crown since his appointment in 1854, accompanied by reports from the principal deputy surveyors in the various counties in the province, required by law—and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 16.)

Ordered, That the report and accompanying papers be referred to the committee already Referred to committee on crown lands appointed on the subject of the crown lands.

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Papers relative to case of Nicholas H. Martin	Also—copies of various affidavits, letters, and documents, relating to the trial of Nicholas H. Martin, for felony—and the same were read by the clerk. Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.
Petition of Adam McKenzie	A petition of Adam McKenzie, of Barney's River, in the county of Pictou, was pre- sented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying to be relieved from certain liabilities incurred by him in the discharge of his public duty as a road commissioner, under the peculiar circum- stances set forth in his petition;
Petition from Went- worth Grant and from New Glassow, in fa- vor of McKenzie's pe- tition Beferred to select committee	Also-a petition of inhabitants of Wentworth Grant and vicinity, and a petition of inha-
Petition from Sydney, on same subject Referred to same committee	A petition of inhabitants of the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying the house to grant the prayer of Adam McKenzie's petition, and also to prevent the obstruction of the highways by telegraph posts and wires. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the three preceding petitions.
Petition for aid to breakwater at Little Biver	A petition of inhabitants of Little River and vicinity, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying aid to erect a breakwater at Little River.
Referred to nav. sec. committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of overseers for township of St. Andrews Referred to transient	A petition of overseers of the poor of the township of St. Andrew's, in the connty of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying to be reim- bursed expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.
poor committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition of Robert McDonald	A petition of Robert McDonald, of Cape George, in the county of Sydney, way office keeper, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying an increase of compensation.
Referred to poet office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition from St. Anns and Ingonish Referred to post	A petition of inhabitants of St. Ann's and North Shore; and, A petition of inhabitants of Ingonish, in the county of Victoria, were presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, severally praying alterations in the existing mail arrangements. Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
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chibald and others	A petition of T. D. Archibald, and others, inhabitants of Aspy Bay and Cape North, was also presented by Mr. H. Munro, and read, praying for an increase of postal commu- nication.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Lauchlin McQuarrie	A petition of Lauchlin McQuarrie, and others, inhabitants of the district of St. Mary's, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition from St. Ma- ry's, county of Guys- borough Referred to post office committee	A petition of inhabitants of the district of St. Mary's, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying an extension of postal communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Samuel Archibald	A petition of Samuel Archibald, of Musquodoboit, tanner, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying a return of duties paid on machinery imported from the United States.
Beferred to commit- tee on trade	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

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A petition of Benjamin Wier & Co., of Halifax, merchants, was presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying a return of duties paid on articles purchased from the wreck of the Humboldt, and exported.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Referred to commit- tee on trade
A petition of Joseph Bancroft, postmaster at Westport, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying for an increase of salary.	Petition of Josephr Bancrofi
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of William Moir, and others, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, pray- ing increased mail communication between Canso and Guysborough. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Petition of William Moir Referred to postoffice
	committee
A petition of Alexander Manson, of Country Harbor, in the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying compensation for damage occa- sioned by opening a new road through his land.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages.	Referred to committee on road damages
A petition of John Ross, of Truro, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying to be reimbursed certain sums expended by him in 1845–6, under the direction of the provisional committee of the Halifax and Quebec railway.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the petition of William Logan.	Referred to select. committee
A petition of Charles B. Archibald, of Truro, mail contractor, was also presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying the remission of certain fines imposed upon him and his co- contractor by the post office department.	Petition of C. B. Ar- chibald
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Ref.rred to post office committee
A petition of inhabitants of Low Point, in Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying for the establishment of a way office and mail communication. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office
A petition of Samuel Rigby, James Brown, John Smith, and Gibbs H. Gesner, adju- tants of the Sydney militia, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying compen-	committee Petition of Samuel Rigby and others
sation for services performed by them in 1854, as such adjutants. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the militia laws.	Referred to commit- tee on militia lawa.
A petition of inhabitants of Brookfield, in the county of Colchester, was presented by the hon. the financial secretary, and read, praying for the establishment of a post office at	Petition for postoffice;
that place. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of inhabitants of Shubenacadie, was also presented by the hon. the financial secretary, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.	
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A petition of Edward P. Borden, and others, inhabitants of Lower Horton, was presented by Mr. Brown, and read, praying aid towards erecting a breakwater.	Petition of Edward P. Borden
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec.
A petition of Henry Brown, of Horton, was also presented by Mr. Brown, and read, praying a return of duties paid on a mowing machine imported.	Petition of Henry Brown
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Referred to commit- tee on trade
A petition of the commissioners and contractors of the bridge lately built across the out- let of Lake Ainslie, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. the attorney general, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred and loss sustained in the construction of such bridge.	Petition for extra- grant for Lake Ainslie bridge
Ordered. That the petition he referred to the committee on the polition of Matthew	Defense h a

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Petition of Dr. B. D. Frascr	A petition of Benjamin D. Fraser, of Windsor, M. D., was presented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, praying for an amendment of chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners," so as to ensure a reasonable remuneration to medical men for their services;
Petition of John A. Jenkins	
Leave for bill	Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
Coroners' amendment bill Referred to select .committee	And accordingly, The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to such leave, presented a bill to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners"—and the same was read a first time. Ordered, That the bill be referred to the hon. the provincial secretary, the hon. Mr. Howe, and Mr. Wilkins, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.
Inland navigation co. amendment bill	Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of overseers of Pugwash	A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Pugwash, was presented by the hon. Mr. Fulton, and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.
Beferred to transient poor committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition from New Al- bany, &c., for mail communication	A petition of inhabitants of New Albany, East Dalhousie, and Springfield, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying for mail com- munication.
Beferred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of W. Harri- son Beferred to Indian committee	A petition of William Harrison, of Musquodoboit, surgeon, was presented by Mr. Annand, and read, praying payment for medicines and attendance on sick Indians. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Petition of Ann Con- zor	A petition of Ann Connor, of Halifax, widow, was also presented by Mr. Annand, and read, praying compensation for loss sustained in consequence of opening a road through her land.
Referred to commit- see on road damages.	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages.
Boads bill	Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads other than certain great roads"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition from Mire, for compensation for labor on roads in 1849 and 1850	A petition of inhabitants of Mire', in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe, and read, setting forth that in 1849 and 1850 they were employed in making roads in that county, under the auspices of the then member therefor, for which they have as yet received no compensation whatever, and praying the house to enquire into the circumstances and grant them relief.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Locke, Mr. B. Smith, and Mr. Annand, to examine and report upon.
Rep. of railway com- missioners, with ba-	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,
lance sheet and ac- counts	The report of the board of railway commissioners to the 31st December, 1854; accom- panied by a balance sheet, shewing the amount received by the board from the treasury and disbursed within the year 1854, distinguishing each head of expenditure; and also copies of the accounts which, under the law, have been furnished quarterly to the financial secretary—and the same were read by the clerk.

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For report and balance sheet—

(See appendix No. 17.)

Ordered, That the papers and accounts be referred to the committee on public accounts. Reterred to committee on public accounts

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia, was read a third time.	Bills read 3d time and passed, viz. :
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia.	N. Scotia bank amdt.;
An engrossed bill to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act to incor- porate a company to establish a steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.	Picton steamboat fer- ry amendt. ;
An engrossed bill to enable the inhabitants of Liverpool to provide monies to procure a fire engine, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable the inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a fire engine.	Liverpool fire engine;
Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.	Sent to council.
A petition of Andrew Barclay, of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, complaining of the injurious operation of the act of last session enabling aliens to hold lands in the province, and praying its repeal.	Petition of Andrew Barclay
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee already appointed to consider the operation of the alien act.	Referred to commit- tee on alien act ope- ration
Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the Centreville hall company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	Centreville hall comp. incorporation bill
A petition of shipowners, shipmasters, and seamen, inhabitants of the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying for a grant to erect a light house on Burn Coat Head, on the south side of the Basin of Minas. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Petition for lighthouse on Burn Coat Head Referred to nav. sec.
	committee
A petition of Hector McKenzie, postmaster at the Albion Mines, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication from New Glasgow to the mines.	sle
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of inhabitants of Merigomish, in the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying for increased mail communication.	Petition from Merigo- mish, for mail commu- nication
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of magistrates, merchants, and others, resident at Arichat, and its vicinity, was presented by Mr. Martell, and read, praying the passage of an act securing to the	;
public the right they have hitherto enjoyed to a certain street and landing place at Arichat. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Wade, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Holmes, to examine and report upon.	Beferred to select committee

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Petition of Bobert King Referred to nav. sec. committee	A petition of Robert King, light house keeper at Horton Bluff, was presented by Mr. Brown, and read, praying an increase of remuneration. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of Irad Ben- jamin	A petition of Irad Benjamin, way office keeper for Gaspereau, was also presented by Mr. Brown, and read, praying remuneration for carrying the mail to and from Wolfville to Gaspereaux.
Referred to post office committee	▲
Petition of Hugh Mc- Donald and others, in favor of a grant to Neill Gunn	the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying the house to grant a sum of money to compensate Neill Gunn, for loss he sustained in building a bridge over the east branch of St. Mary's River, under the circumstances detailed in the petition.
Referred to commit- tee on petition of M. Sproull	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition of Matthew Sproull.
Petition of JamesWilson Beferred to select	A petition of James Wilson, of the city of Halifax, distiller, was presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying the house to enact that licenses may be granted to authorise the manufacture of alcohol from molasses in bond, for the purpose of exportation. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Wier, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. McQueen,
committee	to examine and report upon.
Petition for aid to Ari saig pier	A petition of inhabitants of the Gulf Shore, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying aid to complete the Arisaig pier.
Referred to nay. sec. committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of A. Archi- bald	A petition of Adams Archibald, of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Annand, and read, praying compensation for damages he has sustained in consequence of the opening of a road through his land.
Referred to commit- tee on road damages	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages.
Petition for aid to fer- ry at Ship Harbor	A petition of James Mackintosh, and others, inhabitants of Ship Harbour, in the county of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Annand, and read, praying a grant to maintain a ferry across the mouth of Ship Harbour.
Referred to nav. sec- committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of Susan B. Fitzrandolph	A petition of Susan B. Fitzrandolph, of Digby, widow, was presented by Mr. Wade, and read, setting forth that she is the owner of the bonded warehouse at the port of Digby, and praying to be compensated for the past use of that building, and also to have an annual rent for its future use.
Referred to commit- tee on trade	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Petition of E. M. Mar- shall and others	A petition of E. M. Marshall, and other merchants and traders of Digby, and its vici- nity, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, complaining of the operation of the law for levying advalorem duties, as set forth in their petition, and praying a change in the present system.
Beferred to commit- tee on trade	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Petition of Nicholas H. Martin	A petition of Nicholas Henry Martin, of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, setting forth that having been tried on a charge of felony in August last and acquitted by a jury, he has been and still is illegally detained in the jail at Sydney; and praying the house to take his case into consideration, to examine into the grounds of his complaint, and to grant him relief in the premises. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

THURSDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A petition of John H. Crosskill, of Halifax, printer, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and Petition of John H. read, praying a return of duties paid on printing paper. Referred to commit-

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

A petition of John H. Crosskill, of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Wilkins, and Petition of John H. read, praying to be paid a balance alleged to be due to him while filling the office of queen's printer.

Ordered. That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of the master, office bearers, and members of New Caledonian lodge, Pictou, Petition for incorport nian lodge was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying for an act of incorporation.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a Table, and leave for bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

And thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to such leave, presented a bill to incorporate the New Caledonian New Caledonian bill lodge at Pictou—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

A petition of Benjamin Chesley, and others, residing at Granville, in the county of Petition is relation to Chesley aboiteaux bill Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Wade, and read, complaining of the operation of the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau, and praying for its repeal.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the Pictou ceme- Pictou cemeters comtery company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act to enable the City prison amende. city of Halifax to erect a city prison—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, also presented a bill to incorporate the merchants' Merchant's exchange exchange company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second bill time. J

A petition of James Synnott, of Dartmouth, stone mason, was presented by Mr. Wier, Petition of J28. Synand read, praying the house to make enquiry into his claims against the late Shubenacadie canal company, and to grant him redress.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Wier, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. McQueen, to Referred to select examine and report upon.

A petition of Daniel Pellier, of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Doyle, and read, pray- Petition of Daniel ing an alteration in the law establishing the toll to be taken at the grist mills in the province.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.

A petition of the magistrates and others, inhabitants of the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying for an extra grant to erect a bridge across mess Middle River, by which one hundred miles of travel will be avoided.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of Chute's Cove, and others, was presented by Mr. Thorne, Petition for aid to Chute's Cove breakand read, praying aid to the breakwater at that place, and also praying an act of incorporation.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

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Chule's Cove pier company incorpo- ration bill	Mr. Thorne, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Pet. for aid to clear out Annapolis river	A petition of John McCormick, and others, inhabitants of Bridgetown and vicinity, was also presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying a grant to assist in removing obstructions from the Annapolis River.
Referred to nav. sec. committee.	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition against Sab- bath descration in Dartmonth	A petition of the reverend doctor Shreve, and others, inhabitants of Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying the house to devise means to prevent the dese- cration of the Sabbath at that place.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon by bill or otherwise.
Petition of W. I. Fal- ler Referred to Indian	Two petitions of W. I. Fuller, of Horton, were presented by Mr. Brown, and read, praying compensation for medicines furnished and attendance upon sick Indians. Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
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Petition for aid to W. Merry	A petition of inhabitants of Queen's county, was presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying aid to William Merry, to enable him to keep a house of entertainment between Liverpool and Lawrencetown.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed on that subject.
Petition of W.T. Wa- terman	A petition of W. T. Waterman, mail courier between Liverpool and Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying additional remuneration for his services.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Dr. Forbes	A petition of James Forbes, M. D., of Liverpool, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying remuneration for medicines and attendance on sick Indians.
Referred to Indian committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
Petition for lighthouse on Fort Point	A petition of merchants, shipmasters, and others, inhabitants of Queen's county, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying for the erection of a light house at Fort Point, in Liverpool harbor.
Referred to nav. sec. committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of overseers for town of Liverpool	A petition of overseers of the poor for the district of Liverpool, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.
Referred to transient poor committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
Petition for breakwa- ter at Hunt's Point	A petition of inhabitants of Hunt's Point, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying aid to erect a breakwater there.
Referred to nav. sec- committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition for school in Mills Village	A petition of the colored inhabitants of Mills Village, was also presented by Mr. Cowie, and read, praying aid to enable them to erect a school house.
Referrei to education committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
Petition for grant to Edward Kennedy	A petition of George Rigby, and others, inhabitants of Main-a-Dieu, in Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying the house to grant a sum of money to Edward Kennedy, for his praiseworthy exertions in rescuing from a watery grave the crew of a wrecked vessel, as stated in their petition.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Killam, and Mr. Whitman, to examine and report upon.
Petition of W. B. Bent	A petition of William B. Bent, of St. Mary's Bay, in the county of Digby, was pre- sented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying a return of light duties on the "Sarah," lost on her first voyage
Referred to commit-	her first voyage. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

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A petition of the two licensed ferrymen at Petite Passage, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying increased remuneration.	Petition for aid to fer- ry at Petite Passage Referred to nav. sec.
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A petition of Henry Stewart, postmaster of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying an increase of salary.	Petition of Henry Stewart Referred to post office
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was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in support of transient paupers.	Petition of overseers, Digby
	poor committee
A petition of inhabitants of the counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying a grant of money to William Goodwin and Noah Goodwin, who reside on Mud Islands, so as to enable them to procure boats and appliances to assist shipwrecked seamen.	Petition for aid to Mud Islands establishment
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of inhabitants of the township of Kempt, in the county of Hants, was pre- sented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying for alteration in the position of the way office at Cheverie and the establishment of another way office.	Petition for change of way office at Cheverie
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
	Petition for lighthouse at Walton harbor
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of Henrietta Stevens, of Pugwash, widow of the late Andrew N. Stevens, was presented by the hon. Mr. Fulton, and read, praying compensation for services per- formed by her late husband in connection with surveys made for the provisional committee of the Halifax and Quebec railway company. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition	
of W. Logan.	
A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Wallace, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Fulton, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in support of an insane transient pauper.	Petition of overseers for Wallace
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.	Referred to transient poor committee
Λ petition of Patrick Howley, of Little Bras d'Or, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying remuneration for his services as a ferryman.	Petition of Patrick Howley
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of inhabitants of Wood's Harbor, in the county of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Thomas Coffin, and read, praying a grant to enable them to improve the entrance to that harbor.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Beferred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of Alexander Howie and James Nicoll, trustees of the Forks school district, in the township of Sydney, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying to be relieved from a claim made upon them for legal expenses, as set forth in their petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Beferred to education
•	committee
A petition of Alexander R. Greenwood, and others, inhabitants of the township of Shel- burne, was presented by Mr. Josiah Coffin, and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.	Greenwood and others

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Referred to post office committee

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County of Sheiburne act amdt. bill	Mr. Josiah Coffin, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill in addition to the act con- cerning the county of Shelburne—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of Samuel Hayden Referred to nav. sec. committee	A petition of Samuel Hayden, keeper of the light house on Gull Rock, near Ragged Islands, was presented by Mr. Locke, and read, praying an increase of salary. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
Petition of baptist education society Referred to education committee	A petition of the executive committee of the Nova Scotia baptist education society, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying the continuance of the usual grant. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
Petition of James De- lap	A petition of James Delap, of Granville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying for the passing of an act authorising an assessment to be levied on the township of Granville, for an amount due him for the care of the poor in that township, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. <i>Ordered</i> , That the petition do lie on the table.
Petition for way office at Upper Stewiacke Referred to post office	A petition of Benjamin Tupper, and others, residents on the South Branch of Upper Stewiacke, was presented by the hon. the financial secretary, and read, praying for a way office and an alteration in the mail route. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
committee Municipal incorpora- tion bill	The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for the municipal government of counties—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Maine liquor bill	The hon. Mr. Johnston also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of Mic Mac missionary society Referred to education committe 3	A petition of the president and committee of the Micmac missionary society, was pre- sented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, praying a grant towards supporting an Indian school at Hantsport. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
Petition of J. & W. Compton	A petition of Messrs. J. & W. Compton, of Halifax, printers, was presented by Mr. Annand, and read ; and,
Petition of Jas.Barnes	A petition of James Barnes, of Halifax, printer, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read; Severally praying a return of duties paid by them on printing paper imported. Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Referred to commit- tee on trade	Orderea, That the petitions be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
Petition of Joseph Mc- Donald	A petition of Joseph McDonald, of Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, yeoman, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, setting forth that petitioner is the brother of Alexander McDonald, lately tried at Halifax for murder, and acquitted on the ground of insanity; that in order to substantiate the defence it was necessary to procure the attendance of witnesses from various parts of the province, and there petitioner has no means to remunerate them for attending, and praying the house to grant a sum of money to defray the expenses necessarily incurred on the trial on the part of the accused. <i>Ordered</i> , That the petition be referred to the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Marshall,
committee	and Mr. Creighton, to examine and report upon.
Staples' patent bill	Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to enable Solon Staples to take out a patent—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Acadian iron and steel company bill	Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

A petition of Robert McHeffey, and others, owners of land in the townships of Windsor and Falmouth, was presented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, complaining of injury done to their property by the obstruction of navigation by the Avon bridge, and praying the house to grant to the Avon bridge company a sum of money to build a good and sufficient draw bridge, or else to compensate petitioners for their losses. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, the hon. Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Wilkins, to examine and report upon.	
A petition of inhabitants residing near St. Croix, in the county of Hants, was also pre- sented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, praying the establishment of a way office at Terfry's.	Petition for way office at St. Croix
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of David Scott, of St. Croix, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary, and read, praying a return of duties paid on machinery imported. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Petition of David Scott Referred to commit- tee on trade
Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.	
FRIDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1855.	
PRAYERS.	
A petition of A. Lawson, publisher of the Yarmouth Herald, was presented by Mr.	Petitien of A. Lawson
Killam, and read, praying a return of duty paid on printing paper imported. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Beferre.l to commit- tee on trade.
A petition of Thomas Killam, of Yarmouth, merchant, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying a return of duties paid on wrecked materials of the barque Nova Scotian, and also praying an alteration of the law in that respect. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	
	Referred to commit- tee on trade
A petition of John Ryder and Thomas Killam, on behalf of the inhabitants of the county of Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying assistance to establish a ferry across Tusket River.	Petition for ferry across Tusket Biver
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of the members of the county and township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for the passage of an act to authorise the erection of a new court house at Pictou.	Pet. for bill to erect court house, Picton.
Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.	Leave for bill
A petition of inhabitants of the township of Onslow, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying the passage of an act to authorise the sale of pews in the Onslow meeting house, in payment of repairs.	Pelition for act to sell pews in Onslow meet- ing house
Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. And accordingly,	Leave for bill
Mr. Archibald, pursuant to such leave, introduced a bill to authorise the sale of pews in the Onslow meeting house—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	Onslow meeting house bill
A petition of the trustees of the Cross Roads school at River John, in the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a change of appro- priation of certain grammar school monies.	Petition of trustees of Cross Roads school

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.

Halifax general hos- pital bill	Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of John Mc- Guire	A petition of John McGuire, of the city of Halifax, yeoman, was also presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying compensation for heavy loss sustained by him in fulfilling a con- tract for cutting down barrack street, in the city of Halifax.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed to consider the peti- tion of Matthew Sproull.
Petition for draw in the Avon bridge	A petition of owners and occupiers of land in the townships of Windsor and Falmouth, was presented by Mr. Young, and read, praying the passage of an act to compel the placing of a draw in the Avon bridge.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee already appointed on the petition of Robert McHeffey and others.
Halifax library com. bill	Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition for aid to Francis Paul Referred to commit-	A petition of the Rev. doctor Twining, and others, inhabitants of the city of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying an annual grant to Francis Paul, principal chief of the Indians in Nova Scotia, and who is now very aged and infirm. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
tee on Indian affairs Petition of English	A petition of Messrs. English and Blackadar, and a petition of William Annand, of
and Blackadar Petition of W. Annand Petition of W. Gossip Petition of A. Grant	Halifax, printers, were severally presented by Mr. Esson; A petition of William Gossip, and a petition of Alpin Grant, also of Halifax, printers,
Petition of A. J. Rit- chie	A petition of A. J. Ritchie, of Halifax, printer, was presented by the hon. the provin-
Petition of B. Nugent	And such petitions were severally read, respectively praying a return of duties paid by
Beferred to commit- tee on trade	them on printing paper imported. Ordered, That the several petitions be referred to the committee on trade and manu- factures.
Petition from Ketch Harbor	A petition of John Martin, and others, inhabitants of Ketch Harbor and vicinity, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying the house not to alter the present mail route in that locality.
Referred to post office committee	
Petition of Paul Mur- phy	A petition of Paul Murphy, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying compen- sation to himself and his fellow jurors who were empaneled and sat on the trial of Nicholas Henry Martin, for felony, at Sydney, in August last.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition of Charles F. Harrington.
Petition of Catherine Francis Gore	Mr. Holmes, and read, setting forth that she is the owner of the Prince's lodge, and pray- ing compensation for damage done by carrying the railway and main post road through that property.
Baltatan Banatan	Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table. A potition of inhabitants of Dighy was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying aid
Petition for aid to public slip, Digby Referred to nav. sec.	Λ petition of inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying aid to the public landing at Digby. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
committee Petition of Susan Mor-	A petition of Susan Morrell, of Grand Passage, in the county of Digby, was also pre-
rell Referred to nav. sec committee	sented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying increased aid to the ferry at that place.

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A petition of inhabitants of the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. B. Smith, and read, praying for a thorough examination by competent persons of the various lines for railways that have been surveyed in the county of Hants, with a view to the selection of the route most likely to be advantageous and profitable. <i>Ordered</i> , That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wade, and Mr. McLelan, to examine and report upon.	surveys
A petition of inhabitants of Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. Annand, and read, com- plaining of the conduct of the steamboat company, and praying the passage of an act to compel such company to submit a statement of their affairs annually to the legislature. <i>Ordered</i> , That the petition be referred to Mr. Annand, hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Wilkins, hon. Mr. Howe, and Mr. McQueen, to examine and report upon.	
A petition of James Sykes, George W. King, and John Brookfield, railway contractors, was presented by Mr. Wier, and rcad, praying compensation for railway surveys made by them in 1852. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of inhabitants of Hants county.	
A petition of Salter and Twining, of Halifax, merchants, was also presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying a return of duties paid by them on molasses manufactured into rum and exported to the Mediterranean. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Referred to commit-
A petition of the committee of the house of refuge in Halifax, was also presented by	tee on trade
Mr. Wier, and read, praying a grant in aid of that institution. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Wier, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Brown, to examine and report upon.	of house of refuge
A petition of Edward Jennings, M. D., and others, governors and trustees of the Halifax visiting dispensary, was also presented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying a grant in aid of that institution. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed to consider the preceding petition.	sary
Mr. Holmes, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to authorise the sale of the old presbyterian church at Salt Springs, in the county of Pictou—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	
A petition of Eliza Walker, of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Martell, and read, praying the house to grant her the sum of five pounds, allowed her by a committee last session. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.	Petition of Eliza Walker Referred to transien t poor committee
A petition of James Campbell, postmaster of Londonderry, was presented by Mr. Archi- bald, and read, praying an increase of salary.	-
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office. committee
A petition of Stewart Kisselpaugh, and other inhabitants of Tatamagouche, was also presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying the abolition of the way office at that place.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Beferred to post office committee
A petition of inhabitants of River John, in the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for a continuance of the grammar school allowance for that district.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Referred to education committee
A petition of Edward B. Dixon and Jesse Hoyt, operators in the electric telegraph office at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying the passage of an act exempting all sworn operators from performing certain duties.	operators U
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Leave for bill	Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
Petition of J. G. Mc- Keen Referred to post office	the solicitor general, and read, praying an increase of salary.
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Petition of Peter II. Clarke Beferred to immigrant	the provincial secretary, and read, praying remuneration for his services as government agent for shipwrecked passengers in connection with the wreck of the barque 'Tottenham.'
Committee	
Petition of Geo. Ward	A petition of George Ward, an American born subject, now residing at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Zwicker, and read, praying the passage of an act of naturalization.
Leave for bill	Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill thereupon.
Geo. Ward's natural- isstion bill	And accordingly, Mr. Zwicker, pursuant to such leave, introduced a bill to naturalize George Ward—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of Silas Bishop Referred to commit-	A petition of Silas Bishop, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Beckwith, and read, praying a return of duties on two mills for flouring grain, imported. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
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Little Bras d'Or bridge bill	Mr. McQueen, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to provide for the construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of E.P. Arch- bold Petition of Francis Ouver Petition of C. H. Har-	A petition of Edward P. Archbold; A petition of Francis Oliver; and, A petition of Clement H. Harrington; all of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton,
riagton	merchants, were presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, severally praying to be reimbursed advances made and provisions furnished in connection with the road service of the county of Cape Breton in 1850 and 1851.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee already appointed on the petition of inhabitants of Mire', and that such committee be instructed to consider such further claims as may be presented to them in connection with the same subject.
Petition of committee of synod of presbyte- rian church	A petition of a committee of the synod of the presbyterian church of Nova Scotia, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, setting forth the claims of the presbyterian church to certain property connected with the Pictou academy, and praying that such property
Beferred to education	may be restored to them. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
Dismissal of postmas- ter at Windsor	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor,
	presented to the house, Copies of certain correspondence relating to the dismissal of D. E. Geldert, late post- master at Windsor—and the same were read by the clerk.
	(See appendix No. 18.)
	Ordered, That the correspondence do lie on the table.
Expenses connected with N. H. Martin's trial, &c.	Also—accounts of certain expenses connected with the trial of Nicholas H. Martin, and his subsequent maintenance.
Beforred to select	Ordered, That the accounts be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition of Charles F. Harrington.
Cierks, for increase of salary	Also-memorials from the clerks in the crown land office, excise department, post office, and

and from the under keepers of the penitentiary, respectively praying an increase of salary -and the same were read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the memorials be referred to Mr. Wier, Mr. Locke, the hon. Mr. Fulton, Beterred to select Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon.

Also-copies of certain correspondence relating to roads and bridges in the county of Anzapolis road on Annapolis—and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

Also-memorial of William Elliott, her britannic majesty's consul at Boston, praying to "Create" papers be reimbursed the loss and damage sustained by him, in consequence of the illegal seizure and detention of the schooner "Creole."

Ordered, That the memorial be referred to Mr. Thomas Coffin, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Kil- Reterred to select lam, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. P. Smyth, to examine into the merits thereof, and report thereon to the house.

The hon. Mr. Fulton, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented Causes breather in chancery court to the house,

A list of causes brought in the court of chancery from the first day of March, 1851, to the seventh day of February, 1855.

(See appendix No. 19.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Also-report of commissioners for St. Peter's canal, with account current and vouchers, st. Piter's canal and report of captain Barry, royal engineers, touching St. Peter's canal-and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 20.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

Also-a statement of the financial condition of the Wesleyan academy at Sackville, for Beckville academy the year 1854.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.

A petition of the trustees of the Wesleyan academy at Sackville, N. B., was presented Petition for aid to Sackville academy by the hon. Mr. Fulton, and read, praying an increased grant to that institution.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.

The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Boad damage agree presented to the house,

Certain agreements and appraisements for damages to land and for fencing caused by laying out new roads, returned under chapter 61 of the revised statutes.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on road damages.

Also-report of the commissioner on Indian affairs for Nova Scotia proper, for 1854- Beport of Indian on and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 21.)

With accounts and vouchers for expenditure of that portion of Indian grant under his charge.

Ordered, That the report, accounts, and vouchers, be referred to the committee on Beterred to Indian Indian affairs.

Also-accounts of expenditure of monies granted for the relief of the colored population segurate in the last session.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on public accounts.

Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to enable the city of Halifax to sell Hallax common but part of the common-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

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Wood and coal mea- surer's bill	Mr. Wier also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.
	SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1855.
	PRAYERS.
Hall's harbor pier company bill	Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the Hall's Harbor breakwater company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Canada Creek pier company bill	Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, also presented a bill to incorporate the Canada Creek breakwater company—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Prothonotaries' amdt- bill	The hon. the solicitor general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act concerning prothonotaries and clerks of the crown—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Time for receiving pe- titions extended	On motion of the hon. the attorney general, <i>Resolved</i> , That the time for the reception of private and local bills and petitions for money or relief, be extended until Tuesday, the thirteenth day of February, inclusive.
Petition of D. Hockin	A petition of Daniel Hockin, and others, inhabitants of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes; and,
Petition from Antigo- nish Petition from Traca- die against change in mail arrangements	A petition of inhabitants of Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, and a petition of inhabitants of Tracadie and the Strait of Canso, were presented by Mr. McKinnon; and such petitions were severally read, praying the house to make no alteration in the existing mail arrangements.
Beferred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition from North Sydney	A petition of inhabitants of the township of North Sydney, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, complaining of the present mail arrangements, and praying alterations therein.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
	A petition of inhabitants of the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond, was also pre- sented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying that no alteration as respects the carrying of passengers may be made in the existing arrangements.
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Petition of Donald Ross	A petition of Donald Ross, of Little Narrows, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying aid to assist him in maintaining two blind children.
Referred to commit- tee on deaf and dumb	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, and blind.
	A petition of Malcolm Morrison, and others, inhabitants of Boulardrie, was also presented by Mr. Hugh Munro, and read, praying that ministers of religion may be relieved from the performance of statute labor.
Beferred to commit- tee on statute labour	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the statute labor laws.
	A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Dorchester, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the
Referred to transient poor committee	support of a transient pauper. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses. A

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A petition of T D. Vail and others inhabitants of the county of Digby, was presented	poor committee
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by Mr. P. Smyth, and read, praying aid to a public landing. Ordered. That the petition be referred to the committee on pavigation securities.	Referred to may, sec.
A petition of shipmasters and others, interested in the fisheries in the Gulf of Saint Law- rence, was also presented by Mr. P. Smyth, and read, praying aid to erect a breakwater at, and otherwise to improve, the harbor of Port Hood.	prove Port Hood ant- bor
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of inhabitants of county of Inverness, was also presented by Mr. P. Smyth, and read, praying aid to assist in clearing out Margaree harbor. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	clear out Margares harbor Referred to may, sec. committee
A petition of Samuel Campbell, way office keeper at the Forks of Margaree, was also presented by Mr. P. Smyth, and read, praying remuneration for his past services.	Petition of Samuel Campbell
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of justices of the peace, and others, of the North East Branch of Margaree, was also presented by Mr. P. Smyth, and read, praying aid to a grist mill on the north side of Margaree river.	Petition for aid to grist mill
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.	Referred to commit- tee on agriculture
A petition of James Coady, mail courier from Baddeck to Margaree, was also presented by Mr. P. Smyth, and read, praying a grant of money to enable him to purchase a horse. And thereupon, Mr. McLelan moved that Mr. P. Smyth have leave to withdraw such petition : which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house. And accordingly, Ordered, That such petition be withdrawn.	
The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor,	Return of militia com- missions
presented to the house, A return of the number of militia commissions issued during 1854, with the amount of fees paid thereon. Ordered, That the return do lie on the table.	
Also a return of crown lands in Nova Scotia granted during 1854. Ordered, That the return do lie on the table.	Crown land return-
Also—reports of the trustees and visitors of the Pictou academy—and the same were read by the clerk.	and visitors of ric- tou ac-demy
Ordered, That the reports be referred to the committee on education.	Referred to education
A petition of Neill McLellan, of Sydney river, in the county of Cape Breton, was pre- sented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying aid to a ferry across Sydney river. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Petition of Neill Mc- Leitan Referred to nav. sten. committee.
A petition of Ellen McDonald, postmistress of the town of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Fuller, and read, praying an increase of salary.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs. 18	Referred to post office - committee

et. for aid to Ples ant Cove breakwate teferred to nav. see	to extend the Pleasant Cove breakwater.
etition of Anselm routon	A petition of Anselm Frouton, constable for the township of Clare, was also presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying to be relieved from a claim made upon him for legal expenses, under the circumstances detailed in his petition. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.
ctition for way offic eferred to post offic	by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.
committee Pet. for aid to bridg wor Melonew's crowle	A petition of inhabitants of the township of Sydney, was presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying a grant to assist in building a causeway or bridge over Maloney's Creek, in that township; and, A petition of inhabitants of Sydney township, was also presented by Mr. McQueen, and read, praying the house not to grant the prayer of the preceding petition.
Petition of Patrick Christopher Referred to select committee	A petition of Patrick Christopher, of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was pre- sented by Mr. Fuller, and read, praying the house to grant him the arrears of wages due him by the late James Turnbull, under the circumstances set out in his petition. Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. McLelan, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Fuller, to examine and report upon.
Petition for aid to Ca- nada Creek breakwa- er Referred to nav. sec- comultee	ing aid to the breakwater at Canada Creek.
Petilion from King's county for vote by ballot Leave for bill	A petition of inhabitants of King's county, was presented by Mr. Moore, and read, praying the enactment of a law extending to the people the privilege of voting by ballot. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
Registry of ship's bil	The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill concerning the registry of ships—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Commuissioner's of rown land pension vill	The hon, the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, also presented a bill for granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Registry of deels amendt, bill	The hon. the solicitor general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chap- ter 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds," &c.—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Halifax Eastern Shure road bill	Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to provide for extending the Eastern Shore road, in the the county of Halifax—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
	Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two of the clock.
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MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A petition of overseers of the poor for the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Brown, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.	Petition of o verseers from Horton
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.	Referred to transient poor committee
A petition of Joseph Pernette, of New Dublin, in the county of Lunenburg, was pre- sented by Mr. Jost, and read, praying a further grant to LaHave ferry.	Petition of Joseph Pernette
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to nay. stc. committee
A petition of inhabitants of Middle Settlement, Middle River, Pictou, was presented by Mr. Holmes, and read, praying the establishment of a way office. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Beferred to post office
Mr. John Munro, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill relating to pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	committee Bras d'Or pilotage bill
A petition of inhabitants of Saint Mary's River, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying a grant to erect a light house on Wedge Island.	
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Beferred to nav. sec. committee
A petition of Hugh McDonald, deputy postmaster for the district of St. Mary's, in the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying an increase of salary.	Petition of Hugh Me- McDonaid
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Beferred to postoffice committee
A petition of Augustine Comeau, way office keeper at Clare, was presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying an increase of compensation. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Petition of Angustine Comean Referred to post office committee
A petition of John Oal, of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Doyle, and read, praying a license for distilling may be granted him for six months. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the petition of James Wilson.	
A petition of the board of school commissioners for the county of Annapolis, was pre- sented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying a change in the appropriation of certain undrawn school monies in that county.	Petition of board of
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Beferred to education committee
A petition of the board of school commissioners for the county of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to establish two boards of education in that county. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.	Petition against An- napolis school bill
A petition of Henry W. Johnston, teacher in the Annapolis grammar school, was pre- sented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying a grant of certain unappropriated school monies. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Referred to education
A bill for the safe custody of persons charged with offences, and to make provision for the prevention of offences by insane persons, was read a second time. Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.	committee Lanatic bill read a 2d time and committed
The following bills were severally read a second time, viz.: A bill to change a polling place in the township of Parrsborough.	Bills read 2nd time— Parashore ⁹ polling place

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Inisod navigation company amends. Centreville hall comp.	A bill to alter and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation company. A bill to incorporate the Centreville hall company.
New Caledonia lodge	A bill to incorporate the New Caledonia lodge at Pictou.
Picton cemetery	A bill to incorporate the Pictou cemetery company.
Merchanis' exchange	A bill to incorporate the merchants' exchange company.
Acadian iron and steel company	A bill to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company.
Onelow meeting house	A bill to authorise the sale of pews in the Onslow meeting house.
Halifax library com.	A bill to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library.
Salt Springs church	A bill to authorise the sale of the old presbyterian church at Salt Springs, in the county of Pictou.
George Ward natural-	A bill to naturalize George Ward.
LittleBras d'Or bridge	A bill to provide for the construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton.
Eastern shore road	A bill for extending the eastern shore road in the county of Halifax.
Beferred to private bills committee.	Ordered, That the several bills be referred to the committee on private bills.
Beport on bills	Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the
Five Islands meeting house and Truro jail bills reported	bill to authorise the sale of the old presbyterian meeting house at Five Islands, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment; and that they had also considered the bill to authorise the sale of the old jail at Truro, and had made amend- ments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the
	clerk's table, where such amendments were read.
Committed	Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.
Report license bill, with smendments	Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors," and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—aud he delivered the bill and amendments in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read. Ordered, That the bill with the amendments be engrossed.
	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.
	TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1855.
	PRAYERS.
Petition of Robert A. Logan and others	county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson, and read, praying for direct postal com- munication through the new great eastern road from Halifax to Guysborough.
Referred to post office committee	
Petition of Jas. Bowes and Son Beferred to commit-	Esson, and read, praying a return of duties paid on printing paper imported.
tee on trade	A malition of inhabitants of Ohester Design and misister was presented by Mr. Oneinhten
Petition for way office at Chester Basin	A petition of inhabitants of Chester Basin and vicinity, was presented by Mr. Creighton, and read, praying the establishment of a way office at Chester Basin.

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Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

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A petition of Frederick Publicover, of New Dublin, in the county of Lonenburg, was builter of P. New presented by Mr. Zwicker, and read, praying for the establishment of a mail route between Joseph Pernett's and Petitie Riviere. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Mr. McQueen, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate Saint Andrew's loader the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Mr. Brown, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend ohapter 75 of the revised statutes, '' of common fields''and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. A petition of Joshua Huestis, and others, inhabitants of Wallace and Pugwash, was presented by the hon. Mr. Fullon, and read, praying the establishment of a way office at first way office a first. A petition of Michael Babin, of Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Fuller, and read, praying the referred to the hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. Comeau, and Mr. Shaw, to examine and report upon. A petition of Inhabitants of Loch Lomond and vicinity, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Fuller, and read, praying the establishment of a way office at Loch Lomond and vicinity, in the county of Richmond, was and read, praying referred to the committee on post office affairs. A petition of Andrew Madden, of Arichat, surgeon, was also presented by Mr. Fuller, and read, praying the referred to the committee on post office affairs. A petition of Andrew Madden, of Arichat, surgeon, was also presented by Mr. Fuller, and read, praying the referred to the committee on post office affairs. A petition of inhabitants of the West River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Fuller, matter and increased grant therefor. <i>Ordered</i> , That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs. A neglition of John K. Miner, overseer of poor for the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Birown, and read, praying reinburstent of a way office nea	
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man, and read, praying an increase of salary. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	
Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the neport on bills	
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	construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton, and had directed him to report the same to the house, severally without any amendment—and he
Committed	delivered the bills in at the clerk's table. Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Petition from St. Mar- garet's Bay	sented by Mr. Wier, and read, praying a repeal of the act authorising the payment of one perny per barrel to chief inspectors of pickled fish.
Referred to commit- tee on faheries	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the fisheries.
Queen's printer's ac- count	The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,
Reterred to commit- tee on printing	An account of the queen's printer, for public printing in 1854.
Beport from commit- see on militia laws, by bill Militia amendt. bill	
Halifax polling bill	Mr. Doyle, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to change a polling place in the township of Halifax—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of overseers No. 2 district, Anna- polis	presented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.
Beferred to transient poor committee	
Petition of Charles Cahan Referred to post office committee	A petition of Charles Cahan, way office keeper at Hebron, in the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Shaw, and read, praying an increase of remuneration. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
Townships and town- ship officers' amendt- bill	
Probate court amendi. bili	The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Tarmouth polling place bill	Mr. Killam, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Inverness county pol- irag bill	Mr. P. Smyth, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to add a polling place in the county of Inverness—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of Leuchlin McDougald Referred to post office	attorney general, and read, praying that the way office under his charge may be raised to a post office, and a reasonable sum allowed therefor.
eommittee Beport from commit- tee on reporting de- bates	Mr. Annand reported from the committee on the subject of reporting the debates and
	(See appendix No. 22.)
Adopted and referred in part to supply	Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that such part thereof as recom- mends a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.

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A petition of Thomas A. Gavaza, and others, inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was Petition from Annapresented by Mr. Whitman, and read, praying the house to grant to that county the bene- corporation fits of municipal incorporation.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of Bridgetown, and its vicinity;

- A petition of inhabitants of Wilmot Mountain, and vicinity;
- Two petitions of inhabitants of township of Annapolis and Clements;
- A petition of inhabitants of Wilmot; and
- A petition of inhabitants of the township of Annapolis;

Were severally presented by Mr. Wade, and read, respectively praying the house not to

pass the published municipal incorporation act of last session.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of the reverend Mr. Hannan, and other Roman catholic clergymen in the Petition of Roman catholic cl county of Halifax, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe, and read, praying a grant to aid and tholic chergmen, for them in establishing a school at Shubenacadie, for the benefit of the Indians.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.

On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had come to a resolution, which Bepert resolution they had directed him to report to the house-and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

The chairman also acquainted the house that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the supply, to which the house agreed.

The resolution reported from the committee was then read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-two thousand pounds be granted for the ordinary road 232,000 ordinary and bridge service for the present year, and a further sum of ten thousand pounds for the roads, and 23,000 er great road service for the same year, and a further sum of three thousand pounds for special road and bridge service for the same year.

The resolution being again read, was, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concurrence.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1855.
PRAYERS.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. : A bill to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company. A bill to incorporate the Hall's Harbor breakwater company. A bill to incorporate the Canada Creek breakwater company.

A bill relating to pilotage on the Bras d'Or Lake; and,

A bill to incorporate St. Andrew's lodge at Sydney, Cape Breton.

Ordered, That the bills be referred to the committee on private bills.

A bill to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, "of townships and township menders bill read officers," was read a second time. Mr.

Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Petition from A WIalla Ch nd Bridento MIT

Referred to education

Committee of supply

Bills read 2nd time

Chute's Cove pier company Hall's harbor breakwater company Canada Creek break-Bras d'Or lake pilot-Et. Andrew's lodge, Sydney Referred to committee on private bills

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WEDNESDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1855.

Leave to present pe- tition of court of ses- sions for Pictou, re- fused	Mr. Wilkins moved for the special leave of the house to present a petition of the general sessions of the peace for the county of Pictou, praying the passage of an act authorising the levy of a tonnage tax on vessels entering the port of Pictou on their first voyage, every year, for the purpose of founding and maintaining a hospital for sick seamen : which being seconded and put, passed in the negative.
Beport on petition of George Rigby and others	Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of George Righy, and others, of Main-a-Dieu, praying the house to make a grant to Edward Ken-

Rigby and others, of Main-a-Dieu, praying the house to make a grant to Edward Kennedy for rescuing certain shipwrecked scamen; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 23.)

Bederred to supply Ordered, That the report be received, and, with the petition, referred to the committee supply.

Resolutions as to road commissioners The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the house do come to the following resolution.

Whereas nineteen persons resident in the county of Annapolis, whom at the last session the three members from that county united in recommending as road commissioners, were superseded, and others substituted by the provincial government, without any communication with the members of the county :

And whereas the recommendations of no other members of this house were subjected to similar indignity :

Resolved, That the duty thus interfered with is one which is imposed on the members of this house by long established usage, and for the exercise of which the members from the county of Annapolis are constitutionally responsible to the constituency of that county; and it is one which the executive government are incapable of performing, except through the advice and agency of persons in the county, probably secret and unknown, and certainly unauthorised by, and irresponsible to, the people :

And resolved, That by the course pursued in this instance, the provincial government have taken occasion, from the possession of executive power with which they happen to be clothed, to offer an invidious insult to the members from the county of Annapolis, and through them to the county they represent; and have treated with unmerited disrespect the individuals who, after having received the accustomed recommendation, were displaced. That if this precedent be adopted, the members for other counties besides those now selected, may in their turn suffer under like affronts, and be placed in a situation requiring them to choose between the alternatives of declining to perform a necessary duty of their office, or of incurring in its performance the risk of treatment, as inconsistent with the independence of their official position as revolting to their standing as gentlemen.

And lastly resolved, That the system of road appropriation by members of this house is so connected with their recommendation of the commissioners, that the policy adopted by the government cannot be long acted upon without impairing the efficiency of the system under which the road service is conducted, and endangering the improvement of the country in an essential element of its prosperity and progress:"

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Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-one; against it, twenty-seven.

For the motion :	Against the	motion:
Mr. Jno. Campbell,Mr. Jost,Mr." J. Munro," Zwicker,"" Murray," Bent,"" Young," Thorne,"" Whitman," Cowie,"" Mosher," Holmes,"" Beckwith," B. Smith,"" Wilkins," Killam,"" Josiah Coffin," Moore,"" Freeman," Ryder."" Mon. Mr. Johnston,"	. Wade, Comeau, Locke, Esson, McKinnon, Chipman, Martell, Wier, Bourneuf, Fuller, m. Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Jas. Campbell, "McQueen, "H. Munro, "Thos. Coffin, "Dimock, "Dimock, "McLelan, "Shaw, "Annand, "P. Smyth, "Doyle, Hon. Mr. Howe, "Atty. Gen. Mr. Archibald.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That Mr. Freeman have leave of absence after to-morrow, on urgent private Leave of absence business.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the vote of yesterday on the subject of the appoint-Motion to rescind role ment, by the provincial government, of road commissioners, be rescinded : which being tived on division seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twentyone; against it, twenty-three.

For the motion :		Against the motion :	
Mr. Beckwith,	Mr. Zwicker,	Hon. Mr. Fulton,	Mr. Martell,
" Moore,	" Whitman,	" Atty. Gen.,	" Jas. Campbell,
" Creighton,	" Murray,	" Sol. Gen.,	" Wier,
" Marshall,	" Jno. Campbell,	" Mr. Howe,	" Comeau,
" Mosher,	" Young,	Mr. Locke,	" Wade,
" Killam,	" Bent,	" Esson,	" Thos. Coffin,
" Thorne,	" Jost,	" McKinnon,	" Bourneuf,
" Josiah Coffin,	" Cowie,	" Shaw,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
" Wilkins,	" Holmes,	" Chipman,	Mr. Dimock,
" Ryder,	" B. Smith.	" P. Šmyth,	" McQueen,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,		" Doyle,	" McLelan.
		Hon. Mr. McLeod,	

So it passed in the negative.

A petition of inhabitants of the township of Clements, in the county of Annapolis, was Pet. from Clements presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying the house not to pass the bill for exponention bill the municipal government of counties, in its present shape.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Nineteen petitions of inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, were also presented by the Petitions from count hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, severally praying the house to enact a law, granting to that nicipal incorporation county the benefits of municipal incorporation.

Ordered, That the several petitions do lie on the table.

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Sulis reported, viz : Ganada Creek break- water company Hall's harbor break- water company Chute's Core pier company Bras d'Or take pilot- age 8t. Ancrew's lodge in- corporation Committed	Hall's Harbor breakwater company; the bill to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier com- pany; the bill relating to pilotage in the Bras d'Or lake, and the bill to incorporate Saint
Bills read 2nd time- Municipal incorpara- tion of counties Begistry of ships Militia amendment Committed	The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. : A bill for the municipal government of counties. A bill concerning the registry of ships; and, A bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia. Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Bailway da mages as- seas ment bill	The hon, the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to authorise assessments for railway damages—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Jastices' jurisdiction amendt. bill	Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Committee on hills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Report bills— Centreville hall comp- Pictou cometery co. Halifax library com.	The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to incor- porate the Centreville hall company; the bill to incorporate the Pictou cemetery company; the bill to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library; and had directed him to report the same to the house, severally without amendment; and that they had also gone through
Chester Cove pier co. Hall's harbor break- water company Canada Creek break- water company	the bill to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company; the bill to incorporate the Hall's Harbor breakwater company; and the bill to incorporate the Canada Creek breakwater company; and had made amendments to those bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills;—and he delivered the several bills, together with the amendments to the three last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.
Militia bill recommen- ded to be sent back to select committee	The chairman also reported that the committee had considered the bill to alter and amend the laws relative to the militia, and had directed him to recommend to the house to refer such bill back to the committee who had reported it, with a view of having certain clauses added thereto—and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table. Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed. Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.
Committee on militia law added to, and bill sefert back to that committee	Ordered, That the bill to alter and amend the laws relative to the militia be referred back to the committee on that subject, and that the hon. the attorney general and Mr. Chipman be added to such committee.
Harbor marsters' amendt, bill	Mr. B. Smith, pursuant to leave given on a previous day, presented a bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Accounts of expenses and cost of provincial houses	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor presented to the house, An account of the cost of the provincial horses purchased in 1854, together with a statement of the expense of their subsequent maintenance. Ordered, That the accounts be referred to the committee on agriculture.
es agriculture	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Thomas Coffin, from the committee on the subject of the statute labor laws, reported Report in part from that the committee had come to the following resolution-and he read the same in his indor iaw, by resoluplace, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Resolved, That the principle of assessment on real and personal estate, and a poll tax on persons under age and those who do not occupy or possess property, be adopted, to raise a fund for statute labor purposes.

Ordered, That the resolution do lie on the table.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Report of warden of river fisheries presented to the house,

The report of the warden of river fisheries for the county of Halifax, for the year 1854 -and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 24.)

Ordered, That the report be referred to the committee on the fisheries.

Also-the report of the chairman of the board of works in relation to the several depart- Report of chairman of ments placed under the supervision of such board, for the year 1854; together with a report and estimate in reference to repairs at government house-and the same were read by the clerk.

For the report—

(See appendix No. 25.)

Ordered, That so much of the report as relates to the penitentiary be referred to the Beferred in part to select committee committee on that subject; so much as relates to light houses be referred to the committee on navigation securities; so much as relates to the fisheries be referred to the committee on that subject; and that the remainder thereof do lie on the table.

Also-a despatch from the British minister at Washington to the lieutenant governor, Despatch relative to reciprocity treaty bill dated 12th February, 1855, announcing the passage of the reciprocity treaty bill by the senate of the United States-and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 14—part 2.)

Ordered, That the despatch do lie on the table.

Return of pupils in Pictou academy Also—a return of the number of pupils attending the Pictou academy. Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.

Also-a memorial addressed to the lieutenant governor, by the Rev. Hugh O'Reilley, Memorial of Bev. H. parish priest at New Glasgow, calling attention to the destitute condition of the Indians under his charge.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee appointed on the petition of Benjamin K. Beport from commit-Dodge; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, K. Dodge where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 26.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

Ordered, That the house do, on Monday next, proceed to the consideration of the bill Liquor bill order of day for Monday for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors.

The hon. the attorney general moved that the house do come to the following resolution : Besolution for select Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to consider the question of intercolonial colonial teleprophic communication tived on division

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communication by means of the electric telegraph : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, twenty-two.

So it passed in the negative.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYEBS.

Motion to rescind re- solution for commit- tee on intercolonial telegraph communica- tion, agreed to Vote rescinded	disagreed to be rescinded : which being seconded and nut and the boyse dividing thereas
Bills read 2nd time, viz : Roads other than great roads	The following bills were severally read a second time, viz.: A bill to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads other than certain great roads."
Prothonotary amendi. Begistry of deeds Probate court amendi. Railway damages	A bill to amend the act concerning prothonoraries and clerks of the crown. A bill to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds, &c."
Justice's jurisdiction	A bill to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in certain cases."
Harbor masters	A bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters."
Committed	Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Bills reported, viz : New Caledonia lodge George Ward natural- ization Inland navigation co. amendt. And committed	ward; and the bill to alter and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation com-
Bills read 3d time and passed, viz. : Centreville hall comp.	An engrossed bill to incorporate the Centreville hall company, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Centre- ville hall company.
Pictou cemetery in- corporation	An engrossed bill to incorporate the Pictou cemetery company, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Pictou cemetery company.
Halifax library com. incorporation	An engrossed bill to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library.
Chute's Cove pier co. incorporation	An engrossed bill to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company.

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Creek pier company.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Hall's Harbor breakwater company, was read a Hall's harbor breakwater co. incorporate

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Committee on bills Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to alter Report inhand and the second and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation company, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill; and that they had considered the bill concerning the registry of ships, and had directed him to Becommend returns recommend to the house to refer such bill to a select committee, to examine and report forred to set com 21 upon;

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Hall's Title altered Harbor pier company. An engrossed bill to incorporate the Canada Creek breakwater company, was read a Canada Creek breakwater co. incorpora-Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Canada Title allored Ordered. That the clerk do carry the several bills to the council and desire their concur- sent to connect A petition of citizens and rate payers in the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Petition against sale of Halifax common Esson, and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to enable the corporation to sell a part of the city common. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table. The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Petition to governor New Glasgow

presented to the house, A petition of James Carmichael, and other inhabitants of New Glasgow, addressed to the lieutenant governor, setting forth the destitute condition of the Indians in that locality. and asking a grant for their relief.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

The hon. the solicitor general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to enlarge the Savings' bank depeal amount of deposits in the savings' bank—and the same was read a first time and ordered bin to be read a second time.

The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Revenue papers pro presented to the house the following papers relating to the public revenue, viz.;

General statement of the amounts certified by the financial secretary for payment on account of the different public services of the province, for the year ended 31st December. 1854.

General abstract of the returns of impost and excise duties collected at the different ports of the province, during the same year.

Abstract of articles imported into the province on which duty was collected, during the same year.

Comparative statement of articles imported into the province, and of the amount of excise duties collected thereon, for the years 1853 and 1854.

Comparative statement, exhibiting the increase and decrease of the amount of excise duties collected at the different ports of the province, for the years 1853 and 1854.

Comparative statement of the gross amount of light duties collected at the different ports of the province, for the years 1853 and 1854.

(See appendix No. 11—part 2.)

Ordered, That the several statements and abstracts be referred to the committee on Referred to com public accounts.

Referred to co tee on Indian affairs

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upon ;-and he delivered the two bills, together with the amendment to the first bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

Ordered, That the bill reported with the amendment be engrossed.

Registry of ship's bill referred to set. com. Ordered, That the bill concerning the registry of ships be referred to Mr. Wade, Mr. McLelan, hon. Mr. Fulton, Mr. Wier, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two of the clock.

MONDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Report from committee on petition of Lo-gan, Ross and Stevens

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee appointed to consider the petitions of William Logan, John Ross, and Henrietta Stevens-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 27.)

Referred to supply

Report from committhe on petitions as to Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Jost reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of William and cross Annapolis Atwood Mack and Ezckiel Foster, of Thomas A. Balcomb and others, and of William C. Whitman and others, on the subject of erecting a mill-dam across the Annapolis riverand he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 28.)

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Report in part from committee on Indian . Fairs

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Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house. Mr. Whitman reported in part from the committee on Indian affairs—and he read the

report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 29.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

A petition of Thomas W. Chesley and Phineas L. Chesley, of Granville, in the county Petition against re-peal of Chesley aboiof Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying the house not to repeal the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau, passed last session.

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Holmes, Mr. H. Munro, and Mr. Ryder, to examine into the merits thereof and report thereon to this house, by bill or otherwise; and that the petition of Benjamin Chesley, and others, presented on the 8th February, be referred to the same committee.

Message from countin

Agree to Nova Scotia baak amendt. bill, and to read grant

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia, without any amendment.

They have also agreed to the resolution of this honorable house for granting the sum of forty-five thousand pounds for the road and bridge service, for the present year.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Committee on bills

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

- Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to authorize

rise the sale of the old jail at Truro; the bill to change a polling place in the township of Parmboro' polling Parrsborough; the bill to naturalize George Ward; the bill to amend the act concerning George Ward naturalprothonotaries and clerks of the crown; and the bill to incorporate St. Andrew's lodge at Protonousvies' andt. Sydney, Cape Breton; and had directed him to report such bills to the house, severally orporation without amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to incorporate New New Caledonia hodge Caledonia lodge at Picton, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill ;--and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bills committed

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the house do, on Wednesday next, proceed to the consideration of the order of day postpobill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wade reported from the committee on private bills that they had considered the Bills reportedbill to incorporate the merchants' exchange company; the bill to authorise the sale of Merchant's exchange pews in the Onslow meeting house; and the bill to provide for extending the Eastern Shore Onslow meeting house road, in the county of Halifax; and had directed him to report such bills to the house, Eastern Shore road severally without amendment ;---and he delivered such bills in at the clerk's table.

Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.

An engrossed bill to authorize the sale of the old jail at Truro, was read a third time. Bills read 3d time and passed Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize the sale of the Trarojail jail at Truro.

An engrossed bill to change a polling place in the township of Parrsborough, was read Parrsborov polling a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to change a polling place in the township of Parrsborough.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation com-Inland navigation co. pany, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation company.

An engrossed bill to incorporate New Caledonia lodge at Pictou, was read a third time. New Caledonia lodge Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate New Caledonia lodge at Pictou.

George Ward's naturalization An engrossed bill to naturalize George Ward, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to naturalize George Ward.

An engrossed bill to incorporate St. Andrew's lodge, at Sydney, Cape Breton, was read St. Andrew's lodge ina third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate St. Andrew's lodge, at Sydney, Cape Breton.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the several bills to the council and desire their con- Sent to council currence. An

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	Prothonotaries' andt. bill read 3rd time	An engrossed bill to amend the act concerning prothonotaries and clerks of the crown, was read a third time.
4	Motion to re-commit agreed to	And thereupon, The hon. the solicitor general moved that the bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding a clause to protect the interests of James W. Nutting, Esq. : which being secon- dcd and put, was agreed to by the house. And accordingly, Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house.
1	Bilis recommitted	Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house.
- 1	Petition against as- lessment on township of Granville	Three petitions of rate payers and inhabitants of the township of Granville, were pre- sented by Mr. Throne, and read, severally praying the house not to pass any measure authorising an assessment on that township, as prayed for by Mr. Delap, in his petition already presented.
	Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the above petitions, together with the petition of James Delap, be referred to Mr. Wale, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Shaw, to examine into the merits thereof and report thereon to this house.
1	Message from council	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker—
s	mendi. Duis	The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of Liver- pool to procure a fire engine; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou, severally without any amendment.
1	lave passed probate court amendt. bill	The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honor-able house.
		And then the messenger withdrew.
	Council's probate court amendt. bill read 1st time	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
	Railway loan amendt. bill	The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, authorising a loan for the construction of railways within this province—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
	Corporations amends. bill	Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of general provisions respecting corporations"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
. 8	Select com. on expen- ses and refurnishing government house	On motion of the hon. the attorney general, Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to consider the subject of the repairs and refurnishing of government house. Ordered, That the hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. Zwicker, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Brown, Mr. Esson, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Creighton, do compose such committee.
	Estimate and report referred	Ordered, That so much of the report of the chairman of the board of works as refers to that subject, together with the estimate relating to such repairs, be referred to such committee.
:	Pickled fish returns	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, Abstract of returns of pickled fish inspected for the year 1854, together with returns of the chief inspectors for various counties. For the abstract—
		(See appendix No. 30.)
	Referred to commit- tee on fisherics	Ordered, That the abstract and returns be referred to the committee on the fisheries. Also

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Also-accounts for printing connected with the provincial secretary's office for 1854. Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on public printing.

Also—communication from Messrs. B. Wier & Co. and Messrs. Young & Hart, to the Correspondence relative to expended by their agents at New curred in connection with the passengers per "Arcadia," shipwrecked on Sable Island, sers per "Acadia" and conveyed to New York from Halifax-and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the communication and vouchers be referred to the committee appointed Beterred to sel com. in the early part of the present session to consider the subject of the passengers shipwrecked on that subject in that vessel.

On motion of the hon. the financial secretary,

Resolved, That the sum of £32,000, granted for the ordinary road and bridge service, road monies agreed to and the sum of £10,000, granted for the great road service, for the present year, be applied as follows:

			Ordinary service.	Great roads.
For the	county	of 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
37	""	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
			£32,000	£10,000

Ordered, That the several members from the respective counties do prepare and present Order for road scales to the house, on or before Saturday, the 10th day of March next, scales of subdivision of the road money allotted to each county, out of the sum of $\pounds 32,000$, granted for the ordinary road and bridge service; and also out of the sum of $\pounds 10,000$, granted for the great road service.

Ordered, That the several ordinary petitions for aid to roads and bridges, presented Boad petitions referduring the session, and by the course and practice of the house placed on the file of road petitions without being entered on the journals at the time of presentation, be referred to the several members for the counties respectively from which such petitions have been sent.

For a list of such petitions—

(See appendix No. 31.)

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to divide the sum of three thousand pounds, Committee on special road grant granted for special road and bridge service for the present year.

Mr. Thomas Coffin then moved that the select committee appointed on the same subject Motion to response ting the last secsion be now re-appointed : during the last session be now re-appointed :

Which being seconded,

Mr. Whitman moved, by way of amendment, that a select committee of three be named Amend. Regatived on Ž2

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Referred to commit-tee on printing

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Original motion agreed to Committee reappoint- ed	by the house in the usual manner: which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative. The original question being put, was then agreed to by the house. And accordingly, Ordered, That the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Hugh Munro, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Wier, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Killam, and Mr. P. Smyth, being the committee of last session, do compose such committee.			
Report on petition of B. Smith, esq.	^{settiter} of Mr. Ryder reported from the committee appointed to consider the petition of Benjami Smith, esquire—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk' table, where it was again read. (See appendix No. 32.)			
Referred to supply	Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.			
Committee on bills Committee on bills On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress consideration of bills committed.				
	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.			
	WEDNESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1855.			
	PRAYERS.			
Picton court house bill	Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave previously given, presented a bill to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.			
Petition from Cheve- rie against changing way office	A petition of inhabitants of Cheverie, in the township of Kempt, was presented by Mr. ⁸ B. Smith, and read, praying that no change may be made in the situation of the way office at that place.			
Referred to post office committee	Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.			
Papers relative to al- terations in colonial book postage	The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, Letter from the postmaster general to the provincial government, enclosing copy of a communication received by him from the general post office, London, relative to several alterations in the regulations for colonial book postage—and the same was read by the clerk. (See appendix No. 10—part 2.)			
Beferred to post office				
committee Rep. of central board				
of agriculture	nor, presented to the house, Report of the central board of agriculture for the year 1854—and the same was read by the clerk.			
D . 4	(See appendix No. 33.)			
Referred to commit- tee on agriculture	Ordered, That the report be referred to the committee on agriculture.			
Free church academy return Referred to education committee	Also—return from the free church academy at Halifax, for the year 1854. Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.			

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A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to alter the sittings of the general Have passed Inver sessions of the peace for the county of Inverness, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to alter the sittings of the general council's bill relative sessions of the peace for the county of Inverness, was read a first time and ordered to be at inverness read is read a second time.

A petition of inhabitants of Walton, in the county of Hants, was presented by the hon. Petition from Walton against prohibitory li-the provincial secretary, and read, praying the house not to pass the prohibitory liquor goor law law now before it.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz. : Temperature petitions presented Two petitions of inhabitants of county of Halifax, by Mr. Wier; and,

Two petitions of inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Esson;

Ten petitions of inhabitants of county of Hants, by Mr. Mosher; and,

Two petitions of inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Young;

Seven petitions of inhabitants of county of King's, by Mr. Beckwith;

Twelve petitions of inhabitants of county of Annapolis, by hon. Mr. Johnston;

Two petitions of inhabitants of county of Digby, by hon. Mr. Johnston; and,

One petition of inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Bourneuf;

Five petitions of inhabitants of county of Shelburne, by Mr. Josiah Coffin;

Eighteen petitions of inhabitants of county of Queen's, by Mr. John Campbell;

Six petitions of inhabitants of county of Lunenburg, by Mr. Zwicker;

Four petitions of inhabitants of county of Colchester, by Mr. Archibald; and,

Two petitions of inhabitants of same county, by hon. financial secretary;

One petition of the free presbytery of Pictou; and,

Four petitions of inhabitants of county of Pictou, by Mr. Holmes;

Nine petitions of inhabitants of county of Cumberland, by hon. Mr. Fulton;

Three petitions of inhabitants of county of Guysborough, by Mr. Marshall;

One petition of inhabitants of county of Sydney, by hon. Mr. Johnston;

Two petitions of inhabitants of county of Cape Breton, by Mr. McQueen; and,

Two petitions of inhabitants of county of Victoria, by Mr. H. Munro.

And such petitions were severally read, respectively praying the house to enact a law for the total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, except for purposes of medicine and useful manufactures.

Ordered, That the several petitions do lie on the table.

The order of the day being read,

The bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors, was read a second time. And thereupon,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole Motion to com house : which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time occupied therein,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. Archibald reported in part from the committee on mines and minerals-and he read Beport to part from the the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again and miner read.

(See appendix No. 34.)

Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

Order of day

Prohibitory liquor bill read 2nd time

Debate thereon all ionroed

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THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.				

Adjourned debate reresumed The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house: and after some time spent therein,

Further adjourned

Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Bills read 2nd time, viz : Pictou court house County of Shelburne amendment Common fields an:dt. Committed	The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. : A bill to authorise a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou. A bill in addition to the act concerning the county of Shelburne. A bill to amend chapter 75 of the revised statutes, "of common fields." Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.		
Beport from commit- tee on petition from Arichat as to public landing			
	(See appendix No. 35.)		
Adopted	• Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.		
Report on petition of Michael Babin	The hon. Mr. Howe reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Babin—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.		
	(See appendix No. 36.)		
Laoptel	Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.		
Telegraphic operation bill	Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill relating to operators in electric telegraph offices—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.		
Reports of supervisors of great roads	The hon, the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, Reports of the supervisors of certain great roads, made in accordance with the requirements of the act 16th Victoria, chapter 32—and the same were read by the clerk.		
	(See appendix No. 37.)		
	Ordered, That the reports do lie on the table.		
Reports of wardens of wiver fisheries Referred to commit- tee on fisheries, with instructions	Also—reports of the wardens of the river fisheries for the various counties of the province —and the same were read by the clerk. Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the fisheries; and that such committee be instructed to report what part, if any, of such reports shall appear in the appendix to the journals of this house.		
Beport of association for protection of fish- cries and game	Also—report of the provincial association for the protection of the inland fisheries and game of the province of Nova Scotia; together with the draft of a proposed act in relation		

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thereto, and answers to certain printed queries circulated throughout the province by the association—and the same were severally read by the clerk.

For the report—

(See appendix No. 38.)

Ordered, That the report and accompanying papers be referred to the committee on the Beterred to committee on fisheries fisheries.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Hall's Harbor Have passed bills pier company; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Canada Creek pier company; the bill, entitled, centreville hall co an act to incorporate the Centreville hall company; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate mittee incorporation the committee of the Halifax library; the bill, entitled, an act to change a polling place in Parsboro' polling the township of Parrsborough; the bill, entitled, an act to naturalize George Ward; and George Ward's natu-the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the sale of the jail at Truro; severally without Truro jail amendment.

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Ben-Have passed bill to jamin Franklin Ward, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Council's bill to naturalize enjamin Franklin Ward, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Benjamin Franklin Ward, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to autho- Report billsrise assessments for railway damages; and the bill to amend chapter 62 of the revised Bailway damages asstatutes, " of laying out roads other than certain great roads;" and had made amendments to those bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills ; that they had also gone through the bill to incorporate the merchants' exchange Merchants' exchange company; the bill in addition to the act concerning the county of Shelburne; the bill to Shelburneamendment provide for extending the Eastern Shore road, in the county of Halifax; the bill to amend Eastern shore road chapter 48 of the revised statutes, "of townships and township officers;" and the bill to Township officers' authorise a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou; and had directed him to Pictou court house report those bills to the house, severally without amendment; and that they had considered the bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor Pilotage bill to be remasters;" and had directed him to recommend to the house to refer such bill to a select mittee committee to examine and report upon; --- and he delivered such bills, together with the amendments to the two first mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, har- Pilotage bill referred bors, and harbor masters," be referred to Mr. B. Smith, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Killam, hon. Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for restricting the use Adjourned debate furof intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house, be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

to select committee

Saturday,

Road amendment

company

Message from council

and Ward

Committee on bills

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SATURDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1855.

	PRAYERS.
Beport on petitions for aid to Geo. Merry	The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee to whom were referred two petitions, praying aid to George Merry—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
	(Sec appendix No. 39.)
	Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.
Petition for altera- tions in marriage license law Leave for bill	A petition of Robert O. Christie, and others, residents at Truro, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying alterations in the existing law relating to marriage licenses. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that leave be given to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
Court of chancery abolition bill	The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill for abolishing the court of chancery and conferring equity jurisdiction on the supreme court—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Buils read 2nd time- Commission of crown hands pension Savings' bank deposit increase Railway loan amend- ment	The following bills were severally read a second time, viz.: A bill for granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands. A bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the savings' bank. A bill to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, authorising a loan for the construction of railways within this province. A bill to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes "of general provisions respecting
Corporations act amendment	A bill to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of general provisions respecting corporations."
Electric telegraph operators Committed	A bill relating to operators in electric telegraph offices. Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Council's bills, viz. :	The engrossed bills from the council, entitled respectively,
Inverness sessions al- terations and Chand- ler & Ward's natural- isation read 20d time and agreed to	ness; and, An act to naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward, Were severally read a second time. And thereupon,
Sent to council	On motion, resolved, that such bills be agreed to. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bills.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Report municipal in corporation bill	mu 1 the mutual from the committee that they had gone through the bill for the
Meeting house repair assessment bill amdt	
Religious congrega- tions amendt. bill	The hon. the attorney general also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes, "of religious congregations and societies"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

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The order of the day being read.

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house, be further adjourned until Monday next.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two of the clock.

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYEBS.

A bill relating to security for costs, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act concerning the county of Shelburne, was read a Bills read 3.4 time third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act in addition to the act concerning the county of Shelburne.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads Laying out roads other than certain great roads," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, " of laying out roads other than certain great roads."

An engrossed bill to provide for extending the Eastern Shore road, in the county of Eastern Shore road Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for extending the Eastern Shore road, in the county of Halifax.

An engrossed bill to authorise a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou, was Pictou court house read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorise a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the merchants' exchange company, was read a third Merchant's exchange comp'y. incorporation time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the merchants' exchange company.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, "of townships and township officers," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, "of townships and township officers."

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the several bills to the council and desire their con- sent to counce currence.

An engrossed bill to authorise assessments for railway damages, was read a third time. Railway assessments damage bill read and thereunon.

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that such bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of adding clauses to make more effectual provision for the payment of assessed railway damages : which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That such engrossed bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Order of day fürthen adjourned

Security for costs bill read 2nd time and committed

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Beport of superinten- tendent of education for eastern district	Report of the superintendent of education for the eastern section of the province on the state of the schools within that section; together with an abstract thereof, and detailed returns—and the same was read by the clerk. For report and abstract— (See appendix No. 40.)
Referred to education	Ordered, That the report and other papers be referred to the committee on education.
Probate court returns	Also—returns of suits contested in the probate courts in the various counties throughout the province. <i>Ordered</i> , That the returns do lie on the table.
Despatch, &c. relative to appointment of na- val cadet	Also—despatch from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, dated 26th January, 1855, covering copies of correspondence with reference to the recommendation of a young colonist to be appointed a naval cadet in her majesty's service—and the same were read by the clerk. (See appendix No. 41.)
	Ordered, That the despatch and correspondence do lie on the table.
Message from council Have passed bill for sale of Cornwaliis bridge	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker— The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to authorise the Cornwallis bridge com- pany to sell the Cornwallis bridge, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honor- able house. And then the messenger withdrew.
Council's Cornwallis bridge bill read 1st time	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the Cornwallis bridge company to sell the Cornwallis bridge, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Petition of grand divi- sion of sons of tempe- rance	A petition of the grand division of the order of the sons of temperance, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying for the enactment of a law for prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; and also praying a grant to temperance lecturers. Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.
Order of day Debate further ad- journed	The order of the day being read, The house resumed the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house; and after some time occupied therein, Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.
	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Name substituted on committee on petition from Mire

Ordered, That the hon. Mr. Fulton be substituted on the committee appointed to consider the petition from Mire' in place of Mr. Locke, who is unable to attend the house from indisposition.

Trastees of public property amendment bill read 1st time and referred to select com-mittee read a first time.

Ordered, That the bill be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Holmes, and Mr. McQueen, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

A petition of Reis Stronach, and others, inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was retuine of Reis are presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston, and read, praying the passage of a law granting to cipal incorporati that county municipal incorporation.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom were referred petition of inhabi- Report from con tants of the county of Hants, praying further railway exploration in that county; and also tee on petition for the petition of Messrs. Sykes, Brookfield, and King, praving further remuneration for rail. the petition of Messrs. Sykes, Brookfield, and King, praying further remuneration for railway surveys made from Windsor to Victoria Beach-and he read the report in his place. and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 42.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house; and after some time occupied therein,

Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Brown reported from the committee to whom were referred the petition of Adam Beport from commit-McKenzie, and petitions from New Glasgow, Wentworth's Grant, and county of Sydney- Adam MeKenzie and others and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 43.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house, and that such part Adopted, and referred thereof as recommends a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Brown also reported from the same committee by bill, and thereupon presented a Nova focus electric telegraph amdt. bill bill to amend the act to incorporate the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Account of fees collec-ted at provincial te-cretary's office presented to the house,

An account of fees collected at the provincial secretary's office, for the year ended 31st December, 1854—and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 44.)

And also-a letter from William H. Keating, esquire, deputy secretary, claiming a Letter from Win H. Keating, deply. secry. commission on certain of those fees-and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the account and letter be referred to the committee appointed on the 9th Beterred to select February, to consider the memorials of certain clerks in the public departments for increase of salary.

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for restricting the Adjourned debate re

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Order of day

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Debate further ad journed

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use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house; and the Question proposed to question being propounded from the chair, that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, The hon. Mr. Howe moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution : Resolved, That this bill be deferred until the next session, and that the lieutenant Amendment moved governor be respectfully requested to appoint three commissioners, having the confidence of this house, to proceed to the United States; and in those states which have adopted similar measures to carefully examine into their character, working, and effects, and to report at large for the information of the government, the legislature, and the people of this province: Negatived on division Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, nineteen; against it, twenty-nine. For the amendment : Against the amendment : Mr. Chipman, Mr. Comeau, Mr. H. Munro, Mr. Ryder,

" Wade,	" McKinnon,	" Jno. Campbell,	" Brown,
" Wier,	" Cowie,	" Thos. Coffin,	" Moore,
" Martell,	" Doyle,	" Beckwith,	" Young,
" Wilkins,	" Annand,	" Bent,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
" Bourneuf,	" Fuller,	" Murray,	Mr. McQueen,
" Esson,	" P. Smyth,	" McLelan,	" Josiah Coffin,
Hon. Prov. Sec.,	Hon. Atty. Gen.,	" B. Smith,	Hon. Mr. Fulton,
" Sol. Gen.,	" Mr. Howe.	" Whitman,	Mr. Shaw,
" Mr. McLeod,		Hon. Fin. Sec.,	" Zwicker,
,		Mr. Marshall,	" Jas. Campbell,
		" J. Munro,	" Dimock,
		" Jost,	" Archibald,
		" Thorne,	" Killam.
		" Holmes,	

So it passed in the negative.

Original resolution carried on division

The original question being then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-nine; against it, nineteen.

For the motion :

Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Chipman,
" Jno. Campbell,	" Brown,
" Thos. Coffin,	" Moore,
" Beckwith,	" Young,
" Bent,	Hon. Fin. Sec.,
" Murray,	Mr. McQueen,
" McLelan,	" Josiah Coffin,
" B. Smith.	Hon. Mr. Fulton,
" Whitman,	Mr. Shaw,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	" Zwicker,
Mr. Marshall,	" Jas. Campbell,
" J. Munro,	" Dimock,
" Jost,	" Archibald,
" Thorne,	" Killam.
" Holmes,	

So it passed in the affirmative. And accordingly,

Ordered, That the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Against the motion :

Mr. Comeau,	Mr. H. Munro,
" Wade,	" McKinnon,
" Wier,	" Cowie,
" Martell,	" Doyle,
" Wilkins,	" Annand,
" Bourneuf,	" Fuller,
" Esson,	" P. Smyth,
Hon. Prov. Sec.,	Hon. Atty. Gen.,
" Sol. Gen.,	" Mr. Howe.
" Mr. McLeod,	

Bill_committed

Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to special leave given, presented a bill to establish a hospital at read in time and Pictou to relieve sick and disabled seamen, and prevent the introduction of disease into the referred to set comprovince—and the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the hon. Mr. Fulton, Mr. Martell, Mr. Thomas Coffin, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Ryder, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

The hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to special leave given, presented a bill for the summary offenders against me trial and punishment of offenders against public morals—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

THURSDAY, 1st MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. : Bills read 2nd time-A bill to amend the act to enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison. Halifax city prison amendme A bill for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax. City hospital A bill concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax. Coal and cordw A bill to amend chapter 52 of the revised statutes, "of assessments for the repairs of Meeting house repairs amendment measurers in Halifar meeting houses." A bill to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes, "of religious congregations and Religious congrega-. societies." Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house. Committed The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised council's protected to the probate court, " was read a second time. statutes, "of the probate court," was read a second time. committed Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house. A petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was pre- Petition of J. N. B. sented by Mr. Marshall, and read, praying that certain papers attached to his petition may Kerr be referred to the committee on the fisheries. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the fisheries. Referred to committee on fisheries The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Accounts of board of works for 1864 presented to the house, The account current of the board of works for the year 1854, together with accounts of expenditure during the same year, and vouchers therefor. For account current— (See appendix No. 45.) Ordered, That the account current, accounts, and vouchers, be referred to the committee Beterred to commit tee on public accounts on public accounts. Also-statement and accounts, shewing the monthly and quarterly receipts for sales of Accounts of sale of crown lands for 1854 crown lands, for the year 1854, and abstracts connected therewith. For statement and accounts— (See appendix No. 46.) Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on public accounts. mittee d to com on public accounts A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Message from council Mr. Speaker— The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act relating to bankruptcy, to which bill Have passed bill relathey desire the concurrence of this honorable house. And then the messenger withdrew. The

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Council's bankruptcy bill read 1st time	The engrossed bill from the council, ent a first time and ordered to be read a second	itled, an act relating to bankruptcy, was read 1 time.		
Besolution as to sta- tute labor amends. Negatived on division	Mr. Thomas Coffin moved that the house do come to the following resolution: Resolved, That in the opinion of this house a bill on the subject of highway labor, based partly on a poll tax, partly on an assessment of property, such tax to be payable either in labor or money, will commend itself to the favorable consideration of this house: Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the			
	motion, seventeen ; against it, twenty-two For the motion :	Against the motion :		
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	Mr. Bent, '' Martell, '' Moore, '' Killam, '' Cowie, '' Thos. Coffin, '' Ryder, '' Archibald, '' Chipman, Mr. Marshall, '' Jas. Campbell, '' Wilkins, '' Wilkins, '' Wilkins, '' Wilkins, '' MoLelan, '' Brown, '' Mo. Fin. Sec., '' Mr. Johnston.	Mr. Thorne, Mr. Josiah Coffin, "Young, "Jno. Campbell, McQueen, "J. Munro, "Zwicker, "Jost, "Murray, "Holmes, "Comeau, "Bourneuf, "Shaw, "Dimock, "B. Smith, "P. Smyth, "Annand, Hon. Atty. Gen., Esson, "Prov. Sec.,		
		" Creighton, " Mr. Fulton,		
	So it passed in the negative.			
Besolution as to cop- per coinage	On motion of the hon. the financial secretary, <i>Resolved</i> , That the lieutenant governor be authorised to procure copper tokens of pence and half-pence to an amount not exceeding one thousand pounds, sterling, of the same weight and fineness with those issued from the treasury in the year 1840.			
Beport from commit- tee on pilotage and harbor master's bill Bill recommitted	Mr. B. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," reported that the committee had examined such bill, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read. Ordered, That the bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to a committee of the whole house.			
Beport from commit- tee on memorial of Wm. Elliott	William Elliot—and he read the report in table, where it was again read.	mmittee to whom was referred the memorial of his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's <i>ndix No.</i> 47.)		
	Ordered, That the report be received an	d do lie on the table.		
Beport of superinten- dent for western sec- tion of province	The hon. the provincial secretary, by compresented to the house, The report of the superintendent of edu and the same was read by the clerk.	amand of his excellency the lieutenant governor, acation for the western section of the province		
	(See appendix	c No. 40—part 2.)		
Beferred to education committee	Ordered, That the report and accompa- education.	anying papers be referred to the committee on		
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.			
Report progress	The chairman reported from the commit consideration of bills committed.	tee that they had made some progress in the Ordered,		

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald be substituted for the hon. Mr. Howe on the committee Substitution on committee on the expenses of repairing and refurnishing government house.

Then the house adjourned until io-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

FRIDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill for the municipal governnment of counties, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the municipal government of counties.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to authorise a loan for the erection Asree to billsof a court house in Pictou ; the bill, entitled, an act in addition to the act concerning the Shelburne county county of Shelburne : and the bill, entitled, an act to provide for extending the Eastern Eastern above road Shore road, in the county of Halifax; severally without amendment.

They have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 22 of the revised License bill and instatutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors;" and the bill, entitled, an act incorporation bill, with amendation of the sale of intoxicating liquors is a second and the bill, entitled, and the bill, entitle to alter and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation company; with amendments to those bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill to amend the license laws, and the Amendes. to bicense bill to amend the inland navigation company incorporation act, were severally read a first status bills read last time. time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Brown, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 89 of the revised Pour settlement and L statutes, "of the settlement and support of the poor "---and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the hon. Mr. Howe have leave of absence after to-day, for ten days.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill for Beport bills granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands; the bill to amend chapter 113 Coumr. of crown of the revised statutes. "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands." the Beristry of deeds of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands;" the menoit bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the savings' bank; the bill relating to operators in electric telegraph offices; the bill to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, authorising Bailway loan amendt. a loan for the construction of railways within this province; the bill to amend the act to City prison as endth enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison; the bill concerning measurers of coal and Coal and wood measurers, Halifax cordwood in the city of Halifax; and the bill for the erection of a general hospital in the General hospital, Halifax city of Halifax; and had directed him to report those bills to the house, severally without amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to amend the act concerning Prothemolaries and the prothonotaries and clerks of the crown ; the bill to amend chapter 75 of the revised statutes, common fields andt. "of common fields;" the bill to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes, "of religious Beligious congregacongregations and societies;" and the bill to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, " of general provisions respecting corporations ;" and had made amendments to those bills corporations amende. respectively,

Municipal incorpora-tion bill read 3rd time Passed, and sent to COppeil

Message from council

Leave of absence

Committee on bille

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respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills ;--- and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the four last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read. Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed. Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed. On motion of the hon. the attorney general, Committee on continmencies. Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to examine and report upon the contingent expenses of this house. Ordered, That Mr. B. Smith, the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Ryder, the hon. Mr. Fulton, and Mr. Fuller, be a committee for that purpose. The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, List of imported agricultural implements, 1854 presented to the house, List of certain agricultural implements imported for the industrial exhibition of 1854, and remaining unsold. Ordered, That the list, and the letter of Mr. E. G. Fuller in relation thereto, be referred Belerred to committee on trade to the committee on trade and manufactures. The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the Cornwallis bridge Council's bill relative to Cornwallis bridge, and Yarmouth polling bill read 2nd time and company to sell the Cornwallis bridge; and the bill to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth; were severally read a second time. committed Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house. Report from commit-Mr. B. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to continue and amend tee on militia laws the laws relative to the militia, reported that the committee had considered the bill, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill-and he delivered the bill and amendments in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read. Ordered, That the bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to a committee of the Bill recommitted whole house. Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock. SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1855. PRAYERS. On motion of the hon. the solicitor general, Ordered, That no bill, except those reported by committees, or founded on reports of committees, be received by the house after Saturday, the tenth day of March instant. Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two of the clock.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to amend the act to enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison, Bills read 3rd time was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act to enable **Gity prison** the city of Halifax to erect a city prison. An

Time limited for reseption of bills

MONDAY, 5th MARCH, 1855.

An engrossed bill for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax, was read dependent on the engression of a third time.

Resolved. That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax.

An engrosed bill concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax, was Measurer of coal and read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax.

An engrossed bill to amend the act concerning prothonotaries and clerks of the crown, prothonotaries' and was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act concerning prothonotaries and clerks of the crown.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, " of the registry of Begistry of deeds deeds and incumbrances affecting lands," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands."

An engrossed bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the savings' bank, was read a Savings' bank deposit third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enlarge the amount of deposits in the savings' bank.

An engrossed bill to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, authorising a loan for the Ballway load amende. construction of railways within this province, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, authorising a loan for the construction of railways within this province.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 75 of the revised statutes, " of common fields," was common fields and t read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 75 of the revised statutes, " of common fields."

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of general provisions Corporations provi-sions respecting amend. respecting corporations," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of general provisions respecting corporations."

An engrossed bill relating to operators in electric telegraph offices, was read a third operators in electric time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act relating to operators in electric telegraph offices.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the several bills to the council and desire their concur- sent to council rence.

Mr. Wier reported from the committee to whom were referred the petition of the mana- Beport from commitgers of the house of refuge, and the petition of the governors and trustees of the Halifax house of refuge, as visiting dispensary-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the visiting dispension clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 48.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and that such part thereof as recommends a grant Bottered in part to to the house of refuge be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Wier then moved that such part of the report as recommends a grant to the Halifax Motion to refer re visiting mainder to supply negatived on division

visiting dispensary be referred to the committee of supply: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen; against it, twenty. So it passed in the negative.

Report from committee on new practice act and evidence amendt. bill The hon. the attorney general, from the committee to whom were referred the bill to enlarge and amend the new practice act, and the bill to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written documents," reported that the committee had examined those bills, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills—and he delivered the bills, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bills committed

Ordered, That the bills, with the amendments, be committed to a committee of the whole house.

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 44, entitled, an act to authorise the board of works to lease or sell certain public property—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition for repeal of act relative to Chesley aboiteau

Beferred to select

presented by Mr. Thorne, and read, praying the house to repeal the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau. Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee already appointed to consider

A petition of Gilbert Fowler, and others, residents of the township of Granville, was

Report from committee on agriculture that subject.

Mr. B. Smith reported from the committee on agriculture—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 49.)

Ordered, That the report be received and do lic on the table.

Beport from committee on Indian affairs—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 29-part 2.)

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Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

Letter from A. C. Mo-Donald, secretary of board of health, Picpresented to the house,

A communication addressed to the how. the attorney general, by A. C. McDonald, secretary of the board of health at Pictou, with reference to an amount received by Mr. McDonald for his services, and now required to be accounted for—and the same was read by the clerk.

Beferred to committee of supply

Resolution as to the royalty on slack coal

Ordered, That the communication be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Archibald moved that the house do come to the following resolution, which had been reported from the committee on mines and minerals, viz. :

Resolved, That this house are of opinion that the general mining association have no legal or equitable claim to exemption from the demand of £3152 0s. 11d., made against them by the provincial authorities for the royalty on slack coal, for the period intervening between the 31st December, 1849, and the 31st December, 1853; and that the executive government be required to communicate this resolution to the agent of the association, and take such other steps as may be proper to make available for the use of the province this portion of the crown revenues:

Debate adjourned

Which being seconded; after some time occupied in debate therein. Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wier moved that the vote of yesterday, by which the question of referring to supply Motion to rescind vote with reference to not that part of the report of the committee recommending a grant to the Halifax visiting dispensary, was negatived, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the house Halifax visiting disdividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-five ; against it, seventeen. So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly, Ordered, That such vote be rescinded.

Ordered, That such part of the report of the committee as recommends a grant to the Part of report referred in committee of sup-Halifax visiting dispensary, be referred to the committee of supply. ply

Mr. Killam reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of John Report from commit-McGuire, Daniel Carter, Matthew Sproull, John H. Tory, George K. Ball, Neill Gunn, McGuire and others and Hugh Campbell—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 50.)

Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Copy of a despatch from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, dated 26th January, 1855, relating to the legislative council's address to the queen on the subject of the reciprocity treaty—and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 51.)

Ordered, That the copy of the despatch do lie on the table.

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the licutenant governor, Correspondence as to late commissioner of presented to the house. crown lands

Copies of correspondence between the provincial government and John Spry Morris, late commissioner of crown lands, on the subject of his tenure of that office and his compensation on his removal therefrom—and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 52.)

Ordered, That the correspondence do lie on the table.

The hon. Mr. Fulton reported from the committee on public printing-and he read the Report from commitreport in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 53.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

The hon. the provincial secretary reported from the committee on the expenses of sick Beport from commitimmigrants, &c.--and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the pennes clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 54.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

The hon. the provincial secretary, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to Report from commitamend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners," reported that the committee had bin on coroners' amdt. examined such bill, and had directed him to report the same to the house, without any 26

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	amendment—and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table, where the same was read a second time.
Read 2nd time and committed	
Amodts. to inland na- wigation comply. in- corporation act read Sud time and com- maitted	the act to incorporate the inland navigation company, were read a second time and con-
Amendt. to license laws amendt. act read 2nd time and commit- ted	second time and considered by the house. And thereupon,
Not agreed to	On motion, resolved, that such amendments be not agreed to.
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two bills, with the amendments, back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolutions in reference thereto respectively.
Report from commit- tee on petition of Dr. Shreve Cap. 157 and 158 re- vised statutes and t. bill Colice constables bill	The hon. Mr. Johnston, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the reverend Dr. Shreve, and others, reported by bill, and thereupon presented to the house, A bill to amend chapters 157 and 158 of the revised statutes, entitled respectively, "of offences against religion," and "of offences against public morals;" and, A bill to authorise the appointment of police constables. And the same were respectively read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Council's bankruptcy bill read 2nd time and referred to select com- mittee	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act relating to bankruptcy, was read a second time. Ordered, That the bill be referred to Mr. Archibald, hon. attorney general, Mr. Esson, Mr. Killam, and Mr. Wade, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.
Order of day postpo- ned	The order of the day being read, Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolution touching the mines and minerals be further adjourned until to-morrow.
Beport from commit- tee on special road grants	The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee on the distribution of the special grant for roads and bridges—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
	(See appendix No. 55.)
Motion to receive and adopt report Motion to adjourn	And thereupon, The hon. the solicitor general moved that such report be received and adopted : which being seconded, The hon. the attorney general moved that the house do now adjourn : which being
.carried	seconded and put, passed in the affirmative. And accordingly, The house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.
	WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

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Resolution for not receiving report of conmittee on special rowing rants negatived on division

Mr. Thomas Coffin moved that the house do come to the following resolution : Resolved, That the report of the committee appointed to apportion the sum of three thousand pounds for special road grants be not received; and that instead thereof that amount

amount be divided among the different counties : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, twenty-seven.

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the report of the committee on special grants for roads and bridges be Report adopted received and adopted by the house.

The hon. the financial secretary moved that the house do come to the following reso-**Intion**:

Resolved, That of the sum of £647 2s. 9d., advanced by the government during the past year for the purpose of repairing bridges carried away by freshets in the county of Colchester, the sum of $\pounds 474$ 2s. 9d. only shall be charged against the money appropriation to roads and bridges in that county for the present year: which being seconded,

Mr. Brown moved, by way of amendment, to leave out all the words of the proposed Amdt. to go into com-resolution after the word "resolved," and instead of the words so left out to insert the wed following words, viz. :

"That the house do now resolve itself into the committee of supply, for the purpose of adding the sum of two hundred pounds to the road grant of each county for the present year :" which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Negatived on division there appeared for the amendment, twenty-two; against it, twenty-four.

For the amendment :

Against the amendment:

Mr. Creighton,	Mr. Thorne,	Mr. Young,	Mr. Wade,
" Marshall,	" Jost,	" McKinnon,	" Chipman,
" J. Munro,	" Bent,	" Fuller,	" McLelan,
" Moore,	" Whitman,	" Martell,	Hon. Mr. Fulton,
" Zwicker,	" Josiah Coffin,	" Dimock,	" Prov. Sec.,
" Ryder,	" Murray,	" Annand,	" Atty. Gen.,
" Comeau,	" Beckwith,	" Shaw,	" Fin. Sec.,
" Cowie,	" Holmes,	" Archibald,	" Sol. Gen.,
" Brown,	" Wilkins,	" Wier,	Mr. Jas. Campbell,
" Killam,	" Thos. Coffin,	" Mosher,	" McQueen,
" Bourneuf,	Hon. Mr. Johnston.	" Esson,	" Locke,
•		" P. Smyth,	" B. Smith.

So it passed in the negative.

The hon. the attorney general then moved, by way of amendment to the resolution as Amdi. that house pro originally proposed, that the house do now proceed to the order of the day : which being day agreed to seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the proposed resolution reported from the order of day committee on mines and minerals; and after some time occupied in debate thercin,

Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes, "of religious congregations and societies," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 51 of the to council revised statutes, " of religious congregations and societies."

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

Account current of province for 1854, and probable assets.	presented to the house, An account current, shewing the debits and available assets of the province to the 31st December, 1854; and
	A statement of the probable assets of the province, for the year 1855.
	(See appendix No. 11—part 3.)
Committee on public accounts	Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on public accounts.
Account of expendi- tures and of estimate for lunstic asylum	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, An account of the expenditure on the hospital for the insane in 1853 and 1854; together with an estimate of the probable amount required to construct such hospital.
	Ordered, That the account and estimate do lic on the table.
Bills read 2nd time—	The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :
Poor settlement amdt.	A bill to amend chapter 89 of the revised statutes, " of the settlement and support of the poor."
17 Victoria, chap. 44 amendment	Λ bill to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 44, entitled, an act to authorise the board of works to lease or sell certain public works.
Chap. 157 and 158 re- vised statutes andt.	A bill to amend chapters 157 and 158 of the revised statutes, entitled respectively, "of offences against religion," and "of offences against public morals."
Police constables	A bill to authorise the appointment of police constables.
Committed	Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Select committee on report of commission- ers for building Hali- fax court house	On motion of the hon. the attorney general, <i>Resolved</i> , That a select committee be appointed to consider the report of the commis- sioners for building the Halifax court house, presented to the house on the 6th February last.
Report of commis- sioners referred	Ordered, That the hon. the attorney general, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. Annand, do com- pose such committee, and that the report of the commissioners be referred to such com- mittee.
Account of expendi- ture for relief of wives, widows and children of soldiers in active service	The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, An account of the expenditure of the Rev. Dr. Twining of the sum of one hundred pounds, advanced by the provincial government for the relief of wives, widows, and children of soldiers engaged in active service in the east. Ordered, That the account be referred to the committee of supply.
Message from council	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker—
Agree to bills-	The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enlarge the amount of deposits in
Savings' banks depo- sit extension Telegraph operators Railway loan amendt.	the savings' bank; the bill, entitled, an act relating to operators in electric telegraph offices; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, authorising a loan for the construction of railways within this province; severally without any amendment.
Inland navigation comp'y. amendment	They have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend the act to incor- porate the inland navigation company, as amended. And then the messenger withdrew.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Report bills	The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill for the safe custody of persons charged with offences, and to make provision for the prevention

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of offences by insane persons; the bill further to amend chapter 130 of the revised Probate court amendstatutes, "of the probate court;" the bill to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 44, ^{17 Victoria} cap. 44 entitled, an act to authorise the board of works to lease or sell certain public property; and the bill to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners;" and had made amendments to those bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills;—and he delivered the bills, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the hon. Mr. Johnston and Mr. B. Smith be added to the committee on Committee on bankruptcy bill ad ted to the bankruptcy bill.

Ordered, That the report of the commissioners for Saint Peter's canal, and the accom- Report of commissioners of St. Peter's capanying papers, laid on the table on the 9th February last, be referred to the committee on public accounts on public accounts.

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Despatch relative to intercolonial interpresented to the house,

A despatch from the lieutenant governor of Prince Edward Island to the lieutenant governor, dated 1st March, 1855, on the subject of the extension of intercolonial intercourse—and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 57.)

Ordered, That the despatch do lie on the table.

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 66 of the Road monies expendirevised statutes, "of the expenditure of monies on the roads"—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the solicitor general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to establish the Township of Morris township of Morristown, in the county of Sydney—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolution reported from the committee on order of day further mines and minerals be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

FRIDAY, 9th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners," was read Bills read 3rd timea third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners."

An engrossed bill to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 44, entitled, an act to authorise ¹⁷ Victoria cap. 44 the board of works to lease or sell certain public property, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 44, entitled, an act to authorise the board of works to lease or sell certain public property.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.

- The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the Jery isw amendt bill jury law-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- The hon. the attorney general also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill respecting tions for pening bill prosecutions for penalties-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 122 of the minge amend: bill revised statutes, "of marriage and the solemnization of marriage"-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Shaw,

Charge of appropria**calval**er

Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds, being the amount granted last session to aid in the construction of a breakwater at Short Beach, in the county of Yarmouth, be paid to the commissioners of that work, in consideration of the heavy expenditure made, no aid having been heretofore granted by this house, notwithstanding part of the expense was incurred before the grant was made.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concurrence.

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A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Pictou cemetery neton cemetery com- company, without any amendment.

They have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands;" the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, "of townships and township officers;" and the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, " of laying out roads other than certain great roads;" with amendments to those bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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The amendments proposed by the council to the bills, entitled respectively, an act to or roads bill, town-and township amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads other than certain great of the revised statutes, "of townships and townships and townships and townships and township intro of deals bill, and re; roads ;" an act to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, " of townships and township officers;" and an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, " of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands;" were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

An engrossed bill for granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands, was misso bill read 3rd passed on read a third time; and the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-six; against it, twenty-three.

For the	motion:	Against the motion :						
For the Mr. Martell, "McQueen, "Wier, "Bourneuf, "Jas. Campbell, "Comeau, "Fuller, "McLelan, "Dimock, "Annand, "Archibald, "H. Munro,	motion : Mr. Wade, " McKinnon, " Thos. Coffin, Hon. Prov. Sec., " Atty. Gen., " Sol. Gen., " Fin. Sec., " Mr. Fulton, Mr. Shaw, " Locke, " P. Smyth, " Doyle,	Against the s Mr. Ryder, "Creighton, "Moore, "J. Munro, "Jno. Campbell, "Jost, "Jost, "Wilkins, "B. Smith, "Josiah Coffin, "Killam, "Marshall, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	motion : Mr. Bent, "Young, Beckwith, Murray, Zwicker, Cowie, Holmes, Mosher, Brown, Thorne, Whitman.					
" Chipman,	" Esson.							

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And accordingly,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for granting a pension to surposed the late commissioner of crown lands.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolution reported from the committee on mines and minerals be further adjourned until Monday next.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill for <u>Report restrictive</u> restricting the use of intoxicating liquors, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read.

And thereupon,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole Motion to recommit house, for the purpose of expunging from the second clause of the bill the words "including cider :" which being seconded,

Mr. Comeau moved that the question be now put : which being seconded and put, and Previous question use and initian the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, twentythree.

So it passed in the negative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That the question on the motion for recommitting the bill be not now put.

Ordered, That the house do, on Monday next, resume the question of recommitting the Order of day for Monbill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Wier reported from the committee on trade and manufactures-and he read the Beport from commitreport in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 58.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and that such parts thereof as recommend money Beferred to supply grants be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Josiah Coffin, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to regulate hawkers and Hawkers' & pediers' pedlers--and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Moore, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to establish vote by ballot-and vote by ballot bill the same was read a first time.

Ordered, That bill be referred to Mr. Moore, the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Archi- Referred to select bald, the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Holmes, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Esson, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amendes. to 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands," registry of deeds bill were read a second time, and considered by the house. And

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Order of day further postponed

Committee on bills

	And thereupon, On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendments be agreed to.
Council's amends. t road bill agreed to	 The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads other than certain great roads," was read a second time, and considered by the house. And thereupon, On motion, resolved, that such amendment be agreed to.
Council's amendt. to townships and town ship officers' bill a greed to	
Bill and amendments sent back to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the three bills and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to the amendments to such bills respectively.
Report from commit- tee on trustees of pub- lic property bill Bill read 2d time and committed	of the revised statutes, "of trustees of public property," reported that they had examined such bill, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bill and amendments in at the clerk's table.
Report from commit- tee on petition of Jas. Synnott	Mr. Wier reported from the committee on the petition of James Synnott—and he read
	(See appendix No. 59.)
	Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.
Probate court amend- ment bill read 3d time Passed	court," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, " of the probate court."
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.
Report from commit- tee on statute labour laws	Mr. Thomas Coffin, from the committee on the statute labor laws, reported by bill; and thereupon presented to the house,
Chap. 63 revised sta- tutes amendment bill	A bill to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax "—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
	The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend chapter 89 of the revised statutes, "of the settlement and support of the poor," and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of
	witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written documents;" and the bill to continue
	and amend the laws relative to the militia; and had made amendments to those bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills;—and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the two last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

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Ordered, That the bill reported without amendment be engrossed. Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Wednesday next.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two of the clock.

MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the merchants' Message from council exchange company; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act concerning prothono- Agree to bills-taries and clerks of the crown; severally without amendment. incorporation Prothonotaries' amdt.

They have also agreed to the resolution of this honorable house for changing the appro-iation of £50, granted to the breakwater at Short Beach, in the county of Yarmouth. priation of £50, granted to the breakwater at Short Beach, in the county of Yarmouth. And then the messenger withdrew.

Mr. Marshall reported in part from the committee on the fisheries, by bill; and there- Report in part from committee on fisheries upon presented to the house,

A bill to alter and amend chapter S5 of the revised statutes, " of the regulation and Fish inspection and t inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize "-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 89 of the revised statutes, "of the settlement and Poor settlement amdt. bill read 3rd time support of the poor," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 89 of the Passed revised statutes, "of the settlement and support of the poor."

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 113 of the revised Agree to billsstatutes, "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands;" the bill, entitled, Registry of deeds an act to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads other than certain amendment Roads amendment great roads;" and the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, Townships and townships and townships officers' amend. " of townships and township officers ;" severally as now amended.

They have also passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 126 of the revised Have passed bill to statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers," to which bill they desire the concurrence revised statutes of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 126 of the revised Council's sup- court statutes, " of the supreme court and its officers "-and the same was read a first time and time ordered to be read a second time.

The order of the day, for considering the question of recommitting the bill for restricting or re-e use of intoxicating liquors having been read the use of intoxicating liquors, having been read,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the house do come to the following resolution, in Resolution moved reference to such bill, viz. :

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted, for the purpose of striking out of the second clause the words "including cider," which were introduced in committee; these words $\mathbf{28}$ being

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being unnecessary, because cider, when intoxicating, comes under the operation of the words, "fermented intoxicating liquors, and intoxicating liquors of any kind." They are also inexpedient, because opposed to the general structure of the clause, which being framed on generic definitions, the effect of particularizing one article only is to weaken the force of the general terms, and to introduce uncertainty in the construction of the law when applied to articles of a nature analogous to cider, but which are not like it specified by name in the act: and further, these words being unnecessary and inexpedient, their introduction will appear invidious and be unfavorable to the successful carrying out of the measure, by needlessly raising questions calculated to divide its advocates and arouse opposition:

Negatived on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-three; against it, twenty-five.

For the	motion :	Against the motion :						
For the Mr. Ryder, "Wilkins, "Marshall, "Bent, "Zwicker, "Thorne, "Shaw, "Holmes, "Brown, "Killam, "Chipman, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	motion : Mr. McLelan, " Moore, " Josiah Coffin, " J. Munro, " Beckwith, " Jost, " Jost, " Jno. Campbell, " Dimock, " B. Smith, " Murray, " Young.	Against the Mr. Locke, "Creighton, "McQueen, "Martell, "Wade, "Esson, "Archibald, "Mosher, "Fuller, "Bourneuf, "Jas. Campbell, "P. Smyth,	motion : Hon. Mr. Fulton, " Prov. Sec., " Sol. Gen., " Sol. Gen., " Atty. Gen., " Fin. Sec., Mr. Wier, " Comeau, " Thos. Coffin, " McKinnon, " Cowie, " H. Munro, " Annand.					
		" Doyle,						

So it passed in the negative.

The order of the day being read.

Bestrictive liquor bill Ordered, That the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors, reported from the committee of the whole house on Saturday last, with amendments, be engrossed.

Militia amendt. bill An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, was read a sed, and sent to count third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

Order of day

Adjourned debate on resolution as to coal mines resumed

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Amendment moved

from the chair that such resolution be agreed to, Mr. McQueen moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution, viz. :

from the committee on mines and minerals; and the usual question being propounded

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the consideration of the resolution reported

Resolved, That it is reasonable and just that the general mining association should pay royalty on the slack coal shipped by them in the proportion which that article bears to the round or screened coal; and therefore that the association be called upon to pay a royalty of five pence, currency, per Winchester chaldron, for the slack coal shipped by them be tween the 1st January, 1850, and the 31st December, 1854, agreeably to their annual returns in full to the latter date; and that henceforth the same rate of five pence, currency, per Winchester chaldron, be paid on all slack coal shipped by them.

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Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, eighteen; against it, twenty-six.

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For the amendment :

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Mr.	Bent,	Mr. Murray,	Mr. Esson,	Mr. Comeau,
"	Ryder,	" Jost,	" Locke,	" McKinnon,
"	Zwicker,	" Josiah Coffin,	" Young,	Hon. Sol. Gen.,
	Beckwith,	" Moore,	" Thos. Coffin,	" Atty. Gen.,
	J. Munro,	" Thorne,	" H. Munro,	" Fin. Sec.,
	Jno. Campbell,	" Cowie,	" Fuller,	" Prov. Sec.,
"	Holmes,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	" McLelan,	" Mr. Fulton,
	Wilkins,	Mr. Marshall,	" Jas. Campbell,	Mr. Martell.
	McQueen,	" Brown.	" Wier,	" Shaw,
	• ,		" Dimock,	" Bourneuf,
			" P. Smyth,	" Archibald.
			" Mosher,	" Killam,
			" B. Smith,	" Chipman.

So it passed in the negative.

The question on the resolution reported from the committee being then put, and the Original resolution house division thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-seven; against it, sixteen.

For the motion:

Against the motion :

Against the amendment :

Mr.	Wade, Locke,	Mr. Esson, "McKinnon,	Mr.	Ryder, Murray,	Mr. Bent, '' Josiah Coffin,
,,	Comeau,	" Thos. Coffin,	"	Jost,	" Jno. Campbell,
,, ,,	Young, H. Munro,	Hon. Sol. Gen., " Atty. Gen.,	,, ,,	Thorne, Moore,	J. Munro,Cowie,
,,	Jas. Campbell,	" Fin. Sec.,	,,	Holmes,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
,,	Fuller,	" Mr. Fulton,	"	Wilkins,	" Prov. Sec.,
,, ,,	McLelan,	Mr. Wier,	,,	Marshall,	Mr. McQueen.
	Martell,	Snaw,			
,,	P. Smyth, Bourneuf,	" Dimock, " Archibald,			
,,	B. Smith,	" Brown,			
,,	Killam,	" Mosher.			

" Killam, " Chipman,

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Resolved, That the general mining association have no legal or equitable claim to Besolution agreed to exemption from the demand of £3152 Os. 11d., made against them by the provincial authorities for the royalty on slack coal, for the period intervening between the 31st December, 1849, and the 31st December, 1853; and that the executive government be required to communicate this resolution to the agent of the association, and take such other steps as may be proper to make available for the use of the province this portion of the crown revenues.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur- Sent to council rence.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH, 1855.

	PRAYERS.
Bills read 3rd zime- Lunatic's custody	An engrossed bill for the safe custody of persons charged with offences, and to make provision for the prevention of offences by insane persons, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 152 of the revised statutes, "of the custody and estates of lunatics."
Evidence amendi.	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evi- dence, and the proof of written documents," was read a third time. And thereupon,
Motion to add ryder negatived on division	Mr. Wade moved that the following clause be added to the bill, by way of ryder, viz. : "The first five sections of this act shall not apply to any actions that have been com- menced before the passing of this act :" Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the
Bills passed and sent to council	motion, twelve ; against it, twenty-three. So it passed in the negative. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evidence and the proof of written documents."
	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two bills to the council and desire their concurrence.
Despatch relative to reciprocity treaty act	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant gover- nor, presented to the house, Copy of a despatch from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, dated 14th February, 1855, transmitting an order of the queen in council approving the act for giving effect on the part of the province of Nova Scotia to the reciprocity treaty—and the same was read by the clerk. (See appendix No. 60.)
	Ordered, That the despatch do lie on the table.
Retarn of argaments in supreme court	Also—return of arguments, and of the time occupied therein, in the supreme court at Halifax, during the five years ending 31st December, 1854—and the same was read by the clerk.
	(See appendix No. 61.)
	Ordered, That the return do lie on the table.
Letter from Mr. Nut- ting Letter from Mr. An-	Also—communication from J. W. Nutting, master in chancery, asking remuneration for certain returns furnished by him in that capacity, by direction of the chancellor; and,
and & W. A. Hendry	Communication from William Annand and W. A. Hendry, asking remuneration for cer- tain services performed by them in 1850 by order of the government, in laying off the county of Halifax into townships;—and the communications were read by the clerk.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Whitman, to examine and report upon.
Report from commit- tee on penitentiary affairs	Mr. Jost reported from the committee on penitentiary affairs—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
	(See appendix No. 62.)
Referred to sapply	Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.
Message from council Agree to religious con-	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker— The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 51 of the revised
gregations bill	statutes, " of religious congregations and societies," without any amendment.

The council adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to Adhere to amende amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, " of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors." " And then the messenger withdrew.

A bill for abolishing the court of chancery and conferring equity jurisdiction on the Chancery abolition bill read 2nd time and supreme court, was read a second time. mitted

Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.

A petition of Nathaniel W. White, registrar of the court of chancery, was presented by Pet. of N. W. White, the hon. the attorney general, and read, praying the house to consider his claims to a for retiring allowance retiring allowance on the abolition of the court of chancery.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :	Bills read 2nd time-
A bill to add a polling place in the connty of Inverness.	Inverness polling
A bill to regulate hawkers and pedlers.	place Hawkers and pedlers
A bill to amend the jury law.	Jury law amendt.
A bill to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, "of the regulation and	Fish inspection amdt.
inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize."	
Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.	Committed

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 126 of the revised conners sup. amendt. bill read 2 time and agreed to statutes, " of the supreme court and its officers," was read a second time.

Resolved, That the bill be agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and acquaint them that this sent back to connet house have agreed to such bill.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to add a Report billspolling place in the county of Yarmouth; the bill to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth polling Inverness; and the bill to amend the jury law; and had directed him to report those bills Inverness polling to the house, severally without amendment; and that they had considered the bill to Jury law amende. divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts, and had directed him to recom- trict bill recommenmend to the house that such bill be referred to a select committee to examine and report select committee upon ;—and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Mr. Whitman moved that the house do come to the following resolution, with reference Motion not to receive report on Annapolis into two school districts. viz. : to the bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts, viz.:

"Resolved, That the report of the committee be not received, and that the bill be referred back to a committee of the whole house, there being nothing in the subject that requires the intervention of a select committee, and in the advanced stage of the session the referring of the bill to a select committee is tantamount to its rejection altogether :"

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-four; against it, twenty.

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Committee on hills

greed to on division

	For the	motion :	Against the motion :					
	Mr. Zwicker, "Wilkins, Moore, Jost, Marshall, J. Munro, Mosher, Murray, Whitman, B. Smith, Ryder, Young, So it passed in th	Mr. Josiah Coffin, "Killam, Jno. Campbell, "Creighton, "Bent, "Bent, "Thorne, "Beckwith, "Cowie, "Holmes, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Brown, "P. Smyth. e affirmative.	Mr. Locke, " Comeau, " Martell, " Wier, " Jas. Campbell, " Bourneuf, " McKinnon, " Dimock, " Chipman, " Fuller,	Mr. Wade, "Thos. Coffin, Hon. Mr. Fulton, "Atty. Gen., "Fin. Sec., Mr. McLelan, "Shaw, Annand, Esson, "Doyle.				
Bill recommitted		e bill to divide the cou mmittee of the whole how		o two school districts be				
Prohibitory liquor bill read 3rd time; pas- sel, and sent to coun- cil	Resolved, That the intoxicating liquors.	for restricting the use on the bill do pass, and that the clerk do carry the bill	the title be, an act fo	r restricting the use of				
	Resolved unanimo Alexander McDoug	hon. the attorney genera usly, That this house v all, late a member of the ested to communicate the	vill attend the funera ne legislative council;	and that the speaker of				
	Newfoundland, was now before the hous to protect the rights	nily C. Tobin, wife of t presented by the hon. M is for abolishing the cours of suitors in causes now a petition do lie on the t	Ir. Johnston, and read, rt of chancery, enactu- pending in that court	praying that in the bill nents may be introduced				
Committee on bills	Mr. Speaker Mr. Thorne Mr. Speaker	ouse again resolved itself r left the chair. took the chair of the con r resumed the chair.	amittee.					
Report bills- Security for costs Police constables Trustees of public pro- perty amendment	The chairman rep security for costs ; to amend chapter 9 directed him to rep	orted from the committee the bill to authorise the 7 of the revised statutes, port those bills to the h	appointment of police "of trustees of publicuse, severally withou	constables; and the bill lic property;" and had t amendment; and that				
Cap. 157 and 158 re- vised statutes amendt. Justices of peace Jurisdiction amendt. Pilotage and harbor masters' amendt.	entitled respectivel morals;" the bill justices of the peak statutes, " of pilots bills respectively, w he delivered the bill the clerk's table, w	to amend chapter 131 of ce in civil cases;" and agc, harbors, and harbor which they had directed b	religion," and "of f the revised statutes, the bill to amend ch masters;" and had ma im to report to the hou nendments to three la	offences against public "of the jurisdiction of apter 78 of the revised ade amendments to those				
Motion to recommit pilotage and harbor masters' amendt. bill negatived	pilotage, harbors, a lowing clause :	and harbor masters," be a	recommitted for the pu	ne revised statutes, "of rpose of adding the fol- g of vessels laving to, or				

"Provided nothing herein contained shall authorize the taxing of vessels laying to, or anchoring

 anchoring on the beach outside the harbor of Maitland, and not loading, discharging, or throwing out ballast:" Which being seconded and put, passed in the negative. Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed. Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed. 	·
The order of the day being read, Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Monday next.	Road scales time ex- tended
Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.	
THURSDAY, 15th MARCH, 1855.	
PRAYERS.	
The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. : A bill for the summary trial and punishment of offenders against public morals. A bill respecting prosecutions for penalties. A bill to amend chapter 69 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highwys and high- way labor, except in Halifax."	Bills read 2nd time- Sur mary trial of of- fences against public morals Penalities prosecu- tions Highway labor amdt.
Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.	Committed
 On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to enlarge and amend the new practice act, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill; and he delivered the bill and amend ments in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read. Ordered, That the bill with the amendments be engrossed. 	, act amendt, bill
Mr. Marshall reported from the committee on the fisheries—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.	Report from commit- t.e on fisheries
(See appendix No. 63.)	
Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.	
On motion of Mr. Murray, Resolved, That the members for the county of Pictou shall be at liberty to arrange with the creditor for one hundred pounds now due on the Barney's River bridge to allow th same to remain for another year, provided a similar sum be allowed out of the road monie for the present year, towards ballasting the bridge and finishing the road at both ends of the bridge. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur rence. Mr. Wilkins moved that the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the other back and the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the state of the present has been for the the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the other back and the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the state of the present has been for the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the state of the present has been for the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the state of the present has been for the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill, presented to the house on the petition of John H. Crosskill petition of John H	S f Sent to councif
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8th February last, be referred to the committee of supply: which being seconded and put, ^{tion of John H. Cross-} and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, twelve. ^{on division} So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee of supply.

Petition referred to supply

Mr.

	Mr. Speaker announced to the house that he had just received from the president of the legislative council a communication acknowledging the receipt of the unanimous resolution of the house in respect to the late honorable Alexander McDougall, and acquainting him that the funeral would take place on Friday, at 3 o'clock, P. M.—and the communication was read and laid on the table.
Committee of supply	On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Report resolutions	The chairman reported from the committee that they had come to several resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house—and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table. The chairman also acquainted the house that he was directed by the committee to ask
	for leave to sit again on the consideration of the supply, to which the house agreed. The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :
	the resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as 10110W.
£30 ferry, Cape Bre- ton	1°. Resolved, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted to aid the inhabitants of Cape Breton in supporting a suitable boat or scow to run between McMillan's Point, in Cape Breton, and Auld's Cove, in the county of Sydney; such boat or scow to be placed under the regulations of the superintendent of the main road and of the sessions for the county of Inverness.
-£10 ferry, Ship Har- bot	2° . Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to aid in establishing a ferry during the present year between Milford and Ship Harbor, in the county of Guysborough, and to aid in providing suitable boats for the purpose; such ferry to be under the regulations of the sessions, and the amount to be paid on their certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.
£25 school in poor house	3". Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the commis- sioners of the poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the school in the poor house for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that establish- ment.
£300 Indians	4°. Resolved, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, for the benefit of the Indians for the present year.
£80 sterling, clerk of crown	5°. Resolved, That the sum of eighty pounds, sterling, be granted and paid to the clerk of the crown in the supreme court of this province, for his services for the present year.
E990 controller of cus- toms	6°. Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the dis- posal of the governor, to pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds each, for their services during the present year, to the controllers of customs at the different ports; and such fur- ther sum as shall be required to pay, at the same rate, such other controllers as may be appointed during the present year.
£200 seizing officers	7°. Resolved, That a sum not to exceed two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be appropriated in paying seizing officers in various parts of the province for more effectually protecting the revenues : provided no officer receive more than fifteen pounds.
£30 each chairman of committee on bills and supply	

clock assistant 9°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds each be granted and paid to the clerk assistant of the house of assembly, for their extra services during the present session. 10°. 10°. Resolved, That the sum of thirteen pounds be granted and paid to George R. £13 serie at arms Grassie, serjeant-at-arms to the house of assembly, in addition to his salary for the present session.

11°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to £10 George Merry assist him in keeping a house of entertainment for travellers on the road between Annapolis and Liverpool.

12°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds, granted to the chairman of the committee ^{£10} Benjamin Smith on bills in 1840 and remaining undrawn, be paid to Benjamin Smith, esquire, then chairman of such committee, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

13°. Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and sixty-seven pounds seventeen shil- ²³⁶⁷/_{debates} lings and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay for reporting and publishing the debates of the house of assembly during the present session, to be applied under the directions of a committee to be appointed for the purpose.

14°. Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and ninety-three pounds sixteen shillings for public and nine pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the amount still due for public printing, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

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15°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Edward Kennedy, 210 E. Remedy to mark the approval by the legislature of his exertions in rescuing the crew of the brig "Tooting," wrecked at Bauline in December last.

16°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Benjamin K. E10 B. K. Dodge, for his former services in vaccinating Indians and supplying them with medicines.

17°. Resolved, That the sum of fifteen pounds two shillings and two pence be granted £15 2 2 A. Whitman and paid to Abraham Whitman, of Canso, for supplies furnished by him to shipwrecked seamen belonging to the brigantine "Resolution," on his complying with the requirements contained in the report of the committee on shipwrecked seamen.

18°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to £10 10 David Scott David Scott, of Sydney, for board and lodging furnished to wrecked seamen of the barque "Harriet," pursuant to the report of the same committee.

19°. Resolved, That the sum of seventeen pounds five shillings be granted and paid to sits Peter H. Peter Hall Clarke, for services rendered to wrecked passengers of the barque "Tottenham," pursuant to the report of the same committee.

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20°. Resolved, That the sum of twelve hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be applied in defraying the expenses of the penitentiary for the present year.

the state is to Adam Me 21°. Resolved, That the sum of sixty-four pounds fifteen shillings and ten pence be granted and paid to Adam McKenzie, road commissioner, to reimburse him the costs incurred in defending an action instituted by the Nova Scotia telegraph company against him for removing certain posts from the highway, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

22°. Resolved, That the sum of sixty-nine pounds and three shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay certain expenses connected with the survey of a line of railway from Halifax towards Quebec in 1846, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject, to be distributed as follows:

To William Logan,	-		-		-		-		£41	0	0
John Ross, -		-		-		-		-	9	3	0
Henrietta Stephens,	-		•		-				19	0	0
									£69	3	0

- 23°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to doctors Anderson and Johnston, health officers of the port of Pictou, in full for services performed under direction of the board of health in 1853.
- and widows' relief 24°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to repay advances made and to be made for the relief of the wives and children, widows and orphans, of soldiers on active service in the east.
- £35 12 7 duties on machinery

25°. Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five pounds twelve shillings and seven pence be granted and paid, as under, to the following persons, being a return of duties paid by them on machinery imported, pursuant to the report of committee on trade :

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David Scott,	-		-	-			-		-		£10	18	9
Huestis & Mou	lton,	-		-		-		-		-	9	7	6
John Harris,	-		-		-		-		-		7	8	0
Samuel Archib	ald,	-		-		-		-		-	2	19	4
Silas Bishop,	-		-		-		-		-		3	0	0
S. A. Lusby,		-		-		-		-		-	1	19	0
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210 15 3 duives on Canada flour and paid, as under, to the following persons, for duties paid by them on Canada flour imported by way of the United States, pursuant to the report of the same committee :

James Gilliat, J. E. Crane, - Henry Brown,	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	£71 - 1 11	2	9 6 0	
nemy proving										£10 1		3	

- 27°. Resolved, That the sum of four pounds one shilling and three pence be granted and paid to James Gayton, return of duties on flour imported, pursuant to the report of the same committee.
- 212 10 Theor. Killam 28°. Resolved, That the sum of twelve pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Thomas Killam, for duties paid on rigging saved from a ship owned by him, wrecked at Grand Manan, pursuant to the report of the same committee.
- 225 59 B.Wier & Co. 29°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds eight shillings and nine pence be granted

granted and paid to B. Wier & Co., for drawback on a quantity of goods exported by them to the United States, pursuant to the report of the same committee.

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen shillings be granted and paid to W. W. Bent, 149. W. W. Bent, 30°. for light duties paid on a vessel wrecked on her first voyage.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and eighty-six pounds eleven shillings £186 11 1 datas on 31°. and one penny be granted and paid, as under, to the following persons, for return of duties printing paper paid by them respectively on printing paper imported and consumed within the province during the past year, pursuant to the report of the same committee :

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32°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the honorable sto Halifar dispen doctor Grigor and his associates, in aid of the Halifax dispensary for the present year, provided they keep during the year a sufficient quantity of vaccine matter.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the gover- £100 visiting dispen-33°. nors and trustces 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.

Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the managers of sid house of refuse 34°. 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.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted and paid, in equal good cloth manufactor 35°. proportions, to Angus McDonald, Edward Lippencott, and James Grant, to aid them in their respective establishments for the manufacture of cloth within this province, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade.

The resolutions from the first to the thirty-first, both inclusive, being read a second First to thirty-first time, were then, upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the house.

The thirty-second resolution for granting £50 to the Halifax dispensary being read a Motion not to receive second time,

Mr. Brown moved that such resolution be not agreed to : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, six ; against it, thirty-

So it passed in the negative.

The resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

The thirty-third resolution for granting £100 to the Halifax visiting dispensary, being Motion not to receive read a second time,

Mr. Brown moved that such resolution be not received : which being seconded and put,

32nd resolution p tived on division

32nd resolution agreed to

33rd resolution neg tived on division

and

For the n	notion:	Against the motion :			
Bent, Wade, Mosher, Brown, Locke, Thos. Coffin, Fuller, Chipman,	Mr. Moore, " Murray, " Jas. Campbell, " McLelan, " Bourneuf, Hon. Mr. Fulton, " Fin. Sec., Mr. Comeau.	Mr. Jno. Campbell, " Creighton, " Josiah Coffin, " Marshall, " Holmes, Hon. Mr. Johnston, " Atty. Gen., Mr. B. Smith, " Wier, " McQueen, " J. Munro,	Mr. McKinnon, " Thorne, " Jost, " Wilkins, " H. Munro, " Whitman, " Cowie, " Archibald, " Dimock, " Shaw, " Martell,		
		" Annand,	" Esson.		

and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, twentyfour.

So it passed in the negative.

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Motion not to receive 36th resolution negatived on division

The thirty-fourth resolution for granting £50 to the house of refuge having been read a second time,

The resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

Mr. Brown moved that such resolution be not received : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eight ; against it, thirty. So it passed in the negative.

The resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

Motion not to receive The thirty-fifth resolution, for granting £300 in aid of three mills for manufacturing tived on division cloth, being read a second time,

Mr. Locke moved that such resolution be not received : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen ; against it, twentyfour.

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Mr. Thos. Coffin, " Archibald, " Brown, " Killam, " Locke, " Bourneuf, " Annand, " Comeau,	Mr. Wier, "Wade, Mosher, Hon. Mr. Fulton, Atty. Gen., Fin. Sec., Mr. Esson, Chipman.	Mr. Jno. Campbell, "Bent, "Thorne, Jost, "Wilkins, "Holmes, "Whitman, "Cowie, McLelan, "Dimock, "Shaw, "McQueen,	Mr. Jas. Campbell, "McKinnon, Beckwith, Josiah Coffin, Murray, H. Munro, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. B. Smith, Moore, Fuller, J. Munro, Martell.			

So it passed in the negative.

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The resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the several resolutions to the council, with the exception of the first four and the thirty-second, and desire their concurrence.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

Mr.

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 16th and 17th MARCH, 1855. 675

FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The order of the day for attending the funeral of the late honorable Alexander McDou-Il, late a member of the legislative council, was read. gall, late a member of the legislative council, was read.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

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SATURDAY, 17th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Chipman reported from the committee on the petition of Benjamin Langley-and Report from committee on petition of B he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was taken again read.

(See appendix No. 64.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

Mr. B. Smith reported from the committee to whom were referred several petitions from Report from commit-persons residing in the county of Cape Breton, relating to labor performed upon the roads, Cape Breton for road expenditures and expenditures therefor-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 65.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and that such parts thereof as recommend money Beferred in part to supply grants be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Creighton reported from the committee on the accounts of the poor asylum at Hali- Report from commitfax-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 66.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. McQueen reported specially from the committee on expiring laws-and he read the Report from commitreport in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 67.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Mr. McQueen, from the same committee, also reported the following bills, viz. :

A bill to continue the acts relating to the union marine insurance company.

A bill to continue the acts relating to the Nova Scotia marine insurance company.

A bill to continue the laws relating to education.

A bill relating to incorporated pier companies.

And the same were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Holmes, pursuant to special leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the South Bouth Picton Bethel Pictou seamen's Bethel society-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

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Return of commission de Innatico in N. H. Martin's case, with ac- counts relative thereto	The commission de lunatico inquirendo issued in the case of Nicholas H. Martin, together with the proceedings and return thereunder, and the letter of the provincial secretary directing him to be discharged from custody; and also various accounts of expenses in connection with the imprisonment and subsequent maintenance of the said Nicholas H. Martin.
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the accounts and papers be referred to the committee appointed on the
N. H. Martin's peti- tion referred to select committee	31st January last, to consider the petition of Charles F. Harrington. Ordered, That the petition of Nicholas H. Martin, presented on the 7th February last, be referred to the same committee.
Beport from commit- tee on Picton hospital bill Bill deferred	The hon. Mr. Fulton, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to establish a hospital at Pictou, to relieve sick and disabled seamen and prevent the introduction of disease into the province, reported that the committee had examined such bill, and had directed him to recommend to the house to defer the further consideration of that bill until this day three months—and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table. Ordered, That the further consideration of such bill be deferred until this day three months.
Bills read 3rd time New practice amendt.	An engrossed bill to enlarge and amend the new practice act, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enlarge and amend the new practice act.
Police constables	An engrossed bill to authorise the appointment of police constables, was read a third
	time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorise the appoint- ment of police constables.
Inverness polling place	An engrossed bill to add a polling place in the county of Inverness, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to add a polling place in the county of Inverness.
Farmouth polling	An engrossed bill to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth, was read a third
	time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth.
Jury isws amends.	An engrossed bill to amend the jury laws, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the jury laws.
Trastees of public property amendt.	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 97 of the revised statutes, "of trustees of public
,, <u> </u>	property," was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 97 of the revised statutes, "of trustees of public property."
Security for costs	An engrossed bill relating to security for costs, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act relating to security for costs.
Justice's jurisdiction amendment	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases."
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.
Motion to stimus	The hon. the solicitor general moved that the house do now adjourn : which being
Motion to adjourn Division thereon	seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen; against it, nineteen.
	Whereupon.

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Whereupon, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favor of the motion. And accordingly, The house adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.	Carried by easting vote of speaker
MONDAY, 19th MARCH, 1855.	
PRAYERS.	
Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill concerning the registry of ships, reported that the committee had examined such bill, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.	tee on registry of ship's bill
Ordered, That the bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to a committee of the whole house.	Bill recommitted
An engrossed bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters."	Harbor master's
An engrossed bill to amend chapters 157 and 158 of the revised statutes, entitled respectively, "of offences against religion," and "of offences against public morals," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapters 157 and 158 of the revised statutes, entitled respectively, "of offences against religion," and "of offences against public morals."	vised statutes smendt.
Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.	Sent to council
On motion of Mr. Thomas Coffin, Resolved, That the sum of fifteen pounds, granted in 1853 on a road from James McCormiskie's to Pubnico Beach, in the county of Shelburne, and undrawn, be expended this year on the road from James McCormiskie's to Yarmouth county line; and also that the sum of seven pounds, granted in 1854 on the road from Goose Creek to David Thomas', in the same county, and undrawn, be expended this year on the road from John Lyle's to Cape Negro main road. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur- rence.	L burne
A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :	
Mr. Speaker— The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners;" the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 44, entitled, an act to authorise the board of works to lease or sell certain public property; severally without amendment.	Agree to bills— Coroner's amendt. City prison act amdt. 17 Victoria chap. 44
They have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax; and the bill, entitled, an act concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax; with amendments to each of those bills, to which amend- ments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.	Halifax cost and cord-

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act for the erection of Council's amendments. Hallfax hospital bill

conj measurer's bill a general hospital in the city of Halifax; and to the bill, entitled, an act concerning mad first time, &c. measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax, were respectively read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

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Mr. Archibald reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions in relation to the Avon bridge at Windsor-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(Sec appendix No. 68.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

Jeacol returns 1855 The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, and 1854 presented to the house,

Returns of school commissioners for the eastern district of Nova Scotia, for the years 1853 and 1854, with abstracts of such returns.

Beterred to education

Cash advances by Also-memorandum of cash advances made by the hon. the attorney general, for the corney general in 1854 public service in 1854.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.

Journittee of supply Ordered, That the memorandum be referred to the committee of supply.

Seport of commissioners for building nor TOOL SCONE

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor. presented to the house,

Report of commissioners for erecting a building designed for a normal school; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 69.)

Seferred to education Ordered, That the report be referred to the committee on education. CONSTITUE

Communication from captain C. Y. Camp-bell relative to expen-ses in re. "Creole." Also—communication to the lieutenant governor from Colin Y. Campbell, a captain in the royal navy, praying to be relieved from payment of costs incurred by the attorney general in prosecuting a suit in the court of vice admiralty against the schooner " Creole," seized for a breach of the fishery convention in 1852.

Referred to scleet committee

Ordered, That the communication be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Killam, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Hugh Munro, to examine into the merits thereof and report thereon to this house.

Mr. Brown reported from the committee on the expenses of transient paupers—and he Report from committee on transient poor read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was expenses again read.

(See appendix No. 70.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and referred to the committee of adopted, and supply supply.

Committee on bills

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report progress

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of bills committed.

Mr. Annand reported in part from the committee appointed to enquire and examine into Report from commit tee on N. H. Martin's certain expenses connected with the case of Nicholas H. Martin-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 71.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

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Order of day extended

Adopted

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Wednesday.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Holmes reported from the committee to whom were referred certain petitions rela- Beport frem committing to the act concerning the Chesley aboiteau—and he read the report in his place, and teau act then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 72.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

Mr. Creighton reported from the committee on road damages—and he read the report in Beport from commithis place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 73.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that such parts of it as require Adopted, and in part to be passed upon in committee of supply, be referred to that committee.

On motion, resolved, that such agreements and appraisements, or portions thereof, Arreements, &c. conrecommended for adoption in such report, as have been made agreeably to law, be confirmed.

Mr. Creighton also reported from the same committee, by bill; and thereupon presented Great roads bill and to the house,

A bill to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "of laying out certain great roads"

-and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Wade,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the correspondence laid on the Committee to consider table on the 30th January last, relating to the transfer to colonial officers of customs of tive to officers of customs duties previously performed by imperial officers of customs.

Ordered, That Mr. Wade, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Annand, do compose such committee, Papers referred and that the correspondence in question be referred to that committee.

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, Memorial from Indi presented to the house,

A memorial addressed to the lieutenant governor by the Micmac Indians at Whycocomah, praying to be protected in the occupation of their lands at that place—and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the memorial be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Mr. McLelan reported from the committee on the petition of Patrick Christopher—and Beport from commithe read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was christopher again read.

(See appendix No. 74.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :

A bill to continue the acts relating to the union marine insurance company.

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Beferred to supply

Referred to Indian

Bills read 2nd time-

Union mar. ins. company acts continue-A tion

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Nova Soutia mar. ins. acts continuation Education law contin- uation Pier companies Picton Bethel society Committed	 A bill to continue the acts relating to the Nova Scotia marine insurance company. A bill to continue the laws relating to education. A bill relating to incorporated pier companies. A bill to incorporate the South Pictou seamen's Bethel society. Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Council's amendts, to Halifax hospital bill and to Halifax coal and wood measurer's bill read 2nd time and agreed to	The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax; and, The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax; Were severally read a second time, and considered by the house. And thereupon, On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendments be respectively agreed to.
Bills, &c. sent back to -council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills, with the amendments thereto, back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to the amendments to such bills respectively.
Besolution for change of appropriation of Annapolis road mo- bies	On motion of the hon. Mr. Johnston, Resolved, That the sum of thirty-three pounds, unappropriated from last year's road grant for the county of Annapolis, and seven pounds ten shillings, granted for the road between Pierce's and Palmer's, and for an over appropriation, undrawn, making forty pounds and ten shillings; together with nine pounds and ten shillings to be added thereto from this year's road fund of the county, making fifty pounds, be appropriated as follows, viz. :—On Maitland road for alteration of hill between the long causeway and eight mile tree, twenty-five pounds; and on the same road from the settlement to the four mile tree, twenty-five pounds.
Resolution for change of appropriation town- ship of Halifax road monies	On motion of Mr. Esson, Resolved, That the sum of sixty-one pounds nine shillings and ten pence, granted for roads and bridges in the township of Halifax, and undrawn, be applied in opening section of new road from Still Water to Chester bridge. No. 10. Lantz, $\pounds 1$ 1 5 No. 11. R. Daubin, $\pounds 7$ 10 0 "13. W. E. Brine, 10 0 0 "18. Chas. Haverstock, 6 12 4 "28. John Drysdale, 20 0 0 "37. R. Cook, 5 0 0 "48. R. Handrigan, 5 0 0 "50. Contingencies, 6 6 1
Besolution for change of appropriation road monies in county of Halifax	Resolved also, That the following sums, granted for roads and bridges in the county of Halifax, and undrawn, be applied in improving the Guysborough road between Upper Musquodoboit and Wallace bridge, on the Saint Mary's River: No. 73. W. Anderson, £10 0 0 No. 80. W. Anderson, £20 0 0 (300, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500, 500,
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the three several resolutions to the council and desire their concurrence.
Report from commit- tee on deaf and dumb	Mr. Creighton reported from the committee on the deaf, dumb, and blind—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
Beferred to supply	(See appendix No. 75.) Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.
Report from commit- tee on alien act and crown lands	Mr. Archibald reported from the committee appointed to consider the petitions praying for the repeal of the alien act, and also on the general subject of the crown lands—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was
	again read. (See appendix No. 76.)
	Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table. Mr.

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the Bernt on As bill to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company, and had directed him to report the incorporation of same to the house without any amendment-and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Ordered, That the same be committed to a committee of the whole house.

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Richmond was presented by the hon. Mr. Petition from Biet Johnston, and read, praying the passage of a law to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath desecration by fishing in that locality.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 75 of the revised Agree to bills, via statutes, "of common fields," without any amendment.

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 87 of the revised Corporations amends. statutes, "of general provisions respecting corporations;" and the bill, entitled, an act Municipal government of counties for the municipal government of counties; with amendments to each of those bills,—to

which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

They have also agreed to thirty resolutions of this honorable house, for granting various Agree to move vote sums of money for the public service, viz. :

- £4 1 3 James Gayton.
- 0 14 0 W. W. Bent.
- 12 10 0 Thomas Killam.
- 10 0 0 George Merry.
- 50 0 0 House of refuge.
- 100 0 0 Halifax visiting dispensary.
- 367 17 6 Reporting debates.
- 1200 0 0 Penitentiary.
 - 0 0 10 Benjamin K. Dodge.
- 200 0 0 Seizing officers.
- 0 900 0 Collectors at outports.
- 150 0 0 Widows and orphans of soldiers.
- 10 0 0 Health officers, Pictou.
- 10 0 0 Edward Kennedy.
- 3 **6**9 0 Railway surveys in 1846.
- 0 200 0 Extra allowance to clerks.
- 10 0 0 Benjamin Smith.
- 13 0 0 George R. Grassie.
- 10 10 0 David Scott.
- 17 5 0 Peter Hall Clarke.
- 2 2 Abraham Whitman. 15
- 64 15 10 Adam McKenzie.
- 40 0 0. Chairman of committees.
- 80 0 0 Sterling, clerk of crown.
- 35 12 7 Return duties on machinery.
- 258 9 B. Wier & Co.
- 1 186 11 Return duties on printing paper.
- 10 15 3 Return duties on flour.
- **693 16** 9 Public printing.

200 0 0 Barney's River bridge.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the following bills, viz. :

A bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of general pro-visions respecting corporations;" and a bill, entitled, an act for the municipal government time time time of counties,

Were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

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Message from council

Committee

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Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Beport progress	The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of bills committed.
	Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.
	WEDNESDAY, 21st MARCH, 1855.
	PRAYERS.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Report bills, vis. :	The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill relating
Bras d'Or pilotage	to pilotage in the Bras d'Or lake; the bill for the summary trial and punishment of
Offenders sgainst mo- rais	one agained by the birt to be and be been by the birt to
Penalties prosecution Union mar. ins. com- pany and Nova Ecolia mar. ins. comp. con- tinuation	porated pier companies; and the bill to incorporate the South Pictou seamen's Bethel
Pier companies Picton Bethel society	society; and had directed him to report those bills to the house, severally without amend-
incorporation Registry of ships	ment; that they had also gone through the bill concerning the registry of ships, and had
Statute labor amendt. recommended to be re- ferred to sel. com.	" of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax," and had directed him
Bistute Isbor amendi. bill referred to select sommittee	to recommend to the house to refer that bill to a select committee, to examine and report upon ;—and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the registry of ships bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read. Ordered, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed. Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed. Ordered, That the bill to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax," be referred to Mr. B. Smith, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. McQueen, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.
	On motion of Mr. Archibald, Resolved, That the following sums of money, viz :

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No. 29.	£1	10	4
33.	0	1	0
34.	0	8	2
35.	8	2	4
39.	10	0	0
58.	27	10	5
69.	10	0	0
72.	10	0	0
73.	4	0	0
76.	5	0	0
126.	7	0	0
127.	6	0	0

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No. 128.	£9	0	0	
129.	3	0	0	
131.	7	0	0	
132.	4	0	0	
139 to 152, inclusive,	56	5	0	
172.	3	0	0	
176.	3	0	0	
184.	24	0	0	
200.	19	8	5	

Amounting in all to two hundred and eighteen pounds five shillings and eight pence, granted for the road and bridge service of the county of Colchester in 1854, and undrawn, be appropriated as follows:

To repay government advances—	
Gully bridge, Onslow,	£19 18 4
Chigenois bridge,	$12 \ 0 \ 0$
McLean's mills bridge,	10 2 0
Bridge over North River, near Wilson Lynd's,	26 4 8
Bridge at Ephraim Blair's,	2 8 6
Mill Brook bridge,	$10 \ 0 \ 0$
To pay E. Langille, Mill Brook bridge,	7 10 0
D. A. Archibald, Intervale bridge and road,	11 3 8
James Hall, North River road,	0 14 0
Joshua Higgins, bridge at John Higgins',	7 0 0
D. Campbell, Balfour's bridge,	38 12 6
S. Archibald, Lockerby's bridge,	$53 \ 16 \ 1$
Jas. Urquhart, towards Murdock's bridge,	18 15 11

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Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur- sent to concur rence.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 152 of the revised Agree to billsstatutes, "of the custody and estates of lunatics ;" and the bill, entitled, an act to con- Custody of lunatics tinue and amend the laws relative to the militia; severally without amendment. Militia amendment

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act concerning measurers of coal and cord- coal and wood measurers wood in the city of Halifax, as amended.

They have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend the act relating to the river fisheries, Have passed river fisheries andt. bill to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the act relating to the Council's river fishriver fisheries, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

The council desire a conference by committee with a committee of this honorable house, Desire conference on the general state of the province.

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that the conference requested by the council be agreed to. Conference agreed to Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Killam, and Mr. Wade, be a committee to manage Committee of confersuch conference. ence

So they went to the conference.

Message from council

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Message from council

Conference held

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Begort .	And being returned, Mr. Wilkins reported that the ma mittee of the council had handed following written paper:		at such conference, the	
Resolution of council	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 be instructed to request that the house of assembly will furnish this house with the reasons upon which the resolution was passed claiming from the general mining association the sum of three thousand one hundred and fifty-two pounds and eleven pence, for royalty on slack coal.			
		JOHN C. HALLIE	BURTON, C. L. C."	
Beferred to committee on privileges	Ordered, That the resolution be			
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.			
Beport chancery court abolition bill	Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill for abolishing the court of chancery and conferring equity jurisdiction on the supreme court, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.			
Motion to recommit megatived on division And thereupon, the hon. Mr. Johnston moved that such bill be recommitted for the pur- pose of striking out the 73rd clause, and inserting in lieu thereof a clause making provision for transferring the hon. the master of the rolls to the bench of the supreme court as a judge of that court : Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-one ; against it, twenty-five.				
	For the motion :	Against the	Against the motion :	
	Mr. Zwicker, Mr. Josiah Co Mr. Josiah Co Brown, Brown, Brown, Brown, Mr. Josiah Co Brown, Brown, Mr. Josiah Co Brown, Brown, Mr. Josiah Co Brown, Brown, Mr. Josiah Co Brown, Borown, Mr. Josiah Co Brown, Mr. Josiah Co Mr. Josiah Co Mr. Josiah Co Mr. Josiah Co Mr. Josiah Co Mr. Johnston, Mr. Johns	offin, Mr. Wier, " McQueen, " Thos. Coffin, " Dimock, " D. Smyth, " H. Munro, " Fuller, Hon. Prov. Sec., " Fin. Sec.,	Mr. Martell, " Doyle, " Chipman, Hon. Atty. Gen., " Sol. Gen., Mr. Shaw, " Comeau, " Bourneuf, " Bourneuf, " Archibald, " Esson, " Annand, Hon. Mr. Fulton.	
	So it passed in the negative.			

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the bill reported, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Account of expenses The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, of crown lands department for 1533 and '54 presented to the house,

An account of all salaries and allowances paid within the last two years to the officers of the department of crown lands, or other persons connected with it, including the expenses of the department in Halifax and the sums paid and now payable to Mr. Morris—and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the account do lie on the table.

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The order of the day being read, Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Friday.	Order for road scales enlarged
Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.	
THURSDAY, 22nd MARCH, 1855.	t
PRAYERS.	
Mr. Archibald, pursuant to special leave given, presented a bill to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors"—and the same was read a first time, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.	Bill to alter and a- mend license law read Ist and 2nd time, and committed
An engrossed bill to continue the acts relating to the Nova Scotia marine insurance company, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the acts relating to the Nova Scotia marine insurance company.	Nova Scotia mar. ins.
An engrossed bill to continue the acts relating to the union marine insurance company was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the acts relating to the union marine insurance company.	
An engrossed bill respecting prosecutions for penalties, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act respecting prosecutions fo penalties.	Prosecutions for pen- alties I
An engrossed bill relating to pilotage in the Bras d'Or lake, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act relating to pilotage in th Bras d'Or lake.	Bras d'Or Lake pilot- age C
An engrossed bill relating to incorporated pier companies, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act relating to incorporate pier companies.	Incorporated pier companies d
An engrossed bill to incorporate the South Pictou seamen's Bethel society, was read third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Sout Pictou seamen's Bethel society.	Bethel society incorp.
An engrossed bill for the summary trial and punishment of offenders against publi morals, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the summary trial an punishment of offenders against public morals.	ot ollenders against public morals
Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above seven bills to the council and desire the concurrence.	Passed, and sent to council
An engrossed bill concerning the registry of ships, was read a third time. And thereupon, Mr. Killam moved that the bill be amended, by striking out the fifth clause thereof which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the	Registry of ships' bill read third time : Motion to amend car- ried on division
which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, thirteen.	ried on division

So it passed in the affirmative.

Bill amended Passod, and sent to council	And accordingly, Ordered, That the bill be amended by striking out the fifth clause. Resolved, That the bill, as amended, do pass, and that the title be, an act concerning the registry of ships. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.	
Council's amendts. to municipal incorpora- tion bill read 2nd time	The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act for the municipal government of counties, were read a second time, and considered by the house. And thereupon, on motion of the hon. Mr. Johnston,	
Amendis. to bill, and farst to schedule, a- greed to	Resolved, That the amendments to the bill, and the first amendment to the schedule to the bill, be agreed to by this house.	
Second Amendment to schedule not agreed to on division	Mr. Shaw moved that the second amendment to the schedule to the bill be not agreed to: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, seventeen. So it passed in the affirmative. And accordingly, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendment be not agreed to.	
Bill, &c. sent to coun- cil	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolutions in respect to such bill.	
Message from council	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker—	
Agree to general hos- pital bill as amended, and to five changes of appropriation	The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax, as amended. They have agreed to five resolutions of this honorable house for changing appropriation of road monies, viz. :	
	£6463 and £61910County of Halifax.1500and70County of Shelburne.40100County of Annapolis.21858County of Colchester.	
Have passed bill to inc. Acadian marble company	The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Acadian marble com- pany, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. And then the messenger withdrew.	
Council's Acadian marble comp'y. bill read 1st time	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Acadian marble company, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	
Report from commit- tee on public accounts	Mr. Killam reported from the joint committee on public accounts—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read; together with an account of railway receipts and expenditures to 31st December, 1854—a statement of the quantities of crown lands granted and applied for in 1854—a statement of cash received on account of the casual revenue, between 1st January and 31st December, 1854—a statement of undrawn monies to 31st December, 1854—a statement of the provincial liabilities and assets to 31st December, 1854—and an abstract of undrawn road monies to 31st December, 1854.	
	(See appendix No. 77.)	
Adopted	Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.	
Beport from commit- tee on petition of Jas. Delap	Mr. Wade reported from the committee on petition of James Delap—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.	
(See appendix No. 78.)		
	Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.	
Also reports bill to assess township of Granville	Mr. Wade also reported from the same committee by bill; and thereupon presented to the house, a bill to assess the township of Granville—and the same was read a first time and ordered to read a second time.	

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A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker-

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the transatlantic subma- Have passed bill to rine telegraph company, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. Incorporate transat-And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the transatlantic sub- Council's submarine marine telegraph company, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. 1st time

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on ways and means, for raising Committee on ways the supply granted to her majesty.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the Report progress consideration of the business referred to them, and had directed him to ask for leave to sit again on the consideration thereof, to which the house agreed.

Ordered, That Mr. Bent and Mr. James Campbell have leave to return home after Leave of absence Saturday next, on urgent private business.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

FRIDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,

Resolved, That the report of the committee on agriculture be adopted, and referred to Report on agriculture referred to supply the committee of supply.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :

A bill to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes, "of the expenditure of monics on Cap. 66 revised sta-tutes amendment the roads."

A bill to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "of laying out certain great roads." Cap. 61 revised sta-tates amendment The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the act relating to the River fisherics andt. river fisheries.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Acadian marble Acadian marble comcompany.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the transatlantic submarine telegraph company.

Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.

A bill to establish the township of Morristown, in the county of Sydney, was read a Township of Morristown bill read 2d time second time.

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the committee on private bills.

A petition of John McGregor, deputy registrar and junior examiner of the court of Petition of John chancery, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, praying for compensation for his services in connection with that court.

And thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins moved that the petition be referred to a select committee to examine and Motion to refer to sel report upon : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there sion appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, twelve.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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Message from council

Bills committed

Bills read 2nd time-

and referred to con mittee on private bills

Referred to select committee	And accordingly, <i>ordered</i> , that the petition be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. McLelan, to examine and report upon.
Sapplemental report from committee on Indian affairs	Mr. Whitman, from the committee on Indian affairs, made a supplemental report—and he read the same in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was
	again read. (See appendix No. 29—part 3.)
	Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.
Beport from commit- tee on navigation se- curities	Mr. Chipman reported from the committee on navigation securities—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
	(See appendix No. 79.)
Referred to supply	Ordered, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.
Port Hood harbor bill reported from same committee	Mr. Chipman also reported from the same committee by bill; and thereupon presented to the house, a bill for improving the harbor of Port Hood—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Report of commission- ers for issuing trea- sury notes, and memo- rial of Nepcan Clarke	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant gover- nor, presented to the house, Report of commissioners for issuing treasury notes, appointed in 1846, together with a record kept by them in relation to such notes; and also a memorial from Nepean Clarke, the secretary of the commissioners, with reference to his services—and the same were read by the clerk. For the report— (See appendix No. 80.)
Referred to select committee	Ordered, That the report and memorial be referred to Mr. Creighton, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon.
Committee on bills Report license amdt. bill	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors," and had directed him to report the same to the house without amendment—and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table. Ordered, That the bill reported be engrossed.
License amends, bill read 3rd time Passed, and sent to council	An engrossed bill to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors." <i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.
Report from commit- tee on privileges	The hon. the attorney general reported from the committee of privileges, to whom was referred the resolution of the legislative council, communicated at a conference on the 21st instant—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows: "The committee of privileges, to whom the resolution of the legislative council, communicated to the house at a conference on the 21st instant, and requesting that this house would furnish the legislative council with the reasons upon which the resolution was passed claiming from the general mining association the sum of £3152 0s. 11d. for royalty on slack coal, was referred, beg to report thereon: That assuming the resolution requiring such payment, and which was communicated by this house to the legislative council, to be on the same footing with a bill, the council would have been justified by ancient as well as

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as modern (1) precedents, in requiring from this house a statement of the facts on which (1) 4 Hatsell 13, a the resolution had been passed by the house ; but the reasons which induced this house to May of part, prec. pass the resolution cannot be asked, there being no modern ⁽²⁾ precedent for such a fourse mons, 89, page 220. of proceeding as between the two houses of parliament; and the ancient precedents in (2) + Hatsell, 3, 6, 48. which reasons were asked having led to disagreement between the two houses and being and cases there effed on that account disapproved of. The committee are willing to believe that this distinction had escaped the notice of the legislative council, and recommend that the house should pass the following resolution and should communicate the same to the council at a conference to be asked on the subject of the last conference, to wit :

Resolved. That this house, in reference to the resolution of the legislative council con-Recommend resolumunicated to the house on the 21st instant, are ready to furnish the legislative council with a statement of the facts on which the resolution claiming the payment of a sum of money from the general mining association was passed by this house, but conceive it to be contrary to the usage of parliament for either house to request of the other the reasons on which a bill or resolution had passed; and therefore this house cannot comply with the wishes of the legislative council by furnishing them with the reasons they have requested.

Committee room, 23rd March, 1855.

(Signed) W. YOUNG, chairman."

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted; and, Resolved, That the resolution recommended in such report be agreed to by the house.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the legislative council, by committee, on the general state of the province.

Ordered, That the clerk do request such conference.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker-

The council agree to the conference desired by this honorable house on the general state Agree to conference of the province, and the committee of the council are now ready to meet the committee of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Wade, Mr. Locke, and Mr. Moore, be the committee to manage the Committee of conferconference, and that at such conference the committee be instructed to hand to the committee of the legislative council a copy of the resolution reported by the committee of privileges.

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wade reported that the managers had been at the conference, and had complied Riport with the instructions of the house.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 97 of the revised Agree to bills, vir a statutes, "of trustees of public property;" the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the Trustees of public appointment of police constables; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the jury laws; the Police constables bill, entitled, an act to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth ; and the bill, enti- Jury laws amender. tled, an act to add a polling place in the county of Inverness ; severally without amend- place ment.

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 131 of the revised sta-Justice's jurisdiction tutes, " of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases ;" and the bill, entitled, Herbor masters'and an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters ;" with amendments to those bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Report adopted Resolution agreed to

Resolution for committee of conference

Message from council

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Farisčiction amendt. Resé first time	The amendments proposed by the council to the bills, entitled respectively, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," and an act to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases," were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Committee on ways and means	On motion, the house again resolved itself into the committee of ways and means. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress, and had come to nine resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house—and he delivered the resolutions in at the clerk's table. The chairman also acquainted the house that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of ways and means, to which the house agreed.
Report resolutions	The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :
Present tariff	1°. Resolved, That the same system of imposition, collection, and regulation of duties of colonial revenue, as have been in operation for the past year, be continued for the year ending 1st April, 1856, with such exceptions as may hereafter be determined on.
Wrecked materials to be duty free	2". Resolved, That the materials of ships registered and owned in this province, and wrecked or stranded on the coasts of the adjacent colonies or elsewhere, be re-admitted into this province duty free, upon proof by affidavit being given to the collector of the identity of the articles.
Duty on molasses re- duced	3°. Resolved, That the duty of two-pence half-penny, per gallon, now payable on molasses, be reduced to one penny half-penny, per gallon.
Daty on clocks an va- lorem	4°. Resolved, That clocks shall hereafter pay a duty of twenty per cent. ad valorem.
Printing paper ex- empted	5°. Resolved, That printing paper of not less than demy size shall be placed on the table of exemptions from duty.
Resolution as to ex- emption under reci- procity treaty bill	6°. Resolved, That nothing contained in the revenue laws of this year shall operate to impose duties on articles exempted from duty under the act for giving effect on the part of the province of Nova Scotia to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America.
. Light house duries	7°. Resolved, That the duties for the support of light houses remain the same for the year ending 1st April, 1856, as they have been during the past year.
, Lég aor licenses	8°. Resolved, That the duties imposed upon licenses for public houses and shops for the sale of intoxicating liquors, be continued in the same manner and at the same rates as during the past year.
Distilleries	9°. Resolved, That the system of licensing distilleries for the manufacture of intoxica- ting liquors, in force during the past year, be continued for the present year.
Agreed to	The resolutions being read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon, severally agreed to by the house.
Committee to prepare revenue bilis	Ordered, That the hon. the financial secretary, Mr. Chipman, and Mr. B. Smith, be a committee to prepare and report revenue bills, in accordance with the above resolutions.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The

Mr. B. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 63 Beport from common of the revised statutes, " of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in is surveyors. Statute is a smendt. Statute is a smendt. Statute is a smendt. Halifax," reported that the committee had examined such bill, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill-and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to a committee of the Bill recommittee whole house.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Monday.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

SATURDAY, 24th MARCH, 1855.

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PRAYERS.

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The hon. the financial secretary reported from the committee on the revenue laws; and Committee report re thereupon presented to the house,

A bill to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties.

A bill to continue and amend the law imposing light house duties.

A bill to continue the license law; and,

A bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries.

And the said bills were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Beed in time

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amendat to corporations bill read 87 of the revised statutes, "of general provisions respecting corporations," were read a 2nd time second time and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendments be agreed to.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter council's amende to 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," were read a second read 2ad time time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendments be agreed to.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amendat to 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases," bill read 2nd time was read a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon, Mr. Wilkins moved that such amendment be not agreed to: which Motion not to agree being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sion fourteen; against it, fourteen.

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the motion.

So it passed in the negative.

On motion, resolved, that such amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the several bills and amendments back to the council, Bill, &c. sent to council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to the amendments to such bills respectively.

An engrossed bill for abolishing the court of chancery, and conferring equity jurisdiction Chancery abolition bill read 3rd time on the supreme court, was read a third time.

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Agreed to

Order of day saten-

Agreed to

Speaker's casting

Amendt. agreed to

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Question as to passing of bill First amends, moved

Upon the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill do finally pass, Mr. Marshall moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution in respect to such bill :

"Whereas the duties of the judges of the supreme court, increased as they have been by the changes introduced into the practice of that court, will be further augmented by the abolition of the chancery court; and as the bill now under consideration provides no defined practice for the chancery business transferred to the supreme court, great judicial experience, knowledge and research will be required in regulating the proceedings in equity cases as they arise, and in bringing into efficacious operation the changes designed to be made in the law, the master of the rolls, from his study and experience of the principles and practice of the court of chancery, united to long practice in the courts of common law, is peculiarly qualified to be useful in carrying out successfully the union of chancery and common law jurisdictions contemplated by this bill; and this house has been officially informed that he has communicated to the lieutenant governor his willingness either to accept a pension or to take the office of judge of the supreme court : and the 73rd section of the bill under consideration discharges the master of the rolls from all judicial duties on a pension of four hundred pounds, currency :

And whereas of the five judges of the supreme court, two only reside in Halifax, where the increased business will principally be accumulated, and of those the chief justice has passed the age of eighty years, after having spent more than fifty on the bench; and of the three resident out of Halifax, one (at present absent from the province) has, by petition, informed the house of his desire to retire from his office on his former pension of £300 currency:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this house it is unwise, by rejecting the services of the master of the rolls, to impose on the two judges resident in Halifax an accumulation of duties which they may be unable or unwilling to perform, and which may force from the bench an aged and universally respected judge—that a just regard to the interests of society demands the adoption of every practicable means for securing the successful introduction of the important changes made by this bill in the administration of the law; and, under existing circumstances, the transfer of the master of the rolls to the supreme court bench is a wise and prudent measure, in relation to the beneficial issue of an experiment in which the welfare of the country is so deeply involved—that in the pecuniary aspect of the question it is less expensive to the people to retain the services of the master of the rolls than to fix on the civil list the proposed pension-that the transfer of the master of the rolls to the supreme court does not require, and ought not to induce, the permanent maintenance of six judges, if that number should not be necessary; and this house is of opinion that it would be the duty of the government, whenever a vacancy occurred, to abstain from making any new appointment, unless sanctioned by the legislature. Hence in retaining the judicial services of the master of the rolls, the only pecuniary expense that can be estimated is the difference between his salary and pension for the period that may intervene until a vacancy occur, in return for which the country receives the benefit of his experience in initiating and framing a system of practice, and of his services in assisting to overcome the perplexities and obstacles incident to important changes; and when the vacancy takes place five judges alone would remain without any pension being entailedthat on the other hand while the pensioning of the master of the rolls deprives the country of his services, at a time when the public interest peculiarly requires them, this injurious result is brought about at an expense to the people of £400 a year, for an indefinite period, with the possibility of the necessity being found to exist for the appointment of another judge, should the two judges in Halifax be inadequate to meet the exigencies that shall arise, or unwilling to assume without assistance the additional duties imposed on themthat the only benefit that can arise from the pensioning of the master of the rolls is that it induces an increase of government patronage, and will place in the hands of the executive the nomination of a judge of the supreme court when a vacancy shall occur, which would not be the case were the master of the rolls to be retained in the judicial service of the country; but this house is of opinion that the increase of government patronage is too dearly

dearly purchased by fixing on the revenues of the country a pension of four hundred pounds a year, and endangering the successful result of a measure which affects important interests-that in the opinion of this house the pensioning of the master of the rolls, under these circumstances, needlessly increases the civil list and the annual expenses of the country; wantonly offends against the known feelings and principles of the people of Nova Scotia on the subject of pensions; and both in its judicial and financial results is unwise and injurious; that it sets an evil and dangerous precedent; violates the principles on which the government of this province has been established, and is inconsistent with the professions on which the party in power obtained office at the hands of the people of Nova Scotia: and therefore that the 73rd clause, granting a pension to the master of the rolls, be struck out of the bill, and an address presented to his excellency the lieutenant governor, informing him that in the opinion of this house the interests of the country will be promoted by the master of the rolls being transferred to the bench of the supreme court; and that his excellency be further informed that this house does not intend thereby to indicate that six judges of the supreme court are permanently necessary; and that it is the opinion of this house, should the master of the rolls be placed on the bench, it will be proper in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of puisne judge of the supreme court, that such a vacancy should not be filled until the legislature shall have considered and decided on the necessity of doing so :"

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Negatived on division there appeared for the amendment, twenty-two; against it, twenty-six.

For the amendment :		Against the amendment :	
Mr. Jno. Campbell, "J. Munro, Zwicker, Kyder, Beckwith, Murray, Cowie, Creighton, Mosher, Killam,	Mr. Josiah Coffin, "Young, Moore, Jost, Wilkins, Marshall, Holmes, Whitman, B. Smith, Brown, Hon. Mr. Johnston.	Mr. McQueen, "Thos. Coffin, "Chipman, "Archibald, "Fuller, "Bourneuf, "Shaw, Hon. Mr. McLeod, "Sol. Gen., "Prov. Sec., Mr. Dimock, "Doyle, "Esson,	Mr. Martell. " McKinnon, " Wier, " Comeau, " H. Munro, Hon. Mr. Fulton, Mr. Wade, " Jas. Campbell, Hon. Atty. Gen., " Fin. Sec., Mr. Locke, " Annand, " P. Smyth.
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So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Marshall then moved that the bill be amended, by striking out the 73rd clause, and in lieu thereof inserting the following clause, viz. :

"On this act coming into operation, the hon. Alexander Stewart, master of the rolls, second anerda. Derestable as a puisne judge of the supreme court, with the authority and powers, tived on divisions and he entitled to the salary and emoluments of that office, as appointed by law:"

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-seven.

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For the motion:	Against the motion:
Mr. Jno. Campbell, Mr. Josiah Coffin, "J. Munro. "Young, Zwicker, "Moore, Kryder, "Jost, Beckwith, "Wilkins, Murray, "Marshall, Cowie, "Holmes, Creighton, Hon. Mr. Johnston, Whitman, Mr. Mosher, B. Smith, "Thorne, Killam.	Mr. McQueen, " Thos. Coffin, " Chipman, " Chipman, " Comeau, " Archibald, " H. Munro, " Fuller, " Bourneuf, " Shaw, " Sol. Gen., " Wade, " Jas. Campbell, " Dimock, " Locke, " Locke, " Martell, " Mr. McKinnon, " Wier, " Wier, " Comeau, " Nunro, " Nunro, " Sol. Gen., " Sol. Gen., " Sol. Gen., " McLeod, " Sol. Gen., " McLeod, " McLeod,

So it passed in the negative.

Third amendt. negadived on division

Mr. Brown then moved that the 74th clause of the bill be amended, by striking out therefrom the word "sterling," and in lieu of the word so struck out inserting the word " currency :"

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion. eleven; against it, twenty-eight.

For the motion :	Against the motion :		
For the motion : Mr. Killam, '' Bourneuf, '' Comcau, '' Shaw, '' McLelan, '' Ryder, '' Brown, '' Whitman, '' Mosher, '' Thorne, '' Young.	Against Mr. Archibald, "J. Munro, "Moore, "McKinnon, "Wier, "Holmes, "Creighton, "Annand, "Wade, "B. Smith, "Marshall, "Cowie, "Martell,	Mr. Esson, "Murray, "Thos. Coffin, "Locke, "Doyle, "Jost, Hon. Sol. Gen., "Atty. Gen., "Fin. Sec., "Mr. Johnston, "Fulton, Mr. Dimock, "P. Smyth,	
	" Fuller,	" Chipman.	

So it passed in the negative.

Fourth amendt negatived on division

Mr. Creighton then moved that the bill be referred back to committee, for the purpose of increasing the retiring allowance to the registrar of the court of chancery from £100, sterling, to £150, currency: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, three; against it, thirty-six. So it passed in the negative.

Debate on bill adi ourned

The hon. the attorney general then moved that the debate on the question that the bill do finally pass, be adjourned until Monday next, which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Message from council

incorporation bill

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker-

Do not adhere to last The council do not adhere to the second amendment proposed by them to the schedule amendt. to municipal to the bill, entitled, an act for the municipal government of counties. And then the messenger withdrew.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill, as amended, to the council, and acquaint Bill as amended sent back to council them with the foregoing resolution.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to pro- Report billsvide for the construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Little Bras d'Or Breton ; the bill to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "of laying out certain great Great roads amends. roads;" and the bill to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of high- Statute labor amendt. ways and highway labor, except in Halifax ;" and had directed him to report those bills to the house, severally without amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill Rallway damage asto authorise assessments for railway damages; the bill to amend chapter 85 of the revised Fish inspection aude statutes, "of the regulation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize;" and the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the Cornwallis Consealing Consealing bridge company to sell the Cornwallis bridge; and had made amendments to those bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills; —and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the three last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the amendments to the council's bill, authorising the sale of the Cornwallis bridge, be engrossed.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for the municipal government of Agree to bills as counties; the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of amended Corporation provigeneral provisions respecting corporations;" the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter sions 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters ;" and the bill to Harbor masters amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Justices jurisdiction. civil cases;" severally as now amended.

They have also agreed to the resolution of this honorable house for granting ± 300 for Agree to resolution for cont factories and aid to cloth factories; and also the resolution respecting the payment of royalty on slack stack cost royalty coal.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The hon. the financial secretary reported from the committee on education-and he read Report from committhe report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 81.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that such parts thereof as recom- Adopted, and referred to supply mend grants of money be referred to the committee of supply.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

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Committee on bills

Message from council

MONDAY, 26th MARCH, 1855.

	PRAYERS.
Buts read brd time-	An engrossed bill to provide for the construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for the construc- tion of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton.
statum jabor amèndi.	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes "of surveyors of high- ways and highway labor, except in Halifax," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax."
Great roads amenit.	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "of laying out certain great roads," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "of laying out certain great roads."
Railway dumages Issementat	An engrossed bill to authorise assessments for railway damages, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorise assessments for railway damages.
Fish inspection and t	An engrossed bill to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, "of the regu- lation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, "of the regulation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize."
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.
Amend:s. to council's Cornwallis bridge sale Bill sent to council	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the Cornwallis bridge company to sell the Cornwallis bridge, was read a third time, with the amendments made thereto. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill be agreed to, and do pass this house with such amendments. <i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the bill back to the conncil, and inform them that this house have agreed thereto with such amendments.
Despatch relative to mines and minerals	The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, Copy of a despatch from the colonial secretary to the lieutenant governor, dated 18th January, 1855, transmitting copy of letter from the solicitor of the general mining asso- ciation to the colonial office—and the same was read by the clerk. (See appendix No. 3—part 3.) Ordered, That the despatch and letter do lie on the table.
Adjourned debate on passage of chancery abolition bill resumed Amendment moved	The order of the day being read, The house resumed the adjourned debate on the question that the bill for abolishing the court of chancery and conferring equity jurisdiction on the supreme court, do finally pass; and such question being propounded from the chair, The hon. the attorney general moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution:
	Whereas the court of chancery has existed in this prevince from its earliest settlement, and all causes therein were argued before his excellency the lieutenant governor as chan- cellor, with the assistance of one or more of the judges of the supreme court, by whom, in fact,

fact, all such causes were decided until the year 1826, when the legislature authorized the appointment of a master of the rolls, with a salary of $\pounds 600$; And whereas, with the progress of society and of judicial and legal reforms in the mother country, and from other causes which this house forbears from enumerating, the court of chancery has become more and more obnoxious to the people, till at length, after various intermediate proceedings, a resolution was unanimously passed by both branches of the legislature in the session of 1853, directing the abolition of the court and the transfer of equity jurisdiction to the supreme court when a bill should be prepared with the necessary machinery for carrying out that object; And whereas the bill now under consideration has passed this house without a division, except on the two clauses affecting the officers of the court, and the amendment moved on the 24th instant contains an exposition of all the reasons which were urged in vain during its passage to induce the friends of the measure to transfer the master of the rolls to the bench of the supreme court :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this house, notwithstanding these reasons, such transference would have been a sacrifice of the public interest, and on many accounts inexpedient and unwise; that it would have increased the bench of the supreme court to six judges, while the example of New Brunswick and our own experience convinces us that five are sufficient; that the returns shew that but thirty-one causes a year have been brought during the last four years in the court of chancery, twenty-five of which are for the foreclosure of mortgages, requiring little or no judicial interposition, so that the increase of judicial labor under the new bill cannot be regarded as oppressive; that the bill provides that the practice of the supreme court, with which the judges are familiar, shall extend to all equitable suits thereunder, and the cumbrous and expensive forms and modes of proceeding in the court of chancery are altogether abolished; that if the residence of two of the judges only in Halifax shall be found inconvenient, it will be competent for the executive government to suggest to one or more of the other judges, or in case of a vacancy leading to a new appointment, to require as a condition a residence in town; that this house will always consult, as far as the public interest will permit, both the convenience and dignity of the bench, and conceive it to be sound policy that the judges should not represent exclusively any one class or set of opinions in this country, but being drawn before their elevation from both parties, may enjoy the confidence of both; that on these principles the addition of the master of the rolls to the supreme court bench would have been unacceptable to the body of the people, whose interests and feelings it is the duty of this house to protect; that on the ground of expense it would have been also unwise-the abolition of the court of chancery and of the office of master of the rolls, substituting for his present salary of $\pounds700$ a year a retiring allowance of $\pounds400$, has effected a saving to the country. This allowance was introduced upon the principle adopted by the legislature in abolishing the inferior courts, and was indispensable to the passage of the bill; that a pension to one of the judges of the supreme court who has applied therefor has not been sanctioned by this house, because there is no public necessity to excuse it, and it would lead to other applications which it would be impossible, after setting so dangerous an example, to resist; that the course this house has pursued is for these reasons in perfect accordance with the leading principles on which they have maintained the present government—the principles of a liberal economy, a well defined and well understood responsibility to the people, and an administration of the laws that shall not only be pure but unsuspected :

And therefore *resolved*, that the bill do finally pass, and that the clerk do carry the same to the council and desire their concurrence :

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Agreed to on division there appeared for the amendment, twenty-five; against it, nineteen.

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Manuary of Shipe	an amendment, to	which amendment they a essenger withdrew.		
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Alemanski och starfa Under anderen Under anderen	Mr. Speak Mr. Dimoc	house again resolved itse er left the chair. k took the chair of the c- er resumed the chair.		ways and means.
Report Sachy Frontien adding to wate on molasses	The chairman r referred to them, report to the house read, and is as foll <i>Resolved</i> , That addition to the du	eported from the commi and had come to a fur e—and he delivered the r	ther resolution, which t resolution in at the cleri terling, per gallon, be ny, sterling, per gallon,	hey had directed him to k's table, where it was imposed on molasses, in already passed in com-

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Mr. Holmes moved that the same be not received by the house : which being seconded Motion not to receive and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-three; against it, twenty-five.

•	For the	motion :	Against the motion :				
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			•• Chipman,				

So it passed in the negative.

The resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house. Ordered. That the resolution be referred to the committee on bills.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chiar.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to con- Report revenue bills tinue and amend the laws imposing customs duties, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill; and that they had also gone through the bill to continue the law imposing light house duties; the bill to continue the license law; and the bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries; and had directed him to report those bills to the house, severally without amendment; --- and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the first mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Mr. Killam reported from the committee on the memorial of B. Wier and company, Report from committee by morial of B. with reference to shipwrecked passengers—and he read the report in his place, and then we a co. delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 82.)

Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.

Mr. Annand reported finally from the committee on the petition of Charles F. Harring- ^{Final report from com-ton and others—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's ^{C. F. Harrington and} others} table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 71—part 2.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and referred to the committee of Adopted, and supply supply.

On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Resolution agreed to, and referred to mittee on bills

Committee on bills

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MONDAY, 26th MARCH, 1855.

Report resolutions

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress, and had come to several resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house-and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

The chairman also acquainted the house that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the supply, to which the house agreed.

The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :

£100 colored popula-tion, Halifax county

£100 colored grant,

other counties

1°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in affording relief to the colored population in the county of Halifax, by purchasing seed or provisions.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the dis- 2° . posal of the governor, to purchase seed for distribution among the colored population in the counties of Hants, Qucen's, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne, Digby, Kings, and Cumberland, to the amount of ten pounds in each county.

paid 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.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and sixty pounds, sterling, be granted and

£460 sterling, cierks in provincial secreta-ry's office

£100 sterling, provin-cial secretary's office contingencies

£100 publishing judges' decisions

£10 sterling, crier of vice admiralty court

Breakwater grants

4°. Resolved, That a sum not to exceed one hundred pounds, sterling, be granted and paid for stationery and contingencies of the provincial secretary's office, for the present year; to be accounted for at the next session.

Resolved, That a sum not to exceed one hundred pounds, per annum, be granted 5°. and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in providing for reporting and publishing the decisions of the supreme court.

6°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds, sterling, be granted and paid to the judge of the vice admiralty court, for fuel and crier of that court for present year.

7°. Resolved, That the following sums be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in aid of the several services specified as under, upon the conditions, unless otherwise herein directed, that no such sums shall be drawn from the treasury until it shall appear to the governor in council that the parties interested in, or applying for aid to, any such work, have subscribed and expended thereon, since the passing of the grant, at least double the amount so granted in addition to such grant, so that the whole sum expended on such works respectively shall amount to three times the sum so granted; and that in the expenditure of such subscriptions, and of the grant hereby made, there shall not be paid for laborers at a higher rate than five shillings per day, nor for teams at a higher rate than is allowed in employing labor on the highways; and also in the case of breakwaters, piers and wharves, that the site thereof has been conveyed for the use of the public :---

Breakwater	at Pleasant Cove, Digby,	£100	0	0
D o.	at Canady Creek, King's,	100	0	0
Do.	at Chute's Cove, Annapolis,	75	0	0
Do.	and public wharf, mouth of Windsor river, King's,	25	0	0
Do.	at Hall's harbor, King's,	100	0	0
Do.	at Baxter's harbor, King's,	100	0	0
Do.	at French Cross, King's,	200	0	0
Do.	at Hunt's Point, Queen's,	60	0	0
Do.	at Belleveau Cove, Digby,	100	0	0
Do.	at Ogilvie Brook, King's,	100	0	0
Do.	at Little River, Sydney,	100	0	0
Do.	at Groscoque, Clare, Digby,	100	0	0
$\mathbf{D}_{0}.$	at Gates' Cove, Annapolis,	150	0	0
Do.	at Trout Cove, Digby, not to exceed	200	0	0
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Improvement of Tracadie harbor, Sydney,	£100	0	0	
Public slip, Broad Cove, Inverness,	50	0	0	
Arisaig pier, Sydney, on condition of £200 being raised and ex- pended,	200	0	0	
Margaree breakwater and harbor, Inverness, on £200 being raised and expended,	200	0	0	
Clearing and deepening Wood's harbor, Shelburne,	200	-	-	
Opening channel between Whitehead and Molasses Harbor, Guys-	20	v	v	
borough,	25	0	0	
Improving and clearing River Roseway, Shelburne,		0	0	
Improving and clearing out Tusket River, Yarmouth, not to exceed	50	0	0	
Improving and clearing out Annapolis river, between Bridgetown				
and Annapolis,	25	0	0	

8°. Resolved, That the following sums be granted and paid to the several parties Ferry grants named as under, in aid of the respective ferries specified, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities :---

To Jacob Knaufft's ferry, St. Mary's River, for 1853,	$\pounds 5$	0	0
The two ferryman at same place, for 1855,	10	0	0
Aid ferry at entrance of Southern Bay, Ingonish, Victoria,	7	10	0
Do. Grand Passage, Digby, additional grant,	5	0	0
Do. Petite Passage, Digby, do.	5	0	0
Do. Gut of Mire' River,	5	0	0
Aid in procuring boat for same ferry,	2	10	0
Aid ferry at Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton,	10	0	0
Do. Sydney River, Cape Breton,	5	0	0
Do. Tusket River, Yarmouth, $(\pounds 3 \text{ on each side},)$	6	0	0
Do. Grand Narrows, C. B., in addition to previous grant			
of £5,	3	0	0
Do. Pubnico harbor, Yarmouth,	5	0	0
Do. Mouth of Ship Harbor, Halifax,	8	0	0

9°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid the inhabitants of Gates' Cove, Wilmot, in defraying a large mot expenditure incurred by them during the past year, in securing and extending the breakwater at that place, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

10°. Resolved, That there be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in compositive aid of Troop Cove breakwater, in the county of Annapolis, the sum of eighty pounds, recommended by the committee on navigation securities in 1853, and omitted to be moved in committee of supply in that year, upon the same terms and conditions as the other grants to breakwaters in that year.

12°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to Donald McKinnon, £5 D. McKinzze to remunerate him for carrying the mails across Pugwash harbor in 1852 and 1853.

13°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, for E Crowell of Seal Islands, in the county of Yarmouth, in addition to the sum already granted for keeping that establishment, in order to enable him to procure further assistance.

14°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid to William Good- 220 W. & N. Goodwin and Noah Goodwin, residents upon Mud Islands, in the county of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient boats, and otherwise render assistance to shipwrecked seamen. 15°.

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£1090 light houses	15°. Resolved, That the sum of one thousand pounds be granted and placed at the dis- posal of the governor, for the purpose of having erected during the present year, or so soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for so doing, light houses on the follow- ing places: A light house at the entrance of the harbor of Liverpool, in Queen's county. A light house on the north side of Lingan harbor, on Little Head, county of Cape						
	vicinity, as may A light house	be deemed m at Burnt Coa	sland, near the entrance of Saint Mary's nost advisable by the board of works. at Head, in Maitland, county of Hants, or or Bay, to be selected by the board of works	at some point on			
£150 steamboat Syd- ney to Baddeck	at the disposal of boat from Sydne	of the governo by through the	um of one hundred and fifty pounds be gra- for-to be paid to any person who will run e Bras d'Or lake to Baddeck once a week, an larly between Sydney and the North Bar.	a suitable steam-			
£2000 poor asylum			m of two thousand pounds be granted and pa , for the support of the transient paupers, for				
£225 12 2 transient puppers	and two pence	be granted ar	sum of two hundred and twenty-five pound ad paid to defray the several amounts follow n transient pauper expenses :				
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	· •	••	Pictou, 1st section-Nancy White, £7 Ss.	•			
			11d.; Peggy Berrigan, £3 17s. 10d.; passage to P. E. Island of 3 wrecked sailors, £1 11s. 3d.,	12 18 0			
	2,2	••	Saint Andrew's, county of Sydney,	18 12 0			
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			£2 4s. 6d.,	6 19 4			
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	,,	,,	Shubenacadie and Stewiacke,	$1 \ 15 \ 0$			
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19°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and eighty-one pounds three shillings and eleven pence be granted and paid to John H. Crosskill, being the full balance claimed by him upon his accounts while queen's printer.	£181 3 11 J. HE Crosskill
20°. Resolved, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted and paid to the follow- ing persons, to be expended in the education or maintenance of their respective deaf and dumb, or blind children; not to be drawn until satisfactory evidence shall be given to the governor in council that the amount has been so expended: Sarah Kelly, £25; John Barnaby, £25; Donald Ross, £25.	£75 deaf and d umb
21°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence be granted and paid to the honorable attorney general, for advances made by him during the past year for the public service.	£59 17 6 att'y. gen7.
22°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to Mrs. Knowles, widow of the late Samuel Knowles, who was drowned while in the performance of his duty as ferryman in crossing the ferry at West Passage, Barrington.	
23°. Resolved, That the sum of ninety-nine pounds sixteen shillings and seven pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the several amounts recom- mended to be paid by a special committee for expenses connected with the enquiry insti- tuted by the government as to the lunacy of Nicholas H. Martin.	
24°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be applied and expended upon the roads on the north and south sides of the Mire' River, between the mouth of the river and Grand Mire', in accordance with the terms of the report of the committee on that subject.	
25°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty-four pounds and five shillings be granted and paid to James Churchill, of Yarmouth, in addition to the sum of five pounds fifteen shillings now in the hands of Thomas Killam, as a compensation for land taken from him for a road, pursuant to the report of the committee on road damages.	
26°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty-five pounds four shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay fifty-four pounds to Norman McDonnell, John Fleming, and Joseph Marsh, of Boulardrie, for damages for a road through their lands; and one pound four shillings to Stephen Curry, John McLeod, and Charles McDonald, for their services in laying out the road, to be distributed pursuant to the report of the com- mittee on road damages.	damages
The resolutions having been severally read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon respectively, agreed to by the house. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolutions to the council and desire their concur- rence.	-
Ordered, That Mr. Killam and Mr. P. Smyth have leave of absence after to-morrow.	Leave of absense.
The order of the day being read, Ordered, The order of the road scales be presented to-morrow.	Order for road seales extended

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1855.

	PRAYERS.
Manicipal incorp. act ordered to be printed	
Report from commit- tee on memorial of capt. Colin Y. Camp- bell	
	Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.
Elevenue bills r ead Ord time, viz . :	An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties, was read a third time.
Customs duties	Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties.
License law	An engrossed bill to continue the license law, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the license law.
Disti ⁿ eries	An engrossed bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the law to regulate distilleries.
Light house duties	An engrossed bill to continue the law imposing light house duties, was read a third
	<i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the law impo- sing light house duties.
Sent te council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above bills to the council and desire their concurrence.
Despatch from gover- nor as to militia force	The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, Copy of a despatch from the lieutenant governor to the duke of Newcastle, dated 30th March, 1854, on the subject of raising a militia force in the province—and the same was read by the clerk. (See appendix No. 84.)
	Ordered, That the despatch do lie on the table.
Mensige from council	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :
Agree to public mo- rais bill and to heerse have amends, bill	Mr. Speaker— The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for the summary trial and punish- ment of offenders against public morals, without any amendment. They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors," with an amendment,
Do not agree to andt to Cornwallis bridge bill Ask conference	to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. They do not agree to the amendments proposed by this honorable house to the bill, en- titled, an act to authorize the Cornwallis bridge company to sell the Cornwallis bridge. The council desire a conference by committee with a committee of this honorable house on the general state of the province. And then the messenger withdrew.
Conference agreed to	On motion, resolved, that the conference desired by the council be agreed to, and that the clerk do acquaint the council therewith.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Wade, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. B. Smith, be a committee to manage committee of contersuch conference.

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Wade reported that the managers had been at the conference, and that the commit- Report tee of conference on the part of the council had handed to them a paper suggesting a money grant, which they do not feel themselves at liberty to report to the house, as being inconsistent with its privileges.

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that the committee had con- Report on trustees of sidered the bill to incorporate the trustees of the south baptist meeting house at Wilmot, house incorp. bill and had made amendments to such bill, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill—and he delivered the bill and amendments in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be committee to a committee of the whole house. Bu committee

Mr. Wade reported from the committee on the subject of the transfer of duties to colonial Report from commit-tee on colonial officers of customs—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the of custom clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 85.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

On motion of Mr. Ryder,

Resolved, That the following sums, granted for the road service in the county of Yar- Change of appropria-tion, county of Yarmouth, viz.: mouth

No.	62, in 1851,	$\pounds 25$	0	0	No. 81, in 1853,	£15	4	1	£39	4	1
"	89, in 1853,	9	4	6	" 1, in 1854,	0	2	8	9	7	2
"	13, in 1854,	2	0	0	" 21, in 1854,	0	5	9	2	5	9
"	87, in 1854,	5	0	0	" 100, in 1854,	18	18	0	23	18	0
"	103, in 1854,	80	0	0	Special grant in 1853,	100	0	0	180	0	0

 $\pounds 255 15$ 0

And remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the scale of the general road and bridge service in the county of Yarmouth for the present year.

On motion of the hon. Mr. Fulton,

Resolved, That the following sums, granted in 1854 for the road service of the county change of appropria-tion, county of Cumberland, remaining undrawn, be appropriated as follows, viz. :- £5 No. 106, to berland repair the road from Tait's, River Philip, past captain Handley's, to extend said road to Eel Creek ; £5 No. 116, to repair the road from road near D. Niles' towards Francis Smith's, north side river; and 8s. 6d., Nos. 33, 74 and 149, making £5 8s. 6d, be expended on the road near Daniel Travis' to Leicester road.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above two resolutions to the council and desire Resolutions sent to their concurrence.

Mr. Archibald, from the committee to whom was referred the engrossed bill from the Bankruptey bill recouncil, entitled, an act relating to bankruptcy, reported that the committee had examined select committee such bill, and had directed him to report the same back to the house, with a recommendation that the house should consider the general principle of a bankruptcy bill.

The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend Council's amends. to chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors," was as reed to read a first, and, nem. con., a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendment be agreed to.

Held

Adopted

Bill sent back to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendment.
Trade returns pre- sented	The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house various papers relating to the trade of the province, viz. : General statement of imports, being a detailed account of the principal articles of British and foreign merchandize imported into the province during the year ended 5th January, 1855, shewing the quantity and value of each article entered at each port, and indicating from what countries imported. General statement of exports for the same period, and with the like particulars. Abstract of principal articles imported during year ended 31st December, 1854, shewing the value of each article and from what country imported. Abstract of exports for the same period, and with the like particulars. General statement of imports, shewing the value of merchandize entered at each port in Nova Scotia during 1854, and indicating from what country imported. General statement of the value of imports at the different ports in Nova Scotia, in 1853 and 1854. Comparative statement of the value of exports during the same periods. Statement of imports into the port of Halifax during the same periods. Statement of exports from the port of Halifax for the same period, and with the like particulars. Balance of goods remaining in the different bonded warehouses at the port of Halifax on 31st December, 1854; and a comparative statement of articles in bonded warehouse 31st December, 1854, and 1854. Return of the number, tonnage, and value of vessels built at ports in Nova Scotia during 1854, and if sold, whither sent for sale. (See appendix No. 86.) Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.
Report bills— Trustees of south bap- tist meeting house Acadian iron and steel company River fisheries am.it.	Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to incor- porate the trustees of the south baptist meeting house at Wilmot; the bill to incorporate
	Ordered, That the amendments to the council's river fisheries bill be engrossed.
Bill relative to com- missioner of crown lands reported	The hon. the solicitor general, from the committee on amendments to the revised statutes, reported in part, and thereupon presented, A bill to amend chapter 37 of the revised statutes, "of the office of surveyor general and commissioner of crown lands;" and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Boad scales presented	The order of the day being read, The undermentioned members for the several counties, presented to the house scales of sub-division of the sums of £32,000 for the ordinary road and bridge service, £10,000 for the great road service, and £3,000 special road grant, granted in the present session, viz.: For

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For the o	county o	f Halifax,	-		-		-		Mr. Annand.
"	,,	Hants, -		-		-		-	" B. Smith
"	,,	King's,	-		-		-		" Chipman.
,,	""	Annapolis,		-		-		-	Hon. Mr. Johnston.
"	,,	Digby,	-		-		-		Mr. Bourneuf.
,,	,,	Yarmouth,		-		-		-	" Ryder.
"	"	Shelburne,	-		-		-		" Thos. Coffin.
,,	,,	Queen's, -		-		-		-	" John Campbell.
"	,,	Lunenburg,	-		-		_		" Creighton.
,,	,,	Colchester,		-		-		-	" Archibald.
,,	,,	Cumberland,	-		-		-		Hon. Mr. Fulton.
,,	,,	Pictou, -		-		-		-	Mr. Holmes.
"	"	Sydney,	_		-		-		Hon. Sol. Gen.
,,	,,	Guysborough,	-	-		-		-	Mr. Marshall.
,,	,,	Cape Breton,	' _		-		-		" McQueen.
,,	,,		-	_	-	_		-	
,,	,,	Victoria,	-	-	-	-	-		" H. Munro.
		Inverness,	-	-	-	-	-	-	" P. Smyth.

(See appendix No. 87.)

Ordered, That such scales be referred to the hon. the financial secretary, the hon. Mr. Referred to xind committee Fulton, and Mr. Chipman, to examine and report upon.

Ordered, That Mr. Creighton have leave to return home after to-day, on urgent busi- Leave of access; and that Mr. Moore, Mr. McQueen, Mr. H. Munro, Mr. John Munro, and Mr. Thomas Coffin, have leave to return home after Thursday next.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the act relating to the Council river fisheries, was read a third time, with the amendment made thereto.

Resolved, That such bill be agreed to, and do pass this house with such amendment.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that sent to council this house have agreed thereto, with such amendment.

A bill to amend chapter 37 of the revised statutes, "of the office of surveyor general surveyor general surveyor general and commissioner of crown lands," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Mr. Wier reported from the committee on the petitions of James Wilson and John Oal— Report from the on petition of James Wilson and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it Wilson was again read.

(See appendix No. 88.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Ordered, That Mr. B. Smith be substituted for Mr. Creighton on the committee to con-Entruction moments sider the report of the commissioners for signing treasury notes.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company, was read a third Acadian iron and steel company, was read a third Acadian iron and steel company, was read a third comply. Insurance and steel company and steel company.

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Motion to amend ne- gatived on division Bill passed, and sent t o council	And thereupon, Mr. Chipman moved that such bill be amended, by striking out the eighth clause, and inserting instead thereof a clause making each corporator liable in double the amount of the stock held by him : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven ; against it, thirty. So it passed in the negative. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company.
	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.
Committee on bills	On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills. Mr. Speaker left the chiar. Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee. Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
Report council's Aca- dian marble company : ncorporation bill	The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Acadian marble company, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment—and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.
Agreed to Sent back to conneil	Resolved, That the bill do pass and be agreed to by this house. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.
Report from commit- tee on road scales Adopted Road scales agreed to	The hon. the financial secretary, from the committee on the road scales, reported that they had examined the same, and recommend to the house the adoption thereof. Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house. Ordered, That the several scales of sub-division of road monies be agreed to, and do pass as separate resolutions for each of the counties respectively.
Road scales and divi- tion sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry to the council the resolution passed on the 20th February last, for the general division of the sums of $\pounds 32,000$ and $\pounds 10,000$ respectively, granted for the road and bridge service, together with the foregoing resolutions for the sub-division and appropriation thereof, and desire their concurrence thereto respectively.
Report from commit- tee on expense of re- fitting government house	Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the expenses of repairing and refitting government house—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
	(See appendix No. 89.)
Adopted, and supply	Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and such parts of it as recommend a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.
Report from commit- tee on revised statutes smendments	The hon. the solicitor general reported further from the committee appointed to consider amendments to the revised statutes; and thereupon presented to the house the following bills, viz.:
Petty trespasses amendment Bastard children amendment	A bill to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults." A bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, "of the maintenance of bastard children."
Weights and mea- sures amendt. Bevised statutes amendt. Wesd 1st and 2nd time Gommitted	A bill to amend chapter 86 of the revised statutes, "of weights and measures." A bill to amend certain chapters of the revised statutes. And the same were read a first, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time. Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Second of expenses of selecting stud horse	presented to the house, Account of the expenses incurred by the hon. R. A. McHeffey and Mr. John Northup,
Seierred to supply	in selecting and purchasing the provincial stud horses. Ordered, That the account be referred to the committee of supply.

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The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Communication to the provincial government from the chairman of the board of works, on the subject of the site of the Pictou Island light house-and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered. That the communication do lie on the table.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 61 of the revised Agree to bills, viz : statutes, " of laying out certain great roads ;" the bill, entitled, an act to provide for the Great roads construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton ; and the Little Bras d'Or bill for granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands; severally without Commissioner of crown land pension amendment.

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revi- License law amends: sed statutes, " of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors," as now amended.

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enlarge and amend the new practice New practice act amend. act; the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, " of surveyors Statute labor amendt. of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax ;" the bill, entitled, an act further to Probate court amendt. amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court ;" and the bill, entitled, Fish inspection andt. an act to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, "of the regulation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize," with amendments to those four bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to authorize the board of commissioners Have passed bill to make regulations for the construction and management of railways in Nova Scotia; to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

The council have also agreed to twenty-six resolutions of this honorable house, for grant- Agree to money votes ing various sums of money for the public service, viz. :

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- 100 0 0 Colored population, other counties.
- 460 0 0 Sterling, clerks provincial secretary's office.
- 100 0 0 Sterling, contingencies of provincial secretary's office.
- 100 0 0 Reporting decisions of supreme court.
- 10 0 0 Sterling, crier of vice admiralty court. Grants to ferries. Grants to breakwaters.
 - 0 Gates' Cove breakwater.
- 100 0 80 0 0 Troop's Cove breakwater.
 - 20 0 0
 - Public slip, Digby. 5 0 0
 - D. McKinnon.
- 10 0 0 Edmund Crowell.
- 20 0 0 W. & N. Goodwin.
- 2000 0 0 Commissioners of poor asylum.
- 225 12 2 Transient poor.
- 150 0 0 Steamboat, Sydney to Baddeck.
- 0 1000 0 Light houses.
 - 3 11 181 J. H. Crosskill.
 - 75 0 0 Education of deaf and dumb.
 - 59 17 6 Attorney general's advances.
 - $\mathbf{25}$ 0 0 Mrs. Samuel Knowles.
 - 99 16 7 Expenses of enquiry as to N. H. Martin's lunacy.
 - 200 0 0 Roads in Mire', Cape Breton.
 - 24 5 0 James Churchill, road damages.
 - 55 4 0 N. McDonnell, road damages.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Council's railway commissioners bill read 1st time	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the board of commis- ssioners to make regulations for the construction and management of railways in Nova Scotia, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Council's amendts. to probate amendt. and statute labor amendt. bills read 1st time	The amendments proposed by the council to the bills, entitled respectively, an act further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," and an act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax," were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
Council's amendts. to new practice act agreed to	The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to enlarge and amend the new practice act, were read a first, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time, and con- sidered by the house. And thereupon, On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendments be agreed to.
Council's amendts. to fish inspection bill agreed to	The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, "of the regulation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize," were read a first, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time, and con- sidered by the house. And thereupon, On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendments be agreed to.
Bill and amendts, sent back to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two bills, with the amendments, back to the coun- cil, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to the amendments to such bills respec- tively.
Wilmot baptist meet- ing heuse incorp. bill read 3rd time, passed and sent to council	
Granville assessment bill read 2nd time Motion to commit Amendment to defer consideration of bill moved, and negatived ou division	Mr. Wade moved that the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house: which being seconded, Mr. Thorne moved, by way of amendment, that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until this day three months. which being seconded and put and the house divid.
	For the amendment : Against the amendment :
	Mr. Josiah Coffin, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Martell, Mr. Fuller, " Murray, " J. Munro, " Esson, " Locke, " Locke, " Comeau

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Original motion agreed to on divi-sion

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B. Smith,

Hon. Mr. Johnston,

So it passed in the negative.

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The question as originally proposed being then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-four; against it, nineteen.

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Chipman,

Hon. Mr. Fulton,

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Wade,

Archibald,

Bourneuf,

Fin. Sec.,

Prov. Sec.,

Sol. Gen.

Hon. Atty. Gen.,

For

For th	e motion :	Against the	motion :	
Mr. Esson, " Martell, " McKinnon, " Brown, " Brown, " McLelan, " Chipman, " Chipman, " Wade, " H. Munro, " Annand, " Thos. Coffin, " McQueen, " Archibald. So it passed in the formation of the second	9	Mr. Zwicker, " Murray, " Jno. Campbell, " Thorne, " Whitman, " Cowie, " Holmes, " Holmes, " Moore, " Ryder, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Josiah Coffin, "Beckwith, Killam, J. Munro, Mosher, Jost, Wilkins, B. Smith, Young.	
	e bill be committed to a house resolved itself into		e nouse.	Bill committed Committee on bills
Mr. Speake The chairman rep chapter 37 of the re- crown lands," and ment—and he delive Ordered, That the	took the chair of the con r resumed the chair. ported from the committe evised statutes, "of the had directed him to repo rered the bill in at the cl he bill be engrossed. puse adjourned until to-n	e that they had gone the office of surveyor gene ort the same to the hous lerk's table.	ral and commissioner of e, without any amend-	commissioner of crown
	THURSDAY, 29	9th MARCH, 1855.		
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Resolved, That t revised statutes, "	l to amend chapter 37 of ssioner of crown lands," he bill do pass, and that of the office of surveyor he clerk do carry the bill	the title be, an act to a general and commission	mend chapter 37 of the er of crown lands "	
Mr. B. Smith re the house—and he where it was again	ported from the committe read the report in his pla	ee on the subject of the ace, and then delivered i	incidental expenses o t in at the clerk's table	Report from commit- tee on contingencies

Mr. Marshall moved that the report from the committee on the fisheries, presented to Motion to adopt rethe house on the 15th February last, be adopted and referred to supply: which being asheries agreed to en seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twentytwo; against it, eighteen.

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	For the	motio n :	Against	the motion :
Report adopted, and referred to supply				Mr. Brown, Hon. Sol. Gen., "Mr. Fulton, "Fin. Sec., "Atty. Gen., Mr. Shaw, "Chipman. "Wier, "Wier, "Wade.
Provincial loan and city of Halifax smdt. bill read 1st and 2nd time and committed	A bill to authorise A bill to amend th And the said bills	The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house, A bill to authorise a provincial loan; and also, A bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax. And the said bills were read a first, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time. Ordered, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.		
Beport from commit- tee on report of com- missioners for signing treasury notes	sioners for issuing tr	Mr. Wade reported from the committee appointed to consider the report of the commis- sioners for issuing treasury notes—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.		
		(See appe	endix No. 90.)	
Adopted, and referred to supply	Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and such part thereof as recom- mends a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.			
Report from commit- tee on petition of Jos. McDonald	The hon. the solici McDonald—and he table, where it was a	read the report in hi	from the committee on s place, and then delive	the petition of Joseph ered it in at the clerk's
		(See appe	ndix No. 91.)	
Adopted, and supply	Ordered, That the supply.	e report be received	and adopted, and refer	rred to the committee of
Message from council	A message from th Mr. Speaker-	ne council by Mr. Hall	liburton :	
Agree to railway da- mages assessment bill	• .	ngreed to the bill, enti	tled, an act to authorise	e assessments for railway
Agree to chancery coort abolition bil, with amendment	They have agreed conferring equity ju	to the bill, entitled, a risdiction on the sup ce of this honorable ho	reme court, with an am	court of chancery and endment, to which they
Conneil's amendt, to chancery abolition bill agreed to	court of chancery and and, nem. con., a sec And thereupon,	d conferring equity jur ond time, and consider	isdiction on the suprem red by the house.	n act for abolishing the e court, was read a first,
Bills, &c. sent back to council	Ordered, That th	ed, that such amendme e clerk do carry the his house have agreed	bill and amendment b	ack to the council, and
Message from council	A message from t Mr. Speaker-	he council by Mr. Hal —	liburton :	The

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and amend the laws Agree to reveaue bills imposing customs duties; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the law imposing light house duties; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the license law; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the law to regulate distilleries; and the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate Agree to Acadian from and steel comply. bill the Acadian iron and steel company; severally without amendment.

They have passed a bill, entitled, an act to regulate the sale of fresh fish, to which bill Have passed tresh fish they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to regulate the sale of fresh fish, Council's fresh fash, bill read lat time was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee on post office affairs-and he Report from commitread the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was and again read.

(See appendix No. 92.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and referred to the committee of Adopted, and supply supply.

Mr. McQueen moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the general mining association be required to pay the full royalty due on slack coal sold and shipped by them during the past year, 1854, as per their returns; and that the royalty be reduced to one half the present charge, or six pence per chaldron, on all slack coal shipped from the 1st day of January, 1855, and not be increased beyond that rate during the term of the lease of the association.

Which being seconded,

Mr. McLelan moved that the house do now adjourn ; which being seconded and put, Motion to adjourn was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly

The house adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

FRIDAY, 30th MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amends, to 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax," was read a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendment be not agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and Bill, &c. sent back to acquaint them that this house do not agree to such amendment.

Mr. Archibald moved that the house do come to the following resolution, viz. :

Whereas the mail route between Nova Scotia and the provinces of New Brunswick and ing, county Cokhester Canada, in its passage through the township of Truro, describes a circuit round the head of the Bay of Fundy five miles in length, which might be reduced to two miles by the erection of a bridge across the bay at the board landing :

And whereas with a view to assist in carrying out an object of great local as well as provincial importance, the inhabitants of the county have entered into a large subscription towards it, but it has been found impossible to appropriate any sum out of the county funds during the present year, in consequence of the great losses the county has sustained by freshets :

And whereas it is desirable not to lose the benefit of the subscription alluded to :

Resolved.

Not agreed to

Resolution respecting reduction of royalty on slack coal moved

Agreed to	Resolved therefore, That in case it shall be made appear to this house at its next session that a sum of $\pounds 500$ has been raised and expended, or satisfactorily secured towards the erection of such bridge, and the members of the county shall in next session of this house appropriate a further sum of $\pounds 500$ to the same purpose, then this house will appropriate a like sum of $\pounds 500$ as a special grant to complete such work : Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.
Report from commit- tee on Halifax court house	The hon. the attorney general reported from the committee on the subject of the Halifax court house—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. (See appendix No. 93.)
	Ordered, That the report be received and do lie on the table.
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Report from commit- tee on salaries of clerks in public de- partments	Mr. Wier reported from the committee on the memorial of W. H. Keating, and others, asking increase of salaries as clerks in the public departments—and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
	(See appendix No. 94.)
Motion for adoption of report agreed to on division	And thereupon, Mr. Wier moved that such report be received and adopted: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, fifteen. So it passed in the affirmative. And accordingly,
Report adopted, and referred to supply	Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and such part as recommends a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.
Minute of ocuncil as to railway commis- gioners' salary	The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,
	Copy of a minute in council, dated 30th March instant, with reference to the salaries of the railway commissioners—and the same was read by the clerk.
	(See appendix No. 95.)
	Ordered, That the minute do lie on the table.
Council's fresh fish bill agreed to	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to regulate the sale of fresh fish, was read a second time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill be agreed to by the house.
Council's bill for rail- way construction read 2nd time and agreed to	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the board of commis- sioners to make regulations for the construction and management of railways in Nova Scotia, was read a second time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill be agreed to by the house.
Bills sent back to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above two bills to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bills respectively.
Council's amendt. to probae court amendt. bill read 2nd time	The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," was read a second time and considered by the house. And thereupon,
Not agreed to Sent back to council	On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendment be not agreed to. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have not agreed to such amendment.
Conntil's amendt, to registry of ships' bill read 2nd time	The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act concerning the registry of ships, was read a second time and considered by the house, and is as follows: <i>After the fifth clause insert the following clause:</i> "In the event of the certificate of registry of any ship being mislaid, lost, or destroyed, the the second se

the registrar of the proper port shall grant a new certificate of registry or a provisional certificate, as the case may require, on such conditions as the governor may appoint, and on proof by affidavit of the original certificate having been mislaid, lost, or destroyed."

And thereupon,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that such proposed amendment be amended, by striking Amended and agreed to out the words "on such conditions as the governor may appoint, and :" which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly, resolved, that the amendment be so amended.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and Bull sent to council acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enlarge and amend the new prac- Agree to billstice act; the bill now entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, amendment " of the regulation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize," so Fish inspection and the far as relates to the inspection of fish; and the bill, entitled, an act for abolishing the Court of Chancery court of chancery and conferring equity jurisdiction on the supreme court; severally as now amended.

They do not adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to Statute labor amendeamend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax;" nor to the amendments proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court;" but agree Probate court amends. to those bills as originally sent up.

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 37 of the revised surveyor general statutes, "of the office of surveyor general and commissioner of crown lands;" and to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, " of witnesses and evi- Bridence amende. dence and the proof of written documents;" with amendments to those bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

The council have agreed to nineteen resolutions of this honorable house for dividing, Agree to read scales of sub-dividing, and appropriating the road monies; and to two resolutions of this honorable appropriation house for changing appropriation of road monies, viz. : £255 15s. county of Yarmouth, and £10 8s. 6d., Cumberland.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amended to 37 of the revised statutes, "of the office of surveyor general and commissioner of crown ist and 2ad time lands," was read a first, and, nem. con., a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and BUD, doc. sect to come acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendment.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter councils as oendts, to vidence bill read 1st 135 of the revised statutes, " of witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written documents," were read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion, the house again resolved itself into the committee of supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the business Report finally referred to them, and had come to fifty resolutions, which they had directed him to report

to the house-and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table. Ordered, That the resolutions be reported to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

Report postponed

Agreed to

Committee of supply

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Message from council

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SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Motion to rescind adoption of report on memorial of clerks in public offices negatived on division

Mr. Whitman moved that the vote of yesterday, by which the report of the committee on the memorial of the clerks of public departments was adopted, be rescinded : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, nineteen.

For the	motion :	Against th	e mot ion :
Mr. Ryder, " Thorne, " Young, " Jost, " Whitman, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Brown, " Jno. Campbell, " Holmes, " Mosher, " B. Smith.	Mr. McLelan, "Wilkins, "Murray, "Esson, "Locke, "Dimock, "Comeau, "Wade, "Archibald,	Mr. Cowie, "Fuller, "Martell, Hon. Fin. Sec., "Atty. Gen., "Prov. Sec., "Sol. Gen., "Mr. Fulton, Mr. Annand.

So it passed in the negative.

Report from commite on Dartmouth steam boat company

Mr. Annand reported from the committee appointed to consider the petition of inhabitants of Dartmouth, with reference to the steamboat company-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Chipman,

(See appendix No. 96.)

Resolutions reported

from committee of supply

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Adopted

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The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Mr. Dimock, the chairman of the committee of supply, reported the resolutions agreed to yesterday in that committee ; and the same were read, and are as follow :

£150 publishing in-formation on educa-Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, being the first half year's 1º. salary of the assistant teachers of the normal school, under section 3 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1854, be placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in publishing information on the subject of education, and in aid of pupils attending the institution during the first term.

£25 change of appro-2°. Resolved, That out of the undrawn grammar school monies of the grammar school at Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, there shall be paid to William Shipley, the master of that school, twelve pounds ten shillings for the half year's allowance, ending 1st November last; and out of the undrawn grammar school monics at Annapolis there shall be paid to the trustees of the school, twelve pounds ten shillings, to be expended in the purchase of apparatus and books for the use of the school

£20 change of appro-3°. Resolved, That out of the grammar school monies of the district of Barrington a priation Barrington monies sum not to exceed twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to provide globes, maps, and apparatus for the school in district No. 8, pursuant to the report of the committee on education.

Collegiate institutions 4°. Resolved, That the allowances now made to the collegiate and academical institutions, including King's college, Windsor, shall be continued under the existing regulations for one year only.

£500 educational board of presbyterian church

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred pounds be granted and paid to the educa-5°. tional board of the presbyterian church of Nova Scotia, in full of their equitable claims to the buildings, apparatus and library of the Pictou academy, pursuant to the report of the committee on education.

6°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, to be paid by quarterly demy, demy, sectoring payments, be granted and paid to the board of managers of the Wesleyan academy at Sackville for the present year, upon the same terms as those imposed upon grants to similar institutions in the year 1845.

7°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, to be paid by quarterly 2250 Seminary at Asinstalments, be granted to the Roman catholic episcopal corporation of Arichat, in aid of tigonishe the seminary at Antigonishe, upon the terms imposed on similar grants in 1845.

8°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the managers of the ^{£50 infant school} infant school at Halifax, in support of that institution during the present year.

9°. Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as Indian affairs will suffice to defray the expense of providing education for Indians, pursuant to the report of the committee on education.

10°. Resolved, That the sum of sixty-five pounds eighteen shillings and six pence be for the second six pence be f

11°. Resolved, That a sum not to exceed seven hundred pounds be granted and placed ^{5700 normal school} at the disposal of the commissioners of the normal school at Truro, in aid of that institution; a sum not to exceed four hundred pounds, to enable them to purchase a field and dwelling house at Truro, in the vicinity of the site of the building for the purposes thereof, and the balance to be expended by the trustees in completing the building and purchasing the apparatus necessary to put the school in operation.

12°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the committee of *for model school* the training and model school society, to aid them in the support of that establishment.

13°. Resolved, That the sum of forty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of *Eto* revenue boas, the governor, to enable him to continue a suitable revenue boat at Cape Breton.

14°. Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, particle partments 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°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and ninety-one pounds fourteen shillings 2291 14 3 A & W. and three pence be granted and paid to A. & W. Mackinlay, in full of their account for stationery and binding for the house of assembly, during the last year.

16°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred and eighty-four pounds nineteen shillings L234 19 4 contingenand four 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 and other articles for the house, during the present session, pursuant to the report of the committee on contingencies.

17°. Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and ten pounds and nine pence be granted contingencies and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the expenses of the legislative council for the present year.

18°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and placed at the dis- £25 ferry, Westpart posal of the governor, to aid in maintaining a packet or ferry boat between Westport and Montegan, in the county of Digby.

19°. Resolved, That the sum of four thousand two hundred and seventy-nine pounds 24279 19 2 board - nineteen

nineteen shillings and two pence be granted and paid to the board of works, to defray the balance of expenditure incurred by them during the last year.

20°. Resolved, That a sum not to exceed two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the board of works, in addition to the sum already expended by them, to defray the expense of repairing the damage to government house occasioned by fire; and a sum not to exceed six hundred pounds, to be expended in erecting buildings for outhouses connected therewith, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

21°. Resolved, That the sum of one thousand two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, to be expended by him in replacing and improving in a suitable manner the furniture of government house, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

- ^{Els 16 s} witnesses' fees, McDonald's trial granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the expense of witnesses at the trial of Alexander McDonald, acquitted of the charge of murder on the ground of insanity, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.
- 23°. Resolved, That the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings be granted and paid to David McCulloch, clerk in the financial secretary's office, extra allowance for the quarter ending 31st March.
- ²³⁵ (1 W. H. Keating 24°. Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five pounds four shillings and one penny be granted and paid to W. H. Keating, chief clerk in the provincial secretary's office, being the amount of commissions upon fees collected by him at that office during the past year.
- 25°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid to James W. Nutting, esquire, for labor performed by him in compiling a return for the use of the legislature, by order of the government, of all causes in which sales took place in the court of chancery, from 1835 to 1852, in addition to six pounds paid by him for transcribing the same.
- 26°. Resolved, That a sum not to exceed thirty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay for the alteration from flint to percussion of fifty rifles, for the use of the Pictou volunteer artillery company.
- 2150 John H. Tory 27°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be granted and paid to John H. Tory, contractor for building the bridge over Milford Haven River, in the county of Guysborough, in consideration of the heavy loss incurred by him in the execution of his contract.
- 28°. Resolved, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be applied in aid of a packet boat between Weymouth bridge and Sandy Cove, in the county of Digby.
- 20°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the trustees of the school now cstablished in the Pine Woods Settlement, Cornwallis, for the benefit of the colored population, to aid them in paying the salary of the teacher and completing the school house.
- 210 Jordan Biver ferry 30°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in aid of a ferry across Jordan River, in the county of Shelburne, to be divided between the ferrymen on each side of the river.
- 210 Anseim Fronton 31°. Resolved, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Anselm Fronton, of Clare, to indemnify him for expenses incurred in the execution of his duty as constable.

32°. Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as Ber Bive sums may be found necessary to be expended in procuring an examination, by a competent engineer, of Bear River, with a view to the erection of a bridge at such point and in such manner as to effect the least possible obstruction to the navigation ; together with a report and estimate of the cost, for the information of the house at its next session. Resolved. That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to Richard Meagher, 25 Bichard Meagh 33°. to assist him in his necessities. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the dis- floo mails screep 34°. posal of the postmaster general, in addition to four hundred pounds recommended by the report of the post office committee, for the conveyance of the mails across the Bay of Fundy, between Annapolis and Digby and Saint John, and between Windsor and Saint John, with the express understanding that this sum is not to be expended, unless the province of New Brunswick provide an equal sum of five hundred pounds for the same service. 35°. Resolved, That if any of the bridges on the main post roads of this province shall Casualty vote be unexpectedly destroyed or obstructed, by any unforseen accident or obstacle, it shall be lawful for the governor to order a commissioner to build or repair such bridge or to remove such obstructions; and it shall be lawful further for the governor to draw warrants on account and in favor of such commissioner, provided the sum so to be drawn shall not exceed for the year 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 be respectively expended. 36°. Resolved, That the sum of one pound, per day, be granted and paid to each mem- council's pay ber of the legislative council, for his attendance in parliament, with the same travelling fees as are received by members of the assembly : provided that no member be paid for more than forty days' attendance. Resolved, That the sum of one pound, per day, be granted and paid to every Members' more 37°. member of the house of assembly, for his attendance in general assembly for the present session-to be paid on the certificate of the speaker; also the travelling charges as heretofore, but no member shall receive pay for more than forty days' attendance." 38°. Resolved, That the sum of five pounds eight shillings and two pence, together 25 8 2 3 P. Let with four pounds eleven shillings and ten pence, remaining from the grant of last year for the purchase of stud horses, making ten pounds in all, be granted and paid to John P. Inglis, being amount of his account for services connected with such provincial stud horses, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture. Resolved, That the sum of eighty-eight pounds two shillings and six pence be 288 2 6 minute **39°**. granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in addition to seventy-five pounds previously granted, to defray the expenses of the parties employed to select and import stud horses during the past year. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds fifteen shillings be granted and stores **40°.** placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the expense incurred by Messrs. B. Wier and Co. and Messrs. Young and Hart, in connection with passengers per barque "Arcadia," pursuant to the report of the committee. 41°. Resolved, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the commissioners who prepared the bill for the abolition of the court of chancery, passed this session, and prepared under a commission issued in pursuance of a resolution of this house in 1853, and concurred in by the legislative council.

42°. Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, rest are and as will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the post office department for the present

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	year, including the amount of fines recommended by the committee on the premitted to mail carriers, as follows: H. Hyde, one hundred and thirty. Archibald and Stevenson, four pounds; and King and Brothers, thirty pound further sum as will be sufficient to defray the expense of carrying out the system, to the extent and in the manner recommended by the committee.	-one p s;—ai	ound 1d st	ls ; 1ch
£230 central board of agriculture	43°. Resolved, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid board of agriculture, to be applied, one half in paying their officers and s expenses as shall be absolutely necessary, and the other half, with the bal hands, in such way as they may deem best for promoting agricultural improv	uch inc lance i	iden n th	tal
ETTS spicultural so- circles	44°. Resolved, That a sum not to exceed nine hundred pounds be grant at the disposal of the central board of agriculture, to be applied at the rate o for each county, in manner prescribed by chapter 96, section 4, of the revise	f fifty	pou	
SUBY hi 3 to repay generated advances	 45°. Resolved, That the sum of eight hundred and ninety-seven pound lings and three pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, following advances made from the public treasury: E. Rushworth, salary as private secretary to lieutenant governor, for December quarter, 1853, J. R. Forman, salary as government consulting engineer, to 31st March, 1854, Captain Barry, for survey and report on St. Peter's canal, M. Halloran, for expenses of shipwrecked seamen of Newfoundland, brought from St. Pierre, Robert Malcom, for expense of monument to late Herbert Huntingdon, of Yarmouth, American consul, for supplies furnished to passengers of ship Staffordshire, B. Langley, on account of expenses and attendance on provincial horse Norfolk, S. Selden, to pay expenses of school specimens sent to London education exhibition, J. S. Morris, pension as late commissioner of crown lands for six months, ended 30th September, 1854, Provincial secretary, to repay expenses of witnesses from St. John, N. B., in criminal prosecution at Kentville, Provincial secretary, paid passage of seamen of schooner Clydesdale, of P. E. Island, foundered at sea, W. H. Harris, for expenses of mission to Sydney, to report on imprisonment of N. H. Martin, Committee of N. S. industrial exhibition, to pay balance due by them, Provincial secretary, for passages of soldiers wives and children from Halifax to Bermuda, 	, to def £78 212 87 6 120 10 35 9 150 10 2	ray 2 10 10 10 14 0 0 4 8 0 5 0 13 0 7	
Courses's private pressiary	46°. Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of as will provide for a private secretary for the present year, at the rate of \pounds	the go 250, s	vern terli	lor,

47°. Resolved, That the sum of seventy-four pounds one shilling and eight pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be applied, as under, in payment of the following sums, for services connected with the trial and imprisonment of Nicholas H. Martin, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject: the solicitor general for travelling fees, £24 10s.; H. Hesslein, additional, £10 11s.; Charles F. Harrington, £7 10s.; Richard Gibbon, £31 10s. 8d.

per annum, to be computed from the time of a private secretary being duly appointed.

48°. Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the

the central board of agriculture, to be applied for the encouragement of the manufacture of bone manure.

49°. Resolved, That the sum of one thousand pounds be granted and placed at the ^{£1000} importing disposal of the governor, for the purpose of importing from Canada, the United States, or Prince Edward Island, sheep of the most approved breeds, to be distributed and sold under the direction of his excellency, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be granted and placed at £150 Dawnon's book 1 50°. the disposal of the governor, for the purpose of procuring and distributing among the agriculturalists of the country, five thousand copies of Mr. Dawson's work on agriculture.

The resolutions from the first to the forty-fourth, both inclusive, being read a second First to torty-fourth time, were then, upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the house.

The forty-fifth resolution, for granting £897 16s. 3d. to repay certain advances made Government advances from the provincial treasury, being read a second time,

Mr. Brown moved that so much of the resolution as relates to the payment of £78 2s. Motion to strike out 6d. to E. Rushworth, private secretary to the lieutenant governor, be struck out : which private secretary no-gatived on division being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen; against it, eighteen.

	For the	motic	on :		Agains	t the mot	210 n :
Mr.	Zwicker,	Mr.	Jno. Campbell,	Mr.	Wilkins,	Hon	. Sol. Gen.,
	Murray,	"	Beckwith,	,,	Martell,	"	Prov. Sec.,
			Jost,	,,	McKinnon,	"	Atty. Gen.,
"	Mosher,	"	Brown,	,,	McLelan,	"	Fin. Sec.,
	Whitman,		Holmes,	,,	Wade,	"	Mr. Fulton,
"	B. Smith,	"	Ryder,	,,	Wier,	Mr.	Dimock,
	Comeau,	"	Young.	,,	Locke,	,,	Fuller,
	. Mr. Johnston,		9	,,	Chipman,	"	Esson,
	•			**	Annand.	"	Archibald.

So it passed in the negative.

The resolution was then, upon the usual question put thereon, agreed to by the house. 45th resolution agreed

The forty-sixth resolution, for granting £250, sterling, for a private secretary to the £250 private secretary to the forty-sixth resolution, for granting £250, sterling, for a private secretary to the forty-sixth resolution. lieutenant governor, being read a second time, and the usual question being propounded, that such resolution be agreed to,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the house do come to the following resolution, by Amende. moved way of amendment:

Whereas the annual application to the legislature for a grant of money in which the lieutenant governor, for the time being, is in any degree interested is undesirable; and whereas the form in which the vote for a salary for the lieutenant governor's private secretary is now presented to the house, makes it necessary to determine the policy of the legislature on this subject, because it contains an implied assurance that if the situation now vacant be filled, the legislature will continue to provide the salary; and whereas many reasons exist against making permanent provision for a private secretary for the lieutenant governor :

Resolved therefore, That the vote reported from committee for paying the lieutenant governor's private secretary a salary of $\pounds 250$, sterling, from the time such appointment shall take place, be not received :

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Negatived on division there appeared for the amendment, fifteen ; against it, sixteen.

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Resolution agreed to The original question being then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the resolution, fifteen; against it, thirteen.

For the resolution :		Against the	e resolution :
Mr. Wilkins, "Wade, McKinnon, Annand, Esson, Archibald, Chipman, Hon Mr. Fulton.	Mr. Martell, "Wier, "Fuller, Hon. Sol. Gen., "Prov. Sec., "Atty. Gen., "Fin. Sec.	Mr. Thorne, '' Jno. Campbell, '' Holmes, '' Brown, '' Whitman, '' McLelan, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Comeau, " Murray, " Jost, " Mosher, " Locke, " Young.

Hon. Mr. Fulton, So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolution for £74 1s. Sd. expenses of N. H. Martin's trial at Syd- ney	The forty-seventh resolution for granting the sum of $\pounds74$ ls. 8d. for certain services connected with the trial and imprisonment of Nicholas H. Martin, at Sydney, being read
	a second time,
Amended on division	Mr. Chipman moved that the sum of $\pounds 7$ 10s. payable thereunder to Charles F. Har-
	rington, be struck out of such resolution : which being seconded and put, and the house
	dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-one; against it, thirteen.
	So it passed in the affirmative.
Again amended on di-	Mr. Wilkins then moved that the sum of £31 10s. 8d., payable under such resolution
vision	to R. Gibbon, be struck out therefrom : which being seconded and put, and the house
	dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twelve.
	So it passed in the affirmative.
	And accordingly
	Ordered, That the amount of the grant of $\pounds74$ 1s. 8d. be reduced to the sum of $\pounds35$ 1s.
Amount reduced to £35 17s.	by defaulting the above two many of 67 10g and 621 10g 8d respectively.
	by deducting the above two sums of £7 10s. and £31 10s. 8d. respectively.
Third amendt. nega- tived on division	Mr. Whitman then moved that the amount of such resolution be further reduced by
	striking therefrom the sum of £10 11s. payable thereunder, to H. Hesslein : which being
	seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fifteen;
	against it, sixteen.
	So it passed in the negative.
Resolution as amen-	The resolution, as amended, was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the
ded agreed to	house.
Forty-eighth resolu-	
tion agreed to; mo- tion not to receive	Deing read a second time,
being negatived	Mr. Locke moved that the resolution be not received by the house : which being secon-
	ded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative.
	The resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.
49th resolution agreed to ; motion not to re-	The forty-ninth resolution for granting £1000 for importing improved breeds of sheep
ceive being negatived	being read a second time,
	Mr. Locke moved that such resolution be not received by the house: which being
	seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative. The

The fiftieth resolution, for granting £150 for procuring and distributing agricultural south resolution agricultural south resolutions publications, being read a second time, and the usual question being propounded, that the same be agreed to, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for agreeing to the resolution, eighteen; against it, thirteen.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the several resolutions to the council and desire their Besolutions sent a concurrence.

The hon. the solicitor general, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to bill to be by ballot de establish vote by ballot, reported that the committee had directed him to recommend to report the house that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next sessionand he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Ordered, That the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session.

The hon. the solicitor general, from the committee on amendments to the revised amendment and statutes, reported finally by bill; and thereupon presented, a bill to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, "of shipping and seamen"----and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee on the petition of Octavus Beport on petition W. Grindon-and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 97.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted by the house.

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the town bill deferred, and bill to establish the township of Morristown, in the county of Sydney, and had directed ordered to be pe him to recommend to the house to defer the further consideration of that bill until the next session, and also to have the same printed-and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Ordered, That the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session, and that the bill be printed.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the fish inspection amendment bill be printed for Fish inspection has distribution among the counties.

A message from the lieutenant governor by the gentleman usher of the black rod. Mr. Speaker,

His excellency the lieutenant governor commands this honorable house to attend his ex- Commands attend cellency immediately in the council chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council House attended chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber, Agrantic bar when his excellency the lieutenant governor was pleased to give his assent to seventy bills, entitled as follows :

An act to continue and alter the laws imposing customs duties.

An act to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes, "of coroners."

An act to amend chapter 75 of the revised statutes, "of common fields."

An act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands."

An act to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes, "of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases."

An act to amend the act to enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison.

An act to amend the jury laws.

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An act to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.

An act to amend the act concerning prothonotaries and clerks of the crown.

An act to continue the law to regulate distilleries.

An act to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia.

An act to continue the acts relating to the Nova Scotia marine insurance company.

An act to continue the law imposing light house duties.

An act to continue the license law.

An act to continue the acts relating to the union marine insurance company.

An act for the municipal government of counties.

An act for abolishing the court of chancery, and conferring equity jurisdiction on the supreme court.

An act to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company.

An act to amend chapter 97 of the revised statutes, "of trustees of public property."

An act to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 44, entitled, an act to authorize the board of works to lease or sell certain public property.

An act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "of laying out certain great roads."

An act to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 2, authorizing a loan for the construction of railways in this province.

An act to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes, "of laying out roads other than certain great roads."

An act to amend chapter 87 of the revised statutes, "of general provisions respecting corporations."

An act to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library.

An act to incorporate the Canada Creek pier company.

An act to incorporate the Centreville hall company.

An act relating to incorporated pier companies.

An act to change a polling place in the township of Parrsborough.

An act to authorize the board of commissioners to make regulations for the construction and management of railways in Nova Scotia.

An act to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes, "of townships and township officers."

An act to amend chapter 152 of the revised statutes, "of the custody and estates of lunatics."

An act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes, "of religious congregations and societies."

An act to authorize the appointment of police constables.

An act to amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers."

An act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia.

An act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the inland navigation company.

An act to naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward.

An act to naturalize George Ward.

An act to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes, "of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

An act to enlarge and amend the new practice act.

An act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company.

An act to incorporate the South Pictou seamens' bethel society.

An act to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth.

An act in addition to the act concerning the county of Shelburne.

An act relating to operators in electric telegraph offices.

An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax."

An act to add a polling place in the county of Inverness.

An act to provide for the construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton.

An act to provide for extending the eastern shore road, in the county of Halifax.

An act to regulate the sale of fresh fish.

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.

An act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters."

An act to incorporate the merchant's exchange company.

An act to incorporate the Pictou cemetery company.

An act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

An act to enable the inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a fire engine.

An act for granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands.

An act to enlarge the deposits in the savings' bank.

An act concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax.

An act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.

An act for the summary trial and punishment of offenders against public morals.

An act to authorize the sale of the jail at Truro.

An act relating to pilotage in the Bras d'Or lake.

An act respecting prosecutions for penalties.

An act to alter the sittings of the general sessions of the peace for the county of Inver-Dess.

An act to incorporate the Acadian marble company.

An act further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court."

An act to incorporate the Hall's harbor pier company.

An act for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Communication from the chairman of the board of works with reference to the proposed light house on the Isle of Haut, in the Bay of Fundy, enclosing a letter from the superintendent of light houses on the same subject—and the same were read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Marshall,

Resolved, That the sum of £19 3s. 4d., unexpended grammar school money in the district of Guysborough, in the year 1854, be expended by commissioners of schools in said district in the present year, in aid either of grammar or common schools therein, as the board of commissioners may determine.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur- Sent to council rence.

On motion of Mr. B. Smith,

On motion of Mr. B. Smith, Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to Corrwallis rivers and bridges appoint some proper person or persons to examine and enquire how far and to what extent the navigation of the Avon and Cornwallis rivers respectively are obstructed by the Avon and Cornwallis bridges; and also to enquire as to the practicability and expense of constructing draws for the passage of vessels in such bridges, and if such draws can be constructed without injury to the interests of the proprietors of those bridges respectively.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the amendment proposed by this honorable house to the bill, Arree to river fashentitled, an act to amend the act relating to the river fisheries.

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 37 of the revised Agree to crown land statutes, "of the office of surveyor general and commissioner of crown lands," as amended.

Change of appropria-tion school monies

Message from council

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				ey for the public service, viz. : Normal school.
	25	-	-	Annapolis and Bridgetown school monies.
	20			Barrington school monies.
	20	v	Ŭ	Usual allowance to collegiate institutions.
	250	0	Δ	Wesleyan academy, Sackville, N. B.
	250 250			Antigonishe seminary.
	250 50		Ő	Infant school.
	90	U	U	Indian education.
	700	0	Δ	Normal school.
	50			Model and training school.
	40	ŏ	ŏ	Revenue boat, Cape Breton.
	-10	U	v	Postage public departments.
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	284		4	
	20 4 910		9	
	25		0	
	4279			Board of works.
	897			Government advances.
	2850			Repairs of government house.
	1200			Furnishing government house.
	1200	6	Ř	Witnesses' fees, criminal trial.
		10		D. McCulloch.
	35			W. H. Keating.
	35	1	ō.	
	⁻ 900			
	200			Central board.
	5	8	$\ddot{2}$	J. P. Inglis.
	50			Bone manure.
				Dawson's book.
	88			Selecters of stud horses.
	1000		ŏ	Importing sheep.
	1000	v	v	Pay and travel of members of council.
				Do. members of assembly.
				Casualty vote to roads and bridges.
	26	0	0	J. W. Nutting
	30	Ŏ	Ŏ	Alteration of militia arms.
	150		Ŏ	
		ŏ	Ŏ	Ferry, Weymouth.
	10			Pine Woods school.
	10		Ŏ	
	10	ŏ	ŏ	Anselm Frouton.
	20	5	-	Survey of Bear River.
	5	0	0	Richard Meagher.
	100			Extra, mails across Bay of Fundy.
		18		Messrs. Howie and Nicoll.
gree to resolution				not agreed to the resolution of this honorable house for granting a sum

And then the messenger withdrew.

Motion to go into committee on bills The hon. the attorney general then moved that the house do now resolve itself into a committee on bills :

Which being seconded,

Amendment moved Mr. Wilkins moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution:

"Whereas

"Whereas the judges of the supreme court are equal in authority and exercise the same functions, and the title of chief justice is nothing more than a nominal and honorary distinction, which under certain circumstances is calculated to become invidious and offensive, and on that account should be abolished; and whereas there is no reason why of five public servants, each performing the same duties, one of them should receive a much larger salary than the others, and seven hundred pounds, currency, is, in the opinion of this house, a sufficient remuneration for the services of a judge of the supreme court:

Resolved therefore, That when a vacancy shall occur on the bench, by the death or retirement of the venerable Brenton Halliburton, the title and distinction of chief justice shall cease, and the person who shall be appointed to fill the vacant seat on the bench shall receive an annual salary of seven hundred pounds, currency, and no more; and the judges hereafter to be appointed shall receive that amount of salary and no more; and for the future the judges of the supreme court shall take rank and precedence according to the date of their respective commissions, and the judge whose commission is the oldest shall be designated the first or senior judge of the supreme court:"

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Amendment neg there appeared for the amendment, seventeen ; against it, nineteen.

For the amendment :

Against the amendment:

Mr.	Ryder,	Mr.	Josiah Coffin,	Mr.	Esson,	Mr.	Thos. Coffin,
"	Beckwith,	"	Young,		McKinnon,		Wier,
۲,	Zwicker,	" "	Whitman,	"	McLelan,		. Sol. Gen.,
"	Marshall,		Jost,	"	Archibald,		Fin. Sec.,
"	Cowie,	"	Murray,	"	Shaw,	" "	Prov. Sec.,
"	Mosher,	"	Holmes,	"	Dimock,		Atty. Gen.,
	Wilkins,	"	Brown,	" "	Wade,	• •	Mr. Fulton,
"	Thorne,	"	B. Smith.	" "	Annand,		Chipman,
Hon	. Mr. Johnston,			" "	Martell,	" "	Comeau.
				"	Doyle,		

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Wade then moved, by way of amendment to the original motion, that the house do Second amendment come to the following resolution :

Whereas the existing distinction between the relative offices and dignities of chief justice and assistant justice of the supreme court has been recognized in this province from the earliest period, in acts of the legislature, and in the settlement of the civil list, whilst a corresponding distinction has long prevailed in the superior courts in England, and in those of the other British North American colonies; and whereas there is no reason to apprehend that, in the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of chief justice, an appointment thereto will be made that will not commend itself to the approval of the people of Nova Scotia; and whereas the salaries assigned to the offices referred to cannot be diminished otherwise than by an act specially assented to by the crown :

Resolved therefore, That the resolution just negatived, introduced without notice, at the close of the session, when many members have returned to their homes, and contemplating a change in the mode of appointment to, and in the emoluments of, the bench, ought not to be entertained by this house :

Which being seconded,

After some time spent in debate thereon,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the debate on such proposed amendment be adjourned : Motion to adjourn de which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the vision motion, thirteen; against it, nineteen.

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For th	e motion:	Against the motion:		
Mr. Young, "Murray, "Ryder, "Jost, "B. Smith, "Whitman, Hon. Mr. Johnston So it passed in th		Mr. Martell, " Esson, " Thos. Coffin, " McLelan, " Wade, " Dimock, " Shaw, " Annand, " Archibald, " Chipman,	Mr. Zwicker, " Comeau, " Wier, " McKinnon, Hon. Atty. Gen., " Prov. Sec., " Sol. Gen., " Fin. Sec., " Mr. Fulton.	

Amendment agreed to on division

The question being then put, that the proposed amendment be agreed to, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen ; against it, fourteen.

For the	amendment :	Against the amendment :		
Mr. Esson, " Martell, " Wier, " Dimock, " McLelan, " Annand, " Chipman, Hon. Atty. Gen., " Fin. Sec., So it pound in	Mr. Wade, "McKinnon, "Comeau, "Shaw, "Locke, "Archibald, Hon. Mr. Fulton, "Sol. Gen., "Prov. Sec. the affirmative.	Mr. Zwicker, "Murray, "Thorne, "Beckwith, Jost, "Whitman, "Brown,	Mr. Josiah Coffin, "Ryder, "Young, Cowie, Mosher, "B. Smith, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	
Do it passeu m	ing annmanve.			

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at half-past eleven of the clock.

MONDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Young,

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" Murray,

Jost,

" Holmes,

" B. Smith, " Ryder,

" Whitman,

And accordingly,

Motion to rescind vote of £250, sterling, to governor's private secretary carried on di-Vision

Mr. Whitman moved that the resolution passed on Saturday last, for granting a sum of $\pounds 250$, sterling, for a private secretary to the lieutenant governor, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, thirteen.

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So it passed in the affirmative.

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Mr. Beckwith,

" McLelan.

" Cowie,

" Thorne,

" Dimock,

" Comeau,

Ordered, That such resolution be rescinded.

Hon. Mr. Johnston.

Against the motion:

Mr.	Esson,	Mr. Thos. Coffin,
• •	Wier,	" Wilkins,
"	Martell,	" Archibald,
"	Wade,	Hon. Atty. Gen.,
66	Chipman,	" Fin. Sec.,
	McKinnon,	Mr. Annand,
""	Doyle,	

Resolution rescinded

Motion to rescind amendment

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the amendment moved by Mr. Wade on Saturday last, with reference to the office of chief justice, be rescinded : which being seconded and put, put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen; against it, seventeen.

For the	e motion:	Against the motion :		
Mr. Murray, "Young, Mosher, "Cowie, "Whitman, "B. Smith, Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Beckwith, '' Wilkins, '' Jost, '' Holmes, '' Thorne, '' Ryder.	Mr. Esson, "Wier, Dimock, Archibald, Chipman, McKinnon, Annand, Doyle, Comeau,	Mr. Thos. Coffin, "Martell, McLelan, Wade, Hon. Atty. Gen., Prov. Sec., Sol. Gen., "Fin. Sec.	

So it passed in the negative.

A bill to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, "of shipping and seamen," was shipping amende bill read and time and read a second time. committed

Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amends, to evidence amends, bill 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written docu-read 2nd time, and passed ments," were read a second time and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendments be agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and Bill, &c. sent back as acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker-

The council have agreed to the amendment proposed by this honorable house to the Agree to amende to registry of ships' act amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act concerning the registry of ships.

They have passed a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the New York, Newfoundland, Have passed New York and London telegraph company; to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honora- legraph comply. inc. ble house.

They have also agreed to three resolutions of this honorable house for granting sums of Agree to 3 money money for the public service, viz. :

 $\pounds 250 \quad 0 \quad 0$ Sterling, governor's private secretary.

 $100 \ 15$ 0 B. Wier & Co., passengers per Arcadia.

500 0 0 Educational board, presbyterian church of Nova Scotia.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the New York, New- Council's telegraph foundland, and London telegraph company, was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend Report billschapter 86 of the revised statutes, "of weights and measures ;" the bill to amend chapter weights and measures 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults;" the bill to authorize a petty trespasses provincial loan; the bill to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, "of shipping and Provincial loan seamen ;" the bill to continue the laws relating to education ; the bill to amend chapter shipping amends. 91 of the revised statutes, "of the maintenance of bastard children;" and the en-Bastard children grossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the transatlantic submarine Council's submarine telegraph

Committee on bills

Negatived on division

Message from council

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telegraph company; and had directed him to report those bills to the house, severally without amendment ; that they had also gone through the bill for improving the harbor of Port Hood; the bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax; the bill to amend certain chapters of the revised statutes; and the bill to assess the township of Granville; and had made amendments to those bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills; Jand he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last four bills, in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments, with the exception of the Granville assessment bill, be engrossed.

Resolved, That the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the transatlantic submarine telegraph company, do finally pass and be agreed to by this house.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bill.

General e township ment bill

Connacilis submarine telegraph bill passed and sent to council

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Upon the usual question being propounded from the chair, that the bill to assess the township of Granville do pass to be fairly engrossed,

Mr. Thorne moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution with reference to such bill :

Resolved, That this bill interferes with private rights and acknowledged principles of legislation.

1st.-By subjecting to arbitration by force of legislation, without consent of parties, a contract which was entered into under the ordinary obligations of law, and which has been for some time in controversy.

2nd.—By giving the power to appoint an arbitrator on the part of the inhabitants of Granville to parties appointed by them for a different purpose, and having a very small interest in the matter.

3rd.—By giving the arbitrators power to impose on the inhabitants of Granville costs incurred by Mr. Delap, in a suit unsuccessfully prosecuted by him, and thereby by ex post facto legislation creating a liability which the inhabitants of Granville never were and never could be by law subject to; and therefore that the bill be deferred until this day three months :

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Second amendment

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twelve ; against it, eighteen.

For the amendment :

Against the amendment :

Mr. Jno. Campbell, "Wilkins,	Mr. Beckwith, " Ryder,	Mr. Comeau, " Martell,	Mr. Doyle, " McKinnon,
" Murray,	" Cowie,	" Fuller,	" McLelan,
" Jost,	" Holmes,	" Dimock,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
" Thorne,	" Whitman,	" Shaw,	" Atty. Gen.,
" B. Smith,	Hon. Mr. Johnston.	" Chipman,	" Sol. Gen.,
		" Wier,	" Fin. Sec.,
		" Wade,	Mr. Esson,
		" Annand,	" Archibald.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Archibald then moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution :

Whereas the township of Granville has, through the agency of successive overseers of the poor, entered into contracts with James Delap for the support of the poor of that township, in which a balance is claimed by Mr. Delap and resisted by the township, as appears by the report of a committee on that subject; and whereas litigation has already taken place, which resulted in a decision on grounds different from the real merits of the question at issue; and whereas it is just and fair that the township of Granville should be bound to pay any sum which may, upon a thorough investigation, be found justly due to Mr. Delap. but

but such investigation could not, as the law stands, without several suits and protracted litigation; and whereas it is beneficial alike for the township and the contractor that the requisite inquiries should be made without unnecessary expense: Resolved therefore, That the bill now before the house, providing a tribunal for the adjustment of such difference in a mode alike just and inexpensive, be fairly engrossed: Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative. And accordingly, ordered, that the bill and amendments be engrossed.	Agreed to an distant
An engrossed bill to authorize a provincial loan, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize a provincial	Provincia? John Dill: read Srd Linne-
loan. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.	Passed, and Sunk 38- council
A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker—	Message from caranal
The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize a provincial loan, with- out any amendment.	Agree to provide info loan bill
They have passed a bill, entitled, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. And then the messenger withdrew.	Have passed Ender term postpostumnik bill
The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court, was read a first, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time. And thereupon,	Council's Easterfames postponement hills read 1st time-
On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such bill do pass and be agreed to by this house. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bill.	Agreed to
A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor by the gentleman usher of the black road : Mr. Speaker,	Dor.
His excellency the lieutenant governor commands this honorable house to attend his ex- cellency immediately in the council chamber.	
Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the counci chamber. And being returned,	House all unit
Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to five bills, entitled as follows, viz. : An act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court. An act to authorize a provincial loan.	Governos susantada. bills
An act to incorporate the transatlantic submarine telegraph company. An act to amend chapter 37 of the revised statutes, "of the office of surveyor genera and commissioner of crown lands."	1
An act to amend the act relating to the river fisheries.	
The hon. the provincial secretary moved that the report of the select committee on th memorial of captain Colin Y. Campbell, laid on the table on the 27th March last, b received and adopted: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon passed in the affirmative. And accordingly, Ordered, That such report be received and adopted by the house.	e dopted og slävnigens
The hon. provincial secretary then moved that the house do come to the following reso	- Vote of credit finang-
lation : Resolved, That the governor in council be anthorized to pay to captain Colin York Campbell, such sum as may be necessary to defray the reasonable costs incurred by him i	in re "Catella."

Campbell, such sum as may be necessary to defray the reasonable costs incurred by him in conducting the prosecution of the schooner " Creole," for breach of the fishery laws ; to be

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be taxed and ascertained; pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject—and this house will provide for the same at its next session:

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concurrence.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

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TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1855.

	PRAYERS.
SHIs reach 3rd time-	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, "of shipping and sea- men," was read a third time.
Title attered Trade regulation a- mendment	Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, "of the regulation of trade in certain cases."
Fort Hood harbor im- provement File altered	An engrossed bill for improving the harbor of Port Hood, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for improving the harbors of Port Hood and Yarmouth.
Cortain chapters re- vised statutes amdt.	An engrossed bill to amend certain chapters of the revised statutes, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend certain chapters of the revised statutes.
Weights and mca- sures amend:-	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 86 of the revised statutes, "of weights and mea- sures," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 86 of the revised statutes, "of weights and measures."
City of Halifax amdt.	An engrossed bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, was read a third time. Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.
Bastard children maintenance umdt.	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, "of the maintenance of bastard children," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, "of the maintenance of bastard children."
Réacti ion laws amdt.	An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws relating to education, was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and amend the laws relating to education.
Petty trespasses and assents amends.	An engrossed bill to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults," was read a third time. <i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults."
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above eight bills to the council and desire their concurrence.

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An engrossed bill to assess the township of Granville, was read a third time; And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pa sent to the council for concurrence : and the house dividing thereon, there appea motion, fifteen; against it, ten.	ss and be	Townsnip of Granville ass.gament bill read Sru time
So it passed in the affirmative.		Passed on division
And accordingly, Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to assess the to	wnshin of	
Granville.	•	
Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their conce	arrence.	Sent to council
On motion of Mr. Archibald, <i>Resolved</i> , That the government be authorized to enquire into the circumst nected with the debt due to the province by the estate of the late George Dill, balance of registry fees, and to make such settlement and compromise of the san shall deem best for the interests of the province; with powers, in case such debt of thereof cannot be collected without distressing the orphan family of the decease a discharge of the same.	being the me as they or any part	
On motion of the hon. the financial secretary, <i>Resolved</i> , That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and requested to direct advances from the public treasury of such sums as may be towards defraying the expenses of public printing: provided that no greater advanced on the whole than six hundred pounds; and this house will provide for when it again meets. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire the	e required er sum be or the same	
rence.		
On motion of the hon. the financial secretary, <i>Resolved</i> , That no bill of a private or local nature, or petition therefor, or for relief, be received by the house after the fourteenth day from the opening of eac and that the clerk do, one month previous to the meeting of the legislature, resolution to be inserted in five or more of the public newspapers.	h session ;	
On motion of the hon. the attorney general, <i>Resolved</i> , That hereafter one hundred and seventy-five copies of the journation bouse be bound, and distributed under the direction of the clerk, as follows:		Resolution for distri- bution of journals of assembly
To the legislatures of Canada, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and	No. of copies.	
Newfoundland, one copy to each branch, To the lieutenant governor,	8	
For transmission to England,	4 4	
For members of assembly and clerks, one copy each,	55	
For the library of the assembly,	15	
For members of the legislative council and clerks, one copy each, For the library of the council,	$23 \\ 4$	
For the provincial secretary's office,	4	
For the receiver general's office, one copy,		
For the financial secretary's office, one copy,	4	
For the commissioner of crown lands' office, one copy, For the office of board of works, one copy,		
For each county, three copies—to be kept at the offices of the following		
officers, viz.: Prothonotary, one copy; custos, one copy; clerk of	54	
the peace, one copy,	<u> </u>	
Total number of copies,	175	
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Votes of credit— Post office	On motion of the hon. the solicitor general, <i>Resolved</i> , That his excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to ad- vance from the provincial treasury such sum as will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the post office department for the present year, and this house will provide for the same at the next session.
Remission of fines	Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to ad- vance from the provincial treasury the sum of one hundred and sixty-five pounds—one hundred and thirty-one pounds thereof to H. Hyde, thirty pounds to King & brothers, and four pounds to Archibald & Stevenson, being amount of fines recommended to be remitted by the post office committee in 1853, and also by the committee this session in a report adopted by this house and passed in the committee of supply and included in a resolution for a grant for the general support of the post office and the introduction of the money order system; and this house will provide for the same at the next session.
Money order system	<i>Resolved</i> , That this excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to advance from the provincial treasury such sum as will be sufficient to defray the expense of the introducing and putting into operation, in this province, of the money order system, pursuant to the report of the committee on the post office, and included in a resolution of this house with other sums passed in committee of supply in support of the post office department, and this house will provide for the same at the next session.
Sent to council	Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above three resolutions to the council and desire their concurrence.
Message from council	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker—
Agree to bills-	The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and amend the laws
Education amends. Regulation of trade amendment Weights and mea- sures amendment	relating to education; the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 76 of the revised sta- tutes, "of the regulation of trade in certain cases;" and the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 86 of the revised statutes, "of weights and measures;" severally without amendment.
Registry of ships amendment Evidence amendment	They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act concerning the registry of ships; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evi-
Chapters of revised statutes amendt. Petty trespasses and assaults amendment	They have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend certain chapters of the revised statutes; and the bill entitled an est to amend about 147 of the revised
Agree to votes of cre- dit and a change of appropriation	They have also agreed to three votes of credit in connection with the post office depart-
Resolution as to ap- pointment of colonial agent in United States	

Agreed to on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eighteen; against it, nine.

For the	Against the motion:	
Mr. Jost,	Mr. Fuller,	Mr. Young,
"Esson,	"Thos. Coffin,	"Jno. Campbell,
Marshall,	"Martell,	"Thorne,
Cowie,	Annand,	"Holmes,
Doyle,	"Wilkins,	"McLelan,
Wier,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	"Dimock,
Ryder,	"Atty. Gen.,	"Wade,
McKinnon,	"Sol. Gen.,	"Chipman,
Archibald,	"Fin. Sec.	Hon. Prov. Sec.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter Council's amender to etty tress 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults," were read a first, and, act are do nem. con., a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendments be agreed to.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend certain chapters of revised statutes, were read a first, and, nem. con., a second time, and considered by the house,

And thereupon,

On motion, resolved, that such amendments be not agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills and amendments back to the council, and Bills, &c. scat back to acquaint them with the foregoing resolutions in respect thereto.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That the salaries awarded by the governor in council to the chairman and the commissioners and other commissioners of the railway board, and to the chief engineer, should be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concur- sent to ounce rence.

On motion of Mr. Chipman,

Resolved, That the sum of five pounds, granted in 1852, and a balance of ten shillings, granted in 1853, and undrawn, of road monies in the township of Cornwallis, be appropriated to the road passing Kidston's and Albert Chase's to Ferry Creek landing, in said township.

On motion of Mr Fuller,

Resolved, That the sum of twelve pounds, undrawn from the last year's division of road mond money for the county of Richmond, be added to the sum granted for the road and bridge service for that county, and be appropriated in the road scale for the present year.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the above two resolutions to the council and desire sent to connect their concurrence.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That the clerk of this house be authorized to advertise for and receive tenders for the printing of the house of assembly, and to enter into a contract, with sureties for the same, for a period of four years, ending at the commencement of the first session of the assembly to be held in 1860—the quality of the paper on which the journals shall be printed, and the type, being equal to that now used for that purpose.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Resolution confirming the salaries of railway

Change of appropria-tion, Cornwallis

Resolution as to o tract for printing

WEDNESDAY, 4th APRIL, 1855.

PRAYERS.

Order for appropriation bill

Appropriation bill

Sent to council

Besolution as to mines and minerals

read 1st and 2nd time and passed

Ordered, That the clerk do prepare and present to the house an engrossed bill for appropriating such part of the supplies, granted in the present session, as are not already appropriated by acts of the general assembly.

And accordingly

The clerk presented to the house an engrossed bill for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes-and the same was read a first, and, nem. con., a second time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five. and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council and desire their concurrence.

The hon, the attorney general moved that the house do come to the following resolution : Resolved, That this house, having reference to the correspondence that has recently passed between the executive government on the one hand, and the British government and general mining association on the other, and more especially to the agreement of 29th May, 1849, which was communicated to the legislature for the first time in the session of 1854, feel it due to themselves and to the people of this province, solemnly to protest against the granting of any new lease to the association or to the representatives of the duke of York, of our mines and minerals, or any alteration of the terms on which they were held in April, 1849, without the concurrence and sanction of this legislature, this house declaring that such new lease or alteration would be, in their view, a violation of the contract entered into by the act of 1849 for granting a civil list, and an infringement of the inalienable and most valued rights of the people of Nova Scotia :

Amendment moved

Which being seconded, the honorable Mr. Johnston moved that the resolutiou be amended by adding thereto the following words :

"But this house offers no objection to the completion of the documents necessary for carrying into effect the agreements and arrangements subsisting, and by which the respective parties were bound at the time the casual revenues became vested in the province :" Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, seven ; against it, seventeen.

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Against the amendment :

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Mr. Esson,	Mr. Annand,
" Young,	" Wade,
" Martell,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
" Dimock,	" Sol. Gen.,
" McLelan,	" Atty. Gen.,
" Wier,	" Fin. Sec.,
" McKinnon,	Mr. Chipman,
" Archibald,	" Fuller.
" Doyle,	
	Mr. Esson, "Young, "Martell, "Dimock, "McLelan, "Wier, "McKinnon, "Archibald,

So it passed in the negative.

For the amendment .

Second amendment

The hon. Mr. Johnston then moved that such resolution be amended, by striking out the word "new" before the word "lease ;" and also by striking out the word "or" after the word "minerals," and substituting the word "comprising" for such word "or :" Negatived on division which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, nine; against it, sixteen.

For the amendment :	Against the amendment :		
Mr. Ryder,	Mr.	Esson,	Mr. Annand,
" Murray,		Wade,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
" Jno. Campbell,	,,	Martell,	" Sol. Gen.,
" Marshall,		Dimock,	" Atty. Gen.,
" Cowie,		McLelan,	" Fin. Sec.,
" Holmes,		Wier,	Mr. McKinnon,
" Thorne,	,,	Chipman,	" Fuller,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	",	Doyle,	" Archibald.
Mr. Young.		•	

So it passed in the negative.

The question on the resolution as originally proposed being then put, and the house Original motion as received to on division dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, sixteen; against it, nine.

For the motion:			Against the motion :
	Esson,	Mr. Annand,	Mr. Ryder,
"	Wade,	" Martell,	" Murray,
""	Dimock,	" McLelan,	" Jno. Campbell,
	Wier,	Hon. Sol. Gen.,	" Beckwith,
	McKinnon,	" Atty. Gen.,	" Marshall,
	Chipman,	" Fin. Sec.,	" Cowie,
	Fuller,	" Prov. Sec.,	" Holmes,
"	Doyle,	Mr. Archibald.	" Thorne,
			Hon. Mr. Johnston.

So it passed in the affirmative:

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That this house respectfully request and authorise his excellency the lieutenant Resolution as to congovernor to continue the negotiation which has been opened, pursuant to the resolution of with general mining last session, with the general mining association; and to enter into such an agreement and compromise as are contemplated in the letter of 31st July, 1854, from the hon. Wm. Young, attorney general, to Robert Moser, esquire, the chairman of the association; and should such agreement or compromise be effected, this house will ratify and confirm the same, with such modifications thereof as may be found necessary or advisable, and be approved of by his excellency in council.

Mr. McLelan moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

Whereas, in consequence of the reciprocity treaty entered into with the United States, a of working mines much larger sale of coal may be expected from our coal mines in future :

Resolved therefore, That this house respectfully request his excellency the lieutenant governor to order an examination of the way and manner of working the coal mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, the mode of measurement, and all other conditions on which the company hold their mines, and to take such further action in the matter as may appear just and right for the interest of the province, and to fully secure the fulfilment of the company's agreement:

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the subject of the crown lands be adopted Beport of committee by the house; and that the executive government be requested to direct the head of the ted land department to be governed in the grants to be hereafter made, by the principles laid down in that report.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker-

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Message from council

Resolution as to ex-

Agree to appropris- tion act	The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes
Agree to petty tres- passes amendt. bill	other purposes. They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults," as amended.
and to city of Halifax amendt. bill	They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.
Adhere to amendis to revised stat. chapters amendi. bill	They adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to amend certain chapters of the revised statutes.
Agree to resolutions for change of appro- pristion	The council have agreed to two resolutions of this honorable house for changing appro- priation of road monies, viz. : Cornwallis, in King's county, £5 10 0
And to railway sala- ries resolution	County of Richmond, And also to a resolution of this honorable house confirming the salaries of the railway commissioners and engineer. And then the messenger withdrew.
Conncil's amendts. to city of Halifax amdt. bill not agreed to	The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, were read a first, and, <i>nem. con.</i> , a second time, and considered by the house. And thereupon,
Bill, &c. sent back to council	On motion, <i>resolved</i> , that such amendments be not agreed to. Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house do not agree to such amendments.
Prorogation announ- ced	The Speaker informed the house that he had received an official communication from the hon. the provincial secretary, announcing that the prorogation of the house would take place this day at four of the clock.
Message from coutcil	A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton : Mr. Speaker—
Do not adhere to a- mendments to city of Halifax amendt. bill	The council do not adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an
Resolution as to pay- ment of post office fines	On motion of the hon. the financial secretary, Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to pay the mail couriers no larger sum, on account of remission of fines imposed on them by the postmaster general, than that recommended by the post office committee this year, notwith- standing any resolution of this house to the contrary.
Resolution as to grant to governor's private secretary moved	The hon. Mr. Johnston then moved that the house do come to the following resolution: Whereas the appropriation bill, introduced and read a first and second time this fore- noon, and thereupon sent to the legislative council, contains a clause for granting a salary to the lieutenant governor's private secretary when appointed; and whereas the resolution which passed in committee of supply for granting that salary, was, on the morning after it pas- sed, rescinded by a resolution of this house, moved in pursuance to notice, agreeably to the practice of this house; and whereas the said resolution, after having been so rescinded, came down from the legislative council agreed to; and whereas no other resolution has passed or been introduced in committee of supply or otherwise, for granting the said salary, and there exists no other authority for the introduction of the said clause into the appro- priction hill then the said resolution generated to :

Resolved, That this mode of granting the money of the people is inconsistent with the guards hitherto placed on legislation in the granting of the public revenues, and gives away

priation bill than the said rescinded resolution so agreed to :

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away the money of the people against the declared opinion of their representatives, and forms a most dangerous precedent :

Which being seconded and put,

The hon. the attorney general moved that such resolution be amended, by striking out Amendment moved all the words thereof after the first word "*whereas*," and in place of the words so left out inserting the following words :

"The giving of notice for rescinding resolutions is a practice peculiar to this house, being unknown in the house of commons; and resolutions and orders of this house have been repeatedly sent to the council for concurrence, without waiting for the issue of such notices to rescind; and whereas the resolution for granting the usual sum to the private secretary of the governor having been passed in committee of supply and confirmed by the house, was sent to the council for their concurrence, according to the established practice and usage of the house, on the same day on which it passed, without any objection being taken thereto; and whereas a notice having been given to rescind the same, a division took place thereon after the resolution had passed into the hands of the council, and was out of the controul and power of this house; and by an accidental majority of one, several of the members who had voted for the resolution happening to be absent, the same was rescinded; and whereas the council agreed to the said resolution, and sent it back in the usual manner to this house, with their assent endorsed thereon; and whereas the appropriation act, by the established practice of both houses, contains all the resolutions for grants of money that have been mutually assented to, and, were any of such resolutions omitted, the passing of the bill and all the appropriations of the session would be endangered; and whereas the attention of the house was called to the fact that the appropriation bill comprehended the said resolution, and the said bill was thereupon affirmed by this house, without a division on either its first or second reading :

Resolved therefore, That the said sum has been granted by the combined action of the majorities of both branches of the legislature, and that no rule of proceeding hitherto recognized or acted on in this house, has been violated thereby :"

Which proposed amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, Amendment agreed there appeared for the amendment, fourteen; against it, ten.

For the amendment :

Against the amendment:

Mr.	McKinnon,	Mr. Wier,	Mr. Beckwith,	Mr. Jno. Campbell,
"	Esson,	" Martell,	" Cowie,	" Murray,
* *	Dimock,	" McLelan,	" Thorne,	" Holmes,
"	Annand,	Hon. Atty. Gen.,	" Young,	" Ryder,
" "	Fuller,	" Sol. Gen.,	" Marshall,	Hon. Mr. Johnston.
"	Archibald,	" Fin. Sec.,	•	
""	Chipman,	" Prov. Sec.		

So it passed in the affirmative.

A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor by the gentleman usher of the Message from governor black rod :

Mr. Speaker—

His excellency the lieutenant governor commands this honorable house to attend his commands attend excellency immediately in the council chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council cham- Houre attend ber, when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to seven bills, severally entitled as Governor was follows:

An act to amend chapter 86 of the revised statutes, "of weights and measures."

An act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, " of the regulation of trade in certain cases."

An act to continue and amend the laws relating to education.

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An act to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes, "of witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written documents."

An act concerning the registry of ships.

An act to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes, " of petty trespasses and assaults." An act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.

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After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

May it please your excellency—

Your excellency having been graciously pleased to give your assent to all the bills passed in the present session, it becomes my agreeable duty, on behalf of her majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, her faithful commons of Nova Scotia, to present to your excellency a bill for appropriating the supplies granted in the present session for the support of her majesty's government during the present year, and to request your excellency's assent to the same.

gevernor assents to appropriation bill His excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following bill, viz. :

An act for applying certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and for other purposes.

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His excellency was then pleased to make the following

SPEECH :

Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council : Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :

The business of the session having been finally and satisfactorily closed, it affords me great pleasure to relieve you from further legislative attendance.

Of the measures which have been matured this session, there are two of prominent importance, and which will render it memorable in the history of the province.

The reciprocity treaty with the United States, which your enlightened sense of the public weal led you to affirm by very large majorities, having been sanctioned by the imperial parliament, has opened up a vast and increasing market, and will afford the most animating and powerful stimulus to the industry of our people.

The abolition of the chancery court, and the blending, by a simple and comprehensive plan, of the principles of equity with those of common law, have effected an object long and ardently desired, and will be regarded, I trust, by her majesty's government as a wise and valuable measure.

The introduction of the new principle of evidence and practice in the supreme court, will be hailed also as an improvement in our provincial jurisprudence.

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly:

The liberality with which you have provided for all the branches of the public service, and the munificent sum set apart for the roads and bridges, demand my warmest acknowledgments.

Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council: Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly:

In the ensuing summer, I anticipate no difficulty in borrowing on the credit of the province a sufficient sum to carry on the important public works in which we are embarked; and by the end of next year, I confidently hope that the railway stretching from Halifax harbor will be extended cast and west, till it reach, on the one hand the waters of the Bay of Fundy, and on the other, those of the Shubenacadie River. To yourselves, returning to your homes at the termination of this present parliament, it must be highly gratifying to mark the unexampled prosperity and the rapid advance of this fine province; and I am sure that you will everywhere inculcate sentiments of mutual good will, freedom from party strife, and affectionate loyalty to our queen and constitution.

After which, the president of the legislative council, by his excellency's command, said :

Gentlemen :

It is the pleasure of his excellency that this general assembly be prorogued to Thursday, the tenth day of May next—and this general assembly is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the tenth day of May next, to be then here held.

HENRY C. D. TWINING, Clerk of the house of assembly. .

APPENDIX

TO THE

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FOR THE SESSION

COMMENCING THE SECOND DECEMBER, 1854, AND ENDING THE FOURTH APRIL, 1855

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APPENDIX.

No. 1.

(See page 568.)

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LOBD CLABENDON TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

No. 7.

Downing street, 18th August, 1854.

SIR---

I have the honor of transmitting to you copy of a communication which her majesty's government have just received from the minister of the United States at this court, inclosing a despatch from the department of state, at Washington, by which it appears that the president's ratification of the reciprocity treaty will be ready to be exchanged against that of her majesty, when the latter arrives at Washington; and that the congress has already passed a law to give effect to that treaty. Mr. Marcy also expresses the hope of the government of the United States that American fishermen may not be molested if they should at once attempt to use the privileges secured to them by the treaty.

It is the desire of her majesty's government that this wish of the government of the United States should be acceded to; and that American fishermen may be immediately allowed the use of these privileges.

Her majesty's ratification will be sent by this mail, to be exchanged against that of the president of the United States, by her majesty's minister at Washington.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant, (Signed)

CLARENDON.

Lieut. governor Sir G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

Legation of the U.S., London, 16th August, 1854.

MY LORD-

I have the honor to enclose you the copy of a despatch of the 4th instant, which I have just received from Washington, and to express the hope that your lordship will enable me to communicate to the secretary of state, by Saturday's steamer, that orders had been sent by the British government to the authorities in the colonies not to molest American fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the treaty of reciprocity.

I cordially congratulate you upon the final settlement of the fishery question, which has for so many years threatened to produce serious difficulties between our two countries. May they ever be friends !

> Yours, &c. (Signed) JAMES BUCHANAN.

Lord CLARENDON.

(Copy.)

[COPY.]

Department of state, Washington, 4th August, 1854.

SIR---

I have to inform you that the senate has approved the reciprocity treaty, and that the president's ratification will be ready for exchange whenever that of H. B. M. shall be presented for the purpose.

Congress has also passed a law to give effect to the treaty. Inasmuch, therefore, as everything has been done on the part of the U. S. to give complete effect to the treaty, they do not doubt that American fishermen will not be molested should they at once attempt to use the privileges secured to them by the treaty, although Great Britain and the provinces may not have passed the laws required on their part to carry it into complete effect. You will make this expectation known in the proper quarter, with an intimation that it would be advisable that the necessary orders should be forthwith despatched to the authorities in the colonies.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) W. L. MARCEY.

JAMES BUCHANAN, esquire, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

W. L. INCH, ESQUIRE, TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Admiralty office, Halifax, August 31, 1854.

I am directed by the rear admiral commander-in-chief, to inform you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenent governor, that, in pursuance of directions which the rear admiral has this day received from the lords commissioners of the admiralty, to issue instructions to the officers in command of her majesty's cruizers not to molest American fishermen in using at once the privileges secured to them by the reciprocity treaty: he has sent orders accordingly to lieutenants Knocker and Dent, in charge of the "Alice Rogers" and "Sarah and Adeline;" and directed them to return forthwith to Halifax.

> I have the honor to be, Sir.

> > Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) WM. L. INCH,

Sec'y. to commander-in-chief.

The hon. L. M. WILKINS, provincial secretary, &c. &c.

[COPY.]

H. M. COUNCIL TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

Halifax, 14th September, 1854.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

We beg leave respectfully to submit, for your excellency's consideration, the following observations which are suggested by the despatch, (No. 7), addressed to your excellency by the right honorable the earl of Clarendon, and which conveys the desire of her majesty's government that a wish communicated to it by the government of the United States, that American fishermen should not be molested if they should, at once, attempt to use the

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the privileges that will be secured to them by the reciprocity treaty, should be acceded to by the provincial government.

Whilst we entertain, in common with your excellency, a sincere and earnest desire to promote every object of her majesty's imperial government having relation to the general interests of the empire, and, whilst we are not prepared to advise your excellency to withhold your assent to the appeal thus earnestly made by the ministers of our sovereign, we feel that that assent may be productive of great difficulty and embarrassment to your excellency's administration. Uninformed officially of the terms of the treaty, and gathering a knowledge of its stipulations literally from rumor and public journals, we presume, nevertheless, that the approval of our legislature is made necessary to give it complete effect. This we cannot doubt, because the opinions of the imperial law officers of the crown, conveyed by Sir John Pakington's despatch of the 19th of October, 1852, recognize the right of our colonial legislature to enforce the terms of the convention of 1818, in our own waters, and because the royal assent has been given to a provincial statute, based on that right, which embodies provisions for carrying it into effect. But, though the result of our legislation on this subject is necessarily uncertain, your excellency is invited to assume, in effect, that it will sanction the treaty, and, in anticipation of this, in a matter of delicate and invidious legislation, to exercise legislative functions, and admit, by a mere executive ordinance, Americans to a present participation in our fisheries, without our own people deriving that present advantage which would flow from the immediate free admission of the products of our soil, or our waters, into the ports of the union. Your excellency is asked, forthwith, to permit Americans to enter our waters, and carry thence their produce, unrestricted by duty, into the United States, during the residue of the present fishing season, and that the most profitable portion of it, whilst the catch of our own fishermen will, during the corresponding period, enter their ports subject to the existing tariff. a very large expense to the colonial treasury, and by the express authority of the legislature, provincial armed vessels have been dispatched to the fishing stations to protect our interests, and yet, without any legislative revocation of the authority thus given, the executive government is now called upon, at the instance of the government of the United States, to withdraw those vessels, and relinquish the object of protection, hitherto deemed of vast importance by the legislature—your excellency thus incurring the hazard of compromising your government, in the *possible* event of the treaty being repudiated by our legislation, as adverse to the true interests of the province. Without, however, speculating upon possibilities, your excellency is not unacquainted with the fact that the people of Nova Scotia, generally, are deeply impressed with a sense of the magnitude and importance of the privileges which they will be called upon to concede, as well as of their constitutional exclusive right to legislate in relation to them, and that a difference of opinion amongst our leading men exists, as to the expediency of granting to the citizens of the union, on the conditions of the treaty, a community of enjoyment of our fisheries, whilst the corresponding concessions are deemed by many to fall very far short of what, on grounds of fair reciprocity, they ought to be. And yet, this knowledge of the conflicting sentiments of Nova Scotians, and the possible influence upon future legislation that opinions adverse to the treaty may exercise, your excellency virtually is required to ignore. In conclusion, we cannot forbear remarking that objections to the treaty are not likely to be weakened by a sense of the eagerness thus manifested by the government of the United States for an immediate enjoyment of the privileges demanded, and that it would have been more reasonable, perhaps, if that government had been content to forego the temporary advantages thus asked, for the short interval that will elapse previous to the meeting of our legislature, and more just, if the desire for that immediate enjoyment had been accompanied with a tender to her majesty's Nova Scotian subjects, of a present fruition of corresponding privileges contemplated by the treaty.

(Signed)

MICHAEL TOBIN, JAMES MCNAB, SAMUEL CREELMAN, LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS, WILLIAM A. HENRY. [Copy.]

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SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

Government house, Halifax, 14th September, 1854.

The accompanying copy of a communication which has been, this day, made to me by my executive council, will explain to your excellency the difficulty which I have experienced in acceding to lord Clarendon's wish therein referred to, in relation to the claims urged by Mr. Marcy on behalf of American fishermen, and will, at the same time, furnish the grounds of the appeal which I now beg leave earnestly to make to you, for your active intervention with the government of the United States, in order to obtain for her majesty's subjects in Nova Scotia, the immediate enjoyment (irrespective of future legislation) of the privileges which are eventually to be secured to them by the reciprocity treaty. The reasonableness of the claim which I thus venture to urge, is so obvious, that it is only necessary, I am persuaded, to bring it to your notice to ensure your excellency's prompt and able advocacy in its support. Permit me to add that, as American fishermen will not, henceforth, be molested in attempts to participate in our fisheries, in the interval that will elapse before the decision of our legislature shall be known, it is most desirable that, with the least possible delay, the corresponding advantages of the treaty should be extended to our own people.

I have the honor to be,

Your excellency's Most obedient servant,

(Signed)

J. G. LE MARCHANT.

His excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON, &c. &c.

(Copy of above transmitted, same day, to lord Elgin.)

[COPY.]

No. 11.

SIR G. GREY TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Downing street, 30th August, 1854.

I transmit to you copy of a despatch which I addressed by the mail of the 25th instant, to the governor general, on the subject of the recently ratified commercial treaty with the United States.

Her majesty's government sincerely trust that the common advantages which this treaty will secure to her majesty's subjects in North America, will be fully appreciated by the inhabitants of Nova Scotia, and that its legislature will readily acquiesce in passing any bill which may be requisite for giving effect to its provisions within the province. In proposing any measure for this purpose, you will be guided by the suggestions which you may receive from the governor general, in accordance with the last paragraph of my despatch to lord Elgin.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant.

(Signed)

Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, &c. &c.

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G. GREY.

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No. 13.

MY LORD-

Downing street, 24th August, 1854.

The despatch which you will have received from lord Clarendon, by the last mail, will have apprized you of the fact, that intelligence of the ratification by the American government of the treaty in the negociation of which with the United States you have been recently concerned, has been received here, and I lose no time in congratulating your lordship on this auspicious result of the endeavour which you, and the advisers of your Canadian government, have so long used for achieving this great object, and of the negotiation with which your lordship was recently charged.

As yet, however, in consequence of the short time which has elapsed since the ratification of the treaty, I have not received from yourself any official account of these transactions, nor have her majesty's government been made aware of the contents of the act passed by congress for the purpose of ratifying the treaty. I feel, therefore, that any instructions which I may address to you must be imperfect, and their execution contingent on circumstances of which I am not yet fully informed. But as the Canadian legislature is to meet early next month, I do not think it right to postpone, on this account, any communication to you on this important subject. Assuming, therefore, that the act of congress is in conformity with the terms of the treaty, and that it embraces all the provinces, I proceed to convey to you the views entertained by her majesty's government as to the legislative measures required to carry into full execution the purposes of the treaty.

Article V. runs as follows :--- " The present treaty shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the imperial parliament of Great Britain, and by the provincial parliaments of those of the British North American colonies which are affected by this treaty on the one hand, and by the congress of the United States on the other."

This article is of course not to be understood as if the assent of the provincial legislature, or even of the imperial legislature, were necessary, in order to enable the crown to execute a valid and binding treaty with a foreign country. This is in all countries a prerogative of the sovereign power, and in England the sovereign power quoad hoc is vested in the crown.

But the concurrence of the legislature may, nevertheless, be required to abrogate existing laws which may be in any respect inconsistent with the intended treaty; and it is in this sense that I conceive the provision of article V. is properly to be understood. The parliament of the United Kingdom will be applied to, for instance, to repeal various provisions of the statute 59 Geo. III. c. 38, passed in consequence of the convention of 1818 between Great Britain and the United States, and possibly other existing acts of parliament, may present impediments which it will require such authority to remove.

The imperial parliament has, farther, legal power to over rule any provisions of colonial law which may be in opposition to the treaty; but it is scarcely necessary to say that to enforce that power would be contrary to the principles on which the government and legislature of this country have long acted towards the inhabitants of her majesty's colonial dominions. It will therefore be advisable to apply, in addition, to the several colonial legislatures, as has been assumed by your lordship in framing the treaty.

The purposes for which such application must be made, and the extent of the repealing or enabling provisions required, must be better known to the colonial authorities than to her majesty's government. They would appear, however, chiefly to relate to the following subjects :--- The admission of American fishermen to the colonial fisheries within article I., for which purpose certain acts of the legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, would require repeal, and the admission of American produce duty free under article III.

For these purposes (to which your own better judgment and that of the authorities of the several colonies may perhaps add others) it is not proposed that imperial legislation should

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be resorted to, but that they should be provided for by the several provincial legislatures, as specified in the treaty. I entertain no doubt that they will readily concur in passing the acts necessary for this purpose.

I shall send a copy of these instructions to the lieutenant governors of the other North American provinces by the next mail, but they will be directed only to act in conformity with any suggestions which they may receive from your lordship, and I have to request that you will communicate with them on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

G. GREY.

Governor the right honorable The earl of Elgin and Kincardine, K. G., &c. &c. &c.

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Government house, Quebec, 14th September, 1854.

SIR-

I have the honor to enclose herewith the copy of a treaty concluded on the 5th day of June last, between her majesty and the government of the United States, for the settlement of disputes in reference to the fisheries, and for the establishment of reciprocal freedom of trade in certain articles the produce of the British North American provinces and the United States. I also enclose the copy of an act of congress for carrying this treaty into effect, transmitted to me by Mr. secretary Marcy.

Your excellency has, no doubt, received the copy of a despatch addressed to me by Sir George Grey, numbered 13, of the 24th of August last, in which the views of the secretary of state for the colonies as to the effect of article V. of the treaty are set forth. No doubt can, I apprehend, be entertained of the soundness of these views, and I trust that the legislature of Nova Scotia will be disposed to meet the advances of the government and congress of the United States in a liberal spirit, by repealing such laws as may be an obstacle to the admission of fishermen of that country to the fisheries, and by providing for the admission, duty free, of such articles, the produce of the United States, as are included in article III. of the treaty.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

His excellency Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN OF GREAT BRITAIN, being equally desirous with the GOVERN-MENT OF THE UNITED STATES to avoid further misunderstanding between their respective subjects and citizens, in regard to the extent of the right of fishing on the coasts of British North America, secured to each by article I. of a convention between the United States and Great Britain, signed at London on the 20th day of October, 1818, and being also desirous to regulate the commerce and navigation between their respective territories and people, and more especially between her majesty's possessions in North America and the United States, in such manner as to render the same reciprocally beneficial and satisfactory, have respectively named plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon, that is to say: her majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; JAMES, earl of Elgin and Kincardine, lord Bruce, and Elgin, a peer of the United Kingdom, knight of the most ancient and most noble order of the thistle, and governor general

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in and over all her britannic majesty's provinces on the conti ent of North America, and in and over the island of Prince Edward; and the president of the United States of America, WILLIAM L. MARCY, secretary of state of the United States, who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I.

It is agreed by the high contracting parties, that in addition to the liberty secured to the United States fishermen by the above mentioned convention of October 20, 1818, of taking, curing, and drying fish on certain coasts of the British North American colonies therein defined, the inhabitants of the United States shall have, in common with the subjects of her britannic majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind, except shell fish, on the seacoasts and shores, and in the bays, harbors and creeks of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, and of the several islands thereunto adjacent, without being restricted to any distance from the shore; with permission to land upon the coasts and shores of those colonies and the islands thereof, and also upon the Magdalen Islands, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish : provided that in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property or British fishermen in the peaceable use of any part of the said coast in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that the salmon and shad fisheries, and all fisheries in rivers, and the mouths of rivers, are hereby reserved exclusively for British fishermen.

And it is further agreed, that in order to prevent or settle any disputes as to the places to which the reservation of exclusive right to British fishermen contained in this article, and that of fishermen of the United States contained in the next succeeding article, apply, each of the high contracting parties, on the application of either to the other, shall, within six months thereafter, appoint a commissioner. The said commissioners, before proceeding to any business, shall make and subscribe a solemn declaration that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide to the best of their judgment, and according to justice and equity, without fear, favor or affection to their own country, upon all such places as are intended to be reserved and excluded from the common liberty of fishing under this and the next succeeding article; and such declaration shall be entered on the record of The commissioners shall name some third person to act as an arbitrator their proceedings. or umpire in any case or cases, on which they may themselves differ in opinion. If they should not be able to agree upon the name of such third person, they shall each name a person, and it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the arbitrator or umpire in cases of difference or disagreement between the commissioners. The person so to be chosen to be arbitrator or umpire shall, before proceeding to act as such in any case, make and subscribe a solemn declaration in a form similar to that which shall already have been made and subscribed by the commissioners, which shall be entered on the record of their proceedings. In the event of the death, absence, or incapacity of either of the commissioners or of the arbitrator or umpire, or of their or his omitting, declining or ceasing to act as such commissioner, arbitrator or umpire, another and different person shall be appointed or named as aforesaid to act as such commissioner, arbitrator or umpire, in the place and stead of the person so originally appointed or named as aforesaid, and shall make and subscribe such declaration as aforesaid.

Such commissioners shall proceed to examine the coasts of the North American provinces and of the United States embraced within the provisions of the first and second articles of this treaty, and shall designate the places reserved by the said articles from the common right of fishing therein.

The decision of the commissioners and of the arbitrator or umpire shall be given in writing in each case, and shall be signed by them respectively.

The high contracting parties hereby solemnly engage to consider the decision of the commissioners conjointly, or of the arbitrator or umpire, as the case may be, as absolutely final and conclusive in each case decided upon by them or him, respectively.

ARTICLE II.

It is agreed by the high contracting parties that British subjects shall have, in common with the citizens of the United States, the liberty to take fish of every kind, except shellfish, on the eastern sea coasts and shores of the United States, north of the 36th parallel of north latitude, and on the shores of the several islands thereunto adjacent, and in the bays, harbors and creeks of the said sea coasts and shores of the United States and of the said islands, without being restricted to any distance from the shore, with permission to land upon the said coasts of the United States and of the islands aforesaid, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish : provided that in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property, or with the fishermen of the United States in the peaceable use of any part of the said coasts in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that salmon and shad fisheries, and all fisheries in rivers and mouths of rivers are hereby reserved exclusively for fishermen of the United States.

ARTICLE III.

It is agreed, that the articles enumerated in the schedule hereunto annexed, being the growth and produce of the aforesaid British colonies or of the United States, shall be admitted into each country respectively free of duty :

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Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds. Animals of all kinds. Fresh, smoked and salted meats. Cotton wool, seeds and vegetables. Undried fruits, dried fruits. Fish of all kinds. Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water. Poultry, eggs. Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed. Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state. Slate. Butter, cheese, tallow. Lard, horns, manures. Ores of metals of all kinds. Coal. Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes. Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part. Firewood. Plants, shrubs, and trees. Pelts, wool. Fish oil. Rice, broomcorn, and bark. Gypsum, ground or unground. Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones Dye stuffs. Flax, hemp, and tow, unmanufactured. Unmanufactured tobacco. Rags.

ARTICLE IV.

It is agreed that the citizens and inhabitants of the United States shall have the right to navigate the river St. Lawrence and the canals in Canada, used as the means of communicating between the great lakes and the Atlantic ocean, with their vessels, boats, and crafts, as fully and freely as the subjects of her Britannic majesty, subject only to the same tolls and other assessments as now are or may hereafter be exacted of her majesty's said subjects, it being understood, however, that the British government retains the right of suspending this privilege on giving due notice thereof to the government of the United States.

It is further agreed that if at any time the British government should exercise the said reserved right, the government of the United States shall have the right of suspending, if it think fit, the operation of article III. of the present treaty, in so far as the province of Canada is affected thereby, for so long as the suspension of the free navigation of the river St. Lawrence or the canals may continue.

It is further agreed that British subjects shall have the right freely to navigate lake Michigan with their vessels, boats and crafts, so long as the privilege of navigating the river St. Lawrence, secured to American citizens by the above clause of the present article, shall continue, and the government of the United States further engages to urge upon the state governments to secure to the subjects of her Britannic majesty, the use of the several state canals on terms of equality with the inhabitants of the United States.

And it is further agreed that no export duty or other duty shall be levied on lumber or timber of any kind cut on that portion of the American territory in the state of Maine, watered by the river St. John and its tributaries, and floated down that river to the sea, when the same is shipped to the United States from the province of New Brunswick.

ARTICLE V.

The present treaty shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the imperial parliament of Great Britain and by the provincial parliaments of those of the British North American colonies which are affected by this treaty on the one hand, and by the congress of the United States on the other. Such assent having been given, the treaty shall remain in force for ten years from the date at which it may come into operation, and further until the expiration of twelve months after either of the high contracting parties shall give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same; each of the high contracting parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said term of ten years, or at any time afterwards.

It is clearly understood, however, that this stipulation is not intended to affect the reservation made by article IV. of the present treaty with regard to the right of temporarily suspending the operation of articles III. and IV. thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

And it is hereby further agreed that the provisions and stipulations of the foregoing articles shall extend to the island of Newfoundland, so far as they are applicable to that colony. But if the imperial parliament, the provincial parliament of Newfoundland, or the congress of the United States, shall not embrace in their laws enacted for carrying this treaty into effect, the colony of Newfoundland, then this article shall be of no effect, but the omission to make provision by law to give it effect, by either of the legislative bodies aforesaid, shall not in any way impair the remaining articles of this treaty.

ARTICLE VII.

The present treaty shall be duly ratified and the mutual exchange of ratifications shall take place in Washington within six months from the date hereof, or earlier if possible.

In faith, whereof, we, the respective plenipotentiaries, have signed this treaty and have hereunto affixed our seals.

Done in triplicate, at Washington, the fifth day of June, anno domini, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, L. S. W. L. MARCY, L. S.

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AN ACT TO CARRY INTO EFFECT A TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN, SIGNED ON THE FIFTH DAY OF JUNE, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOUR.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, That whenever the president of the United States shall receive satisfactory evidence that the imperial parliament of Great Britain and the provincial parliaments of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, have passed laws on their part to give full effect to the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed on the fifth day of June last, he is hereby authorized to issue his proclamation declaring that he has such evidence, and thereupon from the date of such proclamation, the following articles, being the growth and produce of said provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward's Island, to wit :—

Grain, flour and breadstuffs, of all kinds; animals of all kinds; fresh smoked and salted meats; cotton wool; seeds and vegetables; undried fruits; dried fruits; fish of all kinds; products of fish and all other creatures living in the water; poultry; eggs; hides, furs, skins or tails undressed; stone or marble in the crude or unwrought state; slate, butter, cheese, tallow; lard; horns; manures; ores of metals of all kinds; coal, pitch, tar, turpentine; ashes; timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed and sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part; firewood, plants, shrubs and trees; pelts, wool, fish oil; rice, broom-corn and bark; gypsum, ground or unground; hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones; dye-stuffs; flax, hemp and tow, unmanufactured; unmanufactured tobacco; rags;

Shall be introduced into the United States free of duty so long as the said treaty shall remain in force, subject, however, to be suspended in relation to the trade with Canada on the condition mentioned in the fourth article of the said treaty; and all the other provisions of the said treaty shall go into effect, and be observed on the part of the United States.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That whenever the Island of Newfoundland shall give its consent to the application of the stipulations and provisions of the said treaty to that province, and the legislature thereof, and the imperial parliament shall pass the necessary laws for that purpose, the above enumerated articles shall be admitted free of duty from that province, into the United States, from and after the date of a proclamation by the president of the United States, declaring that he has satisfactory evidence that the said province has consented, in a due and proper manner, to have the provisions of the treaty extended to it; and to allow the United States the full benefits of all the stipulations therein contained.

Approved, August 5th, 1854.

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MR. CRAMPTON TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Washington, September 25th, 1854.

SIR— Your excellency's despatch of the 14th inst. reached me yesterday, and I have lost no time in bringing the subject to which it relates, under the consideration of the government of the United States.

Having made known to the secretary of state of the United States the natural desire of her majesty's subjects in Nova Scotia to be put at once, and irrespective of future legislation, into possession of the privileges which are eventually to be secured to them by the treaty signed at Washington on the 5th June last, Mr. Marcy replied that the government of the United States, heartily participating in the desire I had expressed to him on the part of Nova Scotia that all the provisions of the treaty should at once be rendred practically available to both parties, would not, if it depended upon the president, delay its accomplishment for a single day. He called my attention, however, to the fact that neither the president, nor congress, posseessed any constitutional power which would enable them to dispense, even temporarily, with any part of the provisions of a treaty which, once ratified, formed a part of the law of the land.

> I have the honor to be, Your excellency's Most obedient, humble servant,

His excellency colonel

Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT, &c. &c., Halifax.

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Government house, Quebec, 23rd Sept. 1854.

I have the honor to inform you that the bill necessary, in so far as Canada is concerned, to give effect to the fishery and reciprocity treaty agreed to on the fifth of June last, by the plenipotentiaries acting on behalf of her majesty the queen of Great Britain, and the government of the United States, was yesterday passed unanimously by either house of this provincial parliament, and that I have this day assented to it in her majesty's name.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

His excellency Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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SIB J. G. LE MARCHANT TO MR. CRAMPTON.

Government house, Halifax, 3rd October, 1854.

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I beg leave to call your excellency's attention to the 11th section of chapter 12 of the revised statutes of Nova Scotia, (whereof a copy is herewith transmitted to you,) which appears

Sir-

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

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appears to me to supersede a necessity for that immediate colonial legislation, in relation to the reciprocity treaty, which I would gladly avoid, if possible, because to anticipate the usual time of convening the legislature would be inconvenient and expensive. The clause referred to is in full force, and, though there may be some articles enumerated in the statute which are not found in the treaty, and some in the treaty not specified in the statute, still, as you will perceive, it is quite competent to me in my council, to declare, by proclamation, all, or any that come within the common intendment of both, admissable free of duty. The clause evinces the past, and may fairly be presumed to indicate the future spirit in which the question involved has been, and will be, received by the legislature of this colony. It occurs to me that the president, being informed of the existence of the statute to which I have invited your excellency's attention, will regard it as affording, so far at least as it corresponds to the treaty, sufficient evidence of required legislation on the part of Nova Scotia, and to that extent at once proclaim the treaty in operation. I shall feel much gratified if your excellency will be pleased, at your earliest convenience, to bring the subject of this communication under the consideration of the government at which you exercise your high functions, and

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

His excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON, &c. &c.

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H. M. COUNCIL TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOB.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

Your excellency having been pleased to call our attention to the circumstance of special sessions of the legislature in relation, as is presumed, to the reciprocity treaty, having been convened by the governments of New Brunswick and of Prince Edward's Island, as well as to the fact that Canada has, by legislation, adopted the treaty, and having required an opinion as to the expediency of your government, at once, summoning the general assembly, we beg leave to inform your excellency that, for the reasons which we are about to submit, we do not advise your excellency to anticipate the usual period of our general legislative deliberations.

The communication which your council had the honor to address to your excellency, on the 14th ultimo, has already placed your excellency in possession of the views entertained by your advisers on the subject of lord Clarendon's proposition on behalf of American fishermen, conveyed by his despatch (No. 7,) and your excellency may be assured that if the earliest legislation could, in the event of its approving the treaty, accelerate its operation, and thereby promote or facilitate the acquisition by her majesty's subjects of the privileges contemplated by it, and corresponding with those which the citizens of the union are now actually enjoying, though in opposition, as we believe, to its true spirit, which is obviously designed to be mutual, not merely in respect of its provisions, but in regard to actual commencement of its operations, we should advise your excellency forthwith to convene the Regarding, however, carefully the terms of the treaty, and the language of legislature. the act of congress passed in reference to it,---reflecting that, as is manifest from lord Clarendon's despatch, parliament has been prorogued without legislation in connexion with the subject under consideration, - and perceiving that Mr. Marcy, in his communication to Mr. Buchanan, when soliciting from the British government those privileges for American fishermen which practically they have obtained, did not convey the slightest intimation of the readiness of his own government to yield present corresponding advantages to our own people, or even of the constitutional power of that government to yield them, we are obliged obliged to conclude that immediate special legislation in the adoption of the treaty, on the part of our province, or even on the parts of all the British North American colonies, would not, without the concurrence of imperial legislation also, be of the slightest benefit to the queen's subjects in Nova Scotia. These views, which from our earliest consideration of this subject we have entertained, are now confirmed by the authentic intelligence just received by your excellency of the decision of the secretary of state of the United States, recognizing and adopting the opinion of the attorney general of the union, which is in terms as follows, viz.: "that the president cannot issue his proclamation until he shall receive satisfactory evidence of the enactment by THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT, and by the provincial parliaments of all the four provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, of special laws ad hoc to give full effect to the treaty, according to the terms of the act of congress." Considering then that extraordinary legislation, which is both inconvenient and expensive, can produce no beneficial results, and having no reason to believe that parliament will be again in session before the usual period of the meeting of our legislature, we have arrived at that conclusion on the question submitted to us, which we have now the honor to express to your excellency.

Council chamber, Halifax, 13th October, 1854.

(Signed)

W. YOUNG, MICH'L. TOBIN, JAMES McNAB, SAM'L. CREELMAN, LEWIS M. WILKINS, STEPHEN FULTON.

To his excellency Sir J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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MB. CRAMPTON TO SIR J. G. LE MABCHANT.

Washington, October 13, 1854.

SIR-

I have had the honor of receiving your excellency's despatch of the 3rd inst., and I have lost no time in submitting the matter to which it refers to the consideration of the government of the United States.

I regret to state that the secretary of state of the United States informs me, that although animated by a sincere desire to avoid delay in carrying into full effect the provisions of the treaty of June last, the president does not feel kimself at liberty to issue the proclamation required for the purpose.

Mr. Marcy referred me to the opinion of the attorney general of the United States, a copy of which is already in your excellency's hands, for an explanation of the constitutional and legal obstacles which oppose themselves to such a course.

(Signed)

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your excellency's Most obedient, humble servant,

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His excellency Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT, lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia.

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Washington, October 9, 1854.

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You are aware that instructions have been issued by her majesty's government for the immediate admission of American fishermen to a free participation in the fisheries of the British North American provinces, under the terms of the treaty signed at Washington, on the 5th of June last, while, from the delay which must necessarily occur before the whole of the legislation required by the treaty on the part of the imperial parliament of Great Britain, and of some of the colonial legislatures, the other provisions of the treaty, and more especially the provision by which British caught fish are to be admitted free of duty, will probably remain inoperative during the whole of the present fishing season.

You will not fail to perceive the peculiar and serious discouragement to which, under such a state of things, the fishermen of the British colonies will be subjected, at the very outset of an arrangement which was evidently meant by the high contracting parties to be equally beneficial to their respective subjects and citizens.

I entertain no doubt, sir, that the government of the United States, in addressing to her britannic majesty's government the request that the British fisheries should be at once thrown open to American enterprize, were far from desiring that the British fishermen should thereby be placed, even temporarily, under any disadvantage, in a pursuit, which it was the wise and liberal policy of both governments to throw open to competition on fair and equal terms.

Under these circumstances, although fully aware of the difficulties of a legal and constitutional nature which would oppose themselves to the adoption by the executive of the United States of a measure exactly corresponding to that by which the British government has so promptly responded to the wishes of the government of the United States, I am nevertheless induced to bring the subject under your notice as one which, I feel convinced, well merits, and will receive, the equitable consideration of the president, with a view to the adoption of such measures as may be practicable for the immediate relief of a deserving and industrious class of her majesty's subjects from the pressure of a heavy discriminating import, the continued exaction of which results from circumstances over which neither they themselves, nor their government, have any control, but which must necessarily be of a temporary nature.

I avail myself, &c.,

(Signed)

J. F. CRAMPTON.

To the honorable W. L. MARCY, &c. &c. &c.

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SIR-

Department of state, Washington, 10th October, 1854.

I have received your note of yesterday, in relation to the application of the British fishermen to have the fish taken on the coasts of the British North American provinces introduced into the markets of the United States free of duty. As a compensation for admitting our citizens to the inshore fisheries, as provided for in the treaty lately entered into by the United States and Great Britain, the fish taken by British subjects on these coasts are, when the treaty shall go into full operation, to be admitted into the United States without being charged with any duty. The inshore fisheries having been thrown open to our citizens, this government, if it had the power to do so, would, at once, give effect to the stipulation of the treaty which provides for the introduction into this country of fish of British subjects free of duty. This appears to be equitable and just; but the executive of the United States have not that power. It is obliged to levy duties on fish brought brought to its market by British subjects, until the treaty becomes operative by the required legislation of Great Britain and the British provinces.

Should British fish, caught after the inshore fisheries were opened, be brought to our markets, and duties paid thereon, it would be reasonable to expect that an application to congress to refund the duties, founded upon such equitable considerations as the case would present, would be successful; or if such fish thus taken should be put in warehouses, and bonds for the duties thereon given, congress would, I believe, authorize such bonds to be cancelled and given up, without requiring such fish to be re-exported.

Having regard to the equitable considerations in support of such a proceeding on the part of congress, I am quite sure the executive will readily co-operate in such a measure.

I avail, &c.,

W. L. MARCY. (Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON, esquire, &c. &c.

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THE GOVERNOE GENERAL TO SIE J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Government house, Quebec, 10th October, 1854.

SIR-

The despatch which you did me the honor to address to me on the 14th ultimo, reached this place while I was absent on a tour in Upper Canada. I received it on my return two days ago.

Looking to the tenor of the correspondence enclosed in this despatch, and to the steps which the other colonies affected by the fishery and reciprocity treaty are taking for giving effect to its provisions, I think it my duty to suggest for your excellency's consideration whether it might not be expedient to summon the parliament of Nova Scotia for an early day, with the view of inviting its attention to this important subject. I make this suggestion with diffidence, as I am aware that circumstances with which I am unacquainted may influence you in coming to a decision on this point, but I venture to submit it in the hope that you will give it such weight as it may seem to you to deserve.

> I have the honor to be, Sir. Your excellency's Most obedient, humble servant,

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Lieut. governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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H. M. COUNCIL TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

We have considered, with that serious attention which is due to the importance of the subject which it involves, and to the high source whence the suggestion conveyed by it emanates, the despatch of the 10th instant, addressed to your excellency by the right honorable the earl of Elgin, suggesting for your consideration whether it might not be expedient to summon the parliament of Nova Scotia for an early day, with the view of inviting its attention to the fishery and reciprocity treaty. The communication which we had

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had the honor to make to your excellency, on the 13th instant, and of which a copy has been transmitted to the governor general, will have put his excellency in possession of the arguments which influenced our opinion that it was not expedient for your excellency to convene the legislature in special session. We feel therefore, that whilst referring your excellency to that communication, we need only add, that if his excellency the governor general is aware of any reasons which induce a necessity for early legislation which is not apparent to us, or that promise from the latter any advantages in relation to the treaty which we do not perceive, and will be pleased to make them known to us, through your excellency, we shall be prepared to advise the earliest possible meeting of the general assembly. Your excellency knows that the counsel which we have felt it our duty to give to your excellency, has not been influenced by any indifference on our part, or by any imagined indifference on the part of the people, to a matter of such vast importance as the question of the treaty confessedly is, nor by any ground known to exist for apprehension that discord with the other legislatures will be found to mark the result of our legislative deliberations. We have a deep conviction of the importance of cordial and harmonious action upon this subject, on our part, with the other British North American colonies, and we entertain a most sincere desire that that intercolonial cordiality and harmony may pre-Our opinion of the inexpediency of calling the legislature together before the usual vail. time, is confirmed by a reflection that, by anticipating for a few weeks only that accustomed period, a legislative decision upon the subject under consideration can be pronounced, and imparted to her majesty's government, before the usual meeting of parliament, and in time to enable the queen's ministers to inform parliament of the legislative determinations of all the North American colonies on the question of the fishery and reciprocity treaty.

Council chamber, Halifax, 24th October, 1854.

(Signed)

WILLIAM YOUNG, MICH'L. TOBIN, JAMES MCNAB, SAM'L. CREELMAN, LEWIS M. WILKINS.

His excellency Sir J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

MR. CRAMPTON TO SIB J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Washington, October 23, 1854.

SIR-

With reference to my letter of the 13th instant, I have the honor to inclose herewith, for your excellency's information, the copy of a circular letter from the secretary of the United States treasury to collectors of customs, containing instructions for their guidance with a view to facilitating the arrangements dependent upon the future action of congress having reference to a remission of the duty on British caught fish during the present season.

I have the honor to be,

Your excellency's Most obedient, humble servant,

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(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His excellency colonel Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c., Halifax.

(Circular.)

(Circular.)

SIR-

Treasury Department, October 16, 1854.

In consideration of the privilege now enjoyed by citizens of the United States, as well as of the probable exemption from duty, at an early day, of fish of all kinds, the products of fish, and all other creatures living in the water, and in pursuance of the stipulations of the reciprocity treaty of the 5th of June last, entered into between the United States and Great Britain, upon due compliance with the requirements of said treaty, respectively, by the imperial parliament and the provincial colonies affected by the treaty aforesaid; and in order to facilitate certain arrangements and understandings dependent upon the action of congress, had between the secretary of state of the United States and the British minister, Mr. Crampton, it becomes necessary to issue the following instructions, to wit :—

First—On entry at your port, for consumption, of the fish of the description mentioned, and due payment of the duties thereon, you will give the owners, importers, or agent, a proper receipt therefor, with the custom house seal attached, specifying the name and nation of the vessel, the date of her entry, the place from whence arriving, with the quantity and description of the fish.

Second—Should the parties desire to warehouse under bonds, you will permit the same to be done in accordance with the existing provisions of the law on the subject, taking care to give such particulars of the law on the transaction in the bond as to show the true object of the obligation.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. WASHINGTON,

Acting sec'y. of the treasury.

To H. J. REDFIELD, esquire, collector, &c.

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO SAR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Government house, Quebec, 18th October, 1854.

SIR-

I have the honor to enclose herewith, for your excellency's information, the printed copy of an act passed by the parliament of this province for giving effect, on the part of this province, to the treaty between her majesty and the United States of America, relative to the fisheries and to commerce and navigation, which was signed at Washington on the fifth of June last.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your excellency's

Most obedient servant,

(Signed) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

His excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, Halifax, &c. &c. &c

[COPY.]

AN ACT FOR GIVING EFFECT, ON THE PART OF THIS PROVINCE, TO A CERTAIN TREATY BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for giving effect, as regards this province, to the treaty between her majesty and the United States of America, signed on the fifth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four : Be it therefore enacted by the queen's

most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council and of the legislative assembly of the province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an act passed in the parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, an act to re-unite the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the government of Canada, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. Whenever the governor of this province shall, by proclamation, declare that the said treaty has taken effect according to the terms thereof, the articles enumerated in the schedule hereunto annexed, being the growth and produce of the said United States, shall be admitted into this province free of duty, so long as the said treaty shall remain in force; except that if at any time the said United States shall, under the terms of the said treaty, suspend the operation of the third article thereof, so far as this province is affected thereby, then the governor of this province may, if he see fit, declare such suspension by proclamation, after which the exemption from duty under this act shall cease while such suspension shall continue, but the governor may again, whenever such suspension shall cease, declare the same by proclamation, from and after which such exemption shall again take effect.

II. It shall be lawful for the governor in council, by any order or orders to be made for that purpose, to do anything which shall be found necessary to be done on the part of this province to give full effect to the said treaty, and any such order shall have the same effect as if the object thereof were expressly provided for by this act.

III. The act passed in the twelfth year of her majesty's reign, intituled, an act to provide for the free admission into Canada, of certain articles of the growth or production of the United States of America, on certain conditions therein mentioned, is hereby repealed.

SCHEDULE.

Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds. Animals of all kinds. Fresh, smoked and salted meats. **Cotton** wool, seeds and vegetables. Undried fruits, dried fruits. Fish of all kinds. **Products** of fish and of all other creatures living in the water. Poultry, eggs. Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed. Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state. Slate. Butter, cheese, tallow. Lard, horns, manures. Ores of metals of all kinds. Coal. Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes. Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part. Firewood. Plants, shrubs, and trees. Pelts, wool. Fish oil. Rice, broomcorn, and bark. Gypsum, ground or unground. Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones. Dye stuffs. Flax, hemp, and tow, unmanufactured. Unmanufactured tobacco. Rags.

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Government house, Quebec, 16th October, 1854.

I have the honor to transmit to you, by request of the earl of Clarendon, a printed seeps of the treaty between her majesty and the United States of America, relative to **Exercises** and to commerce and navigation, which was signed at Washington the 5th of June last, and the ratifications of which were exchanged at Washington on the 9th ultimo.

> I have the honor to be, Sir. Your excellency's Most obedient, humble servant,

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE. (Signed)

Is excellency Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c., Halifax.

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SIR G. GREY TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Downing street, 24th October, 1854.

Star-

With reference to your despatches noted in the margin, I transmit for your infor-section, copy of a letter addressed to this department by direction of the earl of Clarendon, milded copies of a correspondence between the earl of Clarendon and her majesty's minister at Washington, respecting the claim of the British North American colonies to be zelimitted to the full and immediate enjoyment of the privileges stipulated for by the treaty date. at the 5th of June last.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient, Humble servant,

> > (Signed)

G. GREY.

Liessi. governor Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

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Washington, September 25, 1854.

ST LORD-

I have the honor to enclose in print the copy of a letter from the secretary of the **Sumsury** of the United States to the collector of the customs at New York, stating to him the conditions which must necessarily be fulfilled before the provision of the late reciprocity menty, between Great Britain and the United States, which affect the tariff of duties of the United States, can be carried into effect.

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This letter has, I understand, been addressed to the collector in reply to a request on his part for instructions for his guidance in the case of an application which had been made for the free admission of a cargo of Nova Scotia coal under the provisions of the treaty.

I have, &c., (Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON. The EARL OF CLARENDON, &c. &c. &c.

From the "National Intelligencer" of September 21st, 1854.

THE DUTY ON COAL.

It will be seen by the following letter of the secretary of the treasury, that the tariff laws will still be in force in reference to the British North American colonies until the proper legislation shall have been had by those colonies on the reciprocity treaty:

Treasury department, Sept. 19th, 1854.

SIR-

The fifth article of the reciprocity treaty with Great Britain provides that "the present treaty shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the imperial parliament of Great Britain and by the provincial parliaments of those of the British North American colonies which are affected by this treaty on the one hand, and the United States on the other," and the sixth article provides the treaty shall not embrace Newfoundland until the provincial parliament of the colony of Newfoundland, and the congress of the United States, shall pass laws to that effect.

It is understood that the imperial parliament and the congress of the United States have passed the necessary laws to carry the treaty into effect including Newfoundland, but that the parliaments of none of the British North American colonies have as yet acted upon the subject, and some of them will not be in session for several months.

The navigation of the St. Lawrence, and the fisheries, being considered imperial rights, have been conceded to the United States by Great Britain in advance of the proper legislation by the colonies; but that has no effect upon the tariff of the colonies, which can only be taken away by their legislation, and the legislation of the United States has been made dependent upon their action. The tariff laws will therefore be in force as though the treaty had not been made, until the British colonies shall legislate upon the subject, in accordance with the provisions of the treaty. Their legislation will of course be communicated to the government of the United States, and when so communicated, will be made public, and the proper notice given as to cessation of duties.

(Signed)

I am, &c.

JAMES GUTHRIE,

Secretary to the treasury.

J. H. REDFIELD, esquire, collector, New York.

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No. 223.

SIR-

Foreign office, October 13th, 1854.

I have received your despatches Nos. 234 and 235, of the 25th Sept., reporting your communications with Mr. Marcy with reference to a representation made to you by the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, urging that the government of the United States ought ought forthwith to give full effect to the provisions of the reciprocity treaty, on the grounds that American fishermen had been forthwith admitted to fish on the coast of the British provinces.

Mr. Marcy, I understand, pleads inability to comply with this request, inasmuch as the action of the government of the United States is limited by the act of congress by which the government were allowed to carry the treaty into effect, and the fifth article of the treaty only stipulates that the treaty is to take effect as soon as the law required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the imperial parliament and by the provincial parliaments on the one hand, and by the congress of the United States on the other. The congress of the United States has indeed performed its share of legislation, but legislation on the part of Great Britain is still wanting to bring the treaty into operation; and consequently the government of the United States cannot proceed to give effect to the treaty as matters now stand.

Her majesty's government greatly regret that such an impediment should exist to the immediate enjoyment by the United States, and by the British provinces, of the advantages which the treaty of June 5th is calculated to bestow upon them, and her majesty's government would gladly learn that some means had been found for obviating the difficulty stated by Mr. Marcy. The promptitude with which her majesty's government, at the request of the American minister in this country, gave effect to the stipulations of the treaty bearing on the fisheries on the coasts of the British colonies, will, they are satisfied, be acknowledged by the government of the United States as entitling them to expect that the cabinet of Washington will, on its part, endeavour to remove any obstacle to the two countries reaping, without delay, the benefit of the treaty, although from the force of circumstances the conditions requisite to give formal effect to the treaty have not hitherto been fully complied with on the part of Great Britain.

With reference to the subject of this despatch, I enclose for your information copies of two letters from the colonial office, the one enclosing a copy of a despatch from the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, the other a copy of a despatch from the governor of Prince Edward Island, urging respectively the claims of those colonies to be admitted to the full and immediate enjoyment in the United States of the privileges stipulated for in the treaty of the 5th of June last, on the ground that American fishermen have been admitted without delay to the enjoyment of the treaty privileges in the waters of those British colonies.

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

JOHN F. CRAMPTON, esquire, &c. &c.

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MR. CRAMPTON TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Washington, November 6, 1854.

SIR-

With reference to my letter of the 23rd ultimo, in which I had the honor of enelosing to your excellency the copy of a circular instruction from the secretary of the treasury of the United States to collectors of customs, containing instructions for their guidance, with a view to facilitating the arrangements dependent upon the future action of Congress, having reference to a remission of the duty on British caught fish during the present season, I have now the honor to inform your excellency that the United States government, in consequence of the act lately passed by the Canadian legislature for bringing the reciprocity treaty into full operation, has engaged to apply the same principle to the other articles enumerated in the treaty being the produce of Canada, as has been applied to British-caught fish.

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I feel little doubt that the United States government would not hesitate to embrace in the same arrangement, similar articles, being the produce of Nova Scotia, so soon as I shall be enabled to announce to them officially that the legislature of that province has passed an act similar to that adopted by the legislature of Canada, and I shall therefore feel obliged by the earliest intelligence which your excellency may be enabled to give me of such an event.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your excellency's Most obedient, humble servant,

> > (Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His excellency Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT TO MR. CRAMPTON.

Government house, Halifax, 13th November, 1854.

SIR-

Immediately upon receipt of your despatch of the sixth instant, I summoned the legislature of this province to meet, for despatch of business, on the earliest possible day, that is to say, the second day of December next, as you will perceive by the printed copy of the proclamation to that effect which is now enclosed. As, therefore, but a short interval will elapse before Nova Scotia will have legislated on the subject of the reciprocity treaty, I will take it for granted that the government of the United States, reflecting upon the readiness with which we have acceded to lord Clarendon's wishes on their behalf, expressed in relation to our fisheries, will, through your intervention, cause Nova Scotia to be included in the circular mentioned in your despatch, with an understanding that they will recommend congress to authorize return of the duties levicd upon our produce, in the event of Nova Scotia adopting the treaty, and making its adoption of it retrospective from the date of the operation of the circular.

If this be done, I will immediately thereupon, as I am fully empowered by law to do, instruct the provincial custom house officers in reference to entry at our ports of American produce, in the same manner as the United States have instructed their officers in relation to our fisheries, by their circular of the 16th of October last; and I will proclaim that duties levied in our ports on such United States produce, up to the time of our legislating in the matter of the treaty, shall actually be returned, in the event of congress sanctioning the return of duties levied from us in the corresponding period, as contemplated by their circulars.

I trust that you will concur with me in thinking the arrangement which is thus suggested, not only not unreasonable, but in perfect harmony with the spirit of the treaty.

I beg to add that I shall not fail to convey to you the earliest intelligence of the result of the deliberations of the legislature of Nova Scotia, in relation to this important subject.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant, (Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

His excellency JOHN F. CRAMPTON, &c. &c.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Government house, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Nov. 11, 1854.

SIR-

I have now the honor to forward to your excellency the gazette which contains a copy of the act passed by the general assembly of New Brunswick for giving effect, as far as this province is concerned, to the treaty recently concluded between her majesty and the government of the United States.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. HENRY T. MANNERS SUTTON.

His excellency Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c., Halifax.

[COPY.]

AN ACT FOR GIVING EFFECT ON THE PART OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK, TO A CERTAIN TREATY BETWEEN HER MAJESTY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

[Passed 3d November, 1854.]

Whereas it is expedient to provide for giving effect, as regards this province, to the treaty between her majesty and the United States of America, signed on the fifth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four:

Be it therefore enacted by the lieutenant governor, legislative council, and assembly, as follows :---

I. Whenever the governor of this province shall, by proclamation, declare that the said treaty has taken effect according to the terms thereof, the articles enumerated in the schedule to this act, being the growth and produce of the said United States of America, shall be admitted into this province free of duty, so long as the said treaty shall remain in force, any law, act, or statute to the contrary notwithstanding, except that if at any time the said United States shall, under the terms of the said treaty, suspend the operation of the third article thereof, so far as this province is affected thereby, then the governor of this province may, if he see fit, declare such suspension by proclamation, after which the exemption from duty under this act shall cease while such suspension shall continue, but the governor aforesaid may again, whenever such suspension shall cease, declare the same by proclamation, from and after which such exemption shall again take effect.

II. It shall be lawful for the governor in council, by any order or orders to be made for that purpose, to do anything further in accordance with the spirit and intention of the said treaty, which shall be found necessary to be done on the part of this province to give full effect to the said treaty, and any such order shall have the same effect as if the object thereof were expressly provided for by this act.

III. When and so soon as the said treaty shall be declared by proclamation of the governor to be in force and to have taken effect according to the terms thereof, as provided for by the first section of this act, an act made and passed in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of the reign of her present majesty, intituled, an act relating to the coast fisheries and for the prevention of illicit trade, together with such provisions of all other laws, acts, or statutes of this province now in force, as are contrary to or inconsistent with the terms and spirit of the said treaty, are hereby declared to be suspended, and shall continue to be so suspended and not in force so long as the said treaty shall continue and be in force, any law, act or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

SCHEDULE TO THIS ACT.

Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds. Animals of all kinds. Fresh, smoked and salted meats. Cotton wool, seeds and vegetables. Undried fruits, dried fruits. Fish of all kinds. Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water. Poultry, eggs. Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed. Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state. Slate. Butter, cheese, tallow. Lard, horns, manures. Ores of metals of all kinds. Coal. Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes. Timber and lumber of all kinds, round, hewed, sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part. Firewood. Plants, shrubs, and trees. Pelts, wool. Fish oil. Rice, broomcorn, and bark. Gypsum, ground or unground. Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones. Dye stuffs. Flax, hemp, and tow, unmanufactured. Unmanufactured tobacco. Rags.

[COPY.]

REAR ADMIRAL FANSHAWE TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Boscawen, at Halifax, 13th October, 1854.

SIR-

I have the honor to enclose for excellency's information, copies of the reports made by lieutenants Knocker and Dent, whilst employed in the hired provincial schooners "Sarah & Adeline" and "Alice Rogers," for the protection of the fisheries on the coast of Nova Scotia.

I beg also to enclose to your excellency an extract from a letter from commander Napier, of her majesty's sloop Daring, containing some observations made by him on the light houses on the coasts of Nova Scotia, &c.

I have the honor to be,

Your excellency's Most obedient servant,

most obenieut servaut,

ARTHUR FANSHAWE,

Rear admiral and commander-in-chief.

His excellency Sir J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia.

(Signed)

Schooner "Sarah & Adeline," Halifax, 16th September, 1854.

Sir-

I have the honor to inform you of the arrival of the provincial schooner under my command, and to make the following report of my proceedings whilst in that vessel.

Leaving Halifax on the 24th June, I sailed for the eastward, and proceeded along the southern coast of Nova Scotia to Canso harbor, where I anchored on the 26th, and on the following morning proceeded round Chedabucto Bay, calling at Fox Island, Crow Harbor, Guysborough, and the various creeks and harbors.

Finding no fishing going on about the Bay, I proceeded, on the afternoon of the 28th, through the Gut of Canso, calling at all the different coves, &c., and where I found any American vessels, ordering them out as soon as they had remained the time allowed them for procuring wood and water, in which, however, I found no difficulty, as they were only too anxious to proceed on their fishing voyage as soon as wind and weather would permit I anchored at Plaister Cove, where I was detained by contrary winds until the them. 5th of July, when I weighed and proceeded through the Strait to Port Hood, with upwards of sixty sail, (chiefly Americans,) all bound for the North Bay. Before going to Port Hood, I cruized round the Bay of St George, but finding no fishing or other vessels in the Bay, I came too on the morning of the 6th. On the 7th weighed and stood to the northward, along the Cape Breton shore, seeing only one sail during the day. After cruizing up and down the coast as far as Cape North, I returned to Port Hood on the 10th, and receiving no orders proceeded through the Gut to Plaister Cove, where I anchored on the morning of the 11th, and remained until the 13th, watering and refitting, and then proceeded to the southward to Canso harbor.

Finding no orders, I went back to Port Hood on the 18th July. There was no appearance of any fishing vessels either in the Bay of St. George or about Port Hood, (although the fish were very abundant along the shore and in the Strait.) I again sailed for the northward, and came too in Cheticamp harbor on the 21st. I visited the fishing establishment here carried on by Messrs. Robins & Co., which is conducted on a very large scale. Their boats, &c., are well equipped, and they cure annually from 8 to 10,000 quintals of codfish. Finding no fishing going on about this part of the coast, on the 24th I proceeded to the northward, calling at Limbo Cove, &c., and anchored in the Bay of St. Lawrence. On the 26th weighed and stood to the southward, calling at Port Hood, and being in want of wood and water, ran down to Holland Cove.

I found the Strait entirely occupied by American fishermen, and indeed, during the whole of the fishing season this is the case. On going from the Strait to Port Hood on the 29th July, I observed a dismasted brig, and a schooner under the land, about 6 miles to the southward of Cape Jack light. On boarding her, she proved to be the British brig "Fortuna," picked up by the American schooner "Mary Gay," on the 27th, off East Point, Prince Edward Island. I anchored alongside the wreck for the night, and on the following morning, not considering her in safety, (the wind at the time blowing hard from the S. W. and only one anchor being on board,) I desired the American master to take her into Port Hood, or some place of safety, and on his refusing to do so I took the brig in tow, and on the following day anchored her in safety. On Monday, the 1st of August, I gave her in charge of Mr. Blanchard, collector of customs, &c. at Port Hood.

I remained at that place until the 4th August, during which time we were employed refitting, painting, &c., no fishing vessels of any description being on the coast. I was informed by several American fishing masters that the fish were found in great abundance in the Bay, but so close in shore that their vessels had done very badly, owing to the vigilance of the cruizers on the station. On the 7th I weighed and ran down along the land to the northward, but finding no fishing vessels on the coast, stood across toward Prince Edward Island, and continued cruizing until the 10th, when I anchored at Port Hood, and received intelligence that her majesty's brig "Daring" had sailed on the 9th for Chaleur Bay. There was no fishing either by foreign or British vessels, going on. I remained there

there until the 12th, on which day I sailed, and being in want of repairs, which could not be obtained elsewhere, I ran down the Strait of Canso, and anchored in Arichat harbor at 4 P. M. on that day.

I remained there until the 16th, when I again sailed for Port Hood. After running through the Strait of Canso, on the 17th, I observed an American vessel fishing within the bay of St. George, which I boarded, and after examining her papers, ordered and saw her off. She belonged to Truro, and was bound home with 170 barrels of mackerel on board. This was the first American vessel I found fishing within the limits. I arrived at Port Hood on the 20th August, when I was detained by strong N. W. gales until the 24th, when I sailed and proceeded down the shore to the northward, where I found only five English schooners fishing off Margaree Island. A gale of wind springing up suddenly from the S. W., I stood off the land and hove too. On the morning of the 25th, the wind shifted round to the N. W., still blowing very hard, I rounded Cape North, and ran down the eastern shore of Cape Breton, intending to make Sydney, but failing in that, stood on, and the sails being very much in want of repair, I ran into Louisburgh, where I anchored After refitting and repairing sails, I started on the 27th for Port Hood, on the 26th. where I anchored at 8 p. m. on the 28th August. On the 31st I sailed in company with the provincial schooner "Alice Rogers," standing across towards East Point, and continued cruizing from there to Margaree Island, until the 3d September, when I returned to Port Hood. On the 4th, being in want of wood and water, I ran down to Holland Cove, Strait of Canso, after completing which I returned to Port Hood the following day. On the 7th I weighed and stood down towards Margaree Island, but the wind blowing fresh from the northward and westward, returned the same night, having seen only three English vessels fishing off the mouth of the river.

I remained at Port Hood until the 9th, when her majesty's brig "Daring" arrived, and I received orders to repair forthwith to Halifax. I accordingly sailed from Port Hood on the 10th September, and anchored in the Strait of Canso that night. I was informed that her majesty's brig "Daring" had passed through the Gut that forenoon. I remained there until the 12th, being detained by southerly winds and calms, when I sailed.

On leaving the Gut I found the wind blowing hard from the S. W., and therefore bore up and anchored in Arichat. On the following morning, weighed and stood across towards Canso harbor; the wind increasing to a strong gale, in the evening I came too inside Island harbor, where I remained until the following morning, when I sailed for Halifax.

With regar¹ to the service on which I have been employed, I beg to state that up to the time of my being recalled there was no fishing carried on by any foreign vessels about the shores of Cape Breton Island. About the end of August a few British fishing vessels began to make their appearance at Port Hood, but although the mackerel were found in great abundance, they were so small that they were not thought worth taking by the fishermen.

During the whole time I have been off and on the coast of Cape Breton, I have only seen two American vessels within the limits, on my station, with the exception of those which from time to time put in for shelter, wood and water. I regret, therefore, that it has been almost out of my power to afford any protection to the fisheries, which I was in hopes I should have been able to do.

I would respectfully beg to observe, that great inconvenience is occasioned by English vessels not shewing their colors when in sight of a man-of-war, and it would greatly forward the service could they be punished for this neglect.

Many of the Lunenburg vessels it is almost impossible to distinguish from Americans, and much time is frequently lost in chasing them when the cruizers might be better employed. I would also beg to suggest to your excellency that should vessels be again required to be fitted out for the protection of the fisheries, that the owners should not be allowed to go in them as sailing masters, and that a government instead of a private pilot should be appointed, who should be responsible for the safe pilotage of the vessel. I transmit

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transmit herewith a copy of my journal, and have returned to your office all the papers and documents with which I was furnished.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

Lieutenant.

ALBERT DENT,

Rear admiral Arthur FANSHAWE, C. B., Commander-in-chief.

> Provincial armed schooner "Alice Rogers," Halifax, September 18, 1854.

Sir-

I have the honor to report the arrival of the hired provincial schooner "Alice Rogers," under my command, from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where she has been employed in the protection of the fisheries since the 14th of June, and I respectfully submit for your consideration the following remarks made whilst so employed :

I cruized in Chaleur Bay and about Gaspe',—occasionally visiting North Cape, Prince Edward Island,—from 28th of June to 18th of August.

The mackerel struck into Chaleur Bay the last week in June; were more plentiful, and those caught were much finer than those caught last year; but in Gaspe' Bay they were three weeks later in striking in, and were neither so abundant nor so fine fish as in Chaleur Bay. The mackerel appeared to keep in shore from Cape Gaspe' towards Fox River, and northward—off which place, and Griffin's Cove, a large catch was made at the end of July. At North Cape, Prince Edward's Island, fish abounded, but were very small, as also about East Cape and on the shores of Cape Breton, and this appears to have been the case all over the Gulf.

The deep sea fishery on the New Brunswick and Canadian coasts has been successful, and would have been more so had there not been a scarcity of bait.

Finding but few vessels came to the coasts of Chaleur Bay, and requiring medical aid, I left it on the 18th August, and proceeded towards North and East Capes, Prince Edward Island, and arrived at Port Hood, Cape Breton, the latter end of August.

The American fishermen, during the first part of the season, would not take the small mackerel, but they have done so lately, from the great demand for fish in the United States. Many of their vessels (upwards of a hundred sail) left the Gulf with half cargoes on that account, but the average catch has not exceeded, even if it equalled, that of last year at this time, and I do not think there are so many vessels employed.

The contrary is the case with English vessels, and, to the credit of Nova Scotia, a great many vessels as fine and as well found as those from the United States are from Halifax, Lunenburg, LeHave, &c., far more than any previous year.

They came into the Gulf much later than the foreign vessels, but have been doing well. This they attribute to the protection afforded them.

Encroachments this year by foreign vessels have been frequent, owing, I think, to the less number of cruizers in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; and the American fishermen, knowing no steamer was employed in the protection of the fisheries there, took every advantage of the movement of the cruizers from one part of the coast to another. About Gaspe' Bay I did not hear of any cases, but several at and about Fox River, and also received information to that effect from Mr. Belleau, collector of customs at Gaspe', copies of whose letter to me, and that of the master of an English schooner to him, I beg to enclose.

In Chaleur Bay several instances of encroachment, after warning off had not been attended to, compelled me to make two seizures, the "Montezuma" and the "Ellen," of Salisbury, (American schooners,) considering an example absolutely necessary, having detected twenty-seven within a week in the Bay and off North Cape. The "Montezuma" I released on the master giving me a written statement that he had been legally seized, and the "Ellen" I took to Bathurst, and delivered her to the collector of the customs there. I also detained the American schooner "Legislator," of Bremen, off East Cape,

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but on the master acknowledging his infraction of the treaty, and that his vessel was a lawful prize, and giving me a written statement to that effect, I released him.

I was informed by several American captains, that the catch of fish had been very fair on the shores of the Magdalen Islands, chiefly by nets and from the vessels sprung to their anchors.

The English vessels this year, I am happy to say, have their papers much more correct than last, only five or six, out of forty-four I boarded, being irregular, and they seem to pay more attention to shewing their colors to the cruizers, though in many cases their not doing so caused me considerable trouble and delay.

I feel it right to inform your excellency that on the several coasts I have visited, particularly at Point Peter, Gaspe' shores, and most of the fishing stations in Chaleur Bay; (I have had but little communication with those of Nova Scotia, except at Port Hood and in the Gulf of Canso, where the inhabitants are chiefly Americans, and get their living by them, and I fear by smuggling.) Many of the inhabitants engaged in the fishery have spoken to me, and in several instances, have asked me to express their earnest hopes that the fisheries would not be thrown open to the United States vessels. The continuance of protection is a question of diplomacy, but I can state that, having been employed two seasons on this service, having associated with the poorer as well as the richer class of people thus engaged, nearly all entertain the same feelings, and seem convinced that such a course will ruin them and their families.

I would wish also to bring under your notice the great increase of vessels that sail this year under English colors and papers, but belonging to American subjects residing in the provinces.

At Cascumpeque, Prince Edward Island, an American gentlemen, Mr. Ryder, owns about ten vessels, they are American built, the masters are chiefly Americans, as are most of their crews.

Several of these vessels have been run on shore purposely off that harbor, and bought in by Mr. Ryder, but received their papers in the name of his clerk—Mr. Howlan, an Englishman. About the 10th August, an American schooner, the "Missouri," of Salem, was thus bought in at Cascumpeque.

I understand an objectionable practice has existed this year—that of large American boats, with nets, &c., being attached to English (so called) vessels. These boats shoot their nets under the very huts of our fishermen. This took place at Point Peter and Gaspe' Bay.

Finally, on the subject of coast lights, to which you directed my attention, I would suggest that great benefit would be derived from a light house on East Point, Prince Edward Island, and would be the means of preventing many wrecks which yearly take place on that coast, and even this season would probably have saved several lives. It might be erected with very little cost, and would not require to be higher than sixty feet. A light house also would be very beneficial on Miscou Island, at the entrance of Chaleur Bay, where the navigation is rapidly increasing; it would only require to be lighted about seven months in the year, and as wood is so plentiful it would cost but little, and would amply repay by the increase of shipping. No less than three fine vessels have been lost from want of such a light this year.

In conclusion, I have to report that the crew of the "Alice Rogers" have conducted themselves to my entire approbation; they have always worked in a diligent and willing manner, and both the master and pilot have rendered me every assistance I required in conducting this service.

Trusting that your excellency and the colonial government will approve of my proceedings,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

(Signed) HUGH H. KNOCKER,

Lieut. com. "Alice Rogers."

Extract

Bear admiral ARTHUR FANSHAWE, C. B., commander-in-chief.

Extract from a letter from commander G. J. Napier, of her majesty's sloop "Daring," dated 11th September, 1854, to rear admiral Arthur Fanshawe, C. B., commander-inchief.

"The light houses that I have observed in passing since leaving Halifax, in May last, have been well and efficiently lit, viz:

"Anticosti, (S. W. Point, Canada); Panmure Head, and Point Prim, (Prince Edward Island); Pictou, Pictou Island, Port Hood, Cape Jack, Arichat and Canso, (Nova Scotia.) "Three of them have been lit during the present year, Pictou Island, Port Hood, and Panmure Head.

"The three lights,—Pictou Island, Pictou, and Panmure Head,—being at no great distance from each other, and all fixed lights, I beg to suggest that it would be an improvement were the centre one (Pictou Island) made a revolving light, for the small red light exhibited under the lantern of the Pictou light as a distinguishing mark, of which notice is given by the board of works, dated July 26, could not be observed from this ship, at a distance of five or six miles.

"I would also bring to your notice the advantage that it would be to vessels were the suggestion made by Mr. Jeffery, master of H. M. S. Basilisk, in a letter dated 30th Nov., 1853, carried into effect.

"1st—In the channel leading to Charlottetown harbor, larger and more distinct buoys placed, both on Fitzroy Rock and Spithead; also a buoy on the extremity of Point Prim shoal.

"2nd.—On entering Port Hood, which is looked upon as a port of refuge, were three buoys placed on the Spithead, on the western edge of Dean Shoal, and also on the end of the shoal off Smith's Point."

PART 2.—(See page 571.)

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MR. CRAMPTON TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

Washington, December 2nd, 1854.

SIR-

I lost no time in submitting to the government of the United States the considerations contained in your excellency's despatch of the 13th ultimo, with a view to the application to Nova Scotia of the circular instructions issued by the treasury department of the United States, having reference to the reciprocity treaty as affects Canada and New Brunswick. I have now the honor to enclose a copy of the reply of the United States secretary of state to my application, covering a letter to the same from the secretary of the treasury, whereby your excellency will perceive that the treasury department will immediately issue orders to the collectors and other officers of the customs of the United States to apply the provisions of the above mentioned circular to Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

His excellency Sir John Gaspard Le Marchant.

P. S., December 4th.—I have the honor to enclose printed copies of a circular instruction from the secretary of the treasury of the United States to collectors of customs on the above subject, which I have just received.

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Department of state, Washington, December 2, 1854.

SIR-

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I have the honor to transmit a copy of the answer of the secretary of the treasury to the letter of this department, which accompanied your note of the 28th ultimo, relative to a proposition on the part of Nova Scotia for carrying into effect the stipulations of the reciprocity treaty.

I avail, &c.,

(Signed)

W. L. MARCY.

Mr. CRAMPTON, &c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

Treasury department, December 1, 1854.

SIR-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 29th ultimo, with its enclosures, and in reply to inform you that in consequence of the assurance given by the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, that he will by proclamation instruct the provincial custom house officers in reference to the entry at the ports of that province of the products of the United States specified in the reciprocity treaty, in the same manner as the collectors and other officers of the customs of several of the principal ports of the United States were instructed on the 16th of October last, in relation to the entry of the products of the fisheries of the British North American colonies, the department will immediately direct the collectors and other officers of the customs to apply to Nova Scotia the provisions of the circular issued by this department on the 10th ultimo, which embraces the products of the fisheries as well as all the other articles specified in the reciprocity treaty.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES GUTHRIE, Secretary of the treasury.

(General regulations, No. 40.)

Mr. MARCY, &c. &c.

TO COLLECTORS AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS.

Treasury department, December 1, 1854.

Nova Scotia, in the event of that province being included in the provisions of general regulations No. 36, issued on the 10th ultimo, will, by proclamation, instruct the custom house officers of said province to apply similar provisions on the entry at the ports of Nova Scotia of the products of the United States specified in the reciprocity treaty, you are hereby instructed to apply said general regulations to importations into the United States from Nova Scotia of the articles enumerated in said treaty, of the products either of that province, Canada, or New Brunswick.

> JAMES GUTHRIE, Secretary of the treasury.

The department having received satisfactory information that the lieutenant governor of

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No. 13.

Downing street, 2nd October, 1854.

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I have received and had under my consideration 77 acts passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your despatch noted in the margin.

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 13th ult., approving that report.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

> > G. GREY.

Lieut. governor Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, &c. &c. &c.

At the court at Buckingham palace, the 13th day of September, 1854.

PRESENT:

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, 1854, pass seventy-seven acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3199. An act to authorize the construction of railways in this province.

No. 3203. An act to establish a normal school.

No. 3204. An act concerning the elective franchise.

No. 3205. An act to amend the new practice act.

No. 3206. An act to facilitate proceedings under the new practice act.

No. 3208. An act to amend chapter 18 of the revised statutes, "of the exportation of goods and drawbacks."

No. 3209. An act to alter and amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes, "of juries."

No. 3210. An act relating to proceedings before justices of the peace.

No. 3211. An act to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes, "of the maintenance of bastard children."

No. 3212. An act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes.

No. 3213. An act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes, "of the registry of deeds, and incumbrances affecting lands."

No. 3214. An act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes, "of county assessments."

No. 3215. An act to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes, "of costs and fees."

No. 3216. An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "of surveyors of highways and highway labour, except in Halifax."

No. 3217. An act to remove all disability to take and hold real estate by reason of alienage.

No. 3218. An act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals.

No. 3219. An act to extend the provisions of chapter 103 of the revised statutes, "of the conveying of timber and lumber on rivers, and the removal of obstructions therefrom."

No. 3220. An act to further amend the jury law.

No. 3221. An act to amend chapter 27 of the revised statutes, " of the coal mines."

No. 3222. An act relating to the river fisheries.

No. 3223. An act to continue and amend the laws relating to education.

No. 3224. An act to amend chapter 140 of the revised statutes, "of forcible entry and detainer."

No. 3225. An act to alter and amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes, "of county assessments."

No. 5226. An act to amend chapter 49 of the revised statutes, "of fences, fence viewers, and impounding of cattle."

No. 3227. An act to amend chapter 14 of the revised statutes, "of officers of the customs."

No. 3228. An act in addition to the act relative to the crown land department.

No. 3229. An act to amend chapter 14 of the revised statutes, " of officers of the customs."

No. 3230. An act to amend chapter 105 of the revised statutes, "of public exhibitions."

No. 3231. An act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes, "of shipping and seamen."

No. 3233. An act to continue the license law.

No. 3234. An act to continue the act for regulating distilleries.

No. 3235. An act relating to disorderly persons.

No. 3236. An act to alter and amend chapter 73 of the revised statutes, "of commissioners of sewers, and the regulating of dyked and marsh lands."

No. 3237. An act to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes, "of petty trespasses and assaults."

No. 3238. An act to continue the law imposing light house duties.

No. 3239. An act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for other purposes.

No. 3240. An act to authorize a provincial loan.

No. 3241. An act for settling titles to lands in the Island of Cape Breton.

No. 3242. An act to authorize the board of works to lease or sell certain public property.

No. 3243. An act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.

No. 3244. An act to enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison.

No. 3245. An act respecting assessments in the city of Halifax.

No. 3246. An act to amend the act to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax.

No. 3247. An act to amend the act relating to the Onslow burial ground.

No. 3248. An act to amend the act to provide for the erection of a bridge over the West River of Pictou.

No. 3249. An act to increase the number of polling places in the county of Lunenburg.

No. 3250. An act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg.

No. 3251. An act to provide for the completion of the road from Mahone Bay to Bridgewater.

No. 3252. An act to divide the township of St. Andrew's, in the county of Cape Brcton.

No. 3253. An act concerning the county of Shelburne.

No. 3254. An act to legalize certain proceedings of the sessions of the county of Shelburne.

No. 3255. An act to provide for improving the road from Antigonishe towards Sherbrooke. No.

No. 3256. An act to amend the act, entitled, an act to authorize an assessment on the township of Sydney. No. 3257. An act to provide for building a bridge at Barney's River, in the county of Pictou. No. 3258. An act relating to the erection of a bridge at Barney's River. No. 3259. An act to provide for constructing bridges at Kennetcook and St. Croix, in the county of Hants. No. 3260. An act relating to the Chesley aboiteau. No. 3261. An act relating to the court house at Liverpool. No. 3262. An act to alter certain electoral districts in the county of Shelburne. No. 3263. An act to incorporate the New Glasgow steam boat company. No. 3264. An act to incorporate the Atlantic mutual marine insurance company. No. 3265. An act to incorporate the union mutual marine insurance company. No. 3266. An act to incorporate the Nova Scotia mutual marine insurance company. No. 3267. An act to incorporate the Clements Port wharf company. No. 3268. An act to amend the act to incorporate the Nova Scotia horticultural society. No. 3269. An act to incorporate the Halifax marine railway company. No. 3270. An act to incorporate the Pictou water company. No. 3271. An act to incorporate the Liverpool steam boat company. No. 3272. An act to incorporate the Roman catholic bishop in Arichat. No. 3273. An act to authorize the dissolution of the Nova Scotia marine insurance company. No. 3274. An act to incorporate the trustees of the baptist meeting house at Hantsport. No. 3275. An act to incorporate the Truro temperance hall company. No. 3276. An act to incorporate a company to establish a steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou. No. 3277. An act to authorize the sale of the old presbyterian meeting house at Tatamagouche.

No. 3278. An act to revive and continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company.

No. 3279. An act to naturalize the reverend John Goudot, and others therein named.

No. 3280. An act respecting the presbyterian meeting house at Upper Stewiacke.

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.

C. GREVILLE.

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No. 18.

Downing street, 24th October, 1854.

SIR-

I have received and had under my consideration two acts passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, in the month of March last, and transmitted to me in your despatch — noted in the margin.

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

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have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, an order of her majesty in council, dated the 18th instant, approving that report.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Nous chadient come

Your obedient servant,

G. GREY.

Lieutenant governor Sir G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At the court at Windsor, the 18th day of October, 1854.

PRESENT:

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, 1854, pass two acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3207. An act to continue and further amend the laws imposing customs duties.

No. 3232. An act to continue and amend chapter 29 of the revised statutes, "of the militia."

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 command**or**-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.

C. GREVILLE.

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(See page 577.)

THE HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY TO THE HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL.

[Copy.]

Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, 29th June, 1854.

SIR-

His excellency the lieutenant governor in council, referring to concurrent resolutions of the legislative council and the house of assembly, on the subject of the mines and minerals of this province, which passed respectively on the 3rd of April last, and understanding that you are about to repair to England, has commanded me to signify to you his pleasure that, whilst you are in London, you will be pleased to place yourself in communication and conference with the British government and the general mining association, relative to the claims of such association to the mines and minerals of this province, with with a view to an adjustment thereof, subject to the approbation of both branches of the legislature; and that you do report the result of such communication and conference, for the information of the legislature.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Signed) LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS,

Provincial secretary.

To her majesty's ATTORNEY GENERAL of Nova Scotia.

THE HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

[Copy.]

Halifax, 13th October, 1854.

SIR-

Having returned from England by last steamer, I beg to inclose for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, and of my colleagues, copies of my memorandum of 30th July, and of the correspondence which I conducted while in London, under the authority of your letter of 29th June last, in relation to the mines and minerals of the province.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

W. YOUNG.

The honorable the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM YOUNG TO ROBERT MOSER, ESQUIRE.

[Copy.]

9, Bennett street, St. James, 31st July, 1854.

SIR-

The executive government of Nova Scotia having been authorized by the legislative ccancil and house of assembly to confer with the British government and the general mining association, relative to the claims of such association to the mines and minerals of the province, with a view to the adjustment thereof, subject to the approbation of both branches of the legislature at the next session of the general assembly,—and his excellency the lieutenant governor in council having desired that during my present visit I should place myself in communication with the British government and the association, in order to carry out, if possible, the wishes and views of the legislature, I had the honor of meeting yourself, the hon. Mr. Cunard, and Mr. Foord, at the office of the association on Thursday last, when the subject was discussed at very considerable length, and it was requested that I should put any proposal I had to offer in writing, that it might be submitted to the board of directors.

In complying with this request I must premise, as I have already stated, that I have no authority to bind either branch of the legislature; and as the executive government were to confer only, not to decide, I must be understood as expressing only my own opinion without pledging the lieutenant governor, or my colleagues. It is right, however, to say, that it is my expectation and belief that the majority of both branches of the legislature will acquiesce in the suggestion I am about to make.

I forbear from going over the grounds so often urged and so largely insisted on at our meeting on Thursday last, which render the grant to the duke of York, of August, 1826, and the monopoly of our mines and minerals so obnoxious to the people of Nova Scotia. The natural and just indignation they feel at so singular an exercise of the prerogative, is not likely to abate with time. On the contrary, it is becoming more and more warm and extended every year, and ere long will lead to the most determined and vigorous action. In what way this feeling will manifest itself I am not prepared to say; but as the question is considered in our province as involving a principle of the highest value, you may rely upon it that mere pecuniary considerations will not restrain our legislature from asserting this principle in whatever shape may be thought most effective and be within their legitimate functions.

The general mining association are viewed with distrust and jealousy, not on account of the coal mines they have worked or opened, for we have cheerfully acknowledged the advantages we have derived from their expenditure of capital and the skill and science they have introduced, and some of the more prominent grounds of complaint have been recently redressed, but on account of the close monopoly which they hold of all our mines and minerals, and to which they have hitherto pertinaciously adhered.

The act of 1853 following up a clause in the lease of 1826, will enable parties, after twelve months' notice and an advertisement for a specified period in the royal gazette, to work any mines which the company will not themselves undertake.

Practically this is a great relief, but it leaves the company a power which they ought not to have; above all, it leaves the monopoly untouched, which they ought not to enjoy in a free country for a single day.

Whether the legal right of which the representatives of the duke of York and the association lay claim, can be successfully assailed, is a point I need not at present discuss. My own opinion always has been, that on sound constitutional principles the grant of 1826 cannot be upheld.

I would prefer, however, a reasonable compromise to an open warfare.

It is unlikely that the mines and minerals of the province, with the exception of coal, will be ever worked by the company. The attempts they have heretofore made have failed of success, and were not calculated to invite a repetition.

The monopoly they hold of these mines is practically useless to them, while it is most injurious to us.

We have no disposition to disturb them in the enjoyment of the coal mines they have opened, and would extend the area of their operations to any reasonable extent they would desire.

What I have to propose is, that they should surrender their exclusive right or claim for the residue of the term of sixty years to all the mines and minerals of the province, (except in the reserved mines and within the area that might be agreed on,) so as all such mines and minerals in terms of the act of 1849, should be managed and disposed of by the general assembly.

As we are asking the representatives of the duke of York and the association to give up what they conceive to be a legal right, it is but reasonable that some adequate concession should be made to them on our part.

What I have to propose is as follows:—The rent and royalty paid in 1853 appears by the return now before me to have been £7,666 17s. The royalty, deducting the rent, was within a fraction of £4,000.

This does not include the royalty on slack coal which must be paid in terms of the lease.

If the reciprocity treaty lately concluded with the United States be ratified and confirmed by the several legislatures, and the coal of Nova Scotia be admitted free of duty, there is little doubt that the consumption will largely increase, and the royalty paid into our treasury will rise in proportion.

The royalty now paid is two shillings currency for every chaldron Newcastle measurement above the first 26,000 chaldrons of the same measure. With

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With a duty of thirty per cent. in the United States, the principal market, the royalty, as I have already said, now amounts to £4000 currency, equal to £3200 sterling a year.

I would be willing for my own part in consideration of the proposed surrender, to give up one half of this royalty—that is, I would give $\pounds 2000$ a year now, and which, with the increase of trade, may very shortly rise to $\pounds 5000$ a year or even more.

I believe that in order to rid themselves of a grievance embarrassing to the local government and irritating to all parties, the legislature would consent to this large sacrifice.

That it would be for the interest of the association to acquiesce in such an arrangement if it could be carried through, is a point too clear to be argued.

I would beg also to suggest that it is equally for the interest of the representatives of the duke of York.

By the agreement of May, 1849, not binding, as I contend, upon our province, but operative upon them, they are to receive nine pence sterling for every chaldron of coals, Winchester measure, raised by the association.

Under the act of 1853, a competition will presently arise which neither the association nor the representatives of the duke of York can control.

When our people become aware of the fact that so heavy a tax is to be levied for the benefit of the duke of York's creditors upon every chaldron of coal consumed within the province or exported from it, the desire to invite and foster a free competition will be greatly strenghtened.

I do not hesitate to say, that with the principle of self-government thoroughly naturalized in Nova Scotia, and the larger powers necessarily and wisely entrusted to its legislature and local government, it will be impossible for the general mining association to carry on its operations with advantage or comfort to themselves till a better feeling shall be restored.

These operations might be altogether paralyzed by the imposition of an export duty upon coal, which it is not at all impossible that the legislature may pass if the monopoly they resent so deeply cannot be got rid of without coming to extremities.

In that case the revenue accruing to the estate of the duke of York would be reduced to insignificance, and if their opposition is to defeat this arrangement, such a result would cause but little regret in Nova Scotia.

Should the compromise succeed, the germ of discontent would be at once eradicated, and the association might rely on the cordial assistance of the legislature and government, and would be hailed as valuable friends, not as insidious or dangerous enemies.

Having felt it my duty to wait upon the solicitor of the treasury, and protest against the granting of a new lease as utterly inconsistent with the act of 1849, and having discussed that matter in presence of Mr. Chambers and Mr. Bircham, I may add that an equitable adjustment of your claims will relieve both the government and yourselves of a very serious embarrassment.

In conclusion, I hope you will do me the justice to believe that I am dealing with this matter in a spirit of perfect candor and good faith; and although I cannot give any absolute assurance of the proposal I have ventured to make being carried, you may rely on my utmost exertions both in the legislature and as a member of the government, if it be acquiesced in on your part, to secure the assent of our own province.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed)

W. YOUNG.

ROBERT MOSER, esquire, president of the general mining association, London.

Memorandum on behalf of the executive government of Nova Scotia in respect to the mines and minerals of the province, and the existing rights or claims of the general mining association thereto.

The indenture of four parts made between Edmund Walter Rundell and others, on the 29th day of May, 1849, was communicated to the legislature of Nova Scotia for the first time during the session of the present year, nor am I aware that it was previously known to the executive government of the province.

I am now informed that a surrender of the lease of 25th August, 1826, to his royal highness the late duke of York, and a new lease to Messrs. Pearse and Nutting, his legal representatives, have been settled pursuant to the terms of that indenture, and are on the point of being executed.

But it seems to have been forgotten, that by an act of the province passed on the 8th day of March, and specially confirmed by her majesty on the 29th day of June, 1849, all the right and title of her majesty, whether in reversion or otherwise, in and to all the mines and minerals leased to the duke of York, and all the rents due under his lease, and all the estate, right and title of her majesty, reversionary or otherwise, in and to the coal mines in Cape Breton, and the reserved mines at Pictou, which were leased to the general mining association, and the rents payable therefor, and all the mines and minerals in the province, including Cape Breton, are respectively assigned, transferred and surrendered to the disposal of the general assembly of the province, and shall and may be subject only to the existing rights of the lessees and persons entitled under the said lease and agreement, and persons claiming under them, managed, leased, disposed of, made available, paid and applied in such and the like manner, and to and by such officers and persons, and to and for such public uses and purposes, as in and by any act of the general assembly for the time being shall be ordered and directed.

I have not yet seen the proposed surrender and new lease, and judge of their contents only from the drafts comprehended in the agreement of 29th May, 1849; but when I was informed at the treasury on the 29th instant that these papers had been prepared with the acquiescence of all the parties interested, and in that belief had been submitted to the high court of chancery for its approval, I could not but observe that the legislature and government of Nova Scotia had a very direct interest in the matter, and an obvious right to be consulted under the act of 1849, which continues in force till eighteen months after the demise of her majesty, and grants a civil list in exchange for the assignments and surrender therein made.

It was clear that Mr. Reynolds, the solicitor of the treasury, had not been made acquainted with this act, which, however, was perfectly well known to the officers and agents of the general mining association; and it seems to me not a little remarkable, that the indenture of May, 1849, should have been made immediately after the passing of this act, and that the subsequent steps should have been taken without notice from the association to the solicitor of the treasury of the rights of the people of Nova Scotia, or to their government of the new agreements so long in contemplation and now so nearly consummated.

Fortunately, they are not yet completed, and I have to enter my protest against them on behalf of the legislature and government of Nova Scotia, and in virtue of the authority with which I am clothed by the resolutions of last session, and the letter of the provincial secretary of 29th June, addressed to myself and now exhibited, for the following among other reasons:

First. I respectfully submit, that her majesty by assenting to the act of 1849, 13 Victoria, chapter 1, has denuded herself of the power of granting any new lease of the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia, or altering or modifying in any way the existing rights or liabilities of the lessees or persons claiming under them, without the formal assent and acquiescence previously obtained of the general assembly.

The act being in the nature of a contract between the crown and the assembly, must have relation to the state of things and to the rights existing at the time of its passage, and cannot possibly be affected by the terms of an agreement unknown to the legislature, and made after the act had been assented to by the lieutenant governor, though before it had come into operation by her majesty's assent being given thereto and published.

The lease of 25th August, 1826, has been frequently complained of as a Secondly. grievous wrong, inflicted without equivalent or compensation upon a colony which has always deserved well of the British crown, and whose loyalty and devotion have never been suspected. It is a grant unparalleled in the history of the mother country or of her colonies, and which not a single living statesman probably would undertake to justify or defend. It is viewed with a natural or just indignation, which is growing more and more intense every year, in Nova Scotia. So far back as the time of lord Glenelg, he admitted that it was a grant that ought not to be drawn into a precedent; and in an address unanimously passed by the house of assembly on the 28th March, 1845, it was characterized in strong terms "as an improvident and unconstitutional exercise of the royal prerogative, injurious to the public interest and tending to fetter the enterprize, limit the foreign trade, and impede the introduction of local manufactures among the inhabitants of the province." The feeling must be strong indeed, which could induce a body of men so well affected and so moderate in their tone as the assembly of Nova Scotia, unanimously to concur in such expressions as these.

I forbear from going into the history of the numerous addresses, resolutions and memorials, and the attempts to relieve themselves from the monopoly of their mineral resources, which have proceeded at various times from the Nova Scotia legislature. Hitherto they have been unsuccessful, but they are far from being acquiescent; and I have little doubt that ere long the question will be raised either before the privy council as a point of law, or before parliament as a point of policy : and in either view I must deprecate any recognition by her majesty of the grant of 1826, or any new grant in affirmance of it. An opinion in favor of its legality was given upon a case which I have never considered as sufficiently or fully stated; and, notwithstanding that opinion, I respectfully submit, that on sound constitutional principles it was not competent for the crown to grant all the mines and minerals, any more than all the lands of a British province, to any one person for his own use and benefit, or that of his creditors. The exercise of the royal prerogative, which exists for the benefit of the people, is subject also for their protection to certain well known limitations and rules, which the grant of 1826, as I contend, transgresses. And if even a doubt can be raised on its legality, it is an injury to the province to reaffirm it and lend it the high sanction of her majesty, and of the present government, who are incapable of doing any intentional wrong to the three hundred thousand British subjects who have made Nova Scotia their home.

Thirdly. The terms of the existing lease to the duke of York, and of the agreement for a lease to the general mining association, are not in all respects the same as those of the new grant.

1st. It appears by Mr. Huskisson's letter to Sir James Kempt, of 6th February, 1828, that the law officers of the crown were of opinion that the mines in Cape Breton did not pass, by the grant of August, 1826, to the duke of York. It is recited indeed in the indenture of May, 1849, that it was declared by a decree of the vice chancellor that they did pass; but this was in a suit to which the province was no party, and in the conduct of which they were not consulted. No appeal seems to have been entered; and the question ought to be left open, in place of an express declaration as in the new grant, that the mines and minerals in the isle of Cape Breton are included therein.

2nd. Sir George Murray's despatch to Sir Peregrine Maitland, of 25th November, 1829, which is the latest memorandum communicated to us of the agreement for leasing the coal mines of Cape Breton and the reserved mines, describes the agreement as for a lease of these mines at the rent of £3333 6s. 8d. Halifax currency, for any quantity of coals not exceeding 20,000 chaldrons; and two shillings per chaldron royalty on the excess beyond that quantity, to be calculated on the average of three years consumption. The treasury minute of 27th June, 1845, raised the quantity in consideration of the rent of £3000 sterling, to 26,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure, equal to 52,000 chaldrons Winchester Winchester measure, leaving the royalty for any excess at two shillings, Halifax currency, per chaldron, and making a difference against the province of $\pounds 600$ a year for the residue of the term. As the rent and royalty in 1845 were at the disposal of the lords of the treasury, the strict legal right to make these modifications must be admitted: but the people of Nova Scotia have always complained that the expression in Sir George Murray's despatch, which did not specify the 20,000 chaldrons as Newcastle measure, was construed in favour of the association, and that so large a concession was also made to them in point of quantity. I observe, however, that both these concessions are to be incorporated in the new grant and to be formally and finally sanctioned.

3d. The royalty under the lease to the duke of York is "one shilling sterling for every ton of coals brought or gotten from, forth or out of the said mines," "each such ton to be calculated at twenty-two hundred weight, and every one hundred weight at one hundred and twenty pounds."

In lord Falkland's despatch to lord Stanley, of 2nd August, 1844, 40,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure are computed as equal to 96,363 tons. The royalty therefore at one shilling per ton on 40,000 of such chaldrons would be £4818 3s. sterling. But the new lease, completely abandoning the royalty in the original grant, reduces the royalty to two shillings, Halifax currency, for every chaldron of coals, Newcastle measure, wrought or gotten forth over and above the first 26,000 chaldrons Newcastle measure. The difference between sterling money and Halifax currency is exactly one-fourth, the sovereign being valid under an act of the province at 25s. So that every 40,000 chaldrons over and above the first 26,000, which was to pay as already stated under the old lease £4818 3s. sterling, would pay under the new lease only £4000 currency, equal to £3200 sterling, the difference against the province being £1618 3s. sterling, exceeding one third. I admit that this difference does not apply so long as the company work only the reserved mines : but it does apply to every mine they may open and work under the duke of York's lease. And the mines that have been heretofore opened at Bridgeport and at the head of the Bay of Fundy come under that lease, which is sought therefore to be modified to our injury.

I forbear in this paper from inquiring into the operations of the company, and to what extent they have been beneficial to the province. Having been charged with a separate negociation for the adjustment of their claims, I confine myself at present to the objections to any new lease being granted; and having prepared this memorandum at Mr. Reynold's suggestion, I trust if any reply shall be made to it, that I shall be favored with a copy, and have an opportunity of answering it.

London, 9 Bennett street, St. James',

30th July, 1854.

(Signed) W. YOUNG, Attorney general of Nova Scotia.

J. B. FOORD, ESQUIRE, TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM YOUNG.

[Copy.]

General mining association, 52 Old Broad street, August 4, 1854.

SIR-

Having laid before the board of directors of this association, at a special meeting held this day, your letter to the chairman, dated 31st ult., I have been instructed respectfully to transmit to you the enclosed copy of the board's resolutions thereon, which they request may be received as their reply to your said letter.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. B. FOORD, secretary.

The honorable WILLIAM YOUNG, Attorney general of Nova Scotia, &c. &c.,

9, Bennett street, St. James'.

That

That this board, having considered the letter of the honorable the attorney general of Nova Scotia, and his memorandum, on behalf of the executive government of Nova Scotia, are of opinion, that neither those documents, nor any statement of the attorney general, suggest any sflicient ground, in law or justice, for delaying the c ompletion of the arrangements, now on the eve of final settlement, between the crown, the representatives of the duke of York, and this association, and which are but the formal expression of the terms and conditions sanctioned in 1845, and then communicated to the provincial government; and this board can therefore by no means recognize the propriety of any interference on the part of the government of Nova Scotia with the object of delaying such completion.

That the secretary be accordingly instructed to protest respectfully, but firmly, against the home government entertaining the proposals for delay, urged by the executive government of Nova Scotia, and to inform the attorney general that the association must so continue to act.

That it appears to the board very possible that arrangements with respect to the mines and minerals, more acceptable to the province in the present state of public feeling there, might, with the consent of the duke of York's representatives, and of this association, be concluded; and after completion of the arrangements already agreed on, and about to be settled by the deeds now before the home government, this board will be found by no means unwilling to enter, on the part of the association, upon the discussion of any such modification of their present rights as may be deemed beneficial to the province, and as may be considered just by the crown, the duke of York's representatives, and this association.

That the secretary be instructed to communicate this feeling, on the part of the board, to the attorney general of Nova Scotia, the home government, and the duke of York's representatives.

A true copy of the original resolution.

J. B. FOORD, secretary.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM YOUNG TO J. B. FOORD, ESQUIRE.

[Copy.]

9 Bennett street, St. James', August 7, 1854.

SIB-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, inclosing the resolutions of the board of directors in answer to my letter and memorandum, and feel it my duty to observe, that the directors are under a mistake in supposing that the terms and conditions in the new lease that has been asked from the crown are the same with those which were sanctioned in 1845, and then communicated to the provincial government.

The treasury minute of 27th June, 1845, has no reference whatever to a surrender of the lease of August, 1826, to the duke of York, or to any new lease or grant in lieu thereof. It extended the 20,000 chaldrons of coal in the agreement of 1828 to 26,000, retaining the same royalty of two shillings per chaldron; and, in the concluding paragraph, the lords of the treasury direct the completion of a lease to the mining association, in accordance with the proposal that had been made by the association in concurrence with the duke of York's executors. This proposal, so far as I am aware, was never communicated to the provincial government; but the previous proposal, of which it was a modification, is upon our journals, being Mr. Moser's letter of May 23rd, 1844, the principal objects of which were the completion of " the lease of the reserved mines of Pictou and Sydney," and a final arrangement with the representatives of the late duke of York, " claiming under" the original grant or lease of August, 1826. APPENDIX, No. 3.

It is true, as I stated to the board when I had the pleasure of meeting them, and to the solicitor of the treasury at the time he requested me to prepare my memorandum, that the royal charter of July, 1846, which was transmitted to the provincial government in the same year, contemplates a surrender of the lease of 25th August, 1826, and the granting of a new lease under certain reservations and conditions then agreed on; but these are not expressed in the charter, and the agreement of 29th May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova Scotia, was the first intimation given to us of any reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826.

The assertion, therefore, in the resolutions that the terms and conditions in the new lease were communicated to the provincial government in the year 1845, or at any other time previous to the passing of the civil list bill in 1849, is at variance with the facts as they lie in my mind; and this I am sure the directors will readily allow when they have leisure to look into all the correspondence.

My objections to the new arrangement I have stated to the right honorable the colonial secretary in an interview with which I was honored on the 5th instant, and I shall transmit for his information, before I leave town, copies of my memorandum and of this correspondence.

I have also sent copies of my memorandum and letter to Mr. Moser, as the directors suggested to Mr. Chambers, the solicitor for the duke of York's estate.

It is my intention to leave London on Saturday next, for a short continental tour, and on my return about the 20th September, the directors will have had time to confer with the representatives of the duke of York, and I trust that I shall then find them disposed to accede to the proposals in my letter of the 31st ultimo; and if these be approved also by our legislature, as I believe they will, the rights of all parties will be made secure, and a fruitful source of mutual embarrassment and ill feeling satisfactorily closed.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, (Signed)

W. YOUNG.

J. B. FOORD, esquire,

Secretary to the general mining association.

THE HON. WILLIAM YOUNG TO THE RIGHT HON. SIR GEORGE GREY.

[Copy.]

9, Bennett street, St. James', August 8, 1854.

SIR-

I beg to inclose copies of my memorandum, prepared at the instance of the solicitor for the treasury, and of the correspondence with the general mining association, to which I had reference when I had the honor of seeing you on Saturday last, and in doing so have respectfully to solicit your interposition on behalf of the executive government of Nova Scotia, in order to arrest the further progress of the new grant about to be executed of our mines and minerals, in the full expectation that a determination of her majesty's government on this point, in favor of the province, will lead to an amicable and satisfactory adjustment of the claims of the general mining association on the principles which I have suggested in my letter to Mr. Moser, of the 31st ultimo.

> I have the honor to be, Your most obedient servant.

> > W. YOUNG.

The right honorable Sir GEOBGE GREY, bart., Her majesty's colonial secretary, &c. &c. H. MEBIVALE, ESQUIRE, TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM YOUNG.

[Copy.]

Downing street, 29th August, 1854.

SIB-

I am directed by secretary Sir George Grey, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosures, of the 8th instant, and to inform you that a copy of it has been sent to the lords commissioners of the treasury.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

HERMAN MERIVALE.

W. Young, esquire.

THE HONORABLE WILLIAM YOUNG TO H. MERIVALE, ESQUIRE.

[Copy.]

Liverpool, 29th September, 1854.

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On my return from Vienna, I found your acknowledgment, dated the 29th August, of the receipt of my letter of the 8th, to Sir George Grey, with its inclosures. Having ascertained at the several offices while in town, that in consequence of the prorogation of parliament, and the absence of the lords commissioners and the solicitor of the treasury, no decision could be at present had on the subject of this correspondence. I mean to embark to-morrow in the steamer for Halifax, and earnestly hope that the executive government of Nova Scotia may be furnished with copies of any representations or memorials that may be sent in to the colonial office or treasury, on behalf of the general mining association, in sufficient time to admit of a reply being given thereto, and duly considered.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

W. YOUNG.

TO HERMAN MERIVALE, esquire.

PART 2.—(See page 588.)

MR. H. B. REYNOLDS TO THE HON. WM. YOUNG.

[Copy.]

Treasury, 10th November, 1854.

NOVA SCOTIA MINES.

SIB-

With reference to the request contained in your memorandum of the 30th July last, that you may be favored with a copy of any reply that may be made to that document, I beg to transmit, for your perusal, a copy of a letter from the solicitor of the general mining association, dated 9th November, 1854, with its enclosures, and a paper endorsed endorsed "reply of the representatives of H. R. H. the late duke of York to the statement of the attorney general of Nova Scotia."

I am, &c.

(Signed)

H. R. REYNOLDS, Solicitor H. M. treasury.

The hon. W. Young,

Attorney general of Nova Scotia, Halifax.

P. S.—I also enclose the copy of a letter, dated 8th August, 1854, from the secretary of the general mining association to Sir George Grey, and I have to request that you will do me the favor of acknowledging the receipt of the documents sent herewith, by the earliest mail.

H. R. R.

[Copy.]

46, Parliament street, 9th November, 1854.

My dear sir-

As I find that the business pending between the crown, the representatives of the duke of York, and the general mining association, has been once more remitted to your department, I trouble you with this communication in order to bring down to the present time the information which it appears to me, as the adviser of the association, that you should possess.

I am aware that you already have a copy of the memorandum of the 30th July, 1854, containing the objections of the executive government of Nova Scotia, of the attorney general of the colony, to the completion of the pending arrangements; and I understand that you have received from the secretary of state for the colonies the letter in reply, addressed to him by the secretary of the association on the 8th of August last, together with copies of the documents which accompanied that letter.

The resolutions of the directors of the general mining association of the 4th August, referred to in that letter, were communicated to the attorney general of the colony, and, on receipt of them, he addressed to the company's secretary a letter of the 7th August last, of which I enclose you a copy; and it is to a few remarks in reply to the positions there assumed, that I beg now to call your attention.

By this letter you will observe that it is no longer denied that the colonial government have been many years in knowledge of the terms of the compromise of 1845, as expressed in the treasury minute of the 27th June, 1845; but it is now, in effect, urged that these terms, as expressed in that minute, were not understood in the colony to mean that which the crown, the duke of York's representatives, and the association have understood, and upon which they have been acting.

Mr. Young's letter, for instance, states that the minute "has no reference whatever to a surrender of the lease of 1826 to the duke of York, or to any lease or grant in lieu thereof. It extended the 20,000 chaldrons of coal in the agreement of 1828 to 26,000, retaining the same royalty of 2s. a chaldron, &c. &c., and in a subsequent part of the same letter it is added that "the agreement of May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova Scotia, was the first intimation given to us of any reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826."

Of course it is not to be understood that the colonial government, or Mr. Young, objects to the surrender of the lease of 1826, considered merely as a mode of carrying out the arrangement, for that would be to impute to them an unworthy objection on a mere point of form; but the objection is doubtless urged against the surrender, because when taken in connexion with the lease intended to be substituted, it will affect the *substance* of things, and will operate "a reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826." The asserted ignorance, on the part of the colonial government, it might have been impossible for us to controvert, however much we might have been astonished, as in fact we were, on hearing of it; but as, fortunately, Mr. Young, tells us that the colonial government *did* understand that the minute of 1845 extended to 26,000 chaldrons the 20,000 limited by the agreement of 1828, "*retaining the same royalty of 2s. a chaldron*," I shall remove the ground of Mr. Young's objection, if I shew you that the arrangement of 1828 absorbed (as between the crown and the company) the original lease of 1826, and made the same "reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826" as is now proposed.

This I am enabled to do, and, at the same time, to shew you that the colonial government were long ago aware of it, I refer you to the accompanying copy, correspondence, and other documents of the year 1835, which prove, beyond all cavil or question, the scope of the agreement of 1828, as interpreted by the association and the home government, and that the colonial government was made aware of it on a point arising *absolutely identical* with that on which Mr. Young founds his present objection, namely, the "reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826."

I have only on this point to add, as a matter of fact, that after Mr. Hay's letter of the 3rd February, 1835, the directors of the association heard no more of the matter, and continued from that time to the time when Mr. Young's memorandum appeared, under the idea that the colonial government and the association were entirely agreed as to the virtual surrender of the lease of 1826.

Neither does the matter rest here: for how can Mr. Young's position—that the colonial government have been hitherto under the impression that coals raised within the territory, comprised in the lease of 1826, continued liable (notwithstanding the agreement of 1828 and the compromise of 1845) to the royalty of 1826—be reconciled with the fact that the colonial government have, before and since the act of 1849, received royalty for coals so raised according to the rate of 1828 and 1845, and not according to the rate of 1826.

To prove this to be the case, I enclose a paper shewing the coals raised at the Joggins mines (which are in Nova Scotia *proper*, and not "reserved" mines) in the last six years; these quantities will be found distinguished in the yearly sworn returns made to the colonial government, and they form part of the aggregate quantities of coal for which the company has annually paid royalty, according to the terms and rate of 1828 and 1845.

I forbear to enter upon further arguments or statements, because these two appear to me in themselves sufficient to supply every thing which was in any degree left uncovered by Mr. Foord's letter of the 8th August.

It is indeed indisputably true, that the drafts now before you fairly flow out of the agreement of 1849,—that the latter was a fair and necessary development of the terms of 1845,—and that these last (however individuals may have failed to know or understand them, and I am bound to suppose that Mr. Young has done so) must have been known by the colonial government to mean all that the home government and the association have been assuming and acting upon.

I am, &c.

FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. R. REYNOLDS, esquire, treasury chambers.

Return of the quantity of coal subject to royalty, raised from the Joggins mines, Nova Scotia :

(Signed)

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184 8	-	-	-	561	12
1849	-	-	-	900	36
1850	-	-	••	1,206	30
1851	-	-	-	1,197	58
1852	-	-	-	1,473	50
1853	-	-	-	1,782	3 9
Newcastle	measure,	cha	als.	7,122	9
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Reply

REPLY OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE LATE DUKE OF YORK TO THE STATEMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

THE NOVA SCOTIA MINES.

The representatives of his royal highness the late Duke of York have had submitted to them the statement of William Young, esquire, the attorney general of Nova Scotia, on behalf of the executive government, which is in fact nothing more than a revival of the objections made by the house of assembly in 1845, and disposed of by the minute of the lords of the treasury, dated the 27th of June, and lord Stanley's letter to lord Falkland of the 18th July following in that year.

In 1846, the agreement to carry into effect the arrangements come to between the crown, the duke's representatives, and the mining association, the draft of the deed of surrender to be made to the crown, of the grant to the duke; the new grant to be made by the crown to the duke's representatives, and the new lease by them to the association, were all prepared, settled, and approved of by the respective counsel for the crown, the duke's representatives, and the association.

Although this agreement was not actually executed till the 29th of May, 1849, in consequence of the complication of the arrangements to be come to between the duke's representatives and the association, the terms of the arrangement, as far as regards the crown, are not in any way varied from those stated in the documents in 1845, hereinbefore referred to : and the drafts of the deeds set forth in the agreement of 1849 are the same as were prepared, settled, and approved of, by the respective counsel for all parties, in 1846.

The crown has been a party to all the subsequent proceedings that have been instituted for carrying the agreement into effect, and to the final decree made on the 23rd of March, 1853, whereby it is decreed that the same shall be specifically performed and carried into effect, and that the deeds therein set forth shall be executed, and directions are given for carrying it into effect accordingly.

The provincial act of March, 1849, referred to by the attorney general of Nova Scotia, expressly refers to, and recognizes as existing, the rights of the duke's representatives and the association under the grant to the duke; and in the treasury minutes of the 27th of June, 1845, their lordships expressly refuse to surrender the crown revenue on any terms inconsistent with the maintenance of the engagements entered into with the duke's representatives and the association.

The grant to the duke, and the lease made by him to the association, having been confirmed and established, in a suit with the crown, by the decree of the court of chancery, so far back as the 5th of May, 1837, and by all the subsequent proceedings down to the final decree of the 23rd March, 1853, the duke's representatives refrain from making any comment upon, or further reply to, the observations of the attorney general of Nova Scotia, than by referring to those proceedings, and complaining of the vexatious delay occasioned by the renewal of objections so long ago fully considered and disposed of by the government, and now again brought forward, with the view of inducing the crown to repudiate engagements entered into, confirmed and acted upon, for so long a period.

(Copy.)

Downing street, 24th January, 1835.

I am directed by the Earl of Aberdeen to acquaint you that by despatches received from Nova Scotia, it appears that in the course of last year the local government preferred a claim on the general mining association of $\pounds 1,242$ 5s. sterling, on account of operations carried on by them beyond the limits of the mines conveyed to them by the lease executed in the year 1828, and that the company's agent had declined payment of it until he could receive instructions from home. The APPENDIX, No. 3.

The enclosed memorandum, drawn up in the colony, explains more particularly the nature of the claim in question. I am now desired by the Earl of Aberdeen to enquire whether the association have received a reference from their agent on the subject, and whether they have any objection to offer to the demand which has been advanced on behalf of the crown.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) R. W. HAY.

The secretary of the

General mining association, Ludgate hill.

(Duplicate.)

MEMO: relative to his majesty's claim against the general mining association for royalties due on coals raised by them in the district of Pictou, under the lease which they hold from the executors of his late royal highness the duke of York, of the mines, &c., in Nova Scotia :

(Copy.)

The late duke of York's lease, dated 25th August, 1826, includes all the mines of gold, silver, coal, &c., in Nova Scotia, save and except such mines of coals as were then under lease, and in course of working.

At that period two mines in the district of Pictou were under lease to Messrs. Smith and Liddell, and were thus excluded from his royal highness's patent, viz. : one on the west side of the East River of Pictou, comprehended within the limits of a grant to Wm. McKay; and the other on the east side of the same river, comprehended within the limits of a grant to James Turnbull.

In 1828 the general mining association applied for and obtained a lease of these reserved mines in the district of Pictou, and also of the mines in the island of Cape Breton, at a fixed rent of $\pounds 3,000$, sterling, per annum, subject to increase whenever the quantity of coals raised in any one year should exceed 20,000 chaldrons, Newcastle measure.

It was supposed, until lately, that the operations of the association in the district of Pictou had been confined to the reserved mines, for which they have annually paid the specified rent; but it has been recently ascertained that their works have been carried on to a considerable extent, beyond the limits of such reserved mines : consequently a large quantity of the coals raised by them in this district have been obtained under the general lease to the duke of York, and is subject to the royalties therein contained, as will appear by the enclosed copy of a statement received from the company's resident agent at the. Albion Mines (Mr. Joseph Smith), which shews that 19,520 chaldrons and 12 bushels, Winchester measure, raised after the termination of the first five years of the lease, (during which it was stipulated no royalties should become payable), are subject to the payment of one shilling, sterling, per ton, amounting, according to Mr. Smith's calculation, to £1,242 5s., sterling.

It is proper to add, that in a return formerly received, the quantity of coals raised in the district of Pictou, in the year 1831, is stated to be 6,439 chaldrons, while in that lately made, it is stated at 5,170 chaldrons.

The royalty now claimed is upon the smaller quantity; but should the former return, on enquiry, prove accurate, the crown will have a claim for the difference.

Halifax, 1st July, 1834.

[Copy.]

General mining association, London, 30th January, 1835.

SIR-

Having laid before the board of directors of this association, your letter of the 24th instant, on the subject of a claim for £1,242 5s., sterling, preferred by the local government

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ment of Nova Scotia on the general mining association, upon grounds set forth in the memorandum accompanying your letter, I am instructed to lay before you, for the information of the carl of Aberdeen, the enclosed copies of the following documents:

1st. Memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Rundell, dated 22nd January, 1828.

2nd. Mr. Rundell's letter to you, dated 6th June, 1828.

3rd. Your reply to Mr. Rundell, dated 4th July, 1828.

4th. Sir Geo. Murray's letter to Sir Peregrine Maitland, dated 2nd Dec., 1828.

A perusal of these documents, and particularly of the parts I have underscored for the convenience of your reference thereto, will shew that one of the conditions stipulated for on the part of the general mining association, in their application for the lease of the Cape Breton mines, and of the reserved mines of Sydney and Pictou, and conceded on the part of his majesty's government in granting that lease, was that the rent of \pounds 3,333 cy., and the extra royalty of 2s. per chaldron, Newcastle measure, of coal sold above 20,000 chaldrons of that measure, were to be considered in discharge of all claims of the crown upon coals sold by the general mining association, wherever raised in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, that is, within the limits of the mines conveyed by the lease from his majesty's government, as well as by the lease from his royal highness the duke of York.

It appears, therefore, that the memorandum delivered to the local government of Nova Scotia by the resident manager at the Albion mines, is founded upon a misconception of the covenants of the lease promised by his majesty's government in 1828, and the directors of this association trust that the explanation now given will satisfy the earl of Aberdeen that the general mining association is not liable to the payment of the sum of $\pounds 1,242$ 5s. sterling, claimed by the local government of Nova Scotia, nor to the payment of any other annual sum for coal sold and raised in any part of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, than the stipulated rent of $\pounds 3,333$, and of 2s. currency, for every chaldron of coal, Newcastle measure, raised and sold in one year above 20,000 chaldrons.

(Signed) G. V. DUVAL.

R. W. HAY, esquire, &c. &c. &c. colonial office.

[Copy.]

Downing street, 3d February, 1835.

SIR-

I am directed by the earl of Aberdeen to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, without date, on the subject of the demand of $\pounds 1,442$ 5s. which had been advanced by the local government of Nova Scotia on account of operations carried on by the general mining association beyond the limits of the mines conveyed to them by the lease executed in the year 1828; and I am desired to acquaint you that this communication will be forwarded to the lieutenant governor, as furnishing an answer to the claim in question, which appears to have been preferred under a misconception of the nature of the existing agreements with the general mining association.

I am, &c., (Signed) R. H. HAY.

G. DUVAL, esquire.

[Copy.]

Office of the general mining association, 52, Old Broad street, 8th August, 1854.

SIR-

The directors of the general mining association have had under their anxious consideration, a memorandum purporting to be "on behalf of the executive government of Nova Nova Scotia, in respect to the mines and minerals of the province, and the existing rights or claims of the general mining association," and which the directors are informed, was submitted by the attorney general of the province for the consideration of the lords of her majesty's treasury, and of yourself, on the 30th ultimo.

For the reasons assigned in this document, the directors understand that the executive government of the province claim to stay the completion of the long pending arrangements between the crown, the representatives of the duke of York, and the association, and they are informed that, in consequence of its presentation, directions have been given to suspend the completion of the documents in question.

Against this delay, I am instructed, with the utmost respect, but, at the same time, with firmness and confidence, to protest, any further delay being of the most serious importance to the association, and the reasons assigned by the executive government of Nova Scotia for asking it being, as the directors submit, wholly untenable; and I am therefore to entreat that immediate consideration may be given to, and decision had upon, the merits of the memorandum in question.

I do not feel it necessary to follow at any length the allegations of the memorandum, but I will proceed to shew, by a brief explanation, that it rests on no grounds which the government ought to consider important, and I trust to be allowed to supply, on a future occasion, if necessary, a fuller statement in reply.

In order to facilitate your more ready comprehension of the subject, I take leave to enclose a printed copy of the treasury minute of the 25th June, 1845, and of a despatch from the then lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia to lord Stanley, dated 1st March, 1845, with lord Stanley's reply of the 18th July, 1845. Annexed to these will also be found a copy of a letter, dated 2nd July, 1845, from Sir Charles E. Trevelyan, then under secretary of her majesty's treasury, to the chairman of this association.

From these documents it will sufficiently appear that, previous to 1845, much litigation and difficulty had arisen between the representatives of the duke of York and the general mining association, with relation to their respective rights and interests, under a grant of the mines and minerals in the province of Nova Scotia, made by the crown to the late duke of York in 1826, and by him under-let to the general mining association, and also with relation to certain mines and minerals not included in that grant, but agreed in 1828 to be demised by the crown directly to the general mining association. It will also appear that the government of that day, having had these circumstances brought under their consideration, and having also received various memorials and other representations from the provincial legislature, became parties to, and aided in an arrangement then made, with a view of putting an end to the disputes in question, and in which they saw fit to overrule the objections which the province had raised, on the grounds that a compliance with those objections would neither be consistent with justice nor the true interests of the province.

Here, then, was a readjustment of the position of all the parties, viz., of the crown, the duke's representatives, and the association, and the terms being as shewn by the despatch of the 18th July, 1845, then communicated to the provincial government, I am entitled to state, that if any dissatisfaction was expressed, it was at all events of so general and indistinct a character that the home government have never thought it necessary to call to it the attention either of the duke of York's representatives or the association, but, on the contrary, have, from time to time, in the court of chancery and elsewhere, been ever ready to do their part towards the formal completion of the arrangements. On their respective parts, the duke's administrators and the association have also acted on the terms of the compromise of 1845; very heavy amounts of rent and royalty have been yearly paid to the crown, on the new footing, for which formal discharges in *full* have been as often given by the colonial government; a great further expenditure of capital has been made by the association, and they have also accounted with the duke's administrators from year to year on the new basis.

It will, no doubt, be matter of surprise that arrangements, the terms of which were concluded so long ago as 1845, should only have been reduced into the shape of a formal agreement in 1849, and that the intended surrender of the whole lease, and the intended

new grants have not been actually executed in 1854,—but these unavoidable delays have arisen from the great involvement of the duke of York's affairs-from the deaths of partiesfrom the lengthened litigation which had previously taken place, and from other causes not in any way connected with the rights or interests of the colony; in evidence of this, I have only to ask your attention to the single fact, that the papers now before the solicitors of the treasury for final approval, are, so far as the interests of the crown and the colony are concerned, in every substantial particular identically in the shape in which they were originally prepared in 1846 by the treasury solicitors. The discussions in and out of court, which have intermediately taken place between the duke of York's representatives for the time being and the association, have, it is true, been long, numerous, and intricate, and it is now only that they have been able to drag the arrangements through and out of the court of chancery, and to submit the deeds for concluding the whole in an agreed shape to the crown for final approval and signature. At this peculiar crisis, and after the lapse of nine years from the time the terms were concluded and communicated to the province, that they should now, for the first time, seek to raise obstacles, is inconvenient and mischievous in the last degree.

I have already stated that it is not my intention to follow the statements and reasoning of the memorandum presented by the executive government of the province, but I must shortly notice that it proceeds on three grounds:

1.—That the crown stands "denuded" by its assent to the provincial act of March, 1849, of all right to complete the pending arrangements.

The answer is, that the act transfers the rights of the crown to the province, expressly subject to existing engagements, and the deeds to which the memorandum objects, are merely the legal completion of the arrangements of 1845, and the memorandum does not in fact it *could* not—shew that the deeds in any one title go beyond the terms of 1845; there is something to shew that the latter somewhat differ from the terms of 1826 and 1828, but this was of course notorious, and is apparent on the face of the treasury minute and all the other documents of 1845.

2.—That the original grant was void: on this it is sufficient to point out that the provincial act of 1849 expressly recognises, as existing, the rights of the duke of York's representatives and of the association, under the lease of 1826 and the agreement of 1828, and wholly proceeds on that basis; with this one fact in view, it is idle to speculate whether, as a question of constitutional law, the grants could or could not be supported, although it is of course felt, that any such question could not now at least be seriously mooted.

3.—That the arrangements objected to differ from those originally made by the lease of I826 and the agreement of 1828: It is not at all necessary to follow out the details of the statements on this head, for they all fall to the ground when it is recollected that the province can have no right to complain that the terms of compromise of 1845 varied the previous terms; they did so, but that was settled and disposed of in 1845, and the colony four years afterwards passed their act of 1849, and unless they can shew (and they do not even suggest) that the terms expressed in the deeds of 1854 differ from the terms of 1845 and 1849, they can make no case, either in law or justice, for their being heard against the completion of the arrangements.

In conclusion, I have only again to express the earnest hope of the directors of the association, that her majesty's government will not fail to direct the completion of the surrender and new grants, now before the solicitors to the treasury, and their firm reliance that this act of simple justice to a body whose capital and enterprise, and whose punctual observance of their engagements, have, by the repeated admissions of the province, done so much for its prosperity and advancement, will not be delayed:

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the resolutions of the board of directors of the 4th instant, and would respectfully invite your attention to them.

(Signed) -

I have, &c.

J. B. FOORD,

Secretary. The

The right honorable Sir GEORGE GREY, Bart., &c. &c. &c.

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THE HON. WILLIAM YOUNG TO MR. REYNOLDS.

[Copy.]

Halifax, 23rd November, 1854.

I have had the honor of receiving this morning your letter of the 10th instant, inclosing copies of a correspondence with the general mining association in 1835—of a letter from Mr. Foord to the right hon. Sir George Grey, of 8th August last—of the reply of the representatives of his royal highness the late Duke of York to the statement recently made by me on behalf of the executive government of this province—and of a letter from Mr. Bircham to yourself, of the 9th instant. As I have seen these documents for the first time to-day, I shall content myself at present with merely acknowledging their receipt, and will be able, I trust, to reply to them at large by next mail.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

W. YOUNG, Attorney general.

H. R. REVNOLDS, esquire, Solicitor H. M. treasury.

SIB J. G. LE MABCHANT TO SIR GEORGE GREY.

[Copy.]

Halifax, 3rd January, 1855.

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of a minute in council, which my executive advisers have prepared on the subject of, and protesting against, the contemplated execution by her majesty's government of certain documents therein referred to, that have been prepared to carry out pending arrangements between the crown, the representatives of the late duke of York, and the general mining association.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

The right hon. Sir George Grey, &c. &c. &c.

MEMOBANDUM by the executive council of Nova Scotia, in relation to the new lease of the mines and minerals of the province proposed to be given to the representatives of his royal highness the late duke of York :

The council have had under consideration the report by Mr. attorney general Young, of his proceedings while in London, under the resolutions of the legislative council and house of assembly, passed in the last session, including his memorandum of 30th July, and the correspondence that passed between him and the general mining association in July and August last.

They have also had under consideration the documents recently transmitted to Mr. Young by Mr. Reynolds, the solicitor of the treasury, as specified in the acknowledgment of their receipt on the 23rd ult.

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And in reply thereto they have to remark, that the information possessed by the present executive government of the negociations and correspondence on the subject of the mines and minerals, has hitherto been, and still is, in a great measure confined to what has been communicated from time to time to the house of assembly. Much correspondence may have been had between the house and the local government, in former years, of which the people, and their representatives, knew nothing. In 1830, the then administrator having been requested by the assembly to lay before the house a statement of the annual incomes arising from the coal mines, their respective amounts, and how the same were disposed of, and the terms under which they were held, thought himself obliged to decline the responsibility of complying with this request, as a new measure for which there was no precedent, until he could receive instructions from home. The letters of 1828 and 1829, containing the agreement for a lease of the reserved mines at Pictou and Sydney, and the grant to the duke of York in 1826, were not communicated to the assembly till 1844. It is not, therefore, at all wonderful that the memorandum of the executive government, of 1st July, 1834, and the correspondence in 1835, have never before come to the knowledge of the present council, and have never been seen by the assembly; and as the papers and public documents of those days were not kept with the same regularity as now, the council cannot ascertain, upon a diligent search, whether this correspondence was ever transmitted to the local government, or what reply was made to it.

Whatever construction may have been put by the general mining association on the memorial and letters of 1828 and 1829, these documents have always been considered by the legislature of this province, from the year 1844, when for the first time they had access to them, as applying only to the reserved mines at Pictou and Cape Breton. The lease to the duke of York, and the agreement in respect of these mines, are referred to as distinct instruments in the act of 1849, and the mines and minerals of the whole province, including Cape Breton, are transferred thereby to the general assembly, "subject only to the existing rights of the lessees and persons entitled under the said lease and agreement." If the two were in fact identical, and the royalty payable under both was to be one and the same, as is now contended, the legislature passed the act of 1849, granting a civil list, in ignorance of any such concession.

It now appears that the surrender of the old lease, and the new one against which we have protested, are in every substantial particular in the shape in which they were originally prepared in 1846 by the treasury solicitors. This is a fact, also, wholly unknown to the legislature, and of which we have had no information till now. All the material facts then known to this board are comprehended in Mr. Young's memorandum of 30th July last, which specifically refers to the treasury minute of 27th June, 1845, though an expression in Mr. Bircham's letter of the 9th inst. might induce a supposition that it had at some time been denied.

Of the meaning and effect of that minute this board retain the same opinion which is expressed in Mr. Young's letter of the 7th August; and they cannot but remark that this opinion is confirmed by Sir Charles E. Trevelyan's letter of 2nd July, 1845, which they have now for the first time seen, giving instructions "for the completion of a lease to the mining association, subject, in other respects, to the conditions and limitations which were contained in the agreement between the association and his late majesty's government in 1828."

How could it be supposed that this lease to the association was to absorb the original lease of 1826, putting the title directly and entirely in them, and reducing the royalty in the grant of 1826, as now proposed ?

It appears that no such lease did pass, or was intended to pass, to the association, for the new lease settled in 1846 was to the representatives of the Duke of York, to be assigned by them to the association, upon the terms and conditions expressed in the agreement of May, 1849.

The most material of these, reserving a yearly rent or sum of nine pence, sterling, upon every chaldron of coal, Winchester measure, which shall be raised in the province, to be paid to the representatives and creditors of the duke of York, was certainly made known

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to the people of this province, for the first time, in the last session of the assembly, and had no little influence in inducing the resolutions then passed.

This onerous tax upon the products and industry of the province, operating, in fact, as an addition to the price of whatever coal is consumed, and an export duty upon whatever quantity is sent abroad, amounted last year to no less than £5,573 sterling—a fact which will excite a very strong feeling when it becomes generally known in Nova Scotia.

Should the coal trade largely increase, as may reasonably be expected with the abolition of the duty in the United States, this tax may be doubled, or even trebled, in amount, and will be viewed as a most oppressive burden.

Some advantage has been gained by the association from the acceptance of the reduced royalty on coals raised at the Joggins, on account of the smallness of the quantity not having attracted the notice of the officers of government, just as the non-payment of the royalty on slack coal was accidentally overlooked.

But an acquiescence on the part of this government, either in the one or the other, was never intended to be given, and ought not to be assumed.

We conceive the terms in the minute of 1845 to differ essentially from those in the agreement of 1849, and in the deeds of 1854; and for this reason, as well as the other causes in the memorandum of 30th July, the council respectfully but firmly protest against these deeds being executed, and claim, on behalf of the province, the full benefit secured to them by the act of 1849, on the day it was assented to by the queen's representative, independently of any engagements that may have been made between that day and the time it came into operation, by her majesty's approval being given thereto.

Halifax, 23rd December, 1854.

(Signed) WILL. YOUNG, MICH. TOBIN, JAS. McNAB, L. M. WILKINS, SAM. CREELMAN, W. A. HENRY.

PART 3.—(See page 696.)

SIE GEORGE GREY TO SIR J. GASPARD LE MABCHANT.

[Copy.]

Downing street, 18th January, 1855.

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No. 34.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch, No. 61, of the 26th of October last, and, in compliance with your request, I transmit copies of two letters addressed to this office by the solicitor to the general mining association.

With respect to such documents as have been sent by the association to the board of treasury, you will perceive from the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to my department by desire of the lords commissioners of the treasury, that copies of all the material papers were furnished to Mr. Young, when in this country, by their lordship's solicitor.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

G. GREY.

Lieutenant governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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Treasury chambers, 12th January, 1855.

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With reference to your letter of the 14th November last, transmitting copy of a despatch from the lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia, applying for copies of certain representations made to her majesty's government by or on behalf of the general mining association, I am commanded by the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury to acquaint you, for the information of secretary Sir George Grey, that the only material papers connected with this subject have been addressed to the solicitor to this board, and not to their lordships.

I am to state that copies of these documents have been furnished by the solicitor to Mr. Young, the attorney general of Nova Scotia, and they apprehend that the colonial government has thus been supplied with all the information required.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. E. TREVELYAN.

HERMAN MERIVALE, esquire, &c.

[Copy.]

46 Parliament street, 18th November, 1854.

(NOVA SCOTIA MINES.)

SIR-

With reference to the subject which was under discussion on the 13th instant, I must beg to recapitulate briefly the points to which I had then the honor of calling your attention, in the hope that the colonial department of the government will be induced further to consider the relations of the parties interested, and adopting the views which have appeared to them on former occasions to be just and politic, will determine that the arrangements so long ago concluded in substance between the crown, the representatives of the duke of York, and the general mining association, shall, without further delay, receive their formal completion.

This final consummation would doubtless have been effected in August last, but for the unexpected intervention of the attorney general of Nova Scotia, who, first in person, and afterwards by his memorandum of the 30th July, 1854, urged objection against the matter being proceeded with. At that time the draft surrender of the original grant to the duke of York, the draft new grant to his representatives, and the draft underlease by them to the general mining association, had been once again placed in the hands of the solicitor to the treasury in the very same shape, so far as the interests of the crown and colony are concerned, in which the counsel of the crown had already approved them, and in a form at length agreed on by all other parties concerned.

It is right that I should remind you that these three drafts were originally prepared by the treasury solicitor for carrying out, as he judged best, the treasury minute of 27th June, 1845,—that when at length after considerable discussion and careful revision by the counsel of the crown, their language had been settled, a formal agreement was in 1849 prepared also by the same authority for execution by the crown, the duke of York's administrators, and the association,—and that the crown was only withdrawn at the last moment as a party to execute the agreement on formal considerations, and with the understanding that the attorney general would appear and express the concurrence of the crown on the proceedings in the court of chancery necessary to be taken for completing the arrangements come to in the suits pending there between the duke of York's administrators and the the association, to which suits the attorney general was a party, and in those pending for the administration of the duke's estate. Upon several such occasions, between 1849 and 1854, her majesty's attorney general has so appeared and concurred, and I may add that one of the stipulations in 1849 of the crown advisers having been that a suit should be instituted in the equity courts of the colony for confirming the compromise, such stipulation was afterwards withdrawn on a memorial presented by the association to the treasury, alleging the delay which must ensue, and on a full consideration of the matter by the then law officers of the crown.

This being the state of things as between the association and the home government, and the association having performed most punctually and honorably every point on their side of the arrangement, I pause, with the highest respect, but at the same time with the strongest confidence to ask, what circumstance supervening can disentitle the association to the completion by the crown of an agreement made by its responsible advisers with somuch consideration, and sanctioned with so much more than the usual solemnities. And. if now disentitled, then by what forms of law or course of conduct can the directors of the association, as respects this or any future agreement, secure for their constituents the performance of what is due to them? As trustees for large interests, and as men who implicitly relied on the completion of the obligation contracted by the government, and have again and again explained to their shareholders the causes of delay, and as often pledged themselves that every thing being so clearly understood there could be no ultimate miscarriage, they cannot allow me to address you on this subject without making known their strong feeling upon it; nor can they permit me to put forward this further appeal to your department as anything less than a distinct and unequivocal *claim* upon the justice of her majesty's government.

This, the directors submit, would be their position and their duty in whatever state of new circumstances, the association having been no party to the creation of those circumstances, but the facts being, as in truth they are, it is with a yet stronger sense of their title to what they ask that they again earnestly urge the completion of the pending documents, and the dismissal of the objections urged by the colony, through their attorney general.

Mr. Young's points of objection are three :

I. That the provincial civil list act of 1849 has deprived the crown of the power to complete its engagements.

II. That the grant of 1826 is void and ought not to be recognised.

III. That the new lease is not the same in its terms as the existing lease of 1826, and agreements of 1828.

On all these points the secretary of the association has already addressed her majesty's secretary for the colonies, and I need only refer you to Mr. Foord's letter of the 8th August, 1854, for conclusive facts and reasoning on each of them. But I am induced to add a few words on each head, in consequence of a letter addressed by Mr. Young, the attorney general of the province, to Mr. Foord, on the 7th August last, and which had not been received when Mr. Foord wrote to Sir George Grey, and because a further reference to documents has suggested yet further reasons for dismissing Mr. Young's appeal.

I. As regards the civil list act of 1849, I must therefore be permitted to add, that not only does it in terms serve all existing rights, but it must have been passed by the colonial legislature with full knowledge of what those rights were.

1. The colony were in possession of the treasury minute of 25th June, 1845, and had at that time warmly canvassed the relations of the colony and the association, and had been told nevertheless that the compromise then made was fit and right, and would be proceeded with. See lord Stanley's despatch, of 18th July, 1845.

2. It will be found that this close discussion of the rights of parties was followed up in 1846 and 1847, when strong representations were made by the colony to the home government, on the subject. I am in possession of the paper then (20th June, 1847) addressed by the honorable Mr. Cunard, as the agent of the association, to Sir Charles Trevelyan (as under scoretary of the treasury), but I must refer you to the records of the treasury, or of

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your own department, for the communication in reply made to the colony by the home government. Earl Grey's despatch of 20th June, 1848, will be found to bear in an important degree on the point.

3. I have to entreat your careful consideration of Sir John Harvey's despatch to lord Grey of the 2nd May, 1849, and the report of the committee of the house of assembly, of the 5th February, 1849, of the resolutions of that house thereon, and their address to Sir John Harvey, the 23rd February, 1849. Relying on your reference to these papers, I will not trouble you with extracts from them, but I will proceed to assume that that you find in them is, in different language, but almost identically, the same case, as that attempted to be made by Mr. Young's memorandum of 1854. Before reminding you of the terms of earl Grey's despatch in reply, it is material that I should point out to you that the civil list act of 1849 passed the provincial legislature 8th March, 1849; that it so passed with all the objections of the colony to the pending arrangements with the association fresh in the minds of the colonial legislature, (their resolutions and address to the lieutenant governor being then not three weeks old,) and that the colony shewed themselves willing to accept the civil list arrangement, with or without the modified arrangement with the association which their address suggested, by passing the civil list act immediately after their resolutions and address, and by not waiting to hear the result, the latter not having even been sent to England until two months afterwards. In the mean time the agreement defining in formal language the terms of compromise of 1845, and containing in extenso copies of the deeds by which they were to be carried into effect was executed on the 29th May, 1849, not merely with the consent, but with the fullest concurrence of the home government. And I must presume that its language was communicated to the colony by your department, or that the latter accepted, as they most reasonably might, the responsibility of assuming that the colony were already in possession of all that was necessary.

4. Next in date comes earl Grey's despatch of 16th August, 1849, and upon this despatch, as a document of five years standing, which, so far as I know, remains wholly unanswered by the colony, and upon the suggestions of which they have allowed five years to elapse without acting, the directors of the association feel that their whole case might well be rested.

In this state of things and at this date, no new fact being in 1854 submitted for shewing any misapprehension by the colony of their position when they passed the act of 1849, the directors feel that nothing connected with that act has in the remotest degree affected the plain and unequivocal right of the association to the completion of the terms of 1845, as set forth in the agreement of 1849, nor the power of the crown to complete them.

The act was passed by the colony in no ignorance of the real relations of the parties, and the appeal to the crown in 1849 can only be regarded as an after experiment, and certainly was not in the nature of a condition precedent. Mr. Young's attempt of 1854 is yet more of an experiment, and there are now far weightier reasons why it should not succeed.

II. On the second of Mr. Young's objections, viz.: that the grant of 1826 is void, I have nothing to add. At no time during the last twenty years at least, has it been fairly open to the colony to raise this point; at all events it must be at this time, five years after lord Grey's despatch, taken as finally at rest.

111. On Mr. Young's position that the new lease is not the same in its terms as the existing lease of 1826, and the agreement of 1828, Mr. Foord has already in his letter of the 8th August to Sir George Grey, pointed out that this is not the question.

At the end of nine years, from the time when the colony were in the possession of the treasury minute of 1845, it is really too late to found any discussion on earlier documents, and it must be enough to show that the deeds of 1854 correspond with the arrangements of 1845.

But Mr. Young, in his letter to Mr. Foord of the 7th August, argues that the agreement of 1849, and the deeds of 1854, go beyond what in the colony the compromise of 1845 was understood to mean. He states that the minute has no reference whatever to a surrender surrender of the lease of 1826 to the duke of York, or to any other lease or grant in lieu thereof. It extended the 20,000 chaldrons of coal in the agreement of 1828 to 26,000, retaining the same royalty of 2s. a chaldron, &c. &c ; and in a subsequent part of his letter it is added, that the agreement of May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova Scotia, was the first intimation given to us of any reduction of the royalty in the grant of 1826.

Happily the former of these passages confutes the other, for Mr. Young admits that the compromise of 1845 was an extension of the agreement of 1828 in point of quantity, retaining the same royalty of 2s. for the excess beyond the extended number of chaldrons. If, then, the agreement of 1828 made the same roduction of royalty in the grant of 1826 as is now complained of, Mr. Young will be seen to be in error when he states that the agreement of May, 1849, lately transmitted to Nova Scotia, was the first intimation given there of any reduction.

The agreement of 1828 rests on a memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Rundell, of 22nd Jannary, 1828—a despatch of the lieutenant governor of the colony, 10th April, 1828—and two letters addressed to Messrs. Rundell & Co., by Mr. under secretary Hay, dated 22d May and 4th July, 1828; a lease was never executed, because the association and the representatives of the duke of York were, and continued until the compromise of 1845, in *dis*agreement and litigation, and because the new lease implied a surrender of the existing one, which the association were in no position to make.

The very question which Mr. Young now raises, arose in 1834. You will find that a memorandum of the date of the 1st July in that year, was transmitted from the colony to the home government. It suggested that a sum of £1,242 5s. had become due to the crown for royalty at 1s. a ton on coals raised within the territory comprised in the original grant of 1826, and not therefore covered by the fixed rent of £3,000 sterling, for 20,000 chaldrons reserved by the agreement of 1826. This memorandum was made known to the association by Mr. Hay, 24th January, 1835, and an explanation given by Mr. Duval, the then secretary of the company, in a letter to Mr. Hay of the 30th January, 1835. The concluding sentence of this letter is as follows :—" The directors trust that the explanation now given will satisfy the earl of Aberdeen that the general mining association is not liable to the payment of the sum of £1,242 5s. sterling, claimed by the local governor of Nova Scotia, nor to the payment of any other annual sum for coal sold and raised in any part of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton than the stipulated rent of £3,333 6s. 8d., and of 2s. currency for every chaldron of coal, Newcastle measure, raised and sold in one year above 20,000 chaldrons."

On the 3rd February, 1835, Mr. Hay replied that Mr. Duval's "communication would be forwarded to the lieutenant governor, as furnishing an answer to the claim in question, which appeared to have been preferred under a misconception of the nature of the existing agreements with the general mining association.

From that hour to the date of Mr. Young's memorandum in July last, nothing has in any way transpired which suggested or implied that as between the crown and the association the lease of 1826 had anything more than a nominal existence; on the contrary, the agreement of 1828 was in every respect acted upon until extended and virtually superseded by that of 1845.

Again, since the passing of the act in 1849, coals have been raised every year in the territory originally comprised in the grant of 1826, and according to Mr. Young's view the royalty for them shall have been at 1s. a ton, and not at 2s. per Newcastle chaldron. But no such claim has been at any time made, and these coals (distinguished, however, as to the locality in which they were got) have been allowed to form part of the aggregate quantity raised, and royalty on them had been paid accordingly.

I regret the necessity for so long an explanation; but I trust that at least the reference to documents which I have been enabled to make will not be unserviceable in bringing the real merits of the case before you.

I have only further to express the earnest hope of the directors that the subject may have the early consideration of your department of the government, and that the solicitor

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of the treasury may be instructed, without further delay, to complete the instruments now before him.

I enclose a copy of Mr. Young's letter to Mr. Foord, of the 7th August last.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. MERIVALE, esquire, &c. &c. &c.

No. 4.

(See page 577.)

Statement of receipts and expenditures of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, from January 1st to September 30th, 1854.

1854.				
To paid on account of interest due stockholders for 1852, Returned, in part, money borrowed, Interest—	£181 100	7 1(0 (0 0	
Paid amount due stockholders for 1853, '' on monies borrowed, '' discounts on bills, &c.	£856 16 9 60 12 0 5 17 6	000		
Paid various accounts due from 1853, To expenses of various offices— Local, paid by directors, &c. £1338 10 2		923 400		3 6
Less, still due to directors, on account of, 163 6 6	1175 3 8			
Supplies furnished from Halifax,	332 3 0	1507	68	8
Contingent expenses Amount in full, Less, still unpaid on account of, 111 0 5				
Panaim to linea		30	5 8	5
Repairs to lines— Amount in full,583 16 6 583 16 6 46 17 6Less, still due on account of,46 17 6		536	19 (0
Amounts paid New Brunswick telegraph company, on nine months business, 858 10 0				•
Less, still due that company, 177 13 1		680	16 1	1
Extraordinary expenses— Paid for putting cross pieces on posts and moving wire on line from Halifax to Truro,		20	18	6
American telegraph confederation— Overpaid on supplies ordered,		4	5	0
James G. McKeen (on account of Cape Breton lines),		60	1	0
Extension of telegraph lines— Paid on account of line to Hantsport,	47 8 11			
" West Canso, (McNair's Cove),	³ 66 12 11			
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APPENDIX No. 4.

To cash on hand, September 30th— In Halifax bank, Treasurer's hands, Local directors' hands,	202 99 193	17	4 4 5			
			_	496	15	. 1
				£5057	0	0
 1854. By money borrowed, Received on account of stock, Gross receipts of various telegraph offices throughout th 	e provinc	ce,		£400 532 4124	10	0 1 11
				£5057	0	0

The above account, taken from the books and vouchers of the company, is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

P. S. HAMILTON,

Secretary and treasurer N. S. el. tel. company.

Sworn to, before me, at Halifax, this eighth day of December, A. D. 1854. L. HABTSHORNE, J. P.

Statement shewing gross and nett receipts, income and profits, of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, from January 1st to September 30th, 1854.

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The above account, taken from the books and vouchers of the company, is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

P. S. HAMILTON, Secretary and treasurer N. S. el. tel. company.

Sworn to, at Halifax, before me, this eighth day of December, A. D. 1854. L. HARTSHORNE, J. P.

No. 5.

(See page 577.)

The committee appointed to make enquiries relative to the passengers lately wrecked at Sable Island, in the American ship "Arcadia," and brought to this port in the government schooner "Daring," beg leave to report as follows :—

That your committee, upon ascertaining the situation of these persons, being in a most destitute condition, having lost all their property by the shipwreck, and many of them being almost entirely destitute of clothing, considered it their duty to direct that suitable arrangements should be made at the expense of the province to provide them with shelter, food, and clothing, adapted to the season of the year.

That your committee have since visited them personally, and ascertained through a German interpreter that the larger part of those now here are most anxious to be forwarded to New York, the place of their destination. A few of them have found employment; and there are now here, unemployed and without means of support, thirty-four men, fifteen women, and twenty-two children, and about seventy others are hourly expected from Sable Island.

Of the number here, nine men, two women and fourteen children, are disposed to remain, provided they can find employment. They appear to be, in general, in good health.

There has been an expense incurred already of upwards of $\pounds 300$ currency, in providing clothing for those now here, as well as to send to Sable Island for the use of those still remaining there, many of whom, your committee have been assured, were in a state of nakedness, owing to the ship having been wrecked in the night, when the passengers were in their beds.

Your committee considered it their duty to see that the immediate wants of these unfortunate people were provided for without reference to any prudential considerations; but it is their duty to report to the house that it does not appear to your committee just or equitable that the expense should be borne by this province.

Your committee, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the ship being foreign and the passengers foreigners, being principally Germans, and therefore not coming under the provisions of the laws of this country, or of the laws of the United Kingdom, feel difficulty in recommending any particular action to the house, but would suggest that a correspondence be opened by the provincial government with the imperial government, by means of which some regulations may be established affecting the present and similar cases, more especially as the situation of this province, in the track of vessels traversing the atlantic from the old world to the new, has occasioned several similar instances in previous years, whereby this province has been put to large expense, and renders it extremely probable that many instances of a similar nature will occur, rendering the province liable to heavy charges upon its revenue, without any source from which repayment can be obtained.

Your committee therefore deem it of the utmost importance that the question should be settled with the least possible delay.

As to the disposal of these unfortunate persons cast upon our shores at this inclement season of the year, your committee would recommend that the government send such of them as are unable to obtain employment here to their place of destination at the earliest possible period.

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KILLAM, chairman, B. ZWICKER, JNO. ESSON.

Committee room, December 12, 1854.

No. 6.

(See page 583.)

The committee appointed to consider and report to the house the best means of disposing of the nine provincial stud horses lately imported, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee decided to recommend to the house to carry out the terms of the report of last year, and proceeded by ballot to decide upon the distribution of the choice as follows. The choice by the ballot was declared as follows:

The counties of Hants and King's to have the first choice; Cape Breton and Victoria. the second; Lunenburg and Queen's, the third; Yarmouth and Shelburne, the fourth; Richmond and Inverness, the fifth; Sydney and Guysborough, the sixth; Cumberland and Pictou, the seventh; Annapolis and Digby, the eighth; Halifax and Colchester, the remaining one.

The committee recommend them to be sold for cash by public auction, under the directions of the members of the joint counties, on or before the 20th of next month, pursuant to the report of the committee of last year, and the proceeds paid into the treasury after deducting expenses of removing the horses from Halifax and keeping them to the time of Purchasers to give security for the proper keeping for breeding purposes within the sale. joint counties respectively for four years, and that they will not permit them to be worked, but kept solely as stud horses; and not to charge over one pound five shillings for the use of the horse for one season, but to be allowed to exchange horses, or the use of them, for any period during the four years, with the consent of the members for the two counties or a majority of them.

> W. A. HENRY, chairman. H. MUNRO, J. SHAW, J. COFFIN, W. W. BENT. D. N. MACQUEEN, ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD. JOHN C. WADE.

Committee room, December 13th, 1854.

PART 2.-(See page 587.)

The committee on the provincial stud horses beg leave further to report, that on this day the same were selected for the counties as follows : by Hants and King's, "Sherman Morgan ;" by Cape Breton and Victoria, "Napoleon ;" Lunenburg and Queen's, "Sir Henry;" Yarmouth and Shelburne, "Mambrino;" Richmond and Inverness, "Green Mountain Morgan;" Sydney and Guysborough, "Black Hawk;" Cumberland and Pictou, "Tornado;" Annapolis and Digby, "Messenger;" Halifax and Colchester, "St. Lawrence."

The committee have reconsidered the question of the maximum charge for the services of the horses, and after more mature deliberation have unanimously agreed to recommend that the charge be left to the purchasers without restriction.

The committee also, upon further consideration, recommend that the horses remain under the same care and in the same place where they now are until the next meeting of the legislature, when the time and manner of their sale can be arranged. The committee also recommend that in the bond to be taken on the sale of the horses, the purchaser should be prohibited from sending them out of the province for eight years.

The committee desire to express their unqualified approval of the selections made by the gentlemen who discharged that duty, which, in the opinion of your committee, has been been performed in a manner most advantageous to the province and highly creditable to themselves.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.

Committee room, December 14, 1854.

No. 7.

(See page 588.)

SIE GEORGE GREY TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

[Copy.]

(Circular.)

SIR-

Downing street, 16th August, 1854.

Her majesty's government have recently directed their attention to the imperial customs establishments maintained in the North American and West Indian colonies, and I now inform you that the government consider that it is now no longer necessary to keep up a separate establishment for the performance of the limited duties devolving on the comptrollers of customs and navigation laws in the British colonies, and that the time has arrived when the execution of those duties might with advantage be transferred to the colonial officers.

The more important duties now remaining to be performed by the imperial officers since the repeal of the navigation laws, are the registration of vessels in the colonies, and the granting of certificates of origin (when required) for colonial produce. These services are obviously rendered for the benefit of the colonies, and should be performed by the officers of the colonial customs establishments, and for the same reason those officers will be required to furnish the usual periodical returns for the purpose of affording statistical information to parliament upon subjects of far greater value to the colonies than to this country.

In the Australian colonies, the Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand, and even in numerous out ports in British North America, as well as in some out stations in the West Indies, the colonial officers of customs prepare the accounts of trade and navigation required for parliament, and perform, free of charge, all other duties now executed by the imperial officers in North America and the West Indies; and her majesty's government conceive that the colonial officers of customs in Nova Scotia are fully competent, and will be equally ready, to perform all the duties at present executed by imperial officers, and that they should therefore be directed to perform the same in like manner and upon the same principle as in the Australian and other colonies hereinbefore referred to.

You will therefore announce that the imperial officers of customs will be withdrawn at the earliest possible period, and that it will be requisite for the future that the accounts of trade and navigation should be furnished, and the other duties of comptrollers of customs and navigation laws executed, by the colonial officers of customs, in conformity with the practice observed in other colonies, and, as her majesty's government hope, without imposing any additional expense upon the revenue of the colony under your government.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. governor Sir G. LE MARCHANT, Nova Scotia.

SIR GEORGE GREY TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

(Circular.)

SIR-

Downing street, 4th November, 1854.

With reference to my circular despatch of the 16th of August last, in which I acquainted you with the intended withdrawal of the imperial officers of customs in the North American and West Indian colonies, and the transference of their duties to the colonial officers, I now transmit for your information the copy of a circular letter which the commissioners of customs propose to address to the several controllers of customs and navigation laws in those colonies, apprizing them that their services will be discontinued on the 5th January, 1855, and conveying to them the necessary instructions, with the view of transferring their duties on that day to the colonial officers of customs.

1 have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. governor Sir Gaspard Le Marchant, &c. &c. &c.

Enclosure.

Draft of a circular letter proposed to be transmitted to the several controllers of customs and navigation laws in the North American and West India colonies, with the view of giving effect to the propositions contained in the board's report to the lords of the treasury, of the 8th and 29th July, 1854, Nos. 816 and 908, and withdrawing the imperial officers of customs in those colonies on the 5th January, 1855:

> Custom house, London, 1854.

SIR-

Herewith you will receive for your information a copy of a circular letter dated 16th August, 1854, which has been addressed by her majesty's principal secretary of state for the colonies to the respective governors in the North American and West India colonies, notifying to them the determination of her majesty's government to withdraw, at the earliest possible period, the controllers of customs and navigation laws, and the other imperial officers acting under their orders in the North American and West India colonies, and to transfer the duties executed at present by those officers to the officers of colonial customs who now derive their authority and act under the immediate control and superintendence of the colonial governments of those colonies, and I am desired at the same time to acquaint you-

1st. That this important change is to take effect upon the 5th January, 1855, from which day the duties now performed by yourself and other imperial officers acting under your orders, are to be executed by the colonial officers of customs in the manner indicated in the annexed circular letter from her majesty's principal secretary of state for the colonies to the governor of , up to which period it will be your duty, and that of other imperial officers acting under your orders, to complete and transmit all returns of trade and navigation, and statistics, to this country, transferring at the same time the official books of your department to the colonial collector of customs, or such other colonial officer upon whom devolves the duties of collector of customs.

2nd. That in the mean time, and preceding the transfer which is to take place on the 5th January, 1855, it will be your duty, as well as that of the imperial officers acting under your orders in to instruct the colonial officers of customs in the mode

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of conducting the business, and to afford them every information as to the mode of preparing and rendering the accounts of trade and navigation, and statistics, with a view to their being transmitted to this country, in a perfect state, for the information of parliament and of her majesty's government; and I am further to acquaint you that from and after the 5th of January, 1855, your services, as well as those of the other imperial officers acting under your orders in _______, will cease and determine, and you will be hereafter informed of the retiring or other allowances which it may be the pleasure of the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury to assign to yourself and the other imperial officers, as well as the manner in which those allowances are to be paid. You will, upon the receipt of this order, communicate with the colonial authorities with the view of obtaining their cooperation in giving effect to the directions therein contained, reporting from time to time your proceedings to the board.

I am,

Sir, Your obedient servant.

To the controller of customs and navigation laws at _____

SIR GEORGE GREY TO SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT.

(Circular.)

Downing street, 29th November, 1854.

SIR-

SIR-

With reference to my circular despatch of the 4th instant, respecting the discontinuance of the services of the imperial officers of customs in the North American and West India colonies, and the transference of their duties to the colonial officers on the 5th of January next, I transmit for your information and guidance the copy of a letter from the board of treasury, enclosing one from the commissioners of customs, with the deputations and instructions therein referred to.

In pursuance of the desire expressed by the commissioners of customs, I have to instruct you to insert in the deputations the names of the several individuals who may be acting as colonial collectors of customs in the colony under your government; and further, to direct the principal colonial officers of customs in the colony to notify to the commissioners of customs in this country the name of each officer to whom the deputation may be delivered.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. governor Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

ENCLOSURE.

[Copy.]

Treasury chambers, 27th November, 1854.

I am commanded by the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury to transmit the accompanying copy of a report from the commissioners of customs, dated 24th inst., together with deputations and instructions for the colonial officers of customs in the North American and West India colonies; and I am to request that you will move secretary Sir George

George Grey to cause the same to be immediately forwarded to the governors of the several colonies, with instructions to them, as suggested by the commissioners of customs.

(Signed)

I am, &c.,

C. E. TREVELYAN.

HERMAN MERIVALE, esquire, &c. &c. &c.

No. 1337.

[Copy.]

To the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury.

Sir Charles Trevelyan having, by his letter, dated the 8th November, 1854, with reference to our report of the 30th October, preceding, No. 1193, signified that he had been commanded by your lordships to transmit to us a copy of a letter from Mr. Elliot, signifying that he had been desired to acquaint your lordships that secretary Sir George Grey has no objection to the measures which had been proposed by us for withdrawing the imperial officers of customs in the North American and West India colonies upon the 5th of January next, and that he (Sir George Grey) had apprised the governors of the colonies concerned that the services of the imperial officers of customs will accordingly be discontinued on the above date.

We beg leave to state that we have transmitted to the several controllers of customs and navigation laws in the North American and West India colonies, the circular letter, a copy of which we annexed to our report to your lordships, of the 11th October, 1854, No. 1141, apprising them that their services will be discontinued on the 5th January, 1855, and that the necessary instructions had been forwarded by secretary Sir George Grey to the respective governors of colonies for that purpose accordingly.

And we now take leave, with reference to the proposition contained in the latter part of our report of the 11th October, 1854, above referred to, to transmit deputations and instructions for the several colonial collectors of customs in those colonies to whom the duties now executed by the imperial controllers of customs and navigation laws are to be transferred, in order that in accordance with the course which was observed when the customs department in the Australian and certain other colonies were transferred to the management of their respective colonial governments, the same may be forwarded through her majesty's principal secretary of state for the colonies to the respective governors in the North American and West India colonies.

We beg leave at the same time to add, that as the names of the colonial collectors of customs in the above named colonies, with the exception of Port Kingston, Jamaica, are not known to us, we have been under the necessity of transmitting their deputations in blank, and we would submit whether your lordships may not be pleased to request Sir George Grey to instruct the governors of colonies to insert in such deputations the names of the several individuals who may be acting in the beforementioned capacities; and we would further submit, that the principal colonial officers of customs at each port should be directed by the governors to notify to us the names of the several individuals to whom our deputations may be delivered, it being necessary for the sake of reference that a record of the same should be kept in this department.

(Signed)

THOS. F. FREEMANTLE. EDW. SAURIN.

Custom house, 24th November, 1854.

[Copy.]

SIR J. G. LE MARCHANT TO SIR GEORGE GREY.

No. 2.

SIR-

Halifax, 3rd January, 1855.

My advisers having informed me that, in order to the accomplishment of the recent arrangement whereby the duties now performed by imperial officers will devolve upon officers of colonial customs, and especially as it respects rendering accounts of trade, navigation, and statistics, to her majesty's government, it is indispensable that the offices and apartments now used by the imperial officers of customs at Halifax, under the lords of the treasury, should be placed at the disposal of the local government, I have the honor to inform you that I shall feel particularly obliged if her majesty's government will be pleased to permit the offices and apartments referred to, to be used for public purposes, under the control and directions of the government of Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed) . J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

The right hon. Sir George Grey, &c. &c. &c.

No. 8.

(See page 588.)

[Copy.]

No. 19.

Downing street, 8th November, 1854

(Signed)

SIR-

With my despatch, No. 18, of the 24th October, I transmitted an order of her majesty in council, leaving the act passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, No. 3232, entitled, "an act to continue and amend cap. 29 of the revised statutes, of the militia," to its operation; I think it right, however, to direct your attention to the provisions of this act, as an apparent inconsistency seems to exist between the 3rd and 6th sections, it being provided under section 3, that the adjutants shall receive 10s. a day, for services which it is conceived would be required of them in some sort, even though the militia were not enrolled; and under section 6, that no money shall be drawn from the treasury until the governor, in consequence of an invasion made or threatened, or in any other emergency, shall have issued a proclamation for the enrolment of the militia.

I have, &c.

G. GREY.

Lieutenant governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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No. 9.

(See page 588.)

Estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province, for the year 1855.

Salary of his excellency the lieutenant governor, f "Private secretary to ditto,	3750 312		0 0 	£4062	10	0
Administration of justice.						
Salary of the chief justice, '' Judge Bliss, '' Other assistant judges, '' Master of the rolls, '' Attorney general, '' Solicitor general, '' Clerk of the crown, Judges' travelling fees, Costs of criminal prosecutions, Coroners' inquests, Contingencies of chancery, vice admiralty, and probate courts,	700 500 125 100 340 270 275	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		6510	0	0
Provincial secretary's office.						
Salary of provincial secretary, Salaries of clerks to ditto, Contingencies of office,	700 575 125	0	0 0 0	1400	0	0
Receiver general's office.						
Salary of the receiver general, '' Clerk to ditto, Contingencies of office,	600 250 17	0 0 10	0 0 0	867	10	0
Financial secretary's office.						
Salary of the financial secretary, " Clerk to ditto, Contingencies of office,	600 250 17	0 0 10	0 0 0	867	10	0
Pensions.						
Sir R. D. George, Miss Cox, Judges of common pleas, H. W. Crawley, commissioner of crown lands, Cape Breton,	700 125 600 300	0 0	0 0 0	1725	0	0
Revenue.						
Salaries of officers of excise department, Halifax, "Guagers and proof officers,	1200 300				Cl	erk

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Clerk to board of revenue,	£80	0	0			
Lockers and extra lockers of warehouse department, and extra and temporary waiters,	3000	0	0			
Drawbacks, Revenue boats,						
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Legislative.						
Salary of the speaker of the house of assembly,	200	0	0			
"Clerk to ditto, Pay and travelling expenses of members of assembly,	$\begin{array}{c} 200 \\ 2800 \end{array}$	0 0	0 0			
" Members of legislative council		ŏ	ŏ			
Clerk of legislative council,	200	0	0			
Law clerk,	150	0	0			
Postage of legislative council and house of assembly,	370	0	0			
Chaplain to legislative council,	25	0	0			
"House of assembly,	25	0	0			
Gentleman usher of the black rod,	75 50	0 0	0 0			
Serjeant-at-arms to house of assembly, Assistant do. do.	30 30	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Contingencies of legislative council and assembly,	800	Ő	Ŏ			
Assistant clerk to house of assembly,	100	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Printing,	600	Ŏ	Ô			
Reporting and publishing debates of assembly,	300	0	0			
				6900	0	0
Militia.						
Adjutant general and quarter-master general of militia,						
Cleaning and storing militia arms,	140	0	0			
Billetting troops,	150	-	Ŏ			
Education.						
For support of colleges and academies,						
"Grammar and common schools,			·			
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Miscellaneous.						
For support of light houses,	7000	0	0			
" Sable Island,	400	0	0			
In aid of post communication,						
Steam boats, packets, and ferries,	1000	•	•			
Poor asylum, Halifax,	1600 1000	0 0	0			
Provincial penitentiary,	3000	0	0 0			
Interest on deposits in savings' bank, Service of roads and bridges,	3000	v	v			
Casualties to do.						
Commissioners for Indians,	300	0	0			
Public buildings,		-	-			
Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0			

Financial secretary's office, January, 1855.

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SAM'L. CREELMAN, Fin. Sec.

No. 10.

(See page 589.)

General post office, Halifax, January 29th, 1855.

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I have the honor to submit, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor,—and to be laid before parliament,—the accompanying reports in detail, numbered from 1 to 13, inclusive, upon the state of the post office department in this province, for the year ended 5th of October last, with the following remarks :—

During the past year, 7 new post offices have been set up, several way offices, at my suggestion and on my recommendation, having been converted into post offices—making the total number of established and recognized post offices, 59.

The established way offices now number 201—thirty-four having been added to the list since 1853.

On reference to accompanying report No. 10, it will be seen that the several new mail services, which had been authorized by the legislature in the last session, have been duly established by me, and many improved arrangements on the older routes have also taken place; and I flatter myself that his excellency will perceive that the post office department has not been backward in setting up post or way offices, and establishing mail services, wherever new and growing settlements seemed to require such mail accommodation.

Upon referring to my report, addressed to the late provincial secretary, dated 22nd January, 1853, it will be seen that the number of miles of post route existing in 1851 were 2487, travelling yearly over a distance of 352,074 miles, at an annual cost of £4031 10s. 6¹/₃d. currency.

The present number of established mail routes are 106—number of miles, 3027—distance travelled annually, 568,990 miles,—shewing an increase of 540 miles in the extension of mail routes, and of 216,916 miles in the distance annually travelled by the mails in this province since the transfer of the department to colonial control in 1851, as will appear by a reference to the subjoined tabular return :--

Dat	tes.	Established No. of Post offices.	Established No. of Way offices.	Number of mail contracts.	Miles of post route.	Miles of annual mail transpor- tation.
October,	1851,	40	103	71	2487	352,074
66	1852,	43	133	77	2649	462,024
"	1853,	51	174	95	2743	483,298
66	1854,	59	201	106	3027	568,990

In addition to the foregoing, *three* mails a week, instead of two, have been established on the important route between Halifax and Yarmouth, by the "*shore*" route; also *three* mails a week instead of one, between Pictou and Amherst, at an annual increased cost of £180.

It is with regret I have to report that the contract for the conveyance of the mails across the Bay of Fundy, by steam, for £500 per annum, ceased on the 5th of April last, Mr. Walker, the proprietor of the boat, having, in consequence of the increased price of fuel, &c., the high rate of wages, and other necessary steamboat expenses, and the inadequate 18 amount received for the service from the provinces, terminated his contract by giving, according to agreement, the required 3 months' notice.

After every exertion had been made by me, (though, I regret to state, without success,) to have this service continued for the amount authorized by the legislature of last year, viz., £300, I deemed it expedient to proceed to Digby myself, and having done so, I there made the necessary arrangements with the proprietor of the sailing packets, viz., the "Spartan" and "Digby Packet," to carry the correspondence from Digby to Annapolis and St. John, semi-weekly during eight months, and weekly during December, January, February and March, for £3 per trip from Digby, and £4 a trip from Annapolis, the province of New Brunswick bearing an equal proportion of the expense.

This was the best, and in fact the only arrangement, I could make at the time, and under the circumstances.

Since the 1st of December last, however, arrangements have been made by this department and that of New Brunswick, for the conveyance of the Bay mail by *steamer*,—semiweekly during eight months of the year, and weekly during January, February, March, and April, for the amount authorized by the legislature last session, viz., $\pounds 300$, N. B. cy.; and which arrangement will, I sincerely hope, afford the required accommodation.

In order to make myself personally acquainted with "the great eastern road," so called,—over which it is generally supposed the mails, for and from Cape Breton, will eventually be conveyed, and on a portion of which a courier has already been established, viz.: from Pollock's to Upper Musquodoboit,—I left Halifax in October last, and travelled over the road in question, as far as the cross roads and St. Mary's; that portion, viz.: from Upper Musquodoboit to the Caledonia Settlement, I found in a very bad state, for it being a new line of road, and running for several miles through a dense forest, and no statute labor having been bestowed upon it, it is, consequently, in many places almost impassable, and will require a large outlay to put it in repair, as, in its present condition, the heavy mails for Cape Breton could not travel upon it at the required speed.

There is little doubt, however, that this is the shortest and most direct route to Cape Breton, and the one by which all the mails for that island, as well as those for Sherbrooke, St. Mary's and Guysborough, &c., will have to be forwarded, as it must ere long become an important main post road.

Under these circumstances, I would beg respectfully to recommend the matter to the favorable consideration of the lieutenant governor, and, through his excellency, to the legislature; for, should the assembly in their wisdom think proper to grant a sufficient sum for the purposes alluded to, many additional advantages would, I conceive, arise, irrespective of the transmission of the mails, as it is more than probable many settlements would soon spring up along the line,—property would necessarily advance in value, and a large and valuable tract of country would thus be opened up, and a direct intercourse with the capital obtained, with which at present there is scarce any communication.

Whilst reporting upon this line, I would beg to recommend that a courier be established to travel from Upper Musquodoboit to the cross roads of St. Mary's and back, in connection with the service sanctioned by the assembly last session.

I have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the couriers generally have performed their official engagements during the past year, though delays and loss of time on some routes have occasionally taken place, and for which fines have been exacted accordingly, as will appear on reference to report No. 7. There cannot be a doubt, however, that these delays have been occasioned principally by the contractors being permitted to carry passengers and their luggage with the mail, and until they are conveyed separately, the contract time,—particularly at certain periods of the year,—never can be maintained.

In connection with this subject, and the cost of the carriage of the mails in this province, there is a matter which I conceive to be of so much importance, that I respectfully submit it should at once be brought to the notice of the assembly. I refer to the carriage of the English mails, to and from Canada and New Brunswick through this province, without any, the slightest remuneration being allowed for such service.

For years Nova Scotia has conveyed from Halifax to Amherst, and vice versa, at all seasons

seasons of the year, and at much inconvenience, portions of the *English* correspondence to and from Canada, and the great bulk of her newspapers; and not unfrequently the whole of the English correspondence and newspapers for New Brunswick, without this province deriving any corresponding advantage whatever.

The weight and bulk of these mails have, of late years, very considerably increased, and the contractors have occasionally complained to me, that the delays, and consequent loss of time, for which they have been fined, have been, in some cases, caused by the heavy weight of the newspaper portion for Canada and New Brunswick.

Such being the case, I would therefore respectfully recommend that the provinces of Canada and New Brunswick, (Canada especially,) be severally called upon to pay to this province such sum as may be considered fair and reasonable, for the safe transit through Nova Scotia of their respective mails to and from England.

With respect to New Brunswick, the practice perhaps is not so objectionable, as that province frequently conveys her English correspondence, both going to and coming from St. John, "express," besides which she bears an equal proportion of the expense for the transmission of the mails across the Bay of Fundy, which is unquestionably an accommodation to the western part of the province, as the keeping up of steam communication across the Bay, is, I believe, generally admitted to be more to the advantage of Nova Scotia than to New Brunswick, as the principal part of the United States correspondence is sent by this route, and passes through the St. John office; in this respect, therefore, Nova Scotia enjoys perhaps something like a corresponding advantage.

It should, however, also be taken into consideration that the cost for the carriage of the mails between Halifax and Amherst, would probably be very materially reduced, if the contractors distinctly understood that they would be called upon to convey, each way, the provincial and United States correspondence for this province, only.

In introducing this subject, I beg to state that no correspondence has passed between myself and the post office department of Canada or New Brunswick, in reference thereto, having considered it my first duty to bring the matter to the notice of the lieutenant governor and his excellency's government, the subject being, in my estimation, one of much importance, when viewed in connection with the large amount annually paid for mail carriage in this province.

With respect to the resolution of the post office committee, passed by the house of assembly on the 31st March last, authorizing me "to investigate the matter of the fines imposed upon several mail contractors, and remit and repay such portions of those fines as I might think just," &c.,—I beg to state, that, having given the subject due consideration, I felt that I could not, under the circumstances, with any degree of consistency and respect for my official position, recommend their remission. These fines, consequently, have not been refunded to Messrs. Hyde, King, and others, but remain still in my possession.

The imperial post office authorities having completed the necessary arrangements for reducing the comparatively high rates of postage charged on the correspondence passing between the United Kingdom and British North America, &c. &c., the reduced rate came into operation on the 1st of August last. This considerate act on the part of the parent country, cannot but be considered as a great boon, especially to the *poor* man, who can now send or receive his letters by packet for the comparatively trifling sum of 7¹/₄d., currency, the single rate of half an ounce. Of this packet postage, Great Britain claims fivesixth, the remaining sixth is carried to the credit of this province.

To remedy, to some extent, the serious inconvenience said to be experienced by the merchants and others, in consequence of there being no $7\frac{1}{2}d$, currency, postage stamp, by which those parties who felt desirous to do so could thus prepay their letters to England, and not wishing to put the province to any further expense in having another "die" prepared, I considered it expedient to allow half stamps to be used with those now in use, to obviate the want of accommodation complained of; and a circular was, accordingly, forwarded to my deputies, and a notice issued to the public to the effect, that letters could be pre-paid to England by stamps, by parties using a 6d. or two 3d. stamps, together with half a 3d. stamp,—the 3d. stamp to be cut diagonally, and the half to be equivalent to $1\frac{1}{2}d$. The 3d. stamps only to be used for this purpose. When

When stamps were first introduced into the province, not only were postmasters authorized to sell them on commission, but merchants, stationers, and others, obtained a discount of 5 per cent. on their purchase, on all sums of five pounds and upwards. This was done with a view to their general circulation, and in the hope that, in this manner, the public would sooner perceive their utility and convenience; the object then sought having been, to a great extent, attained, and postage stamps being now in circulation throughout the province, I would, therefore, beg to suggest that in future the commission or discount, as the case may be, be confined to *postmasters alone*, (including the Halifax office). This course would somewhat increase the postmasters emoluments, and give them a privilege, which, in my opinion, they are fairly and justly entitled to.

As a convincing proof of the daily increasing use of postage stamps in this province, I need only advert to the fact that—

In	1852	the amount sold was	£335	2	6	
In	1853	ditto,	473	4	8	
In	1854	ditto,	898	0	6	

Shewing an increase in the past year of nearly 100 per cent., and of nearly 300 per cent. over the year 1852.

Her majesty's government having established a monthly communication, by steam, between Halifax and St. Thomas, (Danish West Indies,) via Bermuda, letters for the above named places are accordingly forwarded to the latter place, and despatched on the arrival of every alternate steamer from Boston.

Arrangements have also been made between this department and that of Newfoundland for the optional pre-payment of the *inland* postage, on the correspondence passing between Nova Scotia and that island. Letters can, therefore, now be forwarded from any part of this province to Newfoundland, either paid or unpaid, at the option of the sender.

The arrangement is considered by gentlemen in the country, having mercantile transactions with that colony, as a great and long desired accommodation.

The mails for Halifax having during the past year considerably increased, particularly the *newspaper* portion, I considered it indispensably necessary that three permanent letter carriers, instead of two, should be employed. A third carrier has, accordingly, been appointed, to assist in expediting the city deliveries.

The number of "*registered*" or *money* letters passing through the post office in Nova Scotia have materially increased during the few past years.

In the year 1851 there were received at, and sent from *Halifax alone*, 5295 money or registered letters. It must, however, be borne in mind, that at that period no registration fee was exacted, and it is, therefore, more than probable, that a good many letters registered as money letters, were not, in reality, such—persons adopting this expedient to ensure, as they supposed, their safe and speedy delivery.

In the year ended 5th October, 1854, 7259 money letters have passed through this office, shewing an increase during the past year, compared with 1851, of 1,964 letters, though a registration fee of sixpence has been demanded on each letter, in addition to the postage; and it is most gratifying to me to be enabled to state, that of this very large number of letters containing money, or valuables, but one or two appear to have been in any way tampered with, as will appear on reference to report No. 11.

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for his excellency's information, and to be laid before the assembly, the accompanying little volume, being "Instructions for the guidance of postmasters in Nova Scotia." This book has been prepared with much care and attention, and will, I trust, prove a valuable assistant to the parties for whose use it is intended.

A new code of instructions is also in course of preparation for the way office keepers.

As the quarterly accounts of the several other provincial public departments in this province are made up on the 31st March, 30th of June, 30th September, and 31st of December, in each year,—and also, as the dates of the quarterly periods of the post offices of England and Canada have recently been altered from the 6th of January, 6th April, 6th July, and 6th of October, to correspond with the above dates, I have considered it advisable

advisable, with a view to uniformity and simplicity in the business transactions of the department, to make a similar change, and have accordingly notified the postmasters to that effect. The alteration commenced with the past quarter, which terminated on the 31st of December, 1854, instead of 5th of January, instant, as heretofore.

It affords me much pleasure to be enabled to state that the revenue of the department has continued steadily to increase since the date of my last annual report, as will appear on reference to report No. 1, compared with that of the previous year.

The total net postal revenue for the year,—less "dead letters" and "packet postage" due the imperial post office—amounted to $\pounds 6,905$ 9s. 9d., shewing an increase of revenue over the previous year of $\pounds 524$ 8s. 93d.

The large decrease in the amount of "ship letter postage" collected in the past year, compared with previous years, may, in a great measure, be attributable to the reduction of 14d. on the ship letter rate, and also to the comparatively small sum given as "gratuity" to ship masters, who, consequently, do not think it worth their while to take their letters to a post office; from every other source, however, the revenue has largely increased.

The total disbursements of the year were £10,157 0s. 0d., being an increase of expenditure of £873 5s. $7\frac{1}{2}d$. over the previous year. This increase has been mainly caused by the laudable desire evinced by the legislature to provide for the daily increasing demands made by the public—particularly in the more remote districts of the province for extended mail accommodation, and other postal facilities, in various shapes,—all, more or less, entailing upon the department large additional expenses.

The postmasters' salaries having undergone a revision during the last session, to meet, as far as practicable, the just claims of several old and faithful public servants, and to give them something like a fair and equitable remuneration for their daily increasing labors and responsibilities; and the seven new post offices, which have recently been established, together with the thirty-four newly appointed way office keepers, and the commissions paid to the same, have all helped to swell materially this apparently large expenditure.

The item of expenditure for "stationery" and "printing," &c., also shews an increase of $\pounds74$ over that of the previous year. This seemingly large increase, can, however, be easily explained.

When the transfer of the department took place in 1851, the stock on hand of stationery, blank printed forms, and official stores of every kind, was very considerable; but the yearly increasing number of post and way offices, and the consequent large annual consumption of printed forms, so indispensable in the efficient working of the department, have necessarily exhausted the supply,—to replace those which have been used, and to continue the supply, this increased expenditure has been incurred.

Had the expenditure in the past year not exceeded that of the previous year, the financial statement would have exhibited a deficiency of £2378 4s. 7d. only, yet, notwithstanding this comparatively large amount, viz., £3251 10s. 3d., I have every reason to hope, judging from the experience of the past, and looking to the yearly increasing revenue and growing prosperity of the province, -- that in the course of a few years the finan cial report of the post office department will shew, if not a surplus, at least a nearly balanced condition of revenue and expenditure; and I sincerely believe that the tirle is not far distant, (provided the expenditure be controlled by a judicious economy,) when no advance from the treasury will be required to sustain the postal operations of this province.

In conclusion, I beg to say, that the clerks in this office, the several postmasters, way office keepers, mail contractors, and other officials employed in this branch of the public service, with but few exceptions, have, in the discharge of their respective duties and obligations, afforded me very general satisfaction; and I should be wanting in my duty, if I did not make special mention of the faithful services of my two chief officers,—Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Passow. These gentlemen have at all times performed their responsible duties with a zeal and promptitude which fairly entitles them to all the praises I can bestow.

Mr. Hamilton, the chief clerk,—a most zealous and efficient officer,—has been fourteen 19 years years in the post office department; and Mr. Passow, of the account branch, has been a public servant for twenty-three years,—the last thirteen of which he has served in this office; to both of these gentlemen I am largely indebted for much valuable assistance, in my earnest endeavours to place the post office department in a condition alike satisfactory to the government and the public; these gentlemen, possessing as they do, that practical knowledge of the working of the postal system, which years of experience can alone give.

Mr. Passow, a short time since, was offered an appointment, the emoluments of which are greater than he is at present in the receipt of, but he declined the offer as he was led to believe that some augmentation to his salary would be made on the meeting of the legislature.

The carc with which Mr. Passow examines the postmasters' accounts, and the pains he has taken in the preparation of the numerous and intricate returns which accompany this report, will, I feel assured, be fully appreciated by his excellency and the assembly, before whom they will be laid; and it affords me very great pleasure to be enabled to bestow my meed of praise, and to express the hope that he will meet with that consideration to which his daily increasing duties and long and faithful services so justly entitle him.

> I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble servant,

A. WOODGATE, P. M. G.

The hon. LEWIS M. WILKINS, &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

REPORT No. 1.

Statement of the revenue and expenditure of the post office department of Nova Scotia, for the year ended the 5th day of October, 1854.

REVENUE.

Postage of towns in Nova Scotia, including Halifax,	£6204	6	5
"Unpaid " postage on British " packet letters," collected at Halifax, "Paid " postage on " packet letters " for Great Britain, collected at	976	2	11
Halifax,	760	15	6
Postage on colonial and foreign "packet letters,"	514		$7\frac{1}{2}$
Way letter postage,	147	9	
Ship letter postage,	45	2	4
"Dead," and "missent," and "refused" letters, returned from other			
offices, and delivered in Halifax,	6	8	
Fees collected at Halifax on detained letters,	10		0
Private letter boxes at the general post office,		4	
Local "penny" postage,	23	0	
"Postage stamps" sold in the year,	898	0	6
	£9651	5	71
"Re-directed," "missent," and "dead" letters,	549	16	10 <u>i</u>
Net revenue after deducting dead letters,	£9101	8	9
Deduct " packet postage " due to Great Britain,	2195	19	0
Total revenue for the year,	£6905	9	9
Deficiency on the year ended 5th October, 1854,	3251	10	3
	£10157	0	θ
	Exp	end	iture

EXPENDITURE.

VOUCHE	R.						
A .	Salaries,				£3574		2
B .	Conveyance of mails,				5691	16	4
C.	Ship letter gratuities,	£44	5	01			
D.	Tradesmen's bills,	63	9	10			
	Rent,	200	0	0			
F.		41	1	3			
G.		256	10	6			•
H.	Coals, wood, gas, &c.,	74	6	9			
I.	Expenses of acting postmaster at Windsor,	2 6	15	0			
J.	Buildings and repairs,	1	13	9			
K.	Miscellanies,	98	19	9			
L.	Discount on "postage stamps,"	37	0	41			
M.	Commission to way office keepers,		12				
					885	15	1
•	Premium on bills on St. John, N. B.,				4	17	5
	Total expenditure during the year,				£10157	0	0
For	"vouchers," see reports Nos. 2, 3, and 4.						

F. M. PASSOW, Clerk account branch.

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A. WOODGATE, P. M. G.

Report

REPORT No. 3.

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Name of route.	Mode of conveyance.	Number miles go- ing and returning.	Trips per week.	Amount pai	id.
Amherst to Barrowsfield and R. Hebert, Amherst to Parrsboro', Annapolis, Digby, and St. John, Annapolis to Digby, Antigonishe to Cape George, Antigonishe to Sherbrooke, Arichat to Descouse, Arichat to Descouse, Arichat to Grandance, Arichat to Little Arichat, 3 months, Aylesford to Willis Foster's, Baddeck to St. Ann's & English Town, Baddeck to Plaister Cove, Ball's Creek to the Narrows, Barrington to Knowles' West Pas- sage, 9 months, Barrington to Wood Harbor, 3 months, Bill Town to Hall's Harbor, Bridgetown to Granville ferry, via Parker's Cove, 3 months, Bridgetown to Granville, via Anna- polis Gut, Buckley's to Canada Creek, Black Rock and Givan Wharf, 3 months, Canning to Pero, 3 months,	Ditto Steam & sailing ves. On horseback or in a waggon, at the option of the	$50\\78\\52\\44\\36\\7\\20\\6\\32\\90\\56\\89\\10\\40\\10\\60\\50\\30$	One One ² summer, 1 Winter Three One One Two One One One One Two One One Two One One One One One One One One One One	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 4 \\ 8 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0$
Canning to Fero, 5 months, Cape North to Bay St. Lawrence, Catalone to Louisbourg, Chester to Kentville, via Sherbrooke, Country Harbor to Isaac's Harbor, Crow Harbor to Molasses Harbor, 3 months, Digby to Brier Island, Cross roads to Hillsboro', 3 months, Cross roads to Hillsboro', 3 months, Cross roads, Forks, St. Mary's to Sherbrooke, 3 months, Dunlop's to Lock's Island, and Lewis' Head, Durham to New Lairig, English Town to Ingonish, via Gulf }	Foot and Horse On horseback or in waggon Foot and horse On horseback or by waggon, &c.	10 14 90 24 30 84 9 20 42 34	One Fortn'y One One One Two One One 2 L. Is. 1 L. H. One	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	8 0 0 0 0 9 0 5 6 6 0
Shore, 3 months, Falmouth to Hantsport,			Once One	6 4 7 10	9 0

A return of all payments made, and charges incurred, for mail carriage in Nova Scotia, in the year ended 5th October, 1854.

* Twice to Baddeck and once to English Town.

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and Country Harbor, Halifax to Kentville and Annapolis, By coach and 4 254 * 494 0	0
Halifax to Yarmouth, Lunenburg and (Ditto 424 Three 626 6	8
Bridgewater, Halifax to Musquodoboit Harbor, By coach & 2 horses 60 Once 35 0	0
Halifax to Pictou, By coach and 6 200 Daily 558 10	ŏ
Halifax to Prospect, Horse and waggon 50 Once 16 10	ŏ
Halifax to Sambro, Ditto 36 One 26 0	Ŏ
Hall's Harbor to Bill Town, via Pet-Ditto20One110ton Mountain, 3 months,110101010	0
Ingonishe to Cape North, Foot or horse 40 Fortn'y 25 0	0
Kentville to East Cornwallis,	6
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Liverpool to Annapolis, 176 One 80 0	Ō
Liverpool to Port Medway, 20 Two 12 10	ŏ
Liverpool to Milton, 9 months, 6 Two 4 10	Õ
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Milford to Guysboro', 64 One 35 0	Õ
New Glasgow to Cape George, via)	0
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Garden of Eden, and Blue Moun- 2 90 One 34 19	2
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* Three times a week to Annapolis, daily to Kentville.

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Newport

Name of route.	Mode of conveyance.	Number miles go- ing and returning.	Trips per week.	Amour	nt pa	aid.
Newport to South Rawdon,	1	20	One	£7	8	8
Onslow to Acadia mines, 9 months, Parrsboro' to Apple River, via Advo- ?			One	11	5	0
cate Harbor,			One	28	9	6
Parrsboro' to Black Rock, 3 months,	On horseback or in		One One	$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\12\end{vmatrix}$	12 19	6 6
Parrsboro' to Five Islands, Picton to Amherst,	a waggon, at the option of the con-	I !	Three	160	0	Ŏ
Pictou to Earltown,	tractor.		One	11	19	ŏ
Pictou to New Glasgow,			Two	16	0	0
Pollock's to U. Musquodoboit, 3 months			One	12	9	9
Port Hood to Margaree,			One Trace	29	0	0
Port Hood to Plaister Cove, Port Hood to mouth of Mabou,	Fout massanger &		Two One	65 8	0	0 0
Port Hood to Whycocomagh and Lake Ainslie,	Foot messenger, &c. Norse or waggon,	1 1	One	22	18	7
River Inhabitants to Malagawatch,		56	One	15	0	0
River St. Dennis to Strait of Barra, via The Boom, 3 months,		1 1	One	5	0	0
River Inhabitants to St. George's Chnl.			One	15	0	0
Scotch Village to Up. and Lr. Rawdon,			One	20	0	0
Sheet Harbor to Upper Musquodoboit,	> On horseback, &c.	4 .	One		0 10	0
Sheet Harbor to Marie Joseph, 3 months, Shubenacadie to Gay's River, serving)			One	7	_	0
Musquodoboit & Stewiacke, 9 mos.			One	30	0	0
Shubenacadie to Gay's River, 3 months, Sherbrooke to Indian Harbor,			One One	$\begin{vmatrix} 1\\10 \end{vmatrix}$	9 0	9 0
Sherbrooke to Marie Joseph,	Foot messenger, &c.		One	1	10	ŏ
Shubenacadic to Maitland, Noel, Gore			One	29	$\overline{15}$	ŏ
Spencer's to Acadia mines, 3 months,	i) co i	- 4	Three	2	9	101
St. Andrew's to Lockabar, via Goshen,	,		One	8	8	_6
St. Ann's to Ingonishe,	On horseback or	•	One		8	
St. Peter's to L'Ardoise and Grand Rr. Sydney to Cow Bay, Glace Bay, &c.,	by waggon	20	One One	12	7 18	6 10
Sydney to Baddeck, via Boulardarie,			Two	90	0	0
Sydney to Grand Mire',		1	One	17	18	Ŏ
Sydney to North Sydney,	Horse or ferry boat		*	7	0	0
Sydney to Mainadieu,	Horse or waggon	60	One	38	0	0
Tatamagouche to New Annan and Balfour mills, 3 months,	Ditto	ł	Оле	3	15	0
Trefry's to Walton,	Ditto		Two	48	2	6
Truro to Amherst, Truro to Earltown,	Coach and horses		Three One	365	10	0 0
Upper Onslow to Debert, 3 months,	Horse or waggon		One		9	9
Wallace to Gulf Shore,			One	10	Ő	Ŏ
Wallace to Malagash,	} Ditto	24	One	10	0	0
Walton to Noel,		(One	16	0	0
West River to New Glasgow, * On the arrival of the steamer	IJ	24	1	10	0	0

* On the arrival of the steamer from Halifax and Newfoundland.

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Name

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Name of route.	Mode of conveyance.	Number miles go- ing and returning.	Trips per week.	Amou	nt pa	uid.
West River to Guysboro', Plaister Cove and Sydney, Whycocomagh to Forks Margaree, Wilmot to Lawrencetown, via Nictaux, Willis Foster's to Nicholl's corner and Bridgetown, Windsor to Falmouth, Yarmouth to Digby, Yarmouth to Kemptville, Expresses,	Horse and waggon Horse or waggon Ditto Horse and waggon Horse or waggon	60 35 52 10 140	Two One One One One Three Once	17 24 7 211	0 10 10 10	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
	Total,			£5691	16	4

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Report

REPORT No. 7.

Report of all fines imposed and deductions from the pay of mail contractors, for failure to deliver the muils, or for any other cause,-shewing the names of the contractors, the nature of the offence, the route on which it occurred, the amount of fine, the time when it wus imposed, and whether the fine has been remitted, and for what reason, during the year ended 5th October, 1854.

Name	Name of route.	l'antro l'				TOT
From	To	Contactor.	Nature of offence.	Date of fine.	Amount.	трарания Кресь, апд көт тея көт тел
Halifax Truro Antigonishe	Annapolis Amherst Guysborough	King & Brothers Archibald & Stephenson H. Hyde	<u>ZUD A</u>	1853. 8th November 12th November 17th November	C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	000
Halifax	Yarmouth	King & Brothers	arrived in a wet and injured state ; de- { lay between Halifax and Chester, and return mail between Liverpool and	17th November	5	
Halifax	Truro	H. Hyde	New Brunswick, Amherst, d much injured, newspapers	22d November	2	
Yarmouth Antigonishe Yarmouth Halifax Truro	Halifax Guysborough Halifax Sydney Amherst	King & Brothers H. Hyde King & Brothers H. Hyde Archibald & Stephenson	Delay in arrival of mails No change of horses, according to contract Delay in arrival of mail; horses gave out Delay in arrival of mails Ditto	29th November 1st December 5th December 13th December 27th December	工合2000	<u> </u>
Yarmouth Sydney	Halifax Halifax	King & Brothers H. Hyde	Delay in arrival of mails ; no time bill	1854. 28th January 20th February	00	

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80 H O N G	£54 0	£34] 11 5	£54 0	ATE
22d February 2d May 16th June 10th August 7th September			Total,	A. WOODGATE, P. M. G.
Delay in arrival of mails Delay in arrival of the mail Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto Ditto		H. Hyde, Messrs. Archibald & Stephenson, Messrs. King & Brothers, Angus Smith,		
.ngus Smith L. Hyde L. Hyde L. Hyde L. Hyde trchibald & Stephenson L. Hyde			t branch.	
Plaister Cove Port Hood] A Sydney AN Halifax Mart Halifax Cove Pruro Halifax Cove Pruro Londonderry Amherst Halifax Sydney	-		F. M. PASSOW, clerk account branch.	
Plaister Sydney Halifax Halifax Londond Halifax			F. M. P.	
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APPENDIX, No. 10.

REPORT No. 9.

Report of new post and way offices, and of offices and post routes discontinued and closed within the year ended 5th October, 1854, shewing in the case of each office and route, discontinued or closed, the reason for the proceeding.

	nd way offices.	Name.	County.	When	Reasons for closing.
Post offices.	Way offices.				
	Locke's Island	Samuel Johnson William Munroe James Bancroft Xerxes Chipman Lewis Knaut Eldred Cohoon James A. Gibbon C. R. Allison	Colchester Pictou Digby Shelburne Lunenburg Queen's Annapolis Hants	1854 5 July 5 May 	{ Office rem'd. to a more convenient situation Converted into post offices.
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Post routes discontinued within the year ended 5th October, 1854.

Post r	oute.	Distance	Date of discontin-	Reasons for discontinuance.
From	То	Miles, &c.	uance.	
Shubenacadic {	Gays River, Musquodoboit, and Stewiacke settlements.	72—once per week.	1854 5 July	A portion only of this mail service has been discontinued, viz., from Gay's River to Middle Musquo- doboit, and from Upper Musquo- doboit to Stewiacke, the corres- pondence being so insignificant between the above places after the establishment of the service between Pollock's and Musquo- doboit.
Onslow,	Acadia mines,	42—once per week.	66 66	It was considered a better arrange- ment, and one which would af- ford more accommodation, to establish a courier to run from Upper Onslow to Debert River, and from Spencer's to Acadia mines.
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REPORT No. 10.

	October, 1854.		
Nan	When	No. of trips	
From	То	established.	per week.
Arichat	Descouse	1853. 6th November 1854.	One
Liverpool	Milton	6th January	Two
Cross Roads	Hillsboro'	6th July	One
River Dennis	Straits of Barra, via the Boom	6th July	One
Mahone Bay	New Germany	6th July	One
Shubenacadie	Gay's River	6th July	One
Pollock's	Upper Musquodoboit	6th July	One
Lower Stewiacke	New Lairig	6th July	One
Upper Onslow	Debert	6th July	One
Spencer's	Acadia mines	6th July	Three
Sheet Harbor	Marie Joseph	6th July	One
Cross Roads and Forks	Sherbrooke	6th July	One
Barrington	Wood Harbor and Shag Harbor	6th July	One
Crow Harbor	Molasses Harbor	6th July	One
Arichat	Little Arichat	6th July	One
Hall's Harbor	Bill Town, via Pelton Mountain		One
Canning	Peraux	6th July	One
Bridgetown	Granville ferry	6th July	One
Parrsboro'	Black Rock	6th July	One
•	al distance in miles, double trips,	544.	

Report of new post routes established in Nova Scotia, during the year ended the 5th October, 1854.

F. M. PASSOW,

Clerk account branch.

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PART 2.-(See page 640.)

General post office, Halifax, February 19, 1855.

SIR-

I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the lieutenant governor, and his excellency's government, copy of a letter I received by the last packet from the authorities of general post office, London, relative to several alterations having taken place in the regulations of the *colonial book postage*, which the postmaster general trusts will meet with the concurrence of the government of Nova Scotia.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

The hon. LEWIS M. WILKINS, &c. &c. &c.

A. WOODGATE, P. M. G. [Copy.]

[Copy.]

General post office, 2nd February, 1855.

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I am directed by the postmaster general to inform you that the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury, by their warrant, dated the 23rd ultimo, a copy of which I enclose, have made several alterations in the regulations of the colonial book post, with a view of removing the causes of error and vexation arising from the circumstance that the privileges of the colonial book post have hitherto been different from those of the inland book post and from the arrangement under which a book packet, which, from inadvertence may have been insufficiently prepaid, becomes chargeable with the full letter rate.

As the alterations are, in all respects, beneficial to the public, whether in the mother country or the colonies, and calculated to increase the British and colonial postal revenue, and as a great delay would have been caused by a previous application for the consent of each separate colony concerned, the postmaster general felt sure that in recommending the increase to the lords of the treasury he might assume the acquiescence of all the colonial governments.

Under these circumstances, the day which has been fixed for the warrant to come into operation, is, as you will perceive, the first of next month, (March;) and subjoined is a statement of the chief provisions of the warrant.

1. A book packet may contain any number of separate books, almanacks, maps or prints, and any quantity of paper, vellum or parchment, (to the exclusion of letters, whether sealed or open;) and the books, maps, paper, &c., may be either printed, written, or plain, or any *mixture* of the three.

2. The name and address of the sender, or anything else not in the nature of a letter, may also be written or printed upon the envelope or cover of the packet, in addition to the mame and address of the person to whom it may be forwarded.

3. All legitimate binding, or covering of the same, or of a portion thereof, will be allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached, as also rollers in the case of prints, markers (whether paper or otherwise) in the case of books, and in short whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of literary or artistic matter, as usually appertains thereto.

4. The rates of postage on book packets will remain as at present, viz. :

For each pack	et not exceed	ling 1 lb.,	£0	0	6
Ditto	above ½ lb	. and not exceeding 1 lb.,	0	1	0
Ditto	above Ī lb	. and not exceeding 2 lbs.,	0	2	0
		And so on.			

5. The following regulations, however, must be observed :----

Every packet must be either without a cover, or in a cover open at the ends or sides.

It must not contain any letter, open or sealed, nor any sealed enclosure whatever.

No packet must exceed two feet in length, breadth or width.

The posinge of book packets must be paid in advance; and if within the United Kingdom, by means of stamp.

Should a book packet be posted unpaid, or with a prepayment of less than 6d., or be enclosed in a cover not open at the ends or sides, or should it exceed the dimensions specified, such packet will be sent to the dead letter office, and treated as at present.

But when a book packet shall have been posted, and insufficiently prepaid, and it shall appear that the single rate of sixpence at least has been paid, such packet will be forwarded, charged with an additional postage, equal to the deficiency; plus, another single rate as a fine.

Should any letter, whether closed or open, or any enclosure, sealed or otherwise closed against inspection, be found in a book packet, such letter or other enclosure will be forwarded, charged not only with the postage due upon it as an unpaid letter, but also with an additional sum of sixpence, being the single book post rate. The packet, itself, however, in such case, will be forwarded (provided the postage shall have been duly paid) without any extra charge.

With regard to the fines, the postmaster general proposes to divide the amount of them equally between this country and the colony; but the proportions of the *postage* on books, whether fully or insufficiently paid, will remain as heretofore. It is proposed, as the simplest way of bringing to account the postage of insufficiently paid books sent from the United Kingdom to credit of the colony, *under* art. 3, sec. 2, of the letter bill, with the full amount to which it is entitled, penalty included, and to claim the whole sum leviable on the delivery of the packet, in a separate article, sec. 1, art. 1.

Thus, supposing the weight of a book packet sent from the United Kingdom to Nova Scotia by British packet to be between one and two pounds, the proper postage would be 2s., but if such packet be paid by stamps to the value of 6d. only, the deficiency of postage, 1s. 6d., together with a fine of 6d., would still be chargeable, making together 2s. out of the total charge of 2s. 6d., the colony would be entitled to one-third of the ordinary postage, viz., 8d., together with half the penalty, viz., 3d., in all 11d. Thus 11d. would be credited to the colony, and 2s. would be claimed from the colony in the manner proposed.

A new item will require to be introduced into the letter bill, and a label, such as that which I enclose a specimen, will be attached to the insufficiently paid packets of books.

Corresponding arrangements should, of course, be adopted with respect to similar packets sent from any colony to the United Kingdom.

The postmaster general trusts that these new regulations will be satisfactory to you, and will receive the concurrence of the government of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient, humble servant,

(Signed)

F. HILL.

The postmaster general, &c. &c. Halifax, N. S.

No. 11.

(See page 594.)

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

In account current with the receiver general, from 1st January to 31st December, 1854.

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1003.				
Decr. 31To cash paid	advances, per abstract,	£947	16	3
_	Chairman board works, do.	14683	1	1
	Criminal prosecutions, do.	267	18	6
	Coroners' inquests, do.	270	0	0
	Drawback of duties, do.	3582	5	4
	Erection of oat mills, do.	105	0	0
	General education, do.	16750	13	3
	Judiciary expenses, do.	346		0
	Legislative expenses, do.	9148	19	6
	Miscellaneous expenses, do.	7654	17	10
	Militia expenses, do.	153	3	5
	Piers and breakwaters, do.	810	0	0
	Post communication, do.	4443	10	8
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Decr. 31.—To cash paid Poor asylum, do. Provincial railway, do. Public printing, do. Revenue expenses, do. Rations to troops, do. Support of Indians, do. Support of agriculture, do. Support of transient poor, do. Support of packets, steam boats an Salaries to officers of government, Interest, St. Peter's canal, Protection of fisheries,		do	£2000 56228 1165 7540 66 280 955 214 867 15009 2400 1508 2360 £149760	25274161810709	0 6 10 1 6 5 8 8 0 6 0 2 0 2 1 2
Road service.					
To eash paid road advances, Road compensation, Old road votes, Annapolis, Colchester, Cumberland, Cape Breton, Digby, Guysborough, Halifax, Hants, Inverness, King's, Lunenburg, Pictou, Queen's, Richmond, Sydney, Shelburne, Victoria, Yarmouth,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	233698560191130016327			
			44440	12	4
Balance,			£194200 11226	12 0	6 8
			£205426	13	2
Св.					
1854. January 1st to December 31st By balance at this date, Cash received for colonial duties, viz. : From Halifax, Annapolis, Amherst, Antigonishe, Argyle, (Tusket,)	$\begin{array}{c} 21065 \ 12 \\ 2004 \ 14 \\ 45 \ 0 \\ 254 \ 0 \end{array}$	0 0	£17266 99850	2 0	7 0
Arichat,	696 4	0	\mathbf{A}	dvoc	ate

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	Advocate Harbor,	£35	2	3	
	Barrington,	312			
	Beaver River,	36			
	Bridgetown,	381			
	Cornwallis,	392	-		
	Cape Canso,		14		
	Canada Creek,	420		11	
	Clements Port,	236		-	
	Church Point, Clare,	381			
		1864			
	Guysborough,	11	8		
	Givan's Wharf,		-	•	
	Great Bras d'Or,	90	9	5	
	Horton,	293			
	Hants Port,	190			
	Harbor Buchie,	23			
	Joggins,	118			
	Lanenburg,	97	9		
	Liverpool,	1762	ĩ		
	Londonderry,	555			
	LaHave,	453			
	Maitland,	429		4	
	McNair's Cove,	120	v	Ŧ	
	Margaree,	28	19	3	
	Pictou,	4086			
		378			
	Pugwash, Port Hood	242	2		
	Port Hood,	226			
	Parrsborough,	114		2	
	Pubnico,	477			
	Ragged Islands,		14		
	Sydney, C. B.,	-	11		
	Shelburne,	121			
•	St. Mary's River,				
	Ship Harbor,	152	10		
	Sheet Harbor,	_			
	Sandy Cove,	41	9		
	St. Ann's,	12		6	
	Truro,	246		8	
	Tatamagouche,	164	6 1	6	
	Thorne's Cove,	98 1706		8	
		1786	3	9	
	Westport,	342		8 1	
	Weymouth,	182		1	
	Wilmot,	826		3 2 8	
	Wallace,	201		Z	
	Walton,	108		8	
	Yarmouth,	4177		0	
	French Cross,	76	6	6	
	McNair's Cove,	8	7	0	
	McKeen, Strait of Canso, light duty,			õ	
	Bigelow, do. do.	110		5	
	Halifax, light duty,	1552		5 3 8	
l duties,	North Sydney,	921			
•	Port Medway,	88	10	0	

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By cash received from Canada, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses,			
New Brunswick, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses,	£238	19	7
Prince Edward Island, for their proportion of ex- pense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses, Distilleries, for license granted,	$\begin{array}{c} 37\\ 4522\end{array}$	10 10	0 0
Casual revenue, coal mines, 7666 17 0 Crown land dep't. for land sold, 11226 1 5 For fees from the secretary's office, 1298 8 9			
From savings' bank,	$20191 \\ 20500$		2 0
The lords of the treasury, towards support of Sable Island,	493	6	8
Canal company,	1000		Õ
For copy right,	90	10	10
Fines and forfeitures,	$20 \\ 150 \\ 70 \\ 56 \\ 11000 \\ 51 \\ 7 \\ 25 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ 6 \\ $	6	3
Passenger head money,	70	3	9
By cash from R. Nugent, for sales of revised statutes,	56	6	3
Treasury notes, new issue,	11000	0	0
Cash returned on account of advances,	51	6	8
Criminal prosecutions,	7	6	6
Miscellaneous expenses,	25	0	0
Rations to troops,	6	1	6
Cash received from bank of Nova Scotia, for interest,		11	7
	£205426	13	2
Balance brought down,	£11226	0	8

Receiver general's office, Halifax, 31st December, 1854.

JAMES McNAB, receiver general.

Financial secretary's office, January, 1855, Examined and found correct.

SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

PART 2.-(See page 635.)

GENERAL STATEMENT

Of the amounts certified by the financial secretary for payment on account of the different public services of the province, for the year ended 31st December, 1854.

To whom paid.

Service.

Amount. Total curr'y.

CIVIL LIST.

His excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant-Sal	ary as lieuten	ant			
governor, for twelve months, ended	30th Septemb	er,			
1854,	-	£3750	0	0	
B. Haliburton—Salary as chief justice,	ditto,	1250	0	0	

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W. Bliss-Salary as assistant judge, ditto,	£812	10	0			
E. M. Dodd—Ditto ditto,	700	0	Ő			
T. C. Haliburton-Ditto ditto,	700	ŏ	Ŏ			
W. F. DesBarres—Ditto ditto,	700		Ő			
Alexander Stewart—Salary as master of the rolls, ditto,	700	Ŏ	0			
Joseph Howe—Salary as provincial secretary for six months,	100	U	U			
ended 31st March, 1854,	350	0	0			
L. M. Wilkins—Ditto ditto, ended 30th September, 1854,	350	0	0 0			
J. McNab-Salary as receiver general for twelve months,	000	U	v			
ended 30th September, 1854,	600	0	Λ			
S. Creelman—Salary as financial secretary, ditto, ditto,	600	0	0			
J. B. Uniacke—Salary as attorney general for six months,	000	U	U			
ended 31st March, 1854,	950	•	^			
Wm Voung Ditto ditto and od 20th Soutember 1954	250	0	0			
Wm. Young—Ditto ditto, ended 30th September, 1854,	250	0	0			
J. B. Uniacke-Salary as commissioner of crown lands, do.	300	0	0			
A. McDougall—Salary as solicitor general for six months,			_			
ended 31st March, 1854,		10	0			
W. A. Henry-Ditto, ended 30th September, 1854,	62	10	0			
E. Rushworth-Salary as private secretary to licutenant						
governor for nine months, ended 30th Sept., 1854,	234	7	6			
Provincial secretary-Salaries of clerks in his office for						
twelve months, ended 30th September, 1854,	575	0	0			
Edw. Duckett-Salary as clerk to receiver general, ditto,	250	0	0			
D. McCulloch, do. clerk to financial secretary, ditto,	237	10	0			
J. W. Nutting, do. clerk of the crown, ditto,	100	0	0			
Commissioner of crown lands—Salaries of clerks in his office						
for six months, ended 30th September, 1854,	225	0	0			
Provincial secretary—For contingencies of his office for						
twelve months, ditto,	125	0	0			
James Venables-Salary as keeper of province building, do.	60	Ō	Õ			
Joseph Skallish-Do. as messenger of governor and coun-		•	•			
cil, ditto,	40	0	0			
Sir R. D. George—Pension as late provincial secretary, for		•	Ŭ			
twelve months, ended 30th Sept., 1854,	500	0	0			
Do. do. as late registrar of deeds, ditto,	200	ŏ	ŏ			
W. Q. Sawers-Ditto as late judge of court of common	200	v	v			
pleas, ditto,	300	0	Δ			
J. G. Marshall—Ditto ditto ditto,	300	ŏ	ŏ			
H. W. Crawley—Ditto as late commissioner of crown lands,	000	0	U			
Cape Breton, ditto,	300	Δ	Δ			
Miss Cox—Pension for twelve months, ended 30th Sep-	900	0	0			
tember, 1854,	125	^	0			
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	<u></u>			15009	7	6

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

The president, et alsPay and travelling allowance as			
members of legislative council, session 1854,	976	0	0
The speaker, et als.—Ditto as members of assembly, ditto,	2740	10	0
William Young-Salary as speaker of the house of as-			
sembly, ditto,	200	0	0
Joseph Whidden—Ditto as clerk of ditto,	200	0	0
Henry Twining-Salary and grant for extra services as			
clerk of assembly, ditto,	300	0	0
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Henry Twining-Ditto house of assembly, ditto,	207	0	0
cil, ditto,	124	0	0
J Haliburton—Grant for contingencies of legislative coun-			
The speaker et als.—Do. as members of assembly, do.	1151	0	0
bers of legislative council, 2nd session 1854,	333	0	0
The president et alsPay and travelling allowance as mem-			
lative library,	500	0	0
The commissioners-Grant of 1853 for commencing a legis-			
- Willoughby- Do. do. do.	20	0	0
R. Nugent— Do. do. do.	20	0	0
A. Grant— Do. do. do.	20	0	0
Otto Weeks— Do. do. do.	100	Ō	Ō
Do. —From grant of 1854 for ditto,	140	Ō	Ŏ
lishing debates of assembly,	20	0	0
J. H. Crosskill—From grant of 1853 for reporting and pub-		5	-
J. T. Twining—Ditto as chaplain ditto, ditto,	25	Õ	Ō
J. Fitzgerald—Ditto as messenger ditto, ditto,	30	Õ	Ŏ
Philip Brown—Ditto as assistant ditto, ditto,	30	Ŏ	Ŏ
of assembly, ditto,	63	0	0
George Grassie—For services as serjeant-at-arms to house	-01		-
assembly, ditto,	204	17	2
DoFor postage of members of house of			~ v
council, session 1854,	165	11	10
Postmaster general—For postage of members of legislative	-01	11	11
&c., for 1853,	231	17	11
A. & W. Mackinlay—Grant for amount due for stationery,	404	0	11
Henry Twining-Ditto of house of assembly, ditto,	$\frac{304}{262}$		
cil, ditto,	884	12	8
J. Haliburton—Grant for contingencies of legislative coun-	£200	U	0
Alexander James-Ditto as assistant clerk of assembly, do.	£200	0	0

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REVENUE EXPENSES.

B. B. Oxley-Salary as clerk to the board of revenue, for			
twelve months, ended 30th Sept., 1854,	80	0	0
W. G. Fife-Salary as acting collector of excise duties, Ha-		•	•
lifax, for 12 months, ended 30th Sept. 1854,	250	0	0
Joseph Austen-Salary as warehouse keeper for six months,			
ended 31st March, 1854,	75	0	0
J. S. Richardson-Ditto ditto, ending 30th Sept., 1854,	75	0	0
H. B. Paulin-Salary as landing waiter, Halifax, for twelve			
months, ended 30th September, 1854,	200	0	0
John U. Ross—Ditto ditto ditto,	200	0	0
Edw. Binney—Salary as first clerk in excise office, ditto,	142	10	0
J. S. Richardson-Salary as second clerk in excise office for			
six months, ended 31st March, 1854,	50		0
Do. —For extra services, ditto,	20	0	0
C. J. Doyle—Salary as second clerk in excise office for six			
months, ended 30th September, 1854,	50	0	0
P. Donaldson-Salary as clerk to warehouse keeper for			
twelve months, ended 30th Sept., 1854,	127	10	0
A. Richardson-Salary as guager and proof officer for six			
months, ended 31st March, 1854,	150	0	0

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Joseph Austen-Salary as guager and proof officer for six			
months, ended 30th September, 1854,	75		0
William Condon-Ditto ditto,	75	0	0
Wm. G. Fife—Pay of shipping officers, Halifax, for twelve ended 30th September, 1854,	410	12	6
Do. —Pay of warehouse lockers, do. do.	968	7	6
Do. —Pay of tide surveyor, boatmen & waiters, do.	1565	6	Š
Do. —Pay of messenger and truckmen, do. do.	45		6
Do. —Incidental expenses of excise office for 1853,	76	10	3
J. B. Davison-Collector, Wallace, commissions on colonial			-
duties collected to 30th December, 1854,		19	
Do. do. salary as controller of customs, for 1853,	20	0	0
H. D. Ruggles—Collector, Weymouth, do. do. Robert Stone—Collector, Wilmot, do. do.	$\begin{array}{c} 20 \\ 20 \end{array}$		0 0
Robert Stone—Collector, Wilmot, do. do. Do. —Collector, Wimot—commissions on colonial	0	U	U
duties collected to 31st December, 1853,	83	15	9
Do. —Collector, Wilmot—allowance for consul's			•
certificates collected in 1852,	2	14	6
John Orpin-Salary as seizing officer at French Cross,			
King's county, for twelve months ended		-	
30th June, 1854,	15	0	0
John Clark—Ditto, at Margaretville pier, ditto,	15	0	0
R. McCully—Collector, Amherst, salary as controller of cus-	20	0	0
toms for 1853, Do. do. commissions on colonial duties col-	20	U	v
lected to 30th September, 1854,	177	6	6
Thomas Dickson—Collector, Pictou, salary for twelve	1 11	v	v
months, ditto,	200	0	0
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	100	0	0
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C. R. Ward-Collector, Advocate Harbor, commissions on		0	
colonial duties collected in 1852 and 1853, T. E. Moberly—Collector, Yarmouth, salaries of officers for	£3	2	3
twelve months, ended 30th Sept., 1854,	225	0	0
Do. do. commissions on light duty, ditto,		13	
Do. do. pay of extra tide waiter,	0	5	0
G. F. Ditmars-Collector, Clementsport, commissions on			
colonial duties collected, to 30th Sept., 1854,	21	7	5
Do. do. salary as controller of customs for 1853,	20	0	0
A. Barclay-Collector, Shelburne, ditto,	20	0	0
James Muir-Collector, Shelburne, commissions on colonial			
duties collected, September quarter, 1854,	0	19	1
T. C. Tobias-Collector, Annapolis, commissions on colonial			
duties collected, to 30th September, 1854,	104	2	8
Do. do. salary as controller of customs for 1853,	20	0	0
Hiram Blanchard-Collector, Port Hood, ditto,	20	0	0
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties col-			
lected, to 31st December, 1853,	1	16	0
J. H. Freeman-Collector, Liverpool, commissions on colo-			
nial duties collected, to 30th Sept., 1854,	158	4	4
Do. do. charges for use of scales for weighing,	1	1	6
Wm. Stalker-Collector, Ragged Islands, commissions on	-	-	•
colonial duties collected, to 30th Sept., 1854,	42	18	0
Do. do. salary as controller of customs for 1853,	$\overline{20}$	Õ	Õ
Nelson Corning—Collector, Beaver River, salary as control-	-•	v	Ū
ler of customs for six months, ended 30th			
June, 1853,	10	0	0
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties collected,	10	v	v
to 30th June, 1853,	0	17	10
W. S. Raymond—Do. do. to 31st December, 1853,	$\frac{1}{2}$	9	6
Do. do. salary as controller of customs for six		U	U
months, to 31st Decr., 1853,	10	0	0
Chas. R. Allison—Collector, Walton, salary as controller of	10	v	U
customs for 1853,	20	0	0
	20	U	v
R. B. Porter-Collector, Windsor, commissions on colonial	117	G	10
duties collected to 30th September, 1854,	111	0	10
George Norris-Collector, Cape Canso, salary as controller	90	0	0
of customs for 1853,	20 15	0	0
John Barr-Salary as scizing officer at Bear River, Digby,	15	0	U
C. V. Rawding-Collector, Canada Creek, salary as con-	90	•	Δ
troller of customs for 1853,	20	0	0
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties col-	47	70	•
lected, to 30th September, 1854,	41		0
James Annaud-Collector, Digby, ditto ditto,	183	19	0
Thos. Willett-Collector, Pubnico, commissions on colonial	15	- ر	-
duties collected, to 30th June, 1854,	15	7	7
Do. do. salary as controller of customs for eigh-	90	•	Δ
teen months, to 30th June, 1854,	30	0	0
R. B. Boggs-Collector, Joggins, salary as controller of	20	•	^
customs for 1853,	20	0	0
Joseph Crane-Collector, Horton, ditto ditto,	20	0	0
Abram Lent—Collector, Tusket, ditto ditto,	20	0	0
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties collected,			~
to 31st December, 1853,		17	3
A. Bourneuf—Collector, Church Point, ditto ditto,	39	10	11

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A. Bourneuf—Collector, Church Point, salary as controller				
of c ustoms for 1853,	£20	0	0	
Adam Roy-Collector, Maitland, ditto ditto,	20	0	0	
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties collected,	42	15	6	
to 31st December, 1853, Do. do. allowance for consuls' certificates collected	74	10	U	
in 1852,	2	5	6	
Wm. Bryden-Salary as surveyor and searcher at Liver-	_	•	•	
pool, for twelve months, ended 30th Sept.,				
1854,	75	0	0	
Edw. Lockwood—Collector, Cornwallis, salary as controller				
of customs for 1853,	20	0	0	
Do. do. allowance for consuls' certificates col-				
lected in 1852,	0	17	0	
John L. Rice-Salary as seizing officer at Annapolis, for		•	•	
twelve months, ended 30th June, 1854,	15	0	0	
J. W. McLaren-Salary as seizing officer at Argyle, for six	-	10	0	
months, ended 31st December, 1853,	1	10	0	
Calvin Gidney—Collector, Sandy Cove, commissions on	4	7	0	
colonial duties collected, to 31st Decr., 1853, N. T. Harris—Collector, Hantsport, commissions on colo-	-9	,	U	
nial duties collected, to 31st March, 1854,	9	12	7	
Do. do. salary as controller of customs for 1853,	20		0	
A. B. Thorne—Collector, Thorne's Cove, salary as control-	~~~	v	Ũ	
ler of customs for six months, ended 31st				
December, 1853,	10	0	0	
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties collected,				
to ditto,	4	8	6	
H. N. Moyle-Collector, Lunenburg, commissions on colo-				
nial duties, collected to 30th June, 1854,	3	13	8	
A. M. McDonald-Salary as controller of customs at St.		-		
Mary's, for 1853,	20	0	0	
Edward Corbet-Salary as seizing officer at Harbor Bouche,		-	•	
for nine months, ended 31st Decr., 1853,	11	5	0	
Edward Mudge-Collector, Margaree, salary as controller				
of customs for fifteen months, ended 31st	25	0	0	
December, 1854, Do. —Collector, Margaree, commissions on co-	40	0	U	
lonial duties collected to do.,	2	4	8	
H. D. Sellon-Salary as seizing officer at St. Ann's, C. B.,	-	•	Ŭ	
for nine months, ended 31st Decr., 1853,	11	5	0	
P. J. Brouard-Collector, Ship Harbor, salary as control-		•	•	
ler of customs, for 1853,	20	0	0	
Joseph Browner-Collector, Sheet Harbor, do. do.	20	0	0	
Do. do. commissions on colonial duties				
collected to 31st March, '54,	0	18	1	
J. W. Homer-Collector, Barrington, do. to 30th	~ .			
September, 1854,	24	16	0	
Do. —Collector, Barrington, salary as controller				
of customs for eight months to 31st Decem-	19	c	0	
Joseph Banks-Salary as sairing officer at Barrington for	13	6	8	
Joseph Banks—Salary as seizing officer at Barrington, for four months, to do.	5	0	0	
James M. Lent-Salary as seizing officer at Argyle, for	ย	U	U	
seven months, to do.,	5	16	8	
24	0		-	٦

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Whitman Foster—Collector, Port Medway, salary as con- troller of customs for fifteen months, to do.,	£ 25	0	0			
John McDonald—Collector, St. Mary's, commission on co- lonial duties, collected to 30th Septr., 1854,	10	8	4	754 0	2	1
GENERAL EDUCATION.						
The governors-Grant to King's college for twelve months,						
ended 30th September, 1854,	347		4			
The trustees-Grant to Acadia college, do. do.	250		0			
Do. —Grant to St. Mary's college, do. do.	250	0	0			
Do. —Grant to Sackville Academy, for twelve	150	0	0			
months ended 30th June, 1854, Do. –Grant to Halifax grammar school, for twelve	190	U	U			
months ended 30th September, 1854,	150	0	0			
Do. —Grant to Free Church Academy, do. do.	250		ŏ			
Do. —Grant to Pictou Academy, for six months,		-	•			
ended 31st March, 1854,	125	0	0			
Joseph Howe-Grant of 1854 for purchase of school libra-						
ries,	500	0	0			
Superintendents of schools-Balance of grant of 1853 and						
grant of 1854, for purchase of school books,	c= c	10	^			
maps, &c., C. D. Randall—Salary as superintendent of schools for the	656	10	0			
year ended 31st October, 1854,	250	0	0			
H. Munro—Ditto ditto and balance undrawn, 1853,	$\frac{200}{275}$		ŏ			
The commissioners-From grant to Normal school, for pur-		•	-			
chase of site and erection of buildings,	450	0	0			
Commissioners of city schools-Halifax county, undrawn						
grants of 1852 and 1853						
to infant school, by reso-	100	•	^			
lution of legislature, Do. Halifax county, for the	100	0	0			
year ended 31st October,						
1854,	700	0	0			
Alexr. Russell—Halifax county, from undrawn grammar		•	•			
school money, by resolution of legislature,	12	10	0			
Comm'rs. of schools-Halifax county, east division, for						
grammar and common schools, for						
the year ended 31st Octr, 1854,	426	10	0			
Do Halifax county, west division, for		0	•			
common schools, ditto, W. Shinloy, et als Annapolis county, from undreave gram	389	0	0			
W. Shipley, et als.—Annapolis county, from undrawn gram- mar school money, by resolution of legisla-						
ture,	75	0	0			
Comm'rs. of schools.—Annapolis county, for grammar and		Ŭ	Ŭ			
common schools for the year ended						
31st October, 1854,	674	0	0			
Do. Yarmouth county, Argyle district,						
for common schools for eighteen		••	•			
months, ditto,	322	10	0			
Do. Yarmouth county, Yarmouth district,						
for grammar and common schools for the year ended 31st Oct. 1854,	360	12	4			
tor the year ended Dist Oct. 1004,	000	IJ		Commis	sinn4	370
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Comm'rs. of schools	-Colchester county, south district, for					
	common schools, do.,	479	0	0		
Do.	Colchester county, sterling district,					
	for common schools, do.,	142	0	0		
The trustees—Colche	ester county, grant to Truro academy,					
	ditto,	100	0	0		
Comm'rs. of schools-	-Pictou county, south district, for gram-					
	mar and common schools, for the year					
	ended 31st October, 1854,	627		4		
"	Pictou county, north district, ditto,	594	6	8		
"	King's county, ditto,	700	0	0		
66	Inverness county, south district, ditto,	579	2	3		
66	do. north district, ditto,	292	6	8		
66	Sydney county, ditto,	700	0	0		
66	Hants county, Windsor district, ditto,	453		4		
"	do. Rawdon district, ditto,	265	6	8		
66	Cumberland county, Amherst district,		•			
	ditto,	507	0	0		
66	Camberland county, Parrsboro' dis-					
	trict, for common schools, for the year		•	•		
	ended 31st October, 1854,	108	0	0		
56	Digby county, Clare district, ditto,	171	0	0		
"	do. Digby district, for gram-	400	70			
	mar and common schools, ditto,	408	13	4		
"	Shelburne county, Shelburne district,	000	~	~		
	ditto,	220	0	0		
66	Shelburne county, Barrington district,	000	•	^		
	ditto,	220	0	0		
	Richmond county, ditto,	458	0	0		
	nond county, grant to Arichat academy,	50	•	^		
	e half year ended 31st October, 1854,	50	0	0		
Comm'rs. of schools-	-Victoria county, for grammar and					
	common schools, for the year ended	500	^	~		
	31st October, 1854,	500	0	0		
"	Cape Breton county, ditto,	730	0	0		
٢٢	Guysboro' county, St. Mary's dis-	150	c	0		
"	trict, ditto,	153	6	8		
••	Guysboro' county, Guysboro' district,	095	c	0		
"	ditto,	335 490	6	8 0		
"	Queen's county, ditto,	490	0 0	0		
••	Lunenburg county, ditto,	104	U	v	16750	19
			نميني مجنكي		16750	19
	AGRICULTURE.					
The president and se	cretary—Grant of 1854 to central board					
•	of agriculture,	200	0	0		
• •	Wilmot society, Annapolis co.					
	grants of 1853 and 1854,	33	6	8		
"	Bridgetown society, Annapolis					
	county, grant of 1854,	16	13	- 4		
**	Merigomishe society, Pictou					
	county, grant of 1853,	12	10	0		
"	Springville society, Pictou					
	county, grant of 1854,	10	0	0		
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The president and secretary-	-Hopewell society, Pictou co.,	10	-	•
))	grant of 1854,	12	-	0
,,	Pictou society, ditto,	15	0	0
	Upper Stewiacke society, Col-	10	10	•
> 1	chester co., grant of 1853,	12	10	0
	Lower Stewiacke society, Col-	00	^	•
• •	chester co., grant of 1854,	20	0	0
	Guysboro' society, Guysboro'	05	•	•
,,	county, ditto,	25	0	0
	St. Mary's society, Guysboro'	٥٢	•	•
,,	county, ditto,	25	0	0
	Digby society, Digby county,	10	10	
> ,	ditto,		13	4
* *	Clare society, ditto,	16		4
97	Weymouth society, ditto,	16	19	4
	Sydney society, Sydney co.,	۳ŋ	^	•
3 ;	ditto, Prood Come accieta Income	50	0	0
	Broad Cove society, Inverness	95	•	^
3 7	county, ditto,	25	0	0
",	Margaree society, ditto,	25	0	0
	Argyle society, Yarmouth co.,	50	•	Δ
- ,	ditto, Borrington assister Shalburga	50	0	0
	Barrington society, Shelburne	25	Δ	Δ
,,	county, ditto, Shalburna gaziatu ditta	$\frac{25}{25}$	0	0 0
,,	Shelburne society, ditto,	40	U	U
	Dartmouth society, Halifax	13	G	Q
,,	county, ditto, Halifar acciety, ditto	13	6 6	8 8
,,	Halifax society, ditto,	13	6	8
>?	Musquodoboit society, ditto,	~O	0	0
	Brookfield society, Queen's	25	0	Δ
,,	county, ditto, Caledonia society, ditto,	$\frac{20}{25}$	0	0 0
"		40	v	v
	Chester society, Lunenburg county, ditto,	16	13	4
77	Lunenburg society, ditto,		13	4
>>	Mahone Bay society, ditto,		13	4
37	Aylesford society, King's co.,	10	10	T
	ditto,	12	10	0
37	Horton society, ditto,	15		Ŏ
,,	W. Cornwallis society, ditto,	10	ŏ	ŏ
2 9	Cornwallis society, ditto,		10	ŏ
37	Windsor society, Hants co.,		10	v
	ditto,	16	13	4
? *	Nine Mile River society, do.,		13	4
> 2	Newport society, ditto,		13	4
,,	Amherst society, Cumberland	10	TO	-
	county, ditto,	16	13	4
3 7	Parrsboro' society, ditto,		13	4
3 9	Baddeck society, Victoria co.,		A V	-
	ditto,	25	0	0
"	Middle River society, ditto,	25		ŏ
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OAT MILLS.

Angus McIsaac—For a mill and kiln at River Inhabitants,			
Inverness county, from grant for 1853,	£10	0	0
Angus Campbell-For a mill and kiln at N. E. Branch,			
Mabou, Inverness co., from grant for 1854,	10	0	0
James Harvie-For a mill and kiln at Pleasant Valley,			
Colchester county, ditto,	10	0	0
Robert Lewis-For a mill and kiln at Economy, ditto,	10	0	0
James McElmon-For a mill and kiln at Londonderry,			
ditto.	10	0	0
John McDonald-For a mill and kiln at Hunter's Moun-			
tain, Victoria county, ditto,	15	0	0
Donald McCrae-For a mill and kiln at Middle River, Vic-			
toria county, ditto,	10	0	0
George McKay-For a mill and kiln at Mire', Cape Breton			
county, ditto,	15	0	0
J. & C. McKenzie-For a mill and kiln at Four Mile			-
Brooke, Pictou county, ditto,	15	0	0
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MISCELLANEOUS.

M. McLean-Salary as warden of the river fisheries, county						
of Guy	25 25	0 0	0 0			
Samuel Betts,	Samuel Betts, ditto, Cumberland, ditto,					
Alex. Campbell,	ditto,	Sydney,	ditto,	25	0	0
R. Gibbons,	ditto,	Cape Breton,	ditto,	25	0	0
D. Dimock,	ditto,	Lunenburg,	ditto,	25	0	0
J. Sangster,	ditto,	Hants,	ditto,	25	0	0
Wm. McDonald,	ditto,	Inverness,	ditto,	25	0	0
Capt. Chearnley,	ditto,	Halifax,	ditto,	25	0	0
P. Gough,	ditto,	Queen's,	ditto,	25	0	0
Saml. Chipman,	ditto,	King's,	ditto,	25	0	0
Chas. Stalker,	ditto,	Shelburne,	ditto,	25	0	0
James Campbell,	ditto,	Colchester,	ditto,	25	0	0
H. Martell,	ditto,	Richmond,	ditto,	$egin{array}{c} 25 \ 25 \end{array}$	0	0
Thos. W. Chesley,	Thos. W. Chesley, ditto, Annapolis, ditto,				0	0
Joseph Shaw,	ditto,	Yarmouth,	ditto,	25	0	0
John Munro, jr.	ditto,	Victoria,	ditto,	25	0	0
Master of the rolls-Grant for contingencies of courts for						
twelve	months, en	ided 30th June, 1	854,	25	0	0
Judge of probate-Gra	ant for con	tingencies of cour	ts for six			
		th June, 1854,		6	5	0
Joseph Skallish—For a			er general			
and fin	ancial secr	etary, for the ye	arended			
	eptember, 1			10	0	0
	fuel of ditt			7	14	0
Alex. James—From g			reporting			
		cisions of suprem		125	0	0
W. C. Campbell-She	eriff, King'	s county, for retu	rn of one			
member to serve in general assembly,					10	0
George C. Lawrence-					10	Õ
H. P. Hill-Sheriff, S	Sydney cou	nty, ditto,		1	10	Õ
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J. Allison-Sheriff, Hants county, for return of one mem-			
ber to serve in general assembly,	£1	10	0
J. Fuller-Sheriff, Richmond county, ditto,		10	0
Robt. Glencross-Bounty for killing a wolf at St. Mary's			
Guysboro' county,	5	0	0
Wm. Clyburn-Ditto at Country Harbor, ditto,	5	0	0
Lewis McIntosh-Ditto at St. Mary's, ditto,	5	0	0
John L. McKeen—Ditto, ditto,	5	0	0
A. & W. Mackinlay—For stationery of receiver general's office for 1853,	6	10	8
Do. —For stationery for financial secretary's	0	TO	0
office for 1853,	1	8	0
J. II. Crosskill-Grant of 1854 in full of his claim for public	-	-	-
printing,	89	0	4
J. & W. Compton-For binding books for registrars of deeds,	28	2	6
R. Nugent-From grant of 1854 for printing work on agri-			
culture,	163		5
J. Dawson—Ditto for expenses of ditto,	53	13	4
D. M. Cummings-Grant of 1849 for services carrying the	F	^	0
mails from Londonderry to Five Islands, W. I. Bigelow—Grant of 1854 for expenses incurred for	5	0	0
relief of shipwrecked seamen,	3	0	9
L. McDonald—Ditto for passages of shipwrecked seamen	5	U	J
from Sydney to Halifax,	14	0	0
Dr. Allan—Ditto for medical attendance on cases of small		Ū	•
pox,	15	0	0
David Scott-Ditto for expenses incurred for relief of ship-			
wrecked seamen,	13	15	0
J. & J. Yorston-Ditto for expenses incurred to rescue pas-			•
sengers of steamer "Fairy Queen,"	16	19	6
Dr. Johnston-Grants for 1853 and 1854 for services of	90	Δ	•
health officers, Pictou, J. Publicover—Grant of 1854 for expenses incurred for relief	20	0	0
of shipwrecked seamen,	3	0	0
Executors of Dr. Sawers—Grant of 1854 for his services as	0	v	v
health officer, Halifax,	3	15	0
D. Scott & CoGrant of 1854 for relief of distressed inha-			
bitants of Main-a-Dieu, C. B.,	87	5	0
Mercy Goreham—Grant of 1854 to aid in educating a deaf			
and dumb daughter in United States,	25	0	0
Dr. Grigor-Grant of 1854 in aid of Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0
The managers—Grant of 1854 in aid of infant school at	50	Δ	•
Halifax, Curus S. Card. Grant of 1854 for light duty noid on a ros	50	0	0
Cyrus S. Card—Grant of 1854 for light duty paid on a ves- sel lost on her first voyage,	2	15	0
George Gerroir—Grant of 1854 for do. do.	1	4	ŏ
Edward Crowell—Grant of 1854 in aid of establishment at	-	-	·
Seal Islands,	20	0	0
J. C. Wade, et alGrant of 1854 and balance of grant of			
1853, for relief of colored population in			
Digby county,	25	0	0
E. L. Brown—Grant of 1854 for relief of colored population	00	~	^
in King's county,	20	0	0
S. Campbell—Ditto ditto, Guysboro' county,	20 20	0 0	0 0
S. S. Thorne—Ditto ditto, Annapolis county,	40	v	U

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B. Smith-Grant of 1854 for relief of colored population in					
Hants county,	£20	0	0		
John Campbell—Ditto ditto, Queen's county,	20	0	0		
Wm. Annand-Ditto ditto, Halifax county,	100	0	0		
Thomas Coffin-Ditto ditto, Shelburne county,	20	0	0		
W. A. Henry-Ditto ditto, Sydney county,	20	0	0		
Thomas Killam-Ditto ditto, Yarmouth county,	13	10	1		
A. S. Blenkhorn-Ditto ditto, Cumberland county,	20	0	Ō		
W. Cunnabell-Grant of 1854 for circulation of Youth's		-	-		
Preceptor among commissioners of schools,	30	0	0		
Clerk to financial secretary-Grant of 1854 for extra servi-		Ŭ	v		
ces during the past year,	50	0	0		
Rebecca Langley-Grant of 1854 to aid in keeping a house	00	v	v		
of entertainment on new Guysboro' road,	15	0	0		
Richard Meagher-Grant of 1854 for a chair furnished to	19	v	v		
the house of assembly,	5	0	0		
R. McHeffeyGrant of 1854 for importation of horses,	2007				
Do. —Grant of 1854 for expenses of purchasing	2007	0	4		
and the second sec	75	0	Δ		
horses for importation,	19	U	0		
W. Murdoch, treasurer-Grant of 1854 in aid of Nova Sco-	1000	•	•		
tia industrial exhibition,	1000	0	0		
Perkins, Baron & Co.—For expense of blank province notes	0.40	_			
for new issue,	349	Э	11		
Receiver general-Grant in aid of fund for relief of widows					
and orphans of soldiers killed in present war					
with Russia,	2500	0	0		
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JUDICIARY EXPENSES.					
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Judge Dodd-Travelling fees on western shore circuit,					
spring, 1854,	40	76	8		
Do. Ditto on Cape Breton circuit, autumn, 1854,	51		8		
Tudne T. Heliburten Ditte on western singuit anning 1854		0	0		

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	1854,	38	10	0	910 1
Do.	-Ditto on western shore circuit, autumn,				
200	court, at Sydney, C. B.,	25	13	4	
Do.	-Ditto on special sittings of supreme		-	-	
ougo Doodur	1854,	63	0	0	
	es-Ditto on Cape Breton circuit, spring,			-	
	Ditto on western circuit, autumn, 1854,	33	16	8	
Judge Bliss-I)itto ditto, spring, 1854,	31	10	0	
Do.	Ditto on eastern circuit, autumn, 1854,	36	3	4	
Judge T. Halibu	arton—Ditto on western circuit, spring, 1854,	25	13	4	
Do. .	Ditto on Cape Breton circuit, autumn, 1854,	51	6	8	

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CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

J. W. Johnston-Costs of conducting criminal prosecutions				
in supreme court, Pictou county, October				
term, 1853,	7	7	0	
Do. —Ditto ditto, Hants county, May term,				
1854,	7	2	6	
Chas. B. Owen-Ditto ditto, Yarmouth county, ditto,	4	8	6	

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John Creighton—Costs of conducting criminal prosecutions in supreme court, Queen's county, April					
term, 1854,	$\pounds 20$	19	0		
" Ditto ditto, ditto, October term, 1854,	7	10	0		
" Ditto ditto, Lunenburg county, ditto,		10			
Chas. Harris—Ditto ditto, King's county, May term, 1854,		14			
Do. —Ditto ditto, Digby county, ditto,		$\overline{5}$	õ		
Do. —Ditto ditto, King's county, October term,	•	v	v		
1854,	6	Q	8		
Do. —Ditto ditto, Digby county, Sept. term, 1854,	6 7	9 8	$\frac{1}{2}$		
Do. —Ditto ditto, Annapolis county, October term,	•	0			
1854,	27	2	4		
Chas. Twining—Ditto ditto, Pictou county, June term,	41	4	T		
1854,	15	16	8		
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Do. — Ditto ditto, Colchester county, ditto ditto,		13	2		
L. O'C. Doyle-Ditto ditto, Cape Breton county, ditto,		_3	4		
M. I. Wilkins-Ditto ditto, Cumberland county, ditto,		18	0		
C. F. Harrington-Ditto ditto, Inverness county, ditto,	7	9	2		
H. Blanchard—Ditto ditto, ditto, October term, 1854,	7	9	6		
S. P. Fairbanks-Ditto ditto, Cumberland county, October					
term, 1854,	15	0	0		
Do. —Colchester county, October term, 1854,	60		0		
John Gaston, et alsWitnesses' fees in criminal prosecution			-		
in supreme court, Halifax county, December					
term, 1854,	15	12	0		
	10		_	£267 18	6
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CORONERS' INQUESTS.

Dr. Grigor-Corone	r's fees o	n inquisitions h	eld in county		
	alifax, in		ora in county	77 10	0
Jas. Croucher, J. P.		Halifax,	ditto,	7 10	ŏ
Wm. Harrison,	ditto	,,	ditto,	$\dot{2}$ $\ddot{10}$	Ŏ
George Bingay,	ditto	Yarmouth,	ditto,	$\frac{1}{7}$ 10	Ŏ
David Matheson,	ditto	Pictou,	ditto,	2 10	Õ
J. Anderson,	ditto	, ,	ditto,	10 0	Ŏ
Edward Roach,	ditto	, ,	ditto,	10 0	Õ
G. F. Ditmars,	ditto	Annapolis,	ditto,	5 0	0
Isaac Bonnett,	ditto	,, * ,	ditto,	2 10	Ó
Asa Foster,	ditto	""	ditto,	210	Ō
P. Bonnett,	ditto	"	ditto,	2 10	Ó
R. Stephen,	ditto	Digby,	ditto,	2 10	0
A. V. Buskirk,	ditto	King's,	ditto,	2 10	0
Jon. Borden,	ditto	"	ditto,	2 10	0
John Munro,	ditto	Inverness,	ditto,	5 0	0
J. D. Tremain,	ditto	"	ditto,	5 0	0
P. LeRiche,	ditto	,,	ditto,	2 10	0
Daniel Dimock,	ditto	Lunenburg,	ditto,	2 10	0
J. Heckman, J. P.,	ditto	,,	ditto,	5 0	0
Aaron Morse,	ditto	"	ditto,	5 0	Ō
John Creighton,	ditto	"	ditto,	2 10	Ŏ
George E. Jean,	ditto	Richmond,	ditto,	10 0	Ō
Lewis Jenks,	ditto	Cumberland,	ditto,	5 0	Ō
Thomas Page,	ditto	,,	ditto,	50	Ŏ

James Forbes-Coros	ners' fees	on inquisitions h	eld in county				
of Qu	een's, in	1854,		$\pounds 2$ 10	0		
Freeman Tupper	ditto	Queen's,	ditto,	50	0		
C. J. Campbell,	ditto	Victoria,	ditto,	10 0	0		
Joseph Symonds,	ditto	Sydney,	ditto, `	2 10	0		
William Currie,	ditto	,,	ditto,	7 10	0		
W. J. Bell,	ditto	Shelburne,	ditto,	2 10	0		
J. K. Wilson,	ditto	,,	ditto,	2 10	0		
S. Campbell,	ditto	Guysborough,	ditto,	2 10	0		
E. H. Francheville,	ditto	, ,, 0 ·	ditto,	50	0		
J. W. McKeen, J.P.		\$7	ditto,	2 10	0		
E. J. Cunningham, J		""	ditto,	2 10	0		
Spinney Whitman,	ditto	37	ditto,	$2 \ 10$	0		
J. A. Jenkins,	ditto	Hants,	ditto,	2 10	0		
David Crow,	ditto	Colchester,	ditto,	50	0		
James Moore, J. P.	ditto	"	ditto,	$2 \ 10$	0		
John Fulmore, J.P.	ditto	"	ditto,	2 10	0		
Dr. Muir	ditto	"	ditto,	7 10	0		
John Irvin, J.P.	ditto	"	ditto,	$2 \ 10$	0		
D. N. McQueen,	ditto	Cape Breton,	ditto,	50	0		
L. Robertson,	ditto	,,,	ditto,	7 10	0		
Chas. McAlpine,	ditto	**	ditto,	2 10	0		
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POOR ASYLUM.

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The commissioners—Grant of 1854 to defray the debt due on account of the establishment,	500	0	0			
Do. —From grant of 1854 towards the sup- port of the establishment,	1500		-	2000	0	0

TRANSIENT POOR.

Overseers of poor-Grant for expenses of transient paupers,				
township of Digby, for 1853,	$3 \\ 2$	8	6 0	
John Johnson—Ditto Truro, ditto,	2	5	0	
Dr. Madden-Grant for medical attendance on transient				
paupers at Arichat, for 1853,	10	0	0	
Oversecrs of poor-Grant for expenses of transient paupers,				
township of Dorchester, for 1853,	17	18	-	
" — Ditto township of Barrington, ditto,	14			
" — Ditto township of Pictou, ditto,		18		
" — Ditto township of St. Andrew's, ditto,		2		
" — Ditto township of Annapolis, ditto,	12	0		
" — Ditto township of Liverpool, ditto,		17	-	
" — Ditto township of Horton, ditto,		1		
Miner Tupper-Ditto at Annapolis, ditto,	4	19	10	
Dr. Farish-Grant for medical attendance on paupers at				
Liverpool, ditto,	15	2	6	
Overseers of poor-Grant for expenses of transient paupers,	•			
township of Maxwelton, for 1853,	1	12	6	
" — Ditto township of Clements, ditto,	27	15	11	
" — Ditto River Philip, Cumberland, ditto,	6	6	5	
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	Overseers of poor—Grant for expenses of transient paupers, township of Granville, for 1853, "—Ditto township of Douglas, ditto,	£2 2 	19 8		214	18	8
	POST COMMUNICATION.						
	Postmaster general—For postage of public departments, for the year ended 30th September, 1854, viz. :						
	His excellency the lieut. governor, Provincial secretary, Receiver general, Financial secretary, Board of revenue,		5	9			
	Do. —For postage due to the United King- dom, to 31st May, 1854,	2973	6	5			
	Do. For payment of mail contractors for De- cember quarter, 1853, and September quarter, 1854,	1100	0	0	4443	10	8
					1110	10	0
	BOARD OF WORKS.						
	Chairman of board—Grant for balances due on account of the different services for 1853,	3833	1	1			
	" —On account of grant for erection of insane asylum,	500	0	0			
	" On account of current expenditure for the different services for 1854,	10350	0	0	14683	1	1
					11000	-	-
	PROVINCIAL RAILWAY.						
	The commissioners—On account of expenditure for this ser- vice to 31st December, 1854,				56228	2	6
	ST. PETER'S CANAL.						
	The commissioners—On account of expenditure for this ser- vice, to 31st December, 1854,				1508	9	2
	FISHERIES.						
•	Board of works—From grant of 1854 for the protection of the fisheries,				2360	0	0
	NAVIGATION SECURITIES	s.					
	James Huntley-Grant of 1853 in aid of breakwater at						
	Bass Creek, King's county, Alex. McConnell—Grant of 1853 in aid of breakwater at	10	0	0			
	Ogilvie brook, King's county,	75	5 O	0	I		
	Thos. Farnsworth—Grant of 1853 in aid of breakwater at French Cross, King's county,	100) 0	0	ł		

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John McMullen-Grant of 1852 in aid of breakwater at						
Barnaby's Mill Cove, King's county,	$\pounds 50$	0	0			
Wm. Handrigan—Grant of 1853 for repairing public wharf						
at Bridgeport, Cape Breton county,	15	0	0			
Wm. McKay-Grant of 1854 for clearing obstructions from						
Clyde River, Shelburne county,	25	0	0			
Alex. McDonald, et alGrant of 1854 in aid of extension	-					
of Arisaig pier, Sydney county,	200	0	0			
John Breen-Grant of 1852 for placing buoys at entrance						
of Harbor Bouche, Sydney county,	10	0	0			
Francis Bowie-Grant of 1854 for improvement of Tracadie		-	•			
harbor, Sydney county,	100	0	0			
E. M. Randall-Grant of 1854 in aid of breakwater at						
Pomquet Island, Sydney county,	50	0	0			
Maximin Theriau-Grant of 1854 in aid of breakwater at	•••	-	-			
Bellevue Cove, Clare, Digby county,	100	0	0			
Silas Rice—Grant of 1854 to improve the navigation at	100	v	v			
Bear River, ditto,	25	0	0			
Augustus Melanson—Grant of 1854 in aid of breakwater at	20	U	v			
	=0	^	^			
Gros Coque, Clare, ditto,	50	0	0	010	^	^
				810	9	0

STEAMBOATS, PACKETS AND FERRIES.

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S. Cunard-Grant of 1853 for steamer between Halifax and			
St. John's, Newfoundland,	375	0	0
T. D. Archibald-Grant of 1853 for steamer between Syd-			
ney and St. Peter's,	75	0	0
Wm. Chappell-Grant of 1853 for packet between Bay			
Verte and Charlotte Town, P. E. I.,	25	0	0
Michael Reddy-Grant of 1853 for packet between Guys-			
boro' and Arichat,	50	0	0
Wm. Stewart—Grant of 1853 for packet between Horton			
and Parrsboro',	25	0	0
Joseph Pernette-Grant of 1853 for ferry on western side			
of LaHave river,	10	0	0
Isaiah Smith-Grant of 1853 for ferry between Maitland			
and Londonderry,	20	0	0
"Grant of 1853 for ferry over Shubenacadie			
river, Hants county side,	10	0	0
John Copeland—Grant of 1853, do. do. Colchester			
county side,	10	0	0
John Leary-Grant of 1853 for ferry over Basin Gut, Sam-			
bro,	5	0	0
Cornelius Craig—Grant of 1853 and 1854 for ferry over			
entrance of Sable River,	20	0	0
Cunningham & Knowles-Grant of 1853 for ferry between			
Cape Sable Island and the Main,	15	0	0
Duncan McPhee-Grant of 1853 for ferry between Low			
Point and Sydney mines,	10	0	0
R. Richardson-Grant of 1853 for ferry on eastern side of			
Port L'Herbert,	10	0	0
John McDonald—Grant of 1852 and 1853 for ferry on west-			
ern side of Port L'Herbert,	20	0	0

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Chas. Winchester-Grant of 1853 for ferry at Bear River,					
Digby county,	$\pounds 5$	0	0		
Eliphalet Reid-Grant of 1853 for ferry between Amherst					
and Minudie,	15	0	0		
John Carter-Grant of 1853 for ferry on western side of					
Strait of Canso,	10	0	0		
John McPherson-Grant of 1853 for ferry on eastern side					
of Strait of Canso,	10	0	0		
R. McNutt-Grant of 1852 and 1853 for ferry over River					
Philip, Cumberland county,	10	0	0		
Peter Fraser-Grant of 1853 for ferry on north side of Gran-					
dique River,	10		0		
M. A. Wood-Grant of 1853 for ferry on south side ditto,	10	0	0		
Joseph Purcell-Grant of 1853 for ferry over North West					
Arm, Halifax,	10	0	0		
George Hume-Grant of 1853 for ferry between Baddeck,					
Victoria county, and Gammell's, Cape Bre-					
ton county,	20	0	0		
Andrew Malone-Grant of 1854 for ferry over Sydney					
River,	7	10	0		
Charles Smith—Grant of 1853 for ferry over Necum Teuch					
River,	7	10	0		
Wm. Lang—Grant of 1853 for ferry on western side of Lis-					
comb harbor,	5	0	0		
Jon. Archibald-Grant of 1853 for ferry over Liscomb har-					
bor,		10	0		
David Low-Grant of 1853 for ferry at Sheet Harbor,	10	0	0		
Forrestall & McMillan-Grant of 1853 to aid in providing					
boats for ferry at north end of Strait of					
Canso,	10		0		
N. McMillan-For ferry at north end of Strait of Canso,	15	0	0		
John Ross-Grant of 1853 for ferry at Big Harbor, Bras					
d'Or Lake, Boulardrie side,	10	0	0		
Isaiah SmithGrant of 1854 to aid in procuring boats for					
ferry between Douglas and Londonderry,	15	0	0		
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INDIAN GRANT.

Capt. Chearnley-For aid to Indians in western counties,			
from grant for 1854,	85	0	0
A. Whitman-For aid to Indians in Annapolis county, from			
grant of 1854,	20		0
Alex. Campbell-For aid to Indians at Tatamagouche, do.	$\frac{10}{30}$	0	0
John McKinnon-For aid to Indians in Sydney county, do.	30	0	0
James McLeod-For aid to Indians in Cape Breton county,			
ditto,	30	0	0
John Creighton-For aid to Indians in Lunenburg county,			
ditto,	10	0	0
Rev. J. Corteau-For aid to Indians in Richmond county,			
ditto,	20	0	0
J. B. McDonald-For aid to Indians in Pictou and Col-			
chester counties, ditto,	$\frac{17}{7}$	5	0
Do. —For aid to Indians in King's county, do.	7	0	8
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A. F. Comeau—For aid to Indians at Clare, Digby county,			^		
from grant of 1854, Dr. Jennings—For medical attendance on Indians, Halifax county, from grant of 1854, pursuant to	£15	0	U		
report of committee,	4	10	0		
Dr. Shaw, ditto King's county, ditto,		1	9		
Dr. Borden, ditto "ditto,			Ŏ		
Dr. Payzant, ditto Queen's county, ditto,			9		
Dr. J. Forbes, ditto " ditto,	3	8	6		
Dr. Croker, ditto " ditto,	2	8	2		
Dr. Webster, ditto King's county, ditto,		15			
Dr. Elmsley, ditto Victoria county, ditto,		10	0		
J. P. Doane—For support of an Indian boy, ditto,	5	0	0		
Neil Jedore—Indian, pursuant to report of committee, from	A	0	0		
grant of 1854, Thes L. Seaman Overseers of near Horton from grant of	4	0	0		
Thos. L. Seaman—Overseers of poor, Horton, from grant of 1854, pursuant to report of committee,	2	16	7		
1004, puisuant to report of committee,				280 4	5
Memorandum of Indian grant for the year 1854 :					Ŭ
Certificates for payment, as above, £280 4 5					
Appropriated by report of committee,					
but undrawn, 3 15 0					
Balance unappropriated, 16 0 7					
$\overline{\pounds 300 0 0}$					
MILITIA.					
Edward Wallace-Grant for services as adjutant general of		•	•		
militia for 1853,	30	0	0		
James Black—Grant for services as quarter master general	90	Δ	^		
ditto, David Hare—Rent of store for militia arms at Halifax,	20	0	0	•	
for one year, ended 21st April, 1854,	20	0	0		
Chas. Randall—For storing and cleaning arms of 2nd bat-	20	Ŭ	v		
talion, King's county militia,	3	5	0		
Henry Gesner-Ditto of 1st battalion, ditto,		13	0		
James Norman — Ditto of 1st battalion, East Annapolis					
militia,		19	3		•.
Caleb Shaffner-Ditto of 2nd battalion, ditto,	7	12	0		
J. R. Dewolf—Ditto of 1st battalion, Queen's county	-	_	•		
militia, Lesseh Disherer Dista of Sullbati line (Islaharta d	7	7	0		
Joseph Dickson—Ditto of 2nd battalion, Colchester county	10	0	Δ		
militia for 1853 and 1854, Edw. O'Brien-Ditto of 1st regiment, Hants county militia,	10 9	2 19	0 6		
S. O. Doane—Ditto of 2nd battalion, Shelburne county	J	10	U		•
militia,	4	11	0		
H. G. Emslow-Ditto of 1st battalion, dilto,	3	-8	Ŏ		
John Marshall-Ditto of 1st battalion, 2nd regiment, Pictou					
county militia,	8	6	6		
James Studd-Ditto of 1st battalion, 1st regiment Cape			_		
Breton county militia,	8	5	8		
John Burke—Ditto of 2nd battalion, Lunenburg county	-	-	~		
militia, Wm Budolf Ditto of 1st battalian ditta		16	6		
Wm. Rudolf—Ditto of 1st battalion, ditto,	4	18	0	153 3	5
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RATIONS TO TROOPS.

Dep. qr. master ge	n.—For marching and lodging troops en						
	route from Halifax to Annapolis						
	and back to Halifax,	5	2	0			
,,	Ditto from Halifax to Windsor and						
	back to Halifax,	39	12	0			
"	Ditto from Halifax to Pictou and			Ū			
	back to Halifax,	18	0	0			
**	Ditto from Halifax to Windsor and	10	v	v			
	Pictou,	3	13	6			
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INTEREST.

Cashier of savings' bank-Balance of interest due to depo-						
sitors, to 31st Decr., 1853,	400	0	0			
" —On account of interest due to						
depositors to 31st Dec., 1854,	2000	0	0			
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DRAWBACKS.

Lequille mills	company—Grant of 1854	for amount of					
	luties paid on machinery,		3 15	0			
Eaton and Rock	well, ditto	ditto,	9 10	0			
John Bergman,	ditto	ditto,	2 10	0			
T. S. Harding,	ditto	ditto, 24	18	3			
James Wilson-	Grant of 1854 for one mont	h's duty on dis-					
t	illery not in operation,	4	3 13	4			
Ambrose Bent-	-Grant of 1854 for amount	of duty paid on					
(Canada flour,		3 5	0			
S. Cupples-Gr	ant of 1854 for duties pai	id on goods con-					
	umed by fire,		38	9			
	nce-Grant of 1854 to Co	mpeer division,					
	or duties paid on musical in		13	4			
	paid at Halifax, allowed by b		3 15	8			
Do.	at Pictou, dit	to, 18	56	0			
		-			3582	5	4

PUBLIC PRINTING.

Queen's printer-	-From vote of credit for	this service, for			
	354,		350	0	0
R. Nugent-Ditt	•		250	0	0
Qucen's printer-	-Grant of 1854 for amount	nt due for this ser-			
	ce for 1853,		406	9	8
E. G. Fuller,	ditto	ditto,	4	11	0
R. Nugent,	ditto	ditto,	95	8	8
John Boyd,	ditto	ditto,	4	17	6
A. Grant,	ditto	ditto,	7	2	6
Wm. Annand,	ditto	ditto,	30	4	3
J. Ferguson,	ditto	ditto,	1	0	0

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English & Blackadan Crash of 1954 for a							
English & Blackadar-Grant of 1854 for an	mount que for		10	^			
this service, for 1853, J. P. Ward, ditto	J:++~		18	9			
J. P. Ward, ditto Edward McDonald, ditto	ditto, ditto		7	6			
James Barnes, ditto	ditto, ditto		10 16				
Valles Darles, ditto	ditto,	U	10	0	1165	E	10
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ADVA	NCES.						
E. RushworthSalary as private secretary to	the lieutenant						
governor, for December quart		78	2	6			
J. R. Forman-Salary as government consul			-	U			
to 31st March, 1854,		212	10	0			
Capt. Barry-For survey and report on St. P	eter's canal.		10	Ŏ			
M. Halloran-For expenses of shipwrecked se				-			
foundland, brought from St. F		6	14	0			
Robert Malcom-For expense of monument t				-			
Huntington, of Yarmouth,		120	0	0			
American consul-For supplies furnished to	passengers of						
ship Staffordshire,		10	0	0			
B. Langley-On account of expenses and a	ttendance on						
provincial horse Norfolk,		35	4	6			
S. Selden-To pay expenses of school spec	imens sent to						
London educational exhibition		9	8	6			
J. S. Morris-Pension as late commissioner o	f crown lands,						
for six months, ended 30th Se	eptr., 1854,	150	0	0			
Provincial secretary-To repay expenses of	witnesses from						
St. John, N. B., in criminal	prosecution at						
Kentville,		10	5	6			
DoTo passage of seamen of so		_	_	_			
dale," of P. E. Island, founde		2	0	0			
Capt. Chearnley-For aid to Indians in west		50	0	0			
Wm. H. Harris-For expenses of mission to S				•			
to report on imprisonment of		19	13	9			
The committee-To pay sums due on account	of Nova Sco-	100	•	•			
tia industrial exhibition,		130	0	0			
Provincial secretary-For passages of soldiers'	wives and chil-	0.0	-	0			
dren from Halifax to Bermuda	••	26	7	6	0.45	30	•
			····		947	16	3
ADVANCES F	OR ROADS.						
F. W. McKenzie—Over-expenditure on ma	in post road.						
Victoria county,	in poor roud,	48	0	4			
Wm. Anderson-For building a pier at LeMan	chant bridge.	10	v	-			
Halifax county,		53	8	6			
J. L. Sweet-For repairs of main post road fr	om Halifax to		·	·			
Hants county line, Halifax cou		46	8	0			
Wm. Dowling-Over-expenditure on easter			-	-			
road, Halifax county,	r	10	3	7			
McHeffey & Merson—For rebuilding Gay's	River bridge.	~ •	-	-			
(one half) Halifax county,		111	18	0			
W. J. Lydiard-For rebuilding Dillman's and	Little River						
bridges, Halifax county,		39	3	7			
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David Annand—For rebuilding Lake Egmont bridge, Hali-			
fax county,	£17	14	0
Wm. Anderson—For repairs of LeMarchant bridge, Halifax county,	35	0	0
J. L. Sweet-Over-expenditure on main road from Halifax			
to Hants county line, Halifax county, Wm. Dowling—For repairs of Key's bridge, Shubenacadie,	90	10	1
(one half,) Halifax county,	89	1	9
DoOver-expenditure on main road from Dart- mouth to Hants county line, Halifax county,	52	6	10
J. L. Sweet-For repairs of main post road from Windsor	-		
to Halifax county line, Hants county, Wm. Dowling—Over-expenditure on eastern main road,	31	7	11
Hants county,	5	10	3
J. L. Sweet—Over expenditure on main road from Wind- sor to Halifax county line, Hants county,	21	7	11
Wm. Dowling—For repairs of Key's bridge, Shubenacadie,	21	•	11
(one-half,) Hants county, Do. —For repairs of castern main road. Hants	89	1	9
Do. —For repairs of eastern main road, Hants county,	2	10	2
John Brophy-For repairs of bridge over Mistake River,	-	•	0
Digby county, Wm. Aymar—For repairs of Randall's bridge, Digby coun-	7	0	2
ty,	11	14	6
Joseph Francis—For rebuilding bridge at Smith's, Grand Joggin, Digby county,	10	0	0
Chas. Winchester-For repairs of public slip at Bear River,			
Digby county, Adam McKenzie—For repairs of main post road, Pictou	6	12	6
county,	17	5	0
M. McKenzie—For rebuilding bridge on west branch, River John, Pictou county,	68	8	0
Alex. Bruce-Ovcr-expenditure on commission No. 36, 1854,			-
Pictou county, Kenneth McLean—For repairs of River John bridge, Pic-	5	0	0
tou county,	107	17	6
Angus Kirk—To complete the bridge at the Forks, St.	19	7	1
Mary's, Guysboro' county, Ira Whitman—Expenditure on new road from Guysboro' to	10	•	T
Canso, ditto,	12	4	0
Angus Cameron—For rebuilding bridge on East Branch, St. Mary's River, ditto,	25	0	0
Daniel Lawlor-For repairs of Salmon River bridge, ditto,	6	10	0
Angus Kirk—For repairs of bridge at the Forks, St. Mary's River, ditto,	38	1	8
R. Dunphy, et als.—For repairs of bridges on main post		•	•
road, ditto, Wm. Dowling-Over-expenditure on main post road, Col-	4	9	0
chester county,	14	2	9
McHeffey and Merson—For rebuilding Gay's River bridge, (one-half,) ditto,	111	18	0
D. Blair—For rebuilding the Gully bridge, Onslow, ditto,	19	18	4
Solomon Rude—For repairs of Cheganois bridge, ditto, Thomas Miller—For rebuilding bridge at McClure's mills,	12	0	0
ditto,	10	2	0

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McCurdy & Hoare—For repairs of Onslow bridge, Colches-						
	£39	r	10			
ter county,	209	T	10			
S. Archibald, et al.—For rebuilding bridge at Lockerby's,						
ditto,	250	0	0			
Wm. Dowling-For rebuilding bridge over Salmon River,						
	104	7	Δ			
ditto,	104	7	0			
E. Langille—For rebuilding bridge at Mill Brooke, Tata-						
magouche, ditto,	10	0	0			
S. Archibald—For rebuilding bridge near Wilson Lynds',		-	•			
	00		0			
ditto,	26	4	8			
David Lynds—For repairs of bridge near Ephraim H.						
Blair's, ditto,	2	8	6			
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S. Archibald—For rebuilding bridges on branches of North						
River, ditto,	36	13	6			
R. Corbet-For rebuilding bridge over McNutt's Brook,						
	96	2	Δ			
ditto,						
Wm. Dowling—Over-expenditure on main post road, ditto,	25	6	11			
Wm. Faulkner-For repairs of River Philip bridge, Cum-						
	97	19	A			
berland county,						
J. W. King, ditto ditto,	6	14	0			
George Mitchell, ditto ditto ditto,	255	0	0			
Wm. Stevens-Over-expenditure on bridge near W. E.						
	75		10			
Angevine's, Cumberland county,	15		10			
Stevens & Chisholm—For rebuilding bridge over Wallace						
River, near B. Stevens', ditto,	120	0	0			
Jacob Miers—For repairs of bridge over ditto,	11		10			
	11	J	10			
Josiah Ruscoe—Over-expenditure on commission No. 130a,						
1854, ditto,	7	10	0			
Wm. Gates-For repairs of Gates' bridge, Annapolis county,		16				
Wm. McGill-For repairs of Black River bridge, ditto,	8	0				
J. H. Ditmars—For repairs of bridge at Clementsport, ditto,	80	16	3			
Zeph. Daniels-For repairs of Daniels' bridge, ditto,	12	0	0			
Oliver Foster-For repairs of bridge over Foster's Brook,		-	•			
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Granville, ditto,	25	0	0			
J. Schweinheimer—Over-expenditure on commission No.						
140, 1854, Lunenburg county,	5	0	0			
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Joseph Morris-Over-expenditure from Turner's Point road			-			
to Givan's wharf, King's county,	6	0	0			
Nathan West-Over-expenditure on bridge over Cornwallis						
	5	15	2			
River, ditto,		15				
Sharpe & Pineo-Over-expenditure on Sharpe's bridge, do.	45	9	6			
Joel Cogswell-For repairs of bridge near Obadiah New-						
comb's, ditto,	7	16	3			
		10	0			
Jas. McKenzie-Over-expenditure on main road at Red						
Islands, Richwond county,	112	14	1			
James Campbell-Over-expenditure on commission No. 112,	-					
	15	10	C			
1854, ditto,	40	13	6			
Adam McKenzie—For building bridge over Gerroir's River,						
Big Tracadie, Sydney county,	70	0	0			
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				4000	Ŧ	4

ROAD COMPENSATION.

D. Smith—For fences on alteration of road at Huggan's Gut, Pictou county, 28

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Archibald Stewart-For fences on alleration of road at				
Huggan's Gut, Pictou county,	$\pounds 5$	12	6	
James Huggan, ditto ditto,		10	6	
J. McDonald, et als.—For land and fences on Marshy Hope	v		Ū	
road, Pictou county,	30	19	0	
Jonathan Rae, ditto ditto,	10		Ŏ	
John Campbell—For fences on new road from New Glasgow			•	
to Antigonishe, Pictou county,	3	0	0	
Arch. McDonald, et als. ditto ditto ditto,		15	Õ	
Edw. Patterson, et als.—For land on new road from Thom-	Ũ		-	
son's Gut to Barney's River, Pictou county,	1	3	0	
Wm. Arbuckles—For fences on alteration of road at Baillie's	-	•	•	
Brook, ditto,	3	18	0	
Donald Urquhart—Appraiser's fees on alteration of road at	Ū		°.	
R. Corbet's, Londonderry, Colchester county,	1	0	0	
G. Murray, et als — For land on alteration of road between	-	Ŭ	•	
Truro and Tatamagouche, ditto,	4	14	2	
Graham Murray—For fences dittto ditto,		10	ō	
John Drysdalc-Appraiser's expenses on alteration of road	-		•	
near Harris', Tatamagouche, ditto,	1	16	3	
Stephen Hulburt—For land and fences on new road from	-		•	
Antigonishe to St. Mary's, Sydney county,	3	10	0	
Patrick Locker—Ditto from Pictou county line to Canso,	3		•	
ditto,	21	10	0	
B. Turnbull, ditto ditto ditto,		10	Ŏ	
Jacob Woodman, et als.—For land and fences on new road	-		÷	
from Bacon's to the Abbot road, Digby co.,	44	9	3	
Wm. Brabazin, ditto ditto ditto,	$\overline{13}$	Ō	Õ	
Charles Budd, ditto ditto ditto,	30	6	3	
B. A. & J. Seely-For land and fences on new road from		•		
Bear River to St. Mary's Bay, Digby co.,	17	12	6	
John Abbot, ditto ditto ditto,		10	0	
Silvio Comeau, ditto ditto,		10	6	
Edw. JohnsFor land and fences on new road from Bear				
River bridge to Weymouth, Digby county,	46	14	7	
S. White, et als. ditto ditto ditto,	33	3	9	
Ditmars Dunbar, ditto ditto,	18	11	6	
John Dakin, et als.—Appraiser's fees ditto ditto,	3	0	0	
George Dunbar—For land and fences ditto ditto,	55	17	9	
M. Jenks-For land on new road between Parrsboro' and				
Amherst, Cumberland county,	3	0	0	
Wm. Fullerton—For land and fences ditto ditto,	15	7	6	
Jesse Fullerton, ditto ditto,	13	0	0	
Alex. Fullerton, ditto ditto,	13	0	0	
Samuel Embree—For fences on alteration of road at Calvin				
Bent's hill, Cumberland county,	23	0	0	
E. & E. Black, ditto ditto ditto,	8	0	0	
Wm. Morton—For fences on alteration of road at Aylesford,				
King's county,	10	18	0	
M. McKenzie, et als.—For land and fences on alteration of	• •	_	-	
road at Middle Cape, Cape Breton county,	23	8	9	
Neil McLean-For fences ditto ditto,	2	0	0	
Duncan Currie—Appraiser's fees, ditto ditto,	1	Õ	0	
John McDougall, ditto ditto ditto,	0	5	0	
Hector McDonald-Grant of 1852 for damages on alteration	-	•	-	
of road at Boulardrie, Cape Breton county,	3	0	0	

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James Lowe—For land and fences on ditto ditto, ditto,	46	6	8		
Thos. Zwicker—For fences on ditto ditto, ditto,		16	8		
Wm. Thomson—For survey, &c., on ditto ditto, ditto,	2	0	0		
hone Bay to Bridgewater, Lunenburg county,	149		8		
G. & H. Ernst-For land and fences on new road from Ma-			_		•
Isaac Wournal-For land on Harvey road, Halifax county,	1	0	0		
Halifax county,	16	4	6		
John Day, et als.—For land and fences on Harvey road,	_		_		
Musquodoboit, Halifax county,	16	0	0		
R. A. Kaulback—For land on great eastern road through					
Margaree, ditto,	5	5	0		
Donald Gillis-For land on new road from Port Hood to					
to Victoria county line, ditto,	15	7	6		
H. McDonald, et als.—For land on new road from Margaree					
R. McDonald, et als.—For ditto ditto, ditto,	11	10	0		
and Margaree, ditto,	11	0	0		
A. McEachern, et als.—For land on new road between Canso					
Wm. McDonald, et alsFor fences on ditto ditto, ditto,	6	0	Ō		
Wm. Hawley, jrFor fences on ditto ditto, ditto,	1	0	Ō		
Inverness county,	12	0	0		
road between Port Hood and Broad Cove,					
Wm. Hawley, et alsFor land and fences on alteration of	-		-		
Guysboro' to Gut of Canso, ditto,	4	10	0		
Wm. Elliot, et als.—Damages awarded on new road from	11		U		
Broad Cove to Clam Harbor river, ditto,	17	2	6		
E. Whitman, et als.—For land and fences on new read from	10	U	U		
boro' county,	10	0	0		
S. Cumminger, et als.—Appraisers' expenses on new road from Antigonish to Forks, St. Mary's, Guys-					
Mary's, Guysboro' county,	12	0	0		
of road between Caledonia and Forks, St.	70	•	•		
Thos. Glencross, et als.—For land and fences on alteration					
from Sydney mines to Boulardrie, ditto,	£8	0	0		
Donald McLean—For land and fences on alteration of road	~~~	•			

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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do.		0	14	J			
	of 1854,				2166	15	8
do.	of old road votes undrawn						-
	31st December, 1853,	83	11	3			
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J.		65	2	9			
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SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February, 1855.

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Apples, $822\frac{3}{4}$ bbls., at 4s. per bbl.,	£164		
Beef, 12 cwt. 2 qtrs. 0 lbs., at 6s. per cwt.,	3	15	0
Do. $338\frac{1}{2}$ bbls., at 4s. per bbl.,		14	
Brandy, 25,269 galls., at 2s. Sd. per gall.,	3369		
Butter, 43 cwt. 0 qtrs. 23 lbs., at 8s. per cwt.,		5	8
Candles, (tallow,) 23,984 lbs., at 1d. per lb.,	99	18	8
Do. (other kinds,) 8,316 lbs., at 3d. per lb.,	103	19	0
Cheese, 107 cwt. 0 qtrs. 9 lbs., at 5s. per cwt.,	26	15	5
Chocolate, 1,178 lbs., at 1d. per lb.,	4	18	2
Clocks, (cost under 20s.) 749 at 5s. each,	187		
Do. (cost over 20s.,) 46 at 10s. each,		0	Ó
Coffee, (green,) 195,453 lbs., at 1d. per lb.,	814		
Do. (roasted), 4,482 lbs., at 2d. per lb.,		7	ō
Crackers, 256 cwt. 3 qtrs. 3 lbs., at 3s. 4d. per cwt.,		16	Ŏ
Flour, $30,746\frac{3}{4}$ bbls., at 1s. per bbl.,	1537		9
Geneva, 27,326 galls., at 2s. 8d. per gall.,	3643		
Hams, 68 cwt., 0 qtrs. 18 lbs., at 9s. per cwt.,		13	
Lard, 383 cwt. 1 qtr. 17 lbs., at 8s. per cwt.,	113		2
Leather, (sole), 220,215 lbs., at 1d. per lb.,	917		3
Do. (upper,) 4,396 lbs., at 2d. per lb.,	36		8
Molasses, 1,275,994 galls., at 2 ¹ / ₂ d. per gall.,	13291		
Onions, 1,621 cwt. 0 qrs. 27 lbs., at 2s. 6d. per cwt.,	202		
Pork, 171 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs., at 6s. per cwt.,			î
Do. $2,449_6^{5}$ bbls., at 4s. per bbl.,	489		
Raisins, $38,109$ lbs., at $\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb.,		13	
Do. (boxes) $206,078$ lbs., at $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per lb.,	429		7
Rum, 27,3941 galls., at 1s. 6d. per gall.,	2054		9
Sugar, (muscovado) 30,729 cwt. 2 qrs. 14 lbs., at 7s. per cwt.,	10755		
Do. (crushed) 2,481 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lbs., at 10s. per cwt.,	1240		Õ
Do. (refined) 193 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs., at 14s. per cwt.,	135		
Tea (black) 963,212 lbs., at 2d. per lb.,	8026		4
Do. (green) 2,291 lbs. at 4d. per lb.,		3	8
Tobacco, 414,808 lbs., at 1 ¹ / ₂ d. per lb.,	2592		0
Whiskey, 2,854 galls., at 2s. 8d. per gall.,	380		
Wine, $16,049_{10}^7$ galls., at 1s. 3d. per gall.,	1003	9	$\frac{1}{2}$
Do. $5,476$ ; galls., at 2s. 6d. per gall.,	684		
Do. 8051 galls., at 3s. per gall.,	120		6
Value of goods at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., £170,606 12 11		3	
Do. at $6\frac{1}{4}$ " $639,446$ 2 9	39965		11
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Total, sterling,	£104,142	15	1
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Abstract of articles imported into this province, on which duty was collected, in the year 1854.

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# SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February, 1855.

Articles.		Imports	, 1853.	Imports	, 1854.	Inc	rease.	De	crease
Apples,	bbls.		1991		8223		623 ¹ / ₄		
Beef,	cwts.		0 12	12	2 0			121	21
Do.	bbls.				$338\frac{1}{2}$	1	338 <del>]</del>		
Brandy,	glns.		28099		25269			!	283
Butter,	cwts.			43	$0\ 23$	43	$0\ 23$		
Candles (tallow,)	lbs.		15065		23984		8919		
Do. (other kir	nds) ''		5147		8316	1	3169		
Cheese,	cwts.	78	1 8	107	09	28	31	İ	
Chocolate,	lbs.		681		1178		497		
Clocks, (cost unde	er 20s.)		353		749		396		
Do. (cost over			23		46	Ì	23		
Coffee, (green)	lbs.	]	64108	]	95453		31345		
Do. (roasted)			2032	-	4482	1	2450		
Crackers,	cwts.	177	3 3	256	3 3	79	0 0		
Flour,	bbls.		488803		307463		• •		18134
Geneva,	glns.		220381		27326	Ì	$5287\frac{1}{2}$	1	1010
Hams,	cwts.	<b>22</b>	$\frac{2}{2}$ 8	68	0 18	45	2 10		
Lard,	••	115	2 14	283	1 17	167	3 3		
Leather, (sole)	lbs.		00137		20215		120078		
Do. (upper)		-	4056	2	4396	j	340		
Molasses,	glns.	11	25684	19	275994	İ 7	150310		
Onions,	cwts.	1559	0 7	1621	0 27	62	0 20		
Pork,	<c td="" ·="" ·<=""><td>940</td><td>2 20</td><td>1021</td><td>0 20</td><td></td><td>0 20</td><td>769</td><td>2 (</td></c>	940	2 20	1021	0 20		0 20	769	2 (
Do.	bbls.		2 20	111	2449		24495	103	4
Raisins, (boxes)	lbs.	1	40757	9	06078	ł	65321	ļ	
Do. (other pk			18536	-	38109	}	19573		
Rum,	glns.		19681	9	7394 <u>1</u>		7713 <del>4</del>		
Sugar (muscovado)		29667	0 23	30729	214	1062	1 19		
Do. (crushed)		1861	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 23 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	2481		619	$\frac{1}{3} \frac{19}{26}$		
Do. (refined)		343		193	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{array}$	015	5 20	140 9	F 0 10
Tea, (black)	lbs.		85117	963	$   \frac{1}{2}   \frac{3}{12} $	i	78095	149	3,18
Do. (green)	105.	C	3687	305	2291		10099		1900
Tobacco,		2	63683	4	14808		51705		1396
	1	J		4			51125		
Whiskey, Wine of last a	glns.		2333		2854		521		0.77
Wine, at 1s. 3d. p	er giu.		$16321_{10}^{1}$		16049 ⁷				27]
Do. at 2s. 6d.			5580%		$5476_{5}^{1}$				104
Do. at 3s. Voluo of goods of S	1	£100400	7835	£170000			$22_{10}^{1}$		
Value of goods at 2		£102466		£170606					
			13 10	639446		184105			
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Add amount recei	<b>\</b>	2741	0 0	3618	0 0	877	0 0		
from distilleries,									

Comparative statement of articles imported into this province, and of the amount of excise duties collected thereon, for the years 1853 and 1854.

APPENDIX, No. 11.

Articles.		Duties,	185	3.	Duties,	<b>18</b> 5	<b>4</b> .	Incre	ease	•	Dec	reas	e.
Apples,	bbls.	£39			164				13	0			
Beef,	cwts.	40	4	8	3			•		0	36	9	8
Do.	bbls.	2740	70	0		14			14	0	1	•	•
Brandy, Butter,	glns.	3746	10	8	$\begin{array}{c c} 3369 \\ 17 \end{array}$	4 5			5	c	377	6	8
Candles, tallow,	cwts. lbs.	69	15	5				37	5 3				
Do. other kir		64								500	1		
Cheese,	cwts.	19							12				
Chocolate,	lbs.	$\frac{10}{2}$						2					
Clocks, cost unde	1	88	-10 -5			5			0				
Do. cost over		11	10	0	23				10		<b>C</b>		
Coffee, green,	lbs.	683	15						12				
Do. roasted,	1D.5. 66	16	18			7		1	8				
Crackers,	cwts.	$\frac{10}{29}$	12		42			4	3				
Flour,	bbls	2444	10			6			U	U	906	14	0
Geneva,	glns.	2938	- 9		3643	9			0	0		TT	0
Hams,	cwts.	10	- Š	2	30				10	4			
Lard,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	$\overline{46}$	5		113	7	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{10}{2}$	2			
Leather, sole,	lbs.	417	4	9	917	11	3	500	6	26			
Do. upper,		33	16	Ő	36	$\overline{12}$	8	2	16	8			
Molasses,	glns.	11725	17	6	13291	$\overline{12}$	ĩ	$156\overline{5}$		7			
Onions,	cwts.	194	17	8	202	13	ī		15	5			
Pork,		$\overline{282}$	16	2	51	7	1	•	<b>.</b>	Ŭ	231	9	1
Do.	bbls.			-	489	19	4	489	19	4		v	-
Raisins, boxes,	lbs.	293	4	11	429	6	-7	136	1	8			
Do. other pkg		19	6	$\overline{2}$	39	13	11	20	7	- ğ			
Rum,	glns.	1476	1	6	2054	11	- 9	578	10	3			
Sugar, muscovado		10383	10	6		$\overline{9}$	4	371	18	10			
Do. crushed,		930	15	3		15	0	• 309	19	9			
Do. refined		240	-2	0	135	5	10				104	16	2
Tea, black,	lbs.	7375	19	6	8026	15	4	650	15	10			
Do. green,	••	61	- 9	0	38	3	S				23	5	4
Tobacco,		2273	0	5	2592	11	0	319	10	7	•	-	-
Whiskey,	glns.	311	1	4	380	10	8	69	9	4			
Wine, at 1s. 3d. 1		1020	1	6	1003	2	2				16	19	4
Do. at 2s. 6d.		697	11	0	684	10	6				13	0	6
Do. at 3s.	"	117	10	3	120	16	6	3	6	3	]		
Value of goods at	$2\frac{1}{2}$ p. c.	2561	13	6	4265	3	4	1703	9	10			
	64 p. c.	28459	0	6	39965	8	11	11506	8	5			
	10 p. c.	2053	5	0	3297		10	1244		10			
	20 p. c.	55	7	10	217	11	8	162	3	10	1		
Add amount rece from distilleries		2741	0	0	3618	0	0	877	0	0			
		£83969	16	3	104142	15	1	21882	19	7	1710	0	9
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SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February, 1855.

Comparative

Ports.	Duties, 1853.	Duties, 1854.	Increase.	Decrease.
Halifax, Advocate Harbor, Amherst,	$\pounds 65365 5 2 17 3 8 1366 9 1$	$\pounds 80353 0 5 6 3 6 1460 0 0$	£14987 15 3	£11 0 2
Annapolis,	763 5 9	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Antigonishe,	8 13 8	32 0 9	$23 \ 7 \ 1$	
Arichat,	597 9 6	547 5 4		50 4 2
Aylesford,		110 15 8	110 15 8	
Barrington,	$188 \ 1 \ 3$	$185 \ 12 \ 6$		2 8 9
Beaver River,	$\begin{array}{rrrrr} 16 & 5 & 9 \\ 134 & 3 & 8 \\ 270 & 1 & 7 \end{array}$	11 18 7		472
Bridgetown,	134 3 8	368 0 2	$233 \ 16 \ 6$	
Canada Creek,		377 0 6	106 18 11	
Cape Canso,	41 16 9	61 3 4	19 6 7	
Church Point,	305 18 3	317 8 6	$11 \ 10 \ 3$	
Clementsport,	$128 \ 19 \ 0$	207 14 0	78 15 0	
Cornwallis,	254 7 1	363 0 6	108 13 5	
Digby,		1476 3 6	374 19 0	
Great Bras d'Or,	$egin{array}{cccc} 2&16&1\ 7&3&3 \end{array}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 63 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$	60 6 0	
Guysboro', Hantsport,		$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & 12 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$		6 11 0
Harbor au Bouche',	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		10 0 0	$12 \ 12 \ 9$
Horton,		$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 12 & 2 & 2 \\ 50 & 12 & 6 \end{array}$	
Joggins Mines,	56 18 0	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	50 12 6	
LaHave,	$154 \ 16 \ 6$	$390 \ 4 \ 9$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
Liverpool,	907 1 10	$1403 \ 3 \ 10$	$496 \ 2 \ 0$	
Londonderry,	400 9 1	447 2 4	46 13 3	
Lunenburg,	47 10 10		+0 10 0	3 10 7
Maitland,	318 2 0	256 12 3		$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
McNair's Cove,		16 18 0	16 18 0	01 10 9
Margaree,		12 10 7	12 10 7	
Parrsboro',	89 1 1	175 3 10	86 2 9	
Pictou,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2859 15 8	694 19 7	
Port Hood,	14 10 7	182 13 6	168 2 11	
Port Medway,	84 8 1	$46 \ 14 \ 9$		37 13 4
Pubnico,	<b>64 15</b> 6	52 8 2		12 7 4
Pugwash,	92 13 0	$218 \ 0 \ 6$	$125 \ 7 \ 6$	
Ragged Islands,	$273 \ 17 \ 6$	337 14 0	$63 \ 16 \ 6$	
Sandy Cove,	34 16 7	$22 \ 14 \ 11$		$12 \ 1 \ 8$
Sheet Harbor,	0 9 0	3 4 6	$2 \ 15 \ 6$	
Shelburne,	55 0 0	42 19 11		$12 \ 0 \ 1$
Ship Harbor,	145 12 0	$121 \ 12 \ 3$		23 19 9
St. Ann's,		1 14 3		063
St. Mary's,		85 17 4	68 9 10 <b> </b>	_
Sydney, C. B.,				34 7 5
Sydney, (North),	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			$162 \ 6 \ 3$
Fatamagouche, Thorne's Cove,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	122 13 7	79 10 0	
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Comparative statement, exhibiting the increase and decrease of the amount of excise duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the years 1853 and 1854.

APPENDIX, No. 11.

Ports.	Duties,	185	3.	Duties, ]	1854	ŀ.	Increa	ase.		Decre	ease.	,
Truro,	£165	4	9	£422	12	2	£257	7	5			
Tusket,	111	4	- 1	134	-9	6		5	Ő			
Wallace,	96	-	· · ·	132	16	5	36	9	7			
Walton,	80	4	4		19	2				25	5	2
Westport,	173	17	0	249	10	0	75	13	0		•	
Weymouth,	102		2	82	9	0				20	7	2
Wilmot,	659	11	1	601	18	2					12	
Windsor,	703	5	7	1189	14	0	486	8	5		_	
Yarmouth,	2624		5		0	4			~ 1			
Received from distilleries,	2741	0	0	3618	0	0	877	0	0			
Totals-	£83969	16	3	£104142	15	1	£20723	11	6	£550	12	8
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SAM'L. CREELMAN, Financial secretary.

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Financial secretary's office, February, 1855.

Ports.	Duties,	185	3.	Duties,	185	<b>4</b> .	Increase.		Decre	ase.	
Halifax,	£1623		9	£1789	3	6	£165 11	9			
Advocate Harbor,	11	0	0	10	<b>5</b>	0			0	15	0
Amherst,	34	14	- 0		10	0	25  16	0			
Annapolis,	70	5	0		15	0		- 1	23	10	0
Antigonish,	17	9	6		16	3			0	13	3
Arichat,	182	15	6		17	6	<b>81 2</b>	0			
Aylesford,	Í		i		19	6	8 19	6			
Barrington,		18	- 6		17	6	<b>3</b> 19	0			
Beaver River,	2	13	0	9	6	0	6 13	0			
Bridgetown,											
Canada Creek,	21	2	0	28	19	- 9	7 17	9			
Cape Canso, (Norris,)	3	17	6	2	17	6			1	0	0
Do. (Bigelow,)	294	1	0	314	4	0	$20 \ 3$	0'			
Canso, Strait, (McKeen,)	1304	11	6	987	4	6			317	7	0
Church Point,	26	3	6	30	12	6	4 9	- 0			
Clementsport,	24	5	6	21	4	6		į	3	1	0
Cornwallis,	21	10	6	27	7	0	$5\ 16$	6			
Digby,	67	15	6	50	- 9	6			17	6	0
Great Bras d'Or,	3	7	0	16	11	0	13 4	0			
Guysboro',	9	15	0	11	6	0	1 11	0			
Hantsport,	82	0	0	89	17	$9'_{i}$	7 17	9			
Harbor au Bouche',				11	8	6	11 8	6			
Horton,	26	17	0	21	19	0			4	18	0
Joggins Mines,	30	<b>5</b>	6	58	1	6	27  16	- 0 ⁱ			
LaHave,	20	10	6	29	0	0	8 9	6			
Liverpool,	188	7	0	189	19	6	1 12	6			
Londonderry,	21	8	6	29	8	0	7 19	6			
Lunenburg,	35	<b>5</b>	-9	54	19	0	19 13	3			
Maitland,	60	<b>5</b>	6	68	14	6	89	0	:		
McNair's Cove,								V			
Margaree,	1			13	6	0	13 6	0			
Parrsboro',	45	6	0	77	17	3	32  11	3			
Pictou,	375	5	0	659	8	0	284 3	0			
Port Hood,	4	13	0	60	5	6	$55 \ 12$	6			
Port Medway,	26	3	6		7	3		ļ	2	16	3
Pubnico,	j 46	15	6	33	16	9			12	18	9
Pugwash,		13	0			9 3	65 19	3			
Ragged Islands,	54	15	0		6	6			2	8	6
Sandy Cove,	i 10	14	6		11	0	0 16	6	_	Ū	
Sheet Harbor,	9	9	6		4	0			3	5	6.
Shelburne,	33	18	0		8	0			9		Õ
Ship Harbor,	13		Ŏ			6	97	6	~		
St. Ann's,	1 11	1	$\tilde{2}$	7	_ <b>4</b>	Ŏ	- •		3	17	2
St. Mary's,	$\overline{32}$	$1\overline{7}$	2 0	14	15	ŏ		ļ	18		Ő
Sydney, C. B.,	31	17	Õ	24	ĨŎ	Ŏ			7		ŏ
Sydney, North,	497	4	6		8	Ő	78 3	6	•		
Tatamagouche,	24	6	6	31	10	6	7 4	ŏ			
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Comparative statement of the gross amount of light duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the years 1853 and 1854.

Ports.	Duties,	185	3.	Duties,	185	4.	Incre	ase.		Decrea	se.	
Thorne's Cove, Truro,	   	••		±25	10	6	£25	10	6	,, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,</u>		
Tusket, Wallacc, Walton, Westport, Weymouth, Wilmot, Windsor,	53 41 64 26 253	$     \begin{array}{c}       12 \\       0 \\       7 \\       2 \\       18 \\       6     \end{array} $	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 0	23 42 38 38 24 305	$14 \\ 5 \\ 2 \\ 19$	9 0		13	0		9 10 12 12 16 15	մ 0 6 9 9
Yarmouth, Received from J. Miller,	179 1	14 4	0 0	204	0	3	24	6	3	1	4	0
Totals-	£6205	1	8	£6809	17	0	£1088	1	9	£483	6	5
<u></u>	<u></u>	N	et i	ncrease,	•	•		£60	4 1	54		

SAM'L. CREELMAN,

Financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February, 1855.

PART 3 .-- (See page 658.)

#### THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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Amount of province notes, (old issue,) in circulation 31st Dec., 185-Do(new issue,)do.Amount of funded debt, deposits in savings' bank,Undrawn for roads and bridges, Other services,Due the board of works for the different public services,	ł,	$egin{array}{c} \pounds 59682 \ 11000 \ 70500 \ 2850 \ 28500 \ 4279 \end{array}$	0 0	
		6150011	10	
Cr.		£176811	19	2
Balance in hands of receiver general 31st Dec., 1854, £11226 0	- 8			
Due from collectors of colonial duties at outports, 7361 0				
000000000000000000000000000000000000000	0	1		
Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island,				
for lights, 2086 16	1			
Counties for advances for road service, 2343 16				
	-			
Canal property, Dartmouth, 1000 0				
Provincial railway, 56228 2	16	;		
		- 93850	15	4

93850 15 4

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SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, March, 1855.

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#### Statement

Statement of the probable assets of the province	for the	year	18	55.		
Balance in hands of the receiver general, 31st December, 2 Due from collectors of colonial duties, do. Casual revenue, Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for 1 Counties for advances for road service, Canal property, Dartmouth,				£11226 7361 8605 2086 2343 1000		8 0 1 1 0
				£32622	12	10
PROBABLE RECEIPTS.						
Collectors of colonial duties at out- ports, £25000 0 0 Less commissions, 2500 0 0	9000 <b>0</b>	0	0	·		
	22500	0	0			
Collectors of light duty,	5000	0	0			
Casual revenue, Distilleries,	$\begin{array}{c} 9875 \\ 6000 \end{array}$	0 0	0 0			
1) 15(11(1)(0),				133375	0	0
				£165997	12	10
Deduct undrawn monies for roads and bridges,	£2850	0	0	~100001		10
	28400	0	Ō			
Balance due the board of works for public services,	4279	19	2	35529	19	2
				£130467	19	8
Deduct ordinary and legislative appropriations, viz.:				20100401	19	0
Salaries of lieutenant governor and public officers, £	15000	0	0			
Legislative expenses,	6000	Ŏ	Õ			
Revenue department, Halifax,	5000	0	0			
	16280	0	0			
Interest on funded debt,	3000	0	0			
Support of light houses, £8000; Sable Island, £400,	8400	0	0			
Provincial penitentiary, £800; public buildings, £2000,	2800	0	0			
Militia service, $\pounds 250$ ; rations to troops, $\pounds 250$ ,	500	0	0			
Poor asylum, $\pounds 2000$ ; transient paupers, $\pounds 250$ ,	2250	0	0			
Immigrant expenses, £250; Halifax dispensary, £50, Dest computing £2500; nocleate and family £1000	300	0	0			
Post communication, £3500; packets and ferries, £1000, Road compensation, £1500; casualties, £1000,	$\begin{array}{c} 4500 \\ 2500 \end{array}$	0 0	0 0			
Indians, £300; river fisheries, £450,	$\frac{2500}{750}$	0	0			
Drawbacks,	3500	0	0			
Miscellaneous services,	8500	Ŏ	Ŏ			
				79280	0	0
				CETTOF	10	

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# SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, March, 1855.

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No. 12.

(See page 599.)

[Copy.]

No. 66.

Halifax, 13th December, 1854.

Sir-

I have much satisfaction in transmitting to you the inclosed copy of a resolution of the house of assembly, concurred in by the honorable the legislative council, for the appropriation of the sum of two thousand pounds, sterling, towards the relief, education and support of the widows and orphans of those soldiers, sailors and marines who have fallen, or may fall, in battle, or die in active service, during the present war.

I inclose a bill of exchange for the above sum, which I beg that you will have the goodness to forward to the London committee of the patriotic fund.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

The right hon. Sir George Grey, &c. &c. &c.

#### [Copy.]

No. 33.

Downing street, 17th January, 1855.

SIR-

I have received your despatch, No. 66, of the 13th December last, inclosing a copy of a resolution of the house of assembly of Nova Scotia, for the appropriation of the sum of  $\pounds 2000$  sterling, towards the relief, education and support of the widows and orphans of those persons who may have fallen, or may hereafter fall, during the war with Russia.

This proof of the sympathy and generosity on the part of the house of assembly, has been received with much satisfaction by her majesty's government; and will, I am confident, be duly appreciated by the people of this country.

I have caused the sum voted by the assembly to be placed, in accordance with the terms of their resolution, at the disposal of the royal commission of the patriotic fund.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

Lieut. governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

#### No. 13.

#### (See page 602.)

Aggregate list of articles purchased for the use of the Halifax asylum for the poor, during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, with the balance due the bank.

34		Rico
Potatoes, 996 bushels, Pease and beans, 139 bushels, Removal of paupers, Repairs to buildings,		5 5 5 9
Miscellaneous expenses—articles required for th ment, not of ordina tion, purchased by sioners, which do no other heads, Molasses, 1100 galls., Oatmeal, 63 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs., Old junk, Oil, 117 galls., Pork, 3020 lbs.,	ry consump- the commis- t come under 44 13 5 75 8 13 75 8 13 71 19 5 79 9 10 19 2 0	L 3
Insurance—paid Halifax fire insurance compar- rance on property, Lumber—for coffins and repairs to buildings, Leather—for shoes and repairing,	ny for insu- 10 12 ( 57 14 2 35 1 9	3 7
Cows and horse—hay, bran, shoeing horse, &c. Cottage, field, and hospital—rent, mowing, oa Corn meal, 23 bbls., Fish, 83 qtls., dry, 2 bbls. herring, Flour, 382 bbls., Gas company, for gas light, Hat manufactory, for palm leaf, Ironmongery, nails, &c. &c., Interest paid the bank for money advanced,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0 ) 4 3 3 8
Contingencies—expended by the matron, whos audited monthly by the acti Clothing—blankets, sheets, &c. &c., Chocolate, 1500 lbs., Coffee, 101 lbs.,	ng comm'r., 200 0 178 1 26 11	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Beef and mutton, 24901 lbs., Butter, 1361 lbs., Bread, 20 cwt., Bakery—baker's salary and wood, Coals, 85 chaldrons,	$ \begin{array}{r} 60 & 13 \\ 27 & 17 \\ \hline 48 & 14 \\ \hline \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ - \\ 419 \\ 9 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ $
1854. Balance due the bank of Nova Scotia, per accor Barley, 11 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs. Beer, 6114 galls.,	$egin{array}{ccc} \pounds 14 & 3 \ 44 & 14 \end{array}$	

Rice,

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Rice, 26 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs., Straw, 159 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.,		<u> </u>		£31 32	10 9			14	1
Salaries—including medicines and medical attendance, viz.:	<u>n</u> -								
Dr. Almon,	£120	0	0						
Matron,	50	Ō	0						
Keeper,	50	Õ	Ō						
Clerk,	55	Õ	Õ						
School mistress,	30	Õ	Õ						
				305	0	0			
Salt, 8 hhds.,				5	7	ŏ			
Soap—hard, 402 lbs.; soft, 268 cwt. 3 qrs. 23	lhe			75	9	7			
Stationery and printing,	, 103.7			3	14	6			
Sugar, 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.,				20	1	Ğ			
Turnips, 63 bushels,				-5	11	3			
Tinware and repairing,				7	17	4			
Tea, 1218 lbs.,				95					
Truckage,					14				
Vinegar, 75 galls.,				2		Ô			
vinegar, 10 gans.,				4	10		529	11	9
Waterloo farm and hospital-rent, ploughing, s	and fra			30	14	3	040	11	v
Wool, 78 lbs.,	ceu, ac.	,			10	Ő			
Water company, for water,				-	0	Ŏ			
Wine for the sick, 109 galls.,				33	8	3			
Wood, 109 cords,					17	- 9			
wood, 103 colds,							184	10	3
							£4104	1	6
Balance due the bank of Nova Scotia, 31st Dec	ember, I	185	4,				£853	18	4

J. H. ANDERSON, Auditors of accounts.

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Account of J	Account of funds received for the use of the Halifux asylum for the poor, during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and from whence received.	sylum for the poor, duri from whence received.	luring the year one t ved.	housand eight hundred	and fifty-four, and
1854.	Commissioners.	Treasury transient poor.	City and county treasurer.	Board of paupers, sales of oakum, hats, mats, &ccasual.	Total.
January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September, November, December,	Hon. Hugh Bell, James W. Nutting, esquire, Charles Twining, esquire, Hon. Edward Kenny, William M. Allan, esquire, John Esson, esquire, Andrew M. Uniacke, esquire, Henry Pryor, esquire, Hon. M. B. Almon, William Lawson, esquire, John H. Anderson, esquire, Balance carried down,	500 0 0 500 0 0 500 0 0 500 0 0	500 0 0 300 0 0	<b>£</b> 41 0 4 21 2 2 21 2 1 71 6 11 13 4 3 30 13 3 30 13 3 53 1 8 68 10 5 68 10 5 68 10 5 68 10 5 68 10 5	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
		£2000 0 0	£800 0 0	£450 3 2	£4104 1 6
Halifax, ŝ	Halifax, 31st December, 1854.	[Errors excepted.]	<b>[</b> ]	J. II. ANDER	J. II. ANDERSON, chairman.

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Account of paupers	remaining in the poor's asylum on the 1st January, and received d	uring
	the year ending the 31st December, 1854.	•

Men—Halifax,		40	
Transient,		349	
			389
Women—Halifax,		48	
Transient,		206	
			254
Children-Halifax,		140	
Transient,		59	
			199
	Total,		842

Deaths at the asylum for the year 1854.

Men,	40
Women,	19
Children,	21
Total,	80

Number of paupers in the asylum on 31st December, 1854.

Men, Women, Children,	142 - 0 118 63	f which	25 30 2	are lunatic.
	323	""	57	66

Number of paupers in the house on the 31st January, 1855, 336.

#### No. 14.

#### (See page 603.)

Washington, January 29, 1855.

Sir-

With reference to my previous correspondence with your excellency on the subject of the reciprocity treaty, I have now the honor to enclose herewith the draft of a bill which has been reported by the committee of commerce of the senate of the United States, to amend the act of the 5th of June for carrying that treaty into effect, in conformity with the understanding come to between myself and the secretary of the United States treasury.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your excellency's most obedient, Humble servant,

> > JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

Sir GASPARD LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

Washington, February 12, 1855.

SIR-

With reference to the letter which I addressed to your excellency on the 29th ult., enclosing the copy of a draft bill to amend the act of congress for carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty of June 5, 1854, I have now the honor to inform you that this bill has passed the senate of the United States, and will be immediately submitted to the house of representatives.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

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His excellency Sir G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

#### No. 15.

(See page 607.)

Halifax, 15th September, 1854.

SIR-

We have the honor to report to you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, that we have failed to obtain any tenders for building the court house in the city of Halifax.

Early in the season we were encouraged to hope that we should be enabled to complete a sufficient portion of the work to accommodate the supreme court, and with that view had the plans perfected and the necessary specifications prepared by the architect, Mr. Hill.

We advertised for tenders as soon as it was practicable to do so, the labor of the architect requiring more time than we anticipated. Although the 30th August, the period limited for receiving the tenders, has now passed, we are without a single offer.

This unwillingness on the part of mechanics to undertake the work, we attribute to the high price of labor and materials, but probably in some degree also to the supposed inadequacy of the funds to complete the external walls, and the partial accommodation required in the interior of the building.

The plan we have adopted, though perhaps more enlarged and more costly than was originally contemplated, is the result of anxious deliberation, and has been prepared with a view to the actual accommodation required as well for the higher courts as for the coart of sessions, and the respective officers connected with those tribunals. It is in our opinion not out of proportion to the scale on which such an edifice should be erected, both with reference to architectural appearance, and the requirements of the capital of the province.

Should the government be of opinion that the scale ought to be reduced, and a building erected corresponding with the grant already made and the advanced rate of wages and materials, we should cheerfully follow any instructions to that effect we may receive, otherwise we submit that it would be advisable to delay the work for another season, when prices may possibly be lower and workmen more easily obtained.

Accompanying this letter are the plans and specifications referred to.

We have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servants, WIII

WILLIAM ANNAND. SAM'L P. FAIRBANKS.

The hon. LEWIS M. WILKINS, provincial secretary.

N. B.-Mr. Tempest is absent from the province.

### No. 16.

## (See page 607.)

### Department of crown lands, Halifax, January 30th, 1855.

SIR-

I have the honor to report, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, on the state of the department of crown lands since his excellency conferred on me the office of commissioner.

During the period of 1854 there have been 584 petitions received for grants of crown kand to the extent of 107,750½ acres. 415 grants have passed, including 15 water lots, comprehending 57,967½ acres, of which 6,703 acres were in lots, exceeding 500 acres each.

The recent act legalizing grants of lands to foreigners, has operated to a certain extent.

Aliens have applied, in person or through agents, for 25,900 acres, chiefly timber land, not well adapted for agriculture.

The system now in operation I consider good, affording speedy and systematic settlement, and, with the suggestions made by the committee of the assembly last year, (whose report, by omission, was not rendered effective by the action of the house,) as efficient as I could wish. [Vide cpendix No. 61, journals 1854.]

The number of grants passed the seal of the province, 415, in duplicate; and the correspondence incident thereto, and on the receipt of 584 petitions, and transmitting them, with instructions, to the different counties, and the grants to the registrars of deeds, shecking and settling their, and the deputies' accounts, creates a considerable amount of business, and rendered it necessary, occasionally, to employ extra assistance.

The report of the committee made last session, (No. 61 in appendix, and ordered to lie on the table—page 504, journals,) I think should be adopted by the house, with certain exceptions rendered necessary by legislation, as the case of joint applicants; also the form of oath provided for by cap. 43, 1854.

With respect to the titles to land in Cape Breton, the only class not provided for by the acts of the province are those who claim as unauthorized settlers, and many of whom have expended years of toil on the land they occupy, and conceive themselves entitled to 100 acres, more or less, by the possession of a clearing on the lot, whilst others have intruded and settled on the same lot; and for adjusting such cases an energetic commissioner would be useful, but possibly may be deferred for some time, which will induce squatters to seek the adjustment of their own titles instead of being sought out by a commissioner.

Anticipating the statement in the report, 40 lots of 100 acres each have been laid out for immediate settlement in the counties of Pictou and Guysborough, upland covered with hardwood, and well calculated for agricultural purposes.

In Digby, 12 lots of 250 acres each, better calculated for lumbering than agricultural purposes; but the report not having been adopted, operations were suspended until authorized.

Annexed is a table showing the quantities of land applied for in each county during the year 1854;—a table showing the land assumed to be applied for by foreigners;—the number of the grants passed in 1854, and the reports of the principal deputy surveyors required by law.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, Your most obedient, Humble servant,

> JAMES B. UNIACKE, Comm'r. crown lands.

The honorable Lewis M. WILKINS, Provincial secretary.

Quantities

County.	No. of grants.	No. of acres.	In grants of 500 acres and upwards
Annapolis, Colchester,	23 32	3365 6547	530 2034
Cumberland,	82	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 10394\\ \text{and one water lot.} \end{array}\right\}$	
Digby,	38	6079	
Guysborough,	16	$\begin{cases} 1817\frac{1}{2} \\ and four water lots. \end{cases}$	
Halifax,	35	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 3012\\ \text{and four water lots.} \right\}$	
Hants,	30 21	4512 5835	541 3025
King's, Lunenburg, Queen's,	20 26	2717 3156	573
Pictou, Shelburne,	17 14	1884 <u>4</u> 1455	
Sydney, Yarmouth,	5 12	575 1801	
Cape Breton,	17	and four water lots.	
Inverness,	9	1291	
Richmond,	14	$\left\{\begin{array}{c} 1142\\ \text{and one water lot.} \end{array}\right\}$	
Victoria,	4	and one water lot. 400 and one water lot.	
	415	579673	6703

Quantities of crown lands in Nova Scotia, granted in 1854.

Quantities of crown land in Nova Scotia applied for during 1854.

### EASTERN COUNTIES.

	Acres.	No. petitions.
Colchester,	4850	30
Guysboro',	2103	16
Pictou,	2150	20
Sydney,	784	7
Inverness,	$1822\frac{1}{2}$	19
Richmond,	2061	19
Victoria,	1486	15
Total,	170841	147

Acres.	No. petitions.
32020	54
13763	109
7245	36
7100	56
4402	41
8585	24
4600	39
7806	45
3100	20
2075	13
90696	437
170841	147
107750 <u>}</u>	584
	32020 13763 7245 7100 4402 8585 4600 7806 3100 2075 90696 17084 ¹ / ₂

WESTERN COUNTIES.

Applied for by foreigners in 1854, 25,900 acres, viz. :

17400	
3000	
1000	
1000	
2500	
1000	
25900	acres.
	3000 1000 1000 2500 1000

### No. 17.

### (See page 611.)

Nova Scotia railway office, Halifax, February 6, 1855.

SIR---

We beg to submit, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, and of the legislature :

1st. A balance sheet, showing the amount received by this board from the public treasury, and disbursed within the year 1854, distinguishing each head of expenditure.

2nd. Copies of the accounts, which, under the law, have been furnished to the financial secretary quarterly, with whom the vouchers for the year's expenditure have been lodged.

The books of the commission, consisting of minute, letter and account books, open, throughout the year, to the inspection of members of the government, are open now to the inspection of members of the legislature; and the accountant has received instructions to attend upon any committee of either or of both houses, to whom the business of examining the accounts of the board may be confided.

The whole amount of expenditure, to the 31st December, is £53,573 17s. 4d. The liabilities of the board, for contracts already made and not complete, or for goods received and not paid for, amount to £37,558 6s. 6d. An account, showing the nature and extent extent of these liabilities, is submitted. The amount, added to the expenditure, will represent the whole sum which has been drawn, or will be required, to complete the works to the Rocky Lake.

These are : works at the Halifax terminus, on the governor's farm, including a wharf, reservoir, and temporary station and engine houses.

Section, No. 1, extending from the Halifax terminus to near the Nine Mile River, contracted for by Messrs. Camerons, Turnbull and Fraser.

Section, No. 2, extending to Cochran's ship yard, and contracted for by Messrs. Black and McDonald.

Section, No. 3, extending to the Rocky Lake, and contracted for by Messrs. Creelman and Tupper.

Plans and sections of these works have been already laid before the governor in council, and plans and descriptions of the lands taken from individuals have been lodged in the registry office, and to these the board respectfully beg leave to refer.

The works extend over a distance of 10 miles and 31 chains, admitted to be the most difficult which the board have to encounter. The cost of these sections, for grading and permanent way, as accurately determined, will be  $\pounds$ 7840 per mile, to which must be added such proportion of the general expenses, common to the whole system, as may be regarded as fairly chargeable upon these portions when the lines now in progress have been completed.

When it is considered that rock and hard gravel had to be removed on almost every portion of these contracts,—that heavy embankments had to be formed across coves and arms of the basin, and that the price of labour has, throughout the summer, been one-third higher than at any period for 20 years, the cost per mile will not appear extravagant. Before the approaching summer closes, we hope that our operations, on both lines, will have reached beyond the rocky region which extends from the southern shores of the province, and over which any railways running out of the capital must be constructed. When once the river beds and fertile lands of the interior have been reached, we confidently anticipate a very material reduction in the cost.

A schedule, showing the stock and property appertaining to the works, now in possession of the commissioners, and which belongs to the province, is appended to this report. It will be found to include a locomotive—two first class cars—a snow plough—and such a number of trucks and waggons as will suffice for working that portion of the line which. has been or will be opened within this year.

Two locomotives are being built for the board, in Scotland. As cars and other rolling stock are required, they will be constructed; and the board are not without a hope that such an establishment may be created or encouraged, near the depot, as will not only be sufficient to do ordinary repairs, but at which engines may be built not inferior to those produced in Canada or in the United States.

Difficulties have arisen during the past year, in adjusting the damages due to parties whose land has been taken by the commissioners, for the construction and use of the road. None of the parties have been paid. The attention of the government should, the board are bound respectfully to suggest, be directed to this subject, as cases of hardship have already occurred, and others must occur, unless some mode by which relief can be afforded, is devised.

The chief engineer is now engaged in locating a section of the eastern road, which will carry the works in that direction to the Grand Lake. He is also concluding such preliminary surveys as will enable him to place under contract ten miles of the western road. The board confidently anticipate that these two sections, in addition to the three already in progress, will be completed within this year, while they shall labor very zealously to locate and place under contract other portions of the lines between Halifax and Windsor, and Halifax and Truro.

The board regret that they have not been able, during the short period that has elapsed since they were commissioned, to accomplish more. They met for the first time on the 5th of April. They had an engineering staff to organize, and contractors and skilled

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workmen to discover. No member of the board had any practical knowledge of railway making. By the 4th of May the first contract for grading was advertized; and on the 13th of June the ground was broken. In less than nine months three sections have been placed under contract,—eighty miles of country beyond surveyed,—rails and rolling stock have been imported, and a depot sufficient for the present, has been formed. Twenty miles more will be under contract before the 1st May. The commissioners see no reason to doubt the completion of the line to Windsor, with a corresponding extension into the heart of the eastern counties, by the close of 1856. The cars now run daily from the depot to the four mile house. They will carry mails and passengers to the head of the basin early in the spring.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, J. McCULLY, WM. PRYOR, jr., P. M. CUNNINGHAM, J. H. ANDERSON, THOS. S. TOBIN.

The hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Nova Scotia railway office, Halifax, 30th June, 1854.

	BALAN	ICE.					
			DR.		C	R.	
1.	Cash,	£36	9	5			
6.	Bank of Nova Scotia,	1902	19	11			•.
10.	Postage and telegraph account,	4	18	2 <del>]</del>			
14.	Office expenses,	37	4	6 <u>‡</u>			
<b>20.</b>	Receiver general,			-	£12000	0	0
26.	Premium and discount,				61	19	1
35.	Baring, Brothers & Co.,	8812	17	0			
<b>40</b> .	Surveying,	225	8	4			
52.	Incidental expenses,	18	18	9			
56.	Damages at Áfrican Village,	20	1	3			
60.	Main road alterations,	200	3	4			
62.	Salaries,	234	7	6			
66.	John Cameron & Co., contractors,	568	10	10			
		£12061	19	1	£12061	19	1
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Errors excepted.

JOHN MORROW, accountant.

Nova Scotia railway office, Halifax, September 30th, 1854.

BALANCE.

	DR	Cr.	
Cash, Bank of Nova Scoti <b>a</b> ,	$\pounds 11 1 1 1228 7$		

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			Dr.		C	B.	
10.	Postage and telegraph account,	£21	2	5ş			
14.	Office expenses,	114	13	9			
20.	Hon. receiver general,				28000	0	0
26.	Premium and discount,				58	19	1
<b>3</b> 5.	Baring, Brothers & Co.,	4671	17	7			
40.	Surveying,	725	2	10			
<b>5</b> 2.	Incidental expenses,	196	18	9 <u>ş</u>			
<b>56</b> .	Damages at African Village,	175	16	0			
<b>6</b> 0.	Main road alterations,	1448	1	6			
62.	Salaries,	150	0	0			
66.	John Cameron, W. Turnbull, D. Cameron	1,					
	and D. Fraser,	12470	0	10			
72.	Sleepers,	13	0	6			
76.	Terminus at governor's farm,	820	14	3			
80.	Printing and advertising,	92	17	11 <u>ş</u>			
86.	Mason work at terminus,	176	0	0			
89.	Materials,	43	14	7			
92.	Engineering,	250	0	0			
<b>9</b> 6.	Iron rails,	5056	17	7			
98.	J. R. Mosse,				3	1	10
100.	Horse account,	59	8	3			
105.	Office furniture,	71	17	11			
	Reservoir at governor's farm,	12	8	3			
111.	J. A. Morris, contractor,	250	0	0			
112.	J. R. Forman,	2	0	0			
		£28062	0	11	£28062	0	11

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JOHN MORROW, accountant.

COMMISSIONERS OF RAILWAYS.

Balance, December 30th, 1855.

		Dr.					
1.	Cash,	£2 9 8					
6.	Bank of Nova Scotia,	179	<b>2</b>	10			
10.	Postage and telegraph account,	. 44	12	31			
14.	Office expenses,	156	16	10			
<b>20</b> .	Receiver general,				$\pounds 56228$	2	6
26.	Premium and discount,				<b>5</b> 9	9	3
30.	Bills of exchange,	2532	1	8			_
36.	Baring, Brothers & Co.,				4817	1	3Į
40.	Surveying,	957	4	9			- 4
50.	James Allen,				12	17	0
<b>52</b> .	Incidental expenses,	405	16	4			
56.	Damages at African Village,	210	7	9			
60.	Main road alterations,	2268	9	9			
<b>62</b> .	Salaries,	1700	0	0			
	John Cameron & Co.,	20601	10	10			
71.	J. J. Clark,				12	10	0

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APPENDIX, No. 17.

		Dr.			Cr.			
72.	Sleepers,	£485	17	3				
76.	Terminus,	1582						
80.	Printing and advertising,	134		2				
86.	Mason work at terminus,	213	4	6				
89.	Materials,	405	14	9 <b>ş</b>				
92.	Engineering,	250	0	0				
96.	Iron rails,	12633	3	10 <b>ş</b>				
98.	J. R. Mosse,			2	116	7	ç	
100.	Horse account,	82	18	3				
102.					1	2	e	
	Office furniture,	137	13	8			-	
108.	Reservoir government farm,	274	4	2				
114.	Daniel McPherson,	27	7	ō				
115.	Fire wood,		15	Õ				
	Cars,	2076		-				
122.	Station house,	266	_					
124.	Spikes,	612		-				
126.	Iron chairs,	4418						
128.	McDonald & Black,	6022		$\tilde{0}^2$				
131.	Bessonett & Brown,	0022		Ū	4	6	٠e	
132.	Permanent way,	798	1	6 <del>]</del>	-	•		
140.	Switches and crossings,	504		9 [°]				
141.	Keys,	183	-5					
142.	Wharf,	521	-	6				
143.	Gunpowder,		14					
144.	Wm. Turnbull,	20	Ō					
145.	Brig "Jane,"	25	-					
146.		400	Õ					
	Creelman & Co.,		10	ŏ				
148.	Pickford & Co.,	15	0	ŏ				
149.	Joseph Jennings,	10	Ŭ	·	17	17	6	
150.	Snow plough,	225	0	0				
151.	Thomson & Esson,	220	Ŭ	v	64	9	-	
151. 152.	Ordnance department,				132		2	
	Locomotives,	2078	0	0	104	- v	•	
154	Turntables,	400	Ŏ	ŏ				
155.		700	v	v	2478	0	(	
		£63945		104	£63945		1(	

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JOHN MORROW, accountant.

Halifax, December 31, 1854.

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No. 18. (See page 620.) [Copy.]

General post office, Halifax, 12th May, 1854.

SIR-

It having been represented that you have been, and are, actively canvassing against the honorable the provincial secretary, and improperly using your influence as a public officer to prevent his election for the township of Windsor, in the absence from town of the postmaster general, I have been commanded to demand from you an immediate and explicit explanation of your conduct in this matter, for the information of the government.

I am, &c.

C. H. HAMILTON, chief clerk.

The POSTMASTER, Windsor.

# [Copy.]

General post office, Halifax, 16th May, 1854.

SIR----

In the absence from town of the postmaster general, I have the honor to enclose, for the information of the government, copy of a letter from the postmaster of Windsor, on the subject of his conduct in reference to the election of the hon. the provincial secretary for that township.

I have, &c.

(Signed) C. H. HAMILTON, chief clerk.

The hon. the RECEIVER GENERAL, &c. &c. &c.

Mr. C. H. HAMILTON, &c. &c. &c.

[Copy.]

Post office, Windsor, May 13, 1854.

SIR-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, and in reply have to say-

That I most distinctly deny having used any improper influence to prevent the election of the hon. provincial secretary; if it is considered that I have done so, I desire to know what it is that I have done improper; but if being honorably and honestly opposed to the return of Mr. Wilkins is improper conduct, then I most certainly am guilly. I have never, however, received any instructions from the postmaster general, stating that postmasters were not to exercise their rights in these matters.

## I am, &c.,

(Signed)

D. E. GELDERT.

[Copy.]

Halifax, May 31, 1854.

SIR-

I have it in command from his excellency the lieutenant governor to acquaint you that you are dismissed from your office as postmaster at Windsor, on account of the active canvass which you conducted against the return of the honorable the provincial secretary at the recent election for that township, and because you persisted in that course and voted for the opposite candidate, after the official letter addressed to you on the 12th instant, the receipt of which you acknowledged the 13th.

One of the clerks of the post office department will proceed immediately to Windsor, with instructions from the postmaster general to take charge of your office until the appointment of your successor.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

WM. YOUNG, attorney general.

D. E. GELDERT, esquire, Windsor.

## Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, May 31, 1854.

Sir-

I have it in command from his excellency the lieutenant governor to inform you that Mr. Daniel E. Geldert has been removed from the office of postmaster at Windsor, and to desire that you will cause one of the clerks of the post office department to proceed immediately to Windsor, with instructions from you to take charge of the office thus vacated until a successor to Mr. Geldert be appointed.

#### I have, &c.

(Signed)

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

A. WOODGATE, esquire, &c. &c.

## No. 19.

### (See page 621.)

List of causes brought in the court of chancery, from the 1st March, 1851, to 7th February, 1855.

1851.

- March 7. In re-estate of McEllenhy—appeal from probate.
  - 8. Matthewson vs. McKay-foreclosure.
  - 15. In re estate of Anthony-for instructions.
  - 20. Hamilton v. Graham, and al.—foreclosure.
- April 2. Cochran and al. v. Cumming and al.-ditto.
  - 28. Clark and al. v. Richardson-ditto.
- May 25. Logen and al. v. Woodworth and al.-ditto.
  - 26. Bowman v. Martin and al.—ditto.
  - 31. Tremain v. Organ-ditto.
- June 6. Stewart v. Tucker and al.—ditto. 9. Stewart v. —ditto.
  - 18. McCormick v. Fowler and al.—for account.

- **July** 16. Lockett v. Bowes and al.-foreclosure. Augt. 9. Drummond v. LeGoff and al.-ditto.
- Septr. 1.
- Cadogan v. Cadogan-specific performance.
  - 20.Collins v. Bossom-foreclosure.
    - 25. Thompson v. Spike—ditto.
    - " In re estate of Fraser—appeal from probate.
- **Octr.** 6. Wilson v. Slocomb—foreclosure.
  - 16. Reilly v. Beals-Specific performance.
  - 17. Bland v. Hogan and al.—foreclosure.
  - 20.Greetham v. Mignowitz-ditto.
  - 22.McCulloch v. Veith and al.-ditto.
  - 25.Keith and al. v. Braine and al.-ditto.
- **Novr.** 8. Braine and al. v. McDonald and al.-ditto.
  - 29.Mignowitz v. Steel—injunction and discovery.
- Decr. 13. Cunningham v. Hutchinson and al.—foreclosure.
  - 24.Bowes v. Tremain and al.—injunction and relief.

### 1852.

**Jany**. 19 Noble and al. v. Collins and al.—foreclosure 21 Hartshorne v. Merson-ditto 28 Humphrey v. Jones and al.-ditto Feby. 19 Dickey v. Lightbody and al.-ditto 24Duggan v. Horn-ditto 25Inglis v. Hamilton and al.-ditto March 8 Crane v. Fowler-ditto 13 Andrews v. Shipley-ditto 20 Ruggles v. -ditto 23Cogswell v. Crawford, and al.-ditto 25Muirhead v. Long and al.-ditto 26Dauphiney v. Hornish-ditto April 1 Stewart v. Eaton and al.—ditto 3 Rugg v. Nesbit and al.—ditto 26 Allan and al. v. Dixon and al.-ditto 27 Tobin and al. v. Reid and al.-ditto Muirhead v. Nash-ditto Mav 8 S Anderson v. Norwood and al.-ditto 15 Bliss v. Scott and al.-ditto 17 v. McCabe-ditto June 1 Almon v. Ratchford and al.—ditto 5 Cogswell v. Stevens and al.-ditto 10 Willitt v. Killam and al.-ditto 18 v. McGrigor-ditto 29Clarke v. Schwartz-ditto 1 July Bliss and al. v. Scott and al.-ditto 3 Salt v. Edwards and al.-ditto 10 Muirhead v. Nash and al.—ditto 26Bauer v. Tupper-ditto **Augt**. 26 Gore v. McVicar anu al.-ditto 6 Copp v. Etter-injunction and relief Sept. 22 Forsyth v. -foreclosure 22 Buskirk v. Buskirk-for legacy 23 Clarke and al. v. Jamieson and al.-foreclosure 24 Clarke and al. v. Morris and al.-ditto Oetr. 5 Murphy v. Power-ditto 12 Hartshorne v. Hamilton and al.-ditto

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Octr. 14	Clarke v. Connor and al.—ditto
Novr. 19	-
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Deer. 17	Bland v. Mahony-ditto
1853.	
Jany. 12	Shatford v. Westham and al. —ditto
27	Desbarres v. McKay—ditto
<b>29</b>	Almon and al. v. Darby and alditto
Feby. 1	Tobin and al. v. Tobin and almarriage settlement
19	Jost v. Jamieson and al.—foreclosure
21	Porter and al. v. Smith and alditto
March 1	Jost v. Ahern—ditto
19	Austin v. Lippincott and al.—ditto
22	Ritchie v. Strachan—settlement of partnership
April 23	York and al. v. Morash and al-injunction and relief
May 6	Young v. Wisdom and al.—foreclosure
7	In re estate of O'Brien-settlement of estate
June 24	Macara v. Anderson and al.—foreclosure
25	Murison and al. v. Bolton and alditto
July 6	Murphy v. Power and al ditto
Mar. 24	Smith v. McKeen and al.—for account and recovery
July 13	McKay and al. v. Blackadare and alforeclosure
Augt. 5	Shiels v. O'Flaherty and al.—ditto
- 12	Collins v. McDonald-ditto
17	Roach v. Roach—relief injunction
19	Dickey v. O'Brien and al.—foreclosure
Sept. 5	Hogan v. McDonald—ditto
Octr. 22	Dauphiney v. Scaburger and alditto
	Dauphiney v. Philips-ditto
29	In re estate of Wilson—appeal from probate
29	Suther v. Doran and al.—foreclosure
Novr. 24	Clearnand v. Turner—ditto
Decr. 8	Scott v. Ross—ditto
12	Bliss v. Harris and al.—ditto
1854.	
Jany. 17	Fairbanks v. Vail—to set aside account
24 24	Young v. Harvie and al.—foreclosure
Feby. 14	Esson v. Scott—ditto
25 25	Halliburton v. Smith—ditto
Mar. 20	Merkel and al. v. Burns—ditto
24	Silver v. McGrath—ditto
25	Oxner and al. v. Oxner and al.—for legacy
$\frac{20}{30}$	Pryor v. Lynch and al.—foreclosure
April 7	Tarratt v. Wilson and al.—ditto
May 5	Buker v. Schmitz—for account
June 3	Uniacke v. Livingston and al.—foreclosure
16	In re estate of Collins—appeal from probate
$\tilde{21}$	McGilvray v. McDonald and al.—specific performance
$\frac{1}{24}$	Hutchinson v. Ward—foreclosure
July 4	Bliss v. Turnbull-ditto
13	Allen v. Crowell—to redeem
28	Clarke and al. v. Fader and alforeclosure
Augt. 14	Dickey v. Beatty and al.—ditto
18 IS	Hutebinson v. Hutebinson, Jitto

- 18 Hutchinson v. Hutchinson—ditto 28 Young v. Ogilvie—ditto

Sept.	9	Humphrey v. Dobson-foreclosure
		Twining v. Brownditto
	31	Cogswell v. Thompson and alditto
Novr.	4	In re estate of Smith-for appointment trustees
	19	Young v. Harrington-foreclosure

1855.

Jany. 27 Dickson v. Holliday—foreclosure

- Feby. 6 McKay v. Lambertson-injunction relief
  - 7 King and al. v. Mosher and al.—foreclosure

8th February, 1855.

N. W. WHITE, registrar.

No. 20.

(See page 621.)

## [Copy.]

Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, November 15, 1854.

GENTLEMEN-

I am commanded by his excellency the lieutenant governor to signify to you has desire that you will, at your earliest convenience, furnish the government with a report of the proceedings that have been had in relation to the St. Peter's canal during the present season, of the progress and present state of that public work, and of the expenditure that has been made in respect of the same.

I have, &c.

LEWIS M. WILKINS. The commissioners for constructing the St. Peter's canal, Arichat, C. B.

Arichat, 27th November, 1854.

SIR-

In pursuance of the instructions contained in your letter of the 15th instant, the commissioners for the construction of St. Peter's canal beg to report, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, that they met at St. Peter's on the 28th July. for the purpose of organising themselves and tracing out the land required for the cosstruction of said canal, on which occasion, having chosen the hon. James McLeon se chairman, the commissioners agreed to commence the work on the 1st day of September, having made arrangements with captain Barry, R. E., (who was then present,) to that On the day named, the commissioners again met at St. Peter's, and captain Barry effect. not having arrived, they postponed the commencement of the work until the seventh, on which day the work was commenced, under the superintendence of captain Barry, with labourers at four shillings per day, and horse, cart and driver at ten shillings per day. The work continued under the superintendence of captain Barry until about the 25th September, when that gentleman left for Halifax, without acquainting the commissioners or communicating with them in any manner. From that time the work was continued until the 28th October, when the commissioners judged it expedient to stop the work for this season.

The commissioners consider they laboured under great disadvantage in consequence of the engineer leaving the work at the time mentioned above, and not returning to St. Peter's during the continuation thereof, and they are of opinion that said work would be more advantageously carried out under the superintendence of a civil engineer, who, though perhaps of lower standing than captain Barry, might feel more inclined to devote all his time and attention to the carrying on the work on which he was employed.

Having had the work surveyed and measured, the report is that 12,266 cubic yards have been excavated and carted away, at the rate of about 1s.  $11\frac{1}{2}d$ . per cubic yard, for labor and horse and cart hire only, exclusive of tools, overseers, and all other charges. The accounts, amounting to £1508 19s. 2d., are hereunto annexed.

The commissioners also laboured under great disadvantage in consequence of the late season of the year at which they were enabled to commence, which would have induced them to postpone the commencement of the work until next year, had it not been for the rumours industriously circulated among the people that neither the government nor commissioners had any intention of commencing the work at all. It was too late to make arrangements for a railway, and also too late to advertize the work by tender and contract, with any prospect of commencing the work this season.

The commissioners, however, beg to state that they have endeavoured to carry on the work as economically and effectually as possible; and that in the event of offering the work to competition by tender and contract, they are in a better position to judge whether the lowest tender offered or made to them is such as they should approve of, than they would have been if they had not commenced this season by days' work. They also labored under a disadvantage in consequence of the severe illness of the chairman, which has deprived them of his valuable assistance.

> We have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient, humble servants,

ISAAC LEVESCONTE, THOS. H. FULLER, Commissioners of St. Peter's canal, forming a quorum in the absence of the chairman, as per 6th resolution of 28th July.

The province of Nova Scotia in account current with the commissioners of St. Peter's canal.

1854.					
Sept. 16.	To paid labour from 7th inst. to date, No. 1,				
-	$706\frac{1}{2}$ days labour, at 4s.,	£141	6	0	
	$139\frac{1}{3}$ and 8-10ths days horses and				
	carts, at 10s.,	70	1	4	
	2 water boys, 10 days, at 1s.,	0	10	0	
30.	To paid labour from 16th inst. to date, No. 2,				
	$1005\frac{3}{4}$ days' labour, at 4s.,	201		0	
	298 days horses and carts, at 10s.,	149			
	2 water boys, 17 days, at 1s.,	0	17	0	
Octr. 19.	To paid labour, from 30th ultimo to the 14th				
	inst., No. 3, 6263 days' labour,				
	at 4s.,				
	1981 days horses and carts, at 10s.,	99	5	0	
	2 water boys, 10 days, at 1s.,	0	10	0	

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To paid labour, from 14th to 28th inst., No. 4,						
$1093\frac{1}{4}$ days' labour, at 4s.,			0			
394 days horses and carts, at 10s.,	197	2	6			
2 water boys,	0	14	0			
J. G. McKenzie, surveyor, tracing land.				1204	10	10
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Malcom McInnes for tools No. 7						
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Thomas LeNoir, do. No. 15,	12	14	1			
	0	4	6	•		
John Le Cras, do. No. 17,	7	10	0			
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Ronald McDonald, nick handles, No. 20.						
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Doctor Madden, per bill, No. 23,	1	5	0			
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Maurice Kayanagh, do. 421 ds at 7s 6d	2	10	v			
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	15	7	6			
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Non Merten, carpenter, 110. 20,	4	19	U	00	•	4.1
				90	U	44
George T. Handley, per bill, No. 27.	33	3	2			
Valentin McDonald No. 29						
	0	7	6			
No. 34,	3	10	0			
				50	10	8
To commission on £1436 13s. 6d., at 5 per cent.,					15	8
	<ul> <li>1093¼ days' labour, at 4s.,</li> <li>394¼ days horses and carts, at 10s.,</li> <li>2 water boys,</li> <li>J. G. McKenzie, surveyor, tracing land,</li> <li>No. 5,</li> <li>Neil Shaw, for sledge, No. 6,</li> <li>Malcom McInnes, for tools, No. 7,</li> <li>Michael McNeil, do. No. 8,</li> <li>A. McKeen, do. No. 9,</li> <li>John Fuller, do. No. 10,</li> <li>Thomas Feneby, do. No. 11,</li> <li>John Hearn, do. No. 12,</li> <li>Hypolite Marmaud, do. No. 13,</li> <li>John Dunn, do. No. 14,</li> <li>Thomas LeNoir, do. No. 16,</li> </ul>	1003¼ days' labour, at 4s., £218 394¼ days horses and carts, at 10s., 197 2 water boys, 0 J. G. McKenzie, surveyor, tracing land, No. 5, Neil Shaw, for sledge, No. 6, 1 Malcom McInnes, for tools, No. 7, 7 Michael McNeil, do. No. 8, 12 A. McKeen, do. No. 9, 1 John Fuller, do. No. 10, 0 Thomas Feneby, do. No. 11, 1 John Hearn, do. No. 12, 2 Hypolite Marmaud, do. No. 13, 7 John Dunn, do. No. 14, 23 Thomas LeNoir, do. No. 16, 0 John Le Cras, do. No. 17, 7 Indian, for pick and shovel handles, No. 18, 5 Tremain, for shovels, No. 19, 0 Ronald McDonald, pick handles, No. 20, 0 William Burk, do. No. 21, 0 Angus McPhee, pick axes, No. 22, 5 Doctor Madden, per bill, No. 23, 1 Expense sending for ditto, No. 24, 0 George E. Jean, registrar, No. 25, 1 Norman McNeil, foreman, 52 days, at 10s., 20 Maurice Kavanagh, do., 42¼ ds. at 7s.6d., 15 Neil McNeil, carpenter, No. 26, 2 George T. Handley, per bill, No. 27, 33 David Landry, ferryman, No. 28, 6 Valantin McDonald, No. 29, 0 Repairing main post road, No. 30, 5 George Lafford, truckage, No. 31, 0 Charles Martell, do. No. 33, 0 Patrick Divan, surveying work, and measuring No. of yards performed,	10031 days' labour, at 4s.,       £218 15         3941 days horses and carts, at 10s.,       197 2         2 water boys,       0 14         J. G. McKenzie, surveyor, tracing land, No. 5,       100         Malcom McInnes, for tools, No. 7,       7 11         Michael McNeil,       do. No. 8,       12 18         A. McKeen,       do. No. 9,       1 11         John Fuller,       do. No. 10,       0 7         Thomas Feneby,       do. No. 11,       1 1         John Hearn,       do. No. 12,       2 5         Hypolite Marmaud,       do. No. 13,       7 13         John Dunn,       do. No. 14,       23 0         Thomas Feneby,       do. No. 16,       0 4         John Dunn,       do. No. 17,       7 10         Indian, for pick and shovel handles,       5 8         Tremain, for shokels, No. 19,       0 5         Ronald McDonald, pick handles, No. 20,       0 11         William Burk,       do. No. 21,       0 4         Angus McPhee, pick axes,       No. 22,       5 5         Doctor Madden, per bill, No. 23,       1 5         Expense sending for ditto, No. 24,       0 13         George E. Jean, registrar, No. 25,       1 5         Norman M	10934 days' labour, at 4s., $\pounds 218$ 15 0         3944 days horses and carts, at 10s.,       197 2 6         2 water boys,       0 14 0         J. G. McKenzie, surveyor, tracing land,       No. 5,         Neil Shaw, for sledge, No. 6,       1 0 0         Malcom McInnes, for tools, No. 7,       7 11 8         Michael McNeil,       do. No. 9,       1 11 6         John Fuller,       do. No. 10,       0 7 6         Thomas Feneby,       do. No. 11,       1 1 0         John Fuller,       do. No. 11,       1 1 0         John Fuller,       do. No. 12,       2 5 6         Hypolite Marmaud,       do. No. 13,       7 13 0         John Dunn,       do. No. 14,       23 0 0         Thomas Feneby,       do. No. 14,       23 0 0         John Dunn,       do. No. 16,       0 4 6         John Dun,       do. No. 17,       7 10 0         Indian, for pick and shovel handles,       No. 18,       5 8 6         No. 18,       5 8 6       6         Tremain, for shovels, No. 19,       0 5 3         Ronald McDonald, pick handles, No. 22,       0 13 6         George E. Jean, registrar, No. 23,       1 5 0         Stephene McPheerson, do., 41 days, at 10s., 26 0 0 <td< td=""><td>$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$</td><td>$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$</td></td<>	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

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1854.				
Sept. 16.	By our drafts on hon'ble. receiver general-			
•	In favor of P. LeGrand,	£150	0	0
	Edward Binet,	25	0	0
	Donahoe,	75	0	0
18.	McKeen,	47	10	0
26.	Simon Donovan,	30	0	0
28.	John Hackett,	30	0	0
Octr. 10.	This sum placed to our credit with bank Nova Scotia,	1000	Ō	0
Nov. 25.	Our draft on receiver general, in favor of John J. Jean,	150	19	2
		£1508	9	2

[Errors excepted.]

ISAAC LEVESCONTE, THOS. H. FULLER, Commissioners of St. Peter's canal.

Arichat, C. B., 25th November, 1854.

Halifax, N. S., 2nd December, 1854.

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SIR-

I have the honor to report, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, that the works at St. Peter's commenced on 7th September, the men being principally employed the first nine days in grubbing and clearing trees and brushwood, removing manure heaps, taking down fences and replacing further back, removing timber, &c. near the shore where the earth from the excavation was to be shot. On the morning of the 11th the work commenced pretty regularly and continued for the week, but partly retarded by the inferior quality of the picks.

Some of the men employed worked very well, but others I found to be too old and incapable, and therefore gave the head overseer directions to discharge all those unfit for work, and to take only strong able-bodied men, plenty of whom were seeking employment; and to employ no carts but those of large size, with strong horses, and to see they were properly filled and kept moving.

Having military duties to attend to at Halifax, I marked out work for the men to go on with during my absence, and told the overseer what number of carts and men to employ, where each party was to work, and gave full instructions for carrying on the work; I likewise told each under-overseer what his gang would have to do, and where employed.

During my absence I was privately informed that the work was not going on well, and that there did not appear to be much done since I left. I obtained permission to return, and was much surprised to find that the men had not been employed on the part directed, that all the centre block, with levels, &c., had been removed or filled up, and all original tracings obliterated. I then called on Mr. Kavanagh, (one of the overseers,) for an explanation, who informed me that soon after I left the overseer had altered my tracing, and had struck out a new line for the men to work, took on additional carts and horses, and would not employ the men when directed ; that the junior overseers remonstrated with him and told him that he was acting contrary to the instructions received, but that he still persisted in what he was doing, and that they had therefore only to obey his orders.

Under circumstances as above stated, his excellency will perceive that it is perfectly impossible for any person to carry on work, more especially on an extended scale, where the chief overseer or foreman should not only thoroughly understand his work and act up to the instructions he might receive, but should, if possible, be totally disconnected with the locality, as he may often find himself very unpleasantly situated, in having to refuse employment to relations or friends to whom he may be under some obligation.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

## P. J. S. BARRY,

Captain, R. E.

Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

### No. 21.

(See page 621.)

Halifax, N. S., December 30th, 1854.

SIR-

I beg leave to report as commissioner of Indian affairs.

The sum of one hundred and ten pounds has been placed at my disposal. The account of the expenditure of that sum, with vouchers, are annexed.

I have issued two hundred and sixty blankets to Indians; the number purchased, one hundred and thirty pairs. The names of the families, with the number in each family, who have received clothing, can be obtained from me at any time when required.

It has cost a much larger sum of money this season to clothe the Indians than formerly, as I could not procure the soldiers' "old great coat," an article purchased at 3s. 9d. each. Blankets cannot be obtained for less than 5s. 6d. to 6s. each.

I would call your attention to a suggestion offered in my last year's report, relative to making a law, fining heavily any person found possessing articles issued to the Indian; such a law exists in Canada, and operates to the benefit of the aborigines.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. CHEARNLEY, C. I. affairs.

The hon. L. M. WILKINS, &c. &c. provincial secretary.

The province of Nova Scotia in account with William Chearnley, commissioner of Indian affairs.

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APPENDIX, Nos. 21, 22.

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### No. 22.

## (See page 628.)

The committee on reporting the debates of the assembly report as follows :

That your committee, with a view to an entire change of system, which would insure greater despatch and promptness in reporting and publishing the debates, conceived it advisable, if possible, to contract with one person for the performance of both services.

That they have had before them the two gentlemen heretofore employed in reporting the debates, together with several of the publishers, with whom the subject was discussed at large.

That after protracted meetings and correspondence with reporters and publishers, the labors of your committee resulted in the following arrangement, which they believe will be found a great improvement on the previous system, and well worthy of the consideration of the house: Mr.

Mr. Richard Nugent has engaged to furnish two competent reporters to report the debates and proceedings of the assembly, "accurately and promptly," to the extent of eighteen columns per week, during the session, and thirty-six columns thereafter,—the matter to be furnished to the publishers of the Chronicle, Colonist, British American, and Sun, who will publish the same and bring up the arrears within fourteen days after the close of the session; Mr. Nugent will also furnish 200 printed copies of the debates in royal octavo, stitched and covered, in the same form as "Hansard's debates," for the use of the assembly,—the whole service of reporting, publishing and pamphlets, to be performed for three hundred and sixty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence.

All which is respectfully submitted and recommended to be adopted by the house.

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman. W. A. HENRY, JOHN HOLMES, JOHN J. MARSHALL, A. G. ARCHIBALD.

Committee room, assembly, 12th February, 1855.

#### No. 23.

#### (See page 630.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George Rigby and others, of Maina-Dieu, Cape Breton, setting forth the energy, courage, and manly conduct displayed by Edward Kennedy, in rescuing the crew of the brig "Tooting," of P. E. Island, wrecked at Bauline, Cape Breton, on 6th December last, and praying this house to grant him a suitable reward, have carefully considered the petition, and in view of the facts therein detailed, do recommend that the sum of ten pounds be granted by this house and presented to Kennedy and his crew, to mark their approval of their praiseworthy and humane conduct, and to stimulate others to the like exertions in similar perilous cases.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, chairman.

#### No. 24.

(See page 633.)

Halifax, N. S., 1st February, 1855.

SIR-

I forward, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, a report of my proceedings as warden of river fisheries, Halifax county, for the year 1854.

In the early part of the fishing season I commenced a tour of inspection of the different rivers, beginning at the bounds of the county eastward.

Ecum Secum river was completely stopped by a mill-dam, and nets lay across in many places. I had not seen this river last season; I trust in the coming one arrangements I made will be attended to.

Mosher's river—unobstructed by mill-dams. Here was a great want of regularity in the setting of nets. Large quantities of gaspereaux are yearly taken in this river, owing, no doubt, to the fish having a good chance of getting to their spawning places during high water.

Quoddy river.—It appeared to me that the fish had been wholly exterminated by excessive netting, and the stream having been obstructed by a mill-dam for a number of years.

Locke harbor is free for fish to pass, having never been damed, consequently I saw more fish (salmon, trout, and gaspercaux,) in its waters than the whole of the other rivers in this county.

Beaver harbor river has no mill upon it, but the stream suffers much from excessive netting about the falls, where it empties itself into the side way.

North river, Sheet Harbor, had been for years blockaded by Mr. Wright; I fear that fish have forsaken it. I came to a satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Wright, who at once declared his desire to conform to the law.

At Ship Harbor I caused a weir to be knocked down, erected across Newcome's Brook. Charles river was completely stopped by Mr. Weeks—his mill-race turned to the purpose of capturing all the fish seeking its waters. I found a party at full work, upwards of fifty barrels fish were in process of being salted in the mill, and I have no doubt that double that amount had been taken away previous to my visit. I brought this glaring case to the notice of the proper authorities, who fined Mr. Weeks. A man of the name of Thomas Caldwell, who persisted in keeping his dam totally across the river flowing into Cow Bay, was also fined.

Tangier river had a brush weir upon it, so as to totally intercept the passing and repassing of fish; I caused it at once to be destroyed, called a meeting of the inhabitants, who, at my request framed rules to be observed, and which I have no doubt will be strictly adhered to, and they will soon reap the benefit.

Sackville river had been opened at its mouth, after considerable trouble last year. A quantity of fish ascended this season, but I fear were all destroyed in a weir erected near to a Mr. Robinson's property. I received a request numerously signed by the people residing in the neighbourhood of Mr. Heffler's mill, requesting as a public convenience that his dam should not be interfered with; upon inquiry I found from evidence of old inhabitants that fish rarely passed the falls upon which his mill is erected. I did not insist upon an opening being made in his dam, but have obtained a promise from Mr. Heffler that a way shall be opened at the side of his dam, and that he will do his utmost to facilitate the passing of any fish that might be trying to ascend.

Mr. Boutillier and McQuade, of Nine Mile River, were east in fines and costs for not attending to my directions.

The rivers flowing into Margaret's Bay are still far from being in a satisfactory state; at Ingraham's river I found the dams opened, but it appeared to me that the shoots were improperly formed and that fish could not possibly have worked their way up. At the time of my being there they were discharging large volumes of water, the gates having evidently only been lifted when my advent was known. This matter has to be arranged before next season. Netting is carried on at the mouth of this river to the greatest extent possible, Mr. Francis Webber being much averse to the present river fishing law, is doing all he can to defeat its object; a glaring act of an individual in his employment, having thrown slabs into the stream in my presence and contrary to my express desire, met with a just punishment : the parties were brought before the proper tribunal and were fined in the sum of five pounds.

I must urge the necessity of defining the mouths of rivers, which ought to be recorded at sessions. This course is observed in all countries where people are anxious to preserve the fish; it is especially necded now that our fisheries are thrown open to the Americans.

From residents on those rivers in this county now free from dams, I receive the most cheering accounts, (instance Musquodoboit, Chezetcook, and the two Preston rivers.) Fish are beginning to increase greatly, large quantities having been seen about their waters.

The subject of preserving the inland fisheries has been warmly taken up by the people residing upon the rivers in this county; the millers are beginning to perceive that they must accommodate the public; the salutary lesson taught to some of the refractory ones in the decisions given against them by the magistracy in the cases I had occasion to bring

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to their notice, has had an admirable effect. The people have yet to learn that to make the work effective they have to aid the warden to their utmost-without their support the law cannot be efficiently carried out.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

> > WM. CHEARNLEY. Warden of river fisheries, Halifax county.

The hon. the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

### No. 25.

### (See page 633.)

Office of board of works, Halifax, 6th February, 1855.

SIR-

I beg leave respectfully to submit to his excellency the lieutenant governor, and to the legislature, the report of the board of works in reference to the several departments under its supervision. Respecting some of those departments, two reports, at the request of his excellency, have been furnished to him, to which reference, if necessary, and to avoid recapitulation, may be made.

The penitentiary remains nearly the same as last year. The number of prisoners is now fifteen, and the average for the year is nearly the same. The ordinary expenses as to keepers will of course be the same, and cannot with safety or propriety be reduced, whether the prisoners be many or few. To prevent the walls of the building from being so damaged by leaks in the caves and spouts as greatly to injure it, a considerable outlay was necessary, and has been so expended. Some additional expense has also been incurred this year in carrying into effect his excellency's laudable efforts to improve the breed of For this purpose he requested to have the management under his own direction, swine. and has kindly given much attention to it. The amount of expenditure, including the above, is £1139 16s. 10d. There will be required for the current year,  $\pounds 1200$ .

On public buildings a very large expenditure beyond the ordinary outlay has become necessary, in consequence of a fire that occurred in the month of August last. The wholeof the roof and attic of the building were destroyed, and the water that was thrown in to extinguish the fire ran down through the building and destroyed all the ceilings, and considerably injured the side walls. The floors also, in boring to let off the water, have been much damaged. The cornice of several of the rooms was nearly destroyed, and had to be replaced; and the chimneys, which are very bad, have, to a great extent, to be rebuilt. The drains in the lower part of the house require also much alteration to improve them, as regards health and convenience. To prevent the walls of the building from being entirely destroyed, it was indispensably necessary to have a new roof erected as expeditiously as possible. This has been done without any delay that could be avoided, and the work is now being pushed on as rapidly as it is at all practicable. Slates, which could not be procured here, were ordered from England, for the purpose of covering a part of the roof which was shingled, and was therefore considered dangerous, and the work would have been done if the fire had not taken place; -- indeed, the slates on the wings are so back that they also will require renewing, which, however, will not be undertaken this winter. Advertisements were issued and contracts taken for all the work, except such parts of it as could not well be estimated, because the extent of such portions of it could not be easily. valued, or was too small to be an inducement to tender for. An estimate, prepared by Mr.

Mr. Chambers, the architect, who now superintends the work, will shew what is deemed necessary to be done, and the probable cost. To it, reference is respectfully directed.

The provincial building also required slating and other repairs to prevent the walls being injured by leaks in the pediment and elsewhere. Part of the work has been done, and part cannot be done till the ensuing season. The whole of the work has been conducted with as much care and attention as to economy as could be exercised, regardless of personal claims or partialities of or for one more than another. The expenditure and contracts for provincial building for the current year amounts to  $\pounds 73$  11s. 2d. On government house, so far as the contracts have been completed, the sum is  $\pounds 473$ ; the remaining unfinished work cannot yet be ascertained. Of this amount  $\pounds 337$  has been paid. The  $\pounds 200$ granted for governor's farm is included in general expenditure.

The light houses at Margaree and at White Head are completed. Some delay was occasioned in lighting the latter, in consequence of the apparatus for a revolving light not being finished earlier and set fairly in operation. Mr. Miller, the superintendent, has visited it lately, and states that it is now fairly in operation. Margaree, since finished, has been somewhat damaged by storms; it will, when repaired, be lighted as soon as practicable. The light house at Iron Bound Island, LaHave, is not yet undertaken. There was but one tender received, and that was so high it was not deemed prudent to undertake it. Mr. Miller, the superintendent, has adopted another plan, which he says will answer as well, at a much less expense. Advertisements have been issued, so that the work may be proceeded with next season. Another light house was directed to be built at Brier Island. Mr. Miller thinks that the proper position would be on the main Iand, opposite instead of on the Island. Perhaps before it is undertaken the subject may be reviewed, and the question as to the best site decided. The amount expended on light houses the past year is £7169; for new light houses, £449; for the support of others, £6720.

At Sable Island there have been three wrecks of small vessels, and one of a large American ship, the Arcadia, from Germany, with 180 passengers, bound to New York; but it is gratifying to state that no loss of life occurred. In this latter case the safety of the passengers and crew is in a great measure to be attributed to the efficiency of the life boats generously furnished by Miss Dix. The first shipment of them had been wrecked at Yarmouth. She directed them to be replaced; and the second shipment, which had also been driven into Yarmouth and partly injured, had arrived on the Island only a few days before the Arcadia was wrecked. The report of the superintendent of the Island shews that had it not been for them, few, if any, of the people would have been saved. The exertions of the superintendent and crew are deserving of all praise ; and the superintendent suggests that the exertions of the crew are worthy of the notice of the legislature; and that the gift of the means by which these efforts proved effectual claims grateful acknowledgments, is unquestionably evident. The Island will now, therefore, by this gift, have, in addition to the boats they previously had, a full and complete set of life-saving apparatus, which will greatly add to the benefits of the establishment as a humane institution. The outlay for this establishment the past year, including the winter's supply of stores, is The receipts are—salvage from wrecks,  $\pounds 1095$ ; sales of cranberries,  $\pounds 95$ ; £2466. sales of oxen and sundries,  $\pounds 203$ .

In the report of last year the state of the schooner Daring, connected with Sable Island, was mentioned. The captain again urges the propriety and necessity of another vessel being provided. The subject is therefore again respectfully submitted to the consideration of the legislature. Some enquiries have been made as to the cost of a suitable vessel, the aresult of which will be communicated, if required.

During the last year, plans have been made and advertisements issued for building an hospital or asylum for the insane. Tenders were received, but they were so high for only a part of it (say a little more than half) that they could not be accepted, being for only that part double the amount of the disposable funds. Nothing remained, therefore, but to do such work as must eventually be done if the work proceed. The premises are considered the best of any known for making brick, and had been used by the former proprietor extensively

extensively for that purpose. As the buildings are to be of brick, it is thought best to have a supply on the premises, which, it is confidently believed, may be manufactured at a much cheaper rate than they could be purchased. A commencement was made this last season, and one kiln of brick prepared and burnt, containing about 50,000. Considerable expense is, of course, as in all new undertakings, incurred in the beginning; but much of the work that is done would have to be done whether a brick yard were made there or not, and the person who superintends the work has been employed extensively and usefully in other branches of the public service, especially as to public buildings, he being a good draughtsman, and also a tradesman, well acquainted with mechanical work generally. It is respectfully submitted that if the legislature would authorize the expenditure of the appropriation as far as it would go, by tender and contract, or otherwise as might be deemed most judicious and economical, the work might proceed advantageously, otherwise it would be in effect saying that the work shall cease. There has been expended the past year  $\pounds 903$ ; a considerable portion of this is for the salary of the superintendent, which does not fairly belong to the construction of the asylum. The work that has been done, and is now doing, is indispensably necessary. There has therefore been no stoppage or avoidable delay since the work commenced.

In the fishery protection only two vessels were employed by the province, but the expense was much more than last season, because that the crews of the vessels were supplied by the owners of the vessels, and paid for by the province, whereas the year before the crews were supplied chiefly from H. M. ships on the station. An officer of the navy was placed on board each vessel by the commander on the station, Admiral Fanshawe, who readily and kindly attended to all applications made to him respecting that service. In consequence of negociations and arrangements made between the British and American governments on the subject of the fisheries, the hired vessels were withdrawn sooner than they otherwise would have been. The schooner Daring remained some time after the other vessels left. A portion of the grant £399 has therefore been assigned for her service.

A report and estimate respecting government house have been furnished by the architect who is superintending the work, which are herewith enclosed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. BELL, Chairman board of works.

#### No. 26.

## (See page 633.)

The committee upon the petition of Benjamin K. Dodge beg to recommend that a grant of ten pounds be made to the petitioner, as a compensation for his former services in vaccinating Indians and supplying them with medicines.

Committee room, February 16, 1855.

J. J. MARSHALL, chairman.

#### No. 27.

### (See page 636.)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of William Logan, John Ross, and Henrietta Stephens, asking payment for services performed by them in the year 1846, in surveying and exploring portions of a proposed line of railway between Halifax and Quebec, by order of hon. James B. Uniacke, M. P. P., secretary to the provisional committee of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence railway, beg to report as follows :

The claim of William Logan is  $\pounds 53$  10s., for surveying, making plans, and payment of laborers, which amount your committee, after due examination, have reduced to  $\pounds 41$ , which sum they recommend to be paid to petitioner.

The claim of John Ross is  $\pounds 9$  3s., and the interest thereon from 1846 to date, which makes the amount petitioned for  $\pounds 14$  2s. 6d. We, the committee, recommend that the house grant to Mr. Ross the sum of  $\pounds 9$  3s., this sum being the amount due him for the service performed, without interest.

The claim of Henrietta Stephens is  $\pounds 19$ , for exploring, making plans and surveys, made by her late husband, which sum the committee recommend be paid to her, the interest charged being also deducted, leaving the above balance.

Your committee made no enquiry as to the nature to the province of the services performed by petitioners, or into the propriety of making such surveys, but they recommend that petitioners be now paid for the labor they performed, because they were induced to believe by the letters of Mr. Uniacke that the legislature would provide for the payment of the same.

J. J. MARSHALL, JOHN HOLMES.

Committee room, February 19th, 1855.

### No. 28.

### (*See page* 636.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Atwood Mack and Ezekiel Foster, praying the passage of an act annexed thereto, entitled, "an act to authorise William Atwood Mack and Ezekiel Foster to erect a mill-dam across the Annapolis river, above the flow of the tide," have examined into and carefully considered the said petition. They have also had before them the petition of Thomas A. Balcomb and others, in favor of passing the said act, and that of William C. Whitman and others against the same.

The committee having given the subject due attention, beg leave to report as follows :

They are of opinion that the communication now open for miles above the proposed site of the said dam with the river below, and which is used in various ways as best suits the convenience of the inhabitants, would be retarded and interfered with to a large extent, if the said proposed dam was erected, and thus detriment and injury would result to public rights and interests; therefore, believing that legislation curtailing the rights of the public for the purpose of advancing individual interests would not be prudent, unless accompanied by corresponding advantage, the committee decline to recommend the prayer of the first named petitioners, and think the act should not be allowed.

> HENRY S. JOST, JOHN C. WADE, JOHN LOCKE, M. BECKWITH, ANDREW COWIE.

15th February, 1855.

## No. 29.

## (See page 636.)

The committee on Indian affairs beg leave to report specially upon the application of the Rev. Hugh O'Riley and others, for relief to the Indians at New Glasgow, in the county of Pictou.

The committee recommend that his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorised to draw from the provincial treasury fifty pounds, to be applied in such way as his excellency may deem best calculated to relieve the immediate necessities of the Indians in that locality, and that this house will provide for the same during the present session.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.

PART 2.-(See page 654.)

The committee on Indian affairs report as follows :

The account from the financial secretary's office shew the following sums, certified by him for 1854, viz.:

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Balance in the treasury,				<b>£</b> 16	0	7
Provincial grant for 1854,				£283 300	19 0	5 0
Dr. Forman,	0 	7	6 6 	3	15	0
Reported by committee, but undrawn—Dr. Jeans,	£3	7	Ŀ	£280	4	5
Newel Jeddore, Indian, Thos. E. Seamen, Horton,				4	0 16	0 7
J. P. Doane, for support of a boy,				$\overline{\overline{5}}$	0	Ő
Doctor Elmsley, Victoria,				2 2		2 0
Doctor Forbes, ditto, Doctor Croker, ditto,				3 2	8 8	6 2
Doctor Payzant, Queen's county,				1		9
Doctor Webster, ditto,					15	0
Doctor Borden, ditto,				1	10	Ô
Doctor Shaw, King's county,				Ĝ	1	ğ
Doctor Jennings,				4	10	0
A. F. Comeau, Clare, no account, For medical attendance, per report 1854—				15	0	V
Ditto King's county, per account,				7	0 0	8 0
J. B. McDonald, Pictou and Colchester, per account,				17	5	8
Rev. Mr. Corteau, Richmond, no account,				<b>20</b>		0
John Creighton, Lunenburg county, per account,				10		Ō
Hon. James McLeod, Cape Breton, per account,				30		ŏ
John McKinnon, Sydney, per account,				30		Ö
A. Whitman, for Annapolis, per account, Alexander Campbell, Tatamagouche, no account,				20 10		0 0
To captain Chearnley, Indian commissioner,				£85	0	0
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No account furnished by Mr. Corteau t							
The committee recommend payment	of the following sup	ns for r	nedio	cal se	rvices	, out	t of
the ordinary grant for the present year							
Doctor James Forbes, Queen's county,					5	0	0
Doctor Croker, ditto	ditto,	•			2	2	3
Doctor Harrison, Musquodoboit,	•				5	0 2 0	0
Doctor Jeans, in addition to £3 7s. 6		and ur	idrav	vn.		-	-
in full of his account for 1852				-,	6	12	6
Doctor Forman, Sydney, in addition	•	last ve	ar. s	ind	•		•
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Doctor Tupper, of Amherst, in full,							
Doctor Brown, Horton,					3	0 0	ŏ
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The committee cannot entertain the petition of Wm. Corbet, of Amherst, nor D. Geary and others, of Clare. They recommend that Samuel Bayard, of Guysborough, be paid for expense of Madelin Christmas, £4 17s. 6d.; and Chas. Gallighar, for medical aid to ditto, £1. Also to John H. Minor, Horton, for supplies to Indians, £8 11s. 10d.; and Irad Benjamin, of Horton, for supplies to Indians, 12s. 5¹/₂d.

The committee recommend there be placed in the hands of Rev. T. Welch, Queen's county, to aid Peter Bobbie, to buy medicine for Indians,  $\pounds 4$ . Also in the hands of John Esson, to aid Francis Paul, Indian chief, this year,  $\pounds 4$ . Also to Newel Jeddore, Indian,  $\pounds 4$ . Also to W. I. Fuller, Horton, for supplies to Indians,  $\pounds 9$  4s. 4d.

The committee recommend the following sums for the current year, viz. :

To the Rev. Mr. Geary, for the Indians in Clare, Digby county,	£15	0	0
John Wade, esquire, for the Indians in Bear River, Digby county,	10	0	0
John Creighton, esquire, for Indians, Lunenburg county,	10	0	0
A. Whitman, esquire, for Indians, Annapolis county,	<b>20</b>	0	0
1 db - community manufacture and the second term			

And the usual grants to the other counties.

The committee would again recommend the passage of an act imposing penalties on persons purchasing Indian clothing, guns, &c., after having been distributed as bounty to Indians.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman. D. N. MACQUEEN, JOHN HOLMES, JOHN CAMPBELL, DANIEL MOORE.

House of assembly, Halifax, N. S., 5th March, 1855.

PART 3.—(See page 688.)

The committee on Indian affairs having taken into their consideration the petition of the Indians at Whycocomah, in the island of Cape Breton, touching the encroachment of the white people upon the Indian reserve lands in that locality, beg leave to make their supplementary report as follows:

That the attention of the executive government be directed to the recommendation contained in the report of the committee on Indian affairs of last year, and that immediate steps be taken by the government to have the lines run out around the Indian reserves in that locality, and that all parties found encroaching upon those reserves, either by squatting, cultivating the land, cutting the timber, or in any other way, be rigorously prosecuted for every such offence, with a view to preserve inviolate all the rights and immunities pertaining to those reserves for the sole and entire benefit of the Indians interested therein.

> ALFRED WHITMAN, D. N. MACQUEEN, JOHN CAMPBELL, JOHN HOLMES, DANIEL MOORE.

House of assembly, 21st March, 1855.

No. 30. (See page 638.)	Abstract of returns received at the provincial secretary's office, from inspectors of pickled fish, for the year ended 31st December, 1854.	Description of fish inspected.	MACKEREL. HERRING. ALEWIVES. SALMON.	Barrels No. 1. Barrels No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2. Haff bla. No. 2.	3440 55588 35 25 410 118 15549 207 816 1 2426 116 61 3 2164 462 422 37 8 34 2 66	20526 2131 31 31 31 32 33 32 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33 33	212 102 Small. / 00 Small. 2005 1120 2205 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120		761 1 410 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100	150         64         1525         1140         933           398         56         610         441         64         65		5070     6174     106107     4318     808     48     556     406     1494     1     6463     141     7     61     3     2355     406     426     37     8     84     2     66     1	Return reveived for 8 months only and all at Docention 1854
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APPENDIX, No. 30.

No.

Provincial secretary's office, February 20th, 1855.

## No. 31.

## (See page 639.)

Mr. Whitman presented to the house several petitions praying for aid to roads in the county of Annapolis, viz. :

A petition of Jonathan Millner, and others, of Clements. John A. Vroom, and others, of Clements. Robert Spum, and others, of township of Annapolis. William Woodland, and others, of Perrott. William Wright, and others, of Clements. George Whitman, and others, of Clements. William Wright, and others, of Clements.
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M. Shaw, and others, of Clements.

Mr. B. Smith presented to the house several petitions, praying for aid to roads in the county of Hants, viz. :

A petition of Alexander McPhie, esquire, and others, of Nine Mile River.

James McDonald, and others, of Hants.

John Cameron, and others, of Nine Mile River.

David Frieze, and others, of Maitland.

The hon. Mr. Howe presented to the house several petitions, praying for aid to roads in the county of Queen's, viz. :

A petition of John Sutherland, and others, of Westchester.

Louis Luxy, and others, of the Mic Mac tribe of Indians.

Mr. McQueen presented to the house several petitions, praying for aid to roads in the county of Cape Breton, viz. :

A petition of Michael Young, and others, of Glace Bay and Bridgeport.

Ronald McDonald, and others, of Main-a-Dieu.

Neil McDonald, and others, of Long Island.

Robert McNab, and others, of Low Point.

Robert McNab, and others, of Low Point, and vicinity.

Donald McDougall, and others, of Sydney.

Edward D. Archbold, and others, of Glace' Bay and Cow Bay.

Mr. Wier presented to the house the petition of Daniel O'Gorman, and others, praying for aid to a road at Ferguson's Cove and Herring Cove, in the county of Halifax.

Mr. Zwicker presented to the house the petition of Peter A. Spearwater, and others, of Mahone Bay, praying for aid to a road in the county of Lunenburg.

Mr. Locke presented to the house the petition of Lathrop Freeman, and others, of Shelburne, praying for aid to a bridge at Sable River, in the county of Shelburne.

Mr. Shaw presented to the house the petition of Thomas Killam, and others, of Yarmouth, praying for aid to a bridge over the Chegoggin dyke, in the county of Yarmouth.

Mr. Brown presented to the house the petition of Daniel Moore, and others, praying for aid to a bridge in the county of King's.

No. 32.

### (See page 640.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Smith, esquire, member of this house, praying compensation for past services, beg leave to report :

Your committee have examined the journals of the assembly, and find that Mr. Smith did perform the services of chairman on bills in the session of 1840; that a grant of £10 was made for that service in the same session. Mr. Smith states that he has never drawn the amount from the treasury, and your committee cannot find that the grant has been paid. Your committee recommend to the house that the sum of £10 be granted and paid Benjamin Smith, esquire, for his services as chairman on bills for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty. All which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN RYDER, I. DIMOCK, PETER SMYTH.

Committee room, February 20th, 1855.

#### No. 33.

#### (See page 640.)

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, 1854.

The central board of agriculture, in submitting this their annual report to the honourable the legislature, have much pleasure in referring to the annexed reports of the local societies, as furnishing satisfactory evidence of the steady and certain progress of agricultural improvements in Nova Scotia. These improvements, which are now so far developed as to claim general attention and invite unreserved adaptation, have ever been objects of the board's carnest solicitude ; and to the successful promotion of these objects, the bounty of the legislature has been steadily directed. These improvements can now be specified and referred to as tangible evidence of practical success. Means have been successfully adopted for the improvement of our domestic animals—labour-saving implements have been generally introduced—genuine seeds largely imported and widely distributed, and sound agricultural information generally circulated. A careful perusal of the annexed reports satisfactorily demonstrates the degrees of success attending these well directed efforts.

The central board now claim for the farmer a high ground in all that relates to the future progress of his art. The modern agriculturist must not only continue as hitherto, to be a careful and sound observer, but he must be prepared to advance with his art; and happily there never did exist in any country a combination of circumstances more favourable to the highest perfection and development of the art.

With but rare exceptions, the Nova Scotia farmer is the owner of the farm he cultivates; the labour which he bestows upon it ought to be a labour of love, as it is clearly one of interest; every improvement he makes results to his own and his family's benefit. Returning from his daily toil, he looks around him with a spirit of gratitude and conscious pride on his share of the common inheritance, which affords means for its own improvement and ample space for the full exercise of all his energies of mind and body. He also feels that while the laws of his country amply protect his rights, the fostering care of the legislature is specially and bountifully extended to his profession. Under circumstances so propitious, and with a bountiful harvest, ready markets, and remunerating prices, let it not be said that there is wanting in Nova Scotia the spirit to improve these advantages, and turn them to their highest account. On the contrary, let us hope that the time has arrived when the union of science with practical judgment, discriminating observation, and unremitting perseverance, shall fully demonstrate that the bounty of the legislature, wisely and generously bestowed, has been judiciously applied and duly appreciated; and that the day is not distant when the province will be distinguished for its successful and enlightened practice.

While the board cheerfully acknowledge and duly appreciate the efforts made by the local societies to advance the general interests of our provincial agriculture, by the introduction of improved stock, genuine seeds and labour-saving implements, they still perceive the necessity of again directing the general attention of societies to a more liberal encouragement of green crop husbandry, without which all attempts to improve our live stock must ultimately prove abortive. If the premiums generally offered for the best specimens of green crops were awarded to the greatest breadth of ground occupied by esculent food for cattle, the object desired might be more speedily and certainly attained. There is also much room for improvement in the general construction of agricultural buildings; farmers are not yet sufficiently aware that the due preservation of animal heat is equivalent to a certain quantity of food, and even more important. Economy and judgment in the collection and management of manurcs ought to be encouraged as special objects of permanent In the reviving prospects of success attending the cultivation of potatoes and interest. wheat, the board see sufficient encouragement to recommend the immediate extension of these crops, though not without due attention to those precautions respecting the varieties of seed, periods of sowing, and selections of soil, which experience has taught us cannot be safely neglected.

There are other primary objects of improvement which the board have ever felt it their duty to press upon the attention of local societies, namely, a general system of drainage, a judicious rotation of crops, and the adoption of a systematic practice in the breeding and feeding of cattle-such a system as the local advantages of Nova Scotia dictate. The board are fully aware of the vast benefits to be derived from the introduction and practic? of these objects as a system, and therefore again press them upon the attention of the societies by whose combined influence they can receive due attention and encouragement. Much improvement might also be effected upon a great portion of what is termed our old worn out soils, by a judicious application of bone dust and caustic lime. Our old grass lands frequently produce but a scanty herbage at a time when we expect much of them. This degeneracy is not always the effect of general exhaustion; it more frequently arises out of the deficiency of phosphoric acid, of which the soil is deprived by its convertion into cheese, &c., carried off without any adequate return. The application of a little bone earth would prove a very cheap and appropriate remedy. It is also very common to find our very best old cultivated lands infested with sorrel, and generally unproductive although highly manured.

A moderate application of caustic line would extirpate the sorrel, and render the soil productive. The line in such instances, by its powerful decomposing agency, sets at liberty the oilegenous parts of inert matter, accumulated in the soil, from the frequent application of crude putrescent manures, and the accumulation of woody fibre. Line also entering into combination with the acids in the soil removes the sourness of the land, which is the source of oxalic weeds; common wood ashes produces nearly similar effects. These simple facts the board wish to place prominently before the local societies, seeing that they may be acted upon by any farmer, in his every day practice, without the abstract study of chemistry.

The spirit which the board originally sought to inspire through the medium of annual agricultural exhibitions, held alternately in the various agricultural districts, has been mutually exhilirated by the patriotic zeal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, who has become the patron of agricultural fairs and industrial exhibitions which have been held in Halifax two years in succession. As a full account of these exhibitions may appear in pamphlet pamphlet form, the board has no desire to detract from the interest of official documents. It is sufficient to say that on both occasions the agricultural and industrial resources were well represented. The zealous promoters of the industrial exhibition, anxious that the spirit now awakened should not be allowed to slumber, have suggested the expediency of establishing triennial exhibitions upon some permanent basis, to be held in certain agricultural sections of the province, in alternate triennial succession. As the scope of this proportion embraces the original plan and practice of the central board, they heartily concur in its general objects, and are prepared to give it their cordial support, trusting that the details and modifications will command general approval.

The special objects to which the board have this year devoted the limited means at their disposal, were the importation of seven head of pure blood Ayrshire cattle from New Brunswick, and five thorough bred Leicester sheep from Canada. The particulars of these importations are briefly as follows: on the 8th July last, the board resolved to send their vice president, Alexander Farquharson, esquire, to attend a public sale of pure blood Ayrshire cattle, the property of Mr. Gray, of "Oak Park," Fredericton, to procure, if possible, some of the best specimens of that celebrated herd.

Mr. Farquharson accordingly proceeded on his mission, and on the 26th July returned to Halifax, with seven head of choice animals, viz.: four bulls and three heifers. The original cost of this stock was £96 10s.; the expense of importation and eleven weeks keep at Halifax, augmented the cost to £140. These choice animals, after being exhibited at the industrial exhibition were sold at auction, subject to the usual restrictions, for the sum of  $\pounds 106$ , thus sinking upon the importation  $\pounds 34$  for an ultimate benefit, the value of which cannot be adequately estimated. It is also the pleasing duty of the board to state that Mr. Farquharson fulfilled his mission in a manner very satisfactory to the board and highly creditable to himself. The cattle has fortunately fallen into careful hands, from which successful results may be expected. The board also embraced the opportunity of Messrs. McHeffey and Northup visiting Canada in quest of horses, to import by them a few specimens of the pure Leicester sheep. These gentlemen very kindly undertook this commission, although it necessarily imposed much trouble and anxiety; they were fortunate in having the pick of several famed herds in Canada, and finally secured five head of the new Leicesters, viz.: three rams and two ewes. These animals landed in Nova Scotia, cost £52 Ss. 10d. The board resolved to sell these sheep at Windsor, after being duly advertised; for this purpose they instructed their secretary to proceed to Windsor on the 27th November, and sell the sheep at auction, subject to the usual conditions imposed upon purchasers of provincial stock ; the commission was duly executed, and the nett proceeds of the sale amounted to £18 10s. 6d. The loss in a pecuniary point of view is £33 18s. 4d., though the board are convinced that in no other way could an equal amount of public money be more profitably invested.

In addition to these expenditures, the board, agreeable to the instructions of the legislature, paid over to the commissioners of the industrial exhibition the balance of £35 11s. 4d., being the sum which his excellency the lieutenant governor refunded, in lieu of the £100 borrowed from the funds of the board, for the purpose of importing Alderney cattle. These sums comprise the boards chief expenditures during the year; the treasurer's accounts, herewith submitted, will exhibit a due regard to economy in expenditure. The board have also, during the past summer, distributed among the local societies three thousand copies of Dawson's agricultural publications, which are valuable acquisitions to our agricultural literature.

Finally, the board, in reviewing the proceedings of the past year, refer with unmixed satisfaction to the reports which have emanated from forty-six societies now in communication with them, receiving proportions of the agricultural grant, and exhibiting a lively interest in their own improvement; these reports clearly indicate to what extent the cause of agriculture is benefited by the legislative grant, and how highly this invaluable aid is appreciated. While the board esteem as they ought the many expressions of gratitude received from these societies, as acknowledgment of benefits which the societies derive from a well directed moving power, they earnestly trust that their humble and honest endeavours to give the best effect to the legislative grant may produce that degree of progressive improvement which shall at no distant period give Nova Scotian agriculture a high distinctive character-such as the natural resources of the country merit.

The central board, in closing their annual report to the honorable the legislature, beg to advert very briefly to several subjects which they regard as permanent objects claiming special encouragement, namely : the immediate improvement of that fertile source of rural prosperity—sheep husbandry, by a judicious importation of improved breeders—the general introduction of threshing, mowing, and reaping machines, to mitigate the adverse results of scarcity of manual labour-a hearty concurrence in the Bridgetown agricultural societies' memorial for patronage and support towards a general agricultural fair and industrial exhibition to be held at Bridgetown in the autumn of 1855. Also, a favorable consideration of the subject of a model farm upon a moderate scale and the most improved principles. This subject, which at present excites popular attention, has ever been a favourite object with the board, knowing, as they do, to what extent such an institution would enhance the value of our expensive importations of pure stock and genuine seeds, apart from the beneficial results of demonstrated evidence of the successful combination of science with rural practice.

To effect the desirable object, it is evident that the plan should embrace the selection of a suitable site in a central and fertile part of the province, and in extent sufficient to afford room for the diversified operations of tillage, cattle, and sheep husbandry, and of orcharding and gardening, on a scale that would admit of a fair comparison being made of crops, of breeds of cattle, sheep, and horses, and of the varieties of hardy fruits, and sufficiently diversified in soil and aspect to admit of satisfactory experiments. Such an agricultural school, thoroughly constituted and moderately endowed, and under the superintendence of an intelligent active man, possessing the indispensable qualifications for combining science with practice, diligently marking and correctly recording causes and effects, would, in the opinion of the board, constitute the most important improvement of the age, and prove the grand conservator of our provincial agriculture. The board, therefore, most respectfully recommend the subject to the careful consideration of the legislature.

The board are also of opinion that encouragement should be given to the manufacture of phosphate for manure; the large quantities of bones exported from Halifax to the United States might, by the introduction of the improved apparatus for steaming and crushing, be rendered a most important auxiliary to the extension of our green crop husbandry.

> JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, president. ALEX. FARQUHARSON, vice president. J. N. SHANNON, treasurer. ANDW. SHIELS, J. JENNINGS, JOHN KING, M. RICHARDSON, JOHN MORTON.

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#### No. 34.

#### (See page 641.)

The committee appointed by your honorable house on the subject of mines and minerals, beg leave, in part performance of the duty assigned to them, to report, for the information of the house, the facts connected with the claim preferred against the general mining association for  $\pounds 3,152$  0s. 11d., in respect of the royalty on 31,250 chaldrons and 34 bushels of slack or small coal raised and sold by the association in the period intervening between the 31st December, 1849, and the 31st December, 1853. They have also to report a resolution resolution on that subject, which they recommend to the favorable consideration of the house.

Part of the coal in respect of which the royalty is claimed, has been raised from mines comprehended within the limits of the original grant to the duke of York; but your committee, without now entering upon the question of the right to a larger royalty on that portion of the coal, are willing for the present to consider this demand as if the royalty of 2s. were applicable to all coal in whatever part of Nova Scotia or Cape Breton the same may be raised.

By the provincial act of 1849, passed on the 8th March, and assented to by the queen on the 29th day of June, of that year, all the estate and interest of the crown in the mines of Nova Scotia were transferred to this province, and placed at the disposal of the legislature, subject only to existing charges created under leases or contracts of the crown.

Shortly after the province so became interested under the act, the local authorities preferred against the mining association various claims for arrearages of rent and royalty, and among others a claim for royalty on slack coal from the 1st January, 1834, to the 31st December, 1848, amounting to £5,416–17s. 6d.

To the latter demand the agent of the association objected, on various grounds. In a letter addressed to the provincial secretary, bearing date the 5th December, 1849, he uses this language :

"With respect to the past, I beg to state that a regular return of the siftings or slack coal disposed of, has been annually made by me to the receiver of the crown revenue, (on the same return as the large coal,) but no demand for royalty was ever made or paid on that description of coal. I mention this to show that there has been no concealment, and I hold the receipt in full for the payment of royalty for the whole period, which, I feel confident, the lords of the treasury will consider as conclusive."

The disputed account was eventually compromised, and on the 31st December, 1849, the amounts which the association agreed to pay were set forth in a statement prepared by Mr. Cunard, and settled between him and the receiver general. This account omits the claim for slack coal up to that date, but contains a memorandum in the handwriting of Mr. McNab, subjoined thereto, in the following words :

"The payment of royalty for the present year to be made only on the large coal shipped during the year, (the quantity to be ascertained by the returns from the mines in a few days), leaving it to the legislature to determine whether royalty shall be charged hereafter on the slack coal shipped.

> (Signed) S. CUNARD. JAS. MCNAB, Receiver general.

Halifax, N. S., 31st December, 1849."

This settlement, together with the correspondence between the provincial secretary and the agent of the association, was laid on the table of the house on the 30th January, 1850, and referred to the committee on mines and minerals, who, on the 22nd March, reported, among other things, that the payment of the royalty on slack coal should be thereafter enforced.

The house rose on the 28th March, and no action was taken upon the report, further than that upon motion it was received and laid on the table of the house.

On the 28th March, 1851, the following resolution, reported, among other things, from the committee on mines and minerals of that year, passed the assembly by 25 to 12:

Resolved, That this house are of opinion that the royalties on slack coal, raised and sold by the general mining association since the 1st January, 1849, and up to this date, and in every subsequent year, be collected and enforced.

In amendment, Mr. Fraser moved a resolution confining the payment to "coal exported from the province," which, however, was lost, 13 to 24.

The resolution of the house does not appear to have been formally communicated to the agent of the association, but your committee have no reason to doubt that the determination

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of the assembly became known immediately to the agent, both through the public prints and other channels of information.

The matter was considered in the house of so much consequence that two divisions took place on the resolutions above referred to, and the names on each division are entered on the journals.

Indeed, Mr. Boggs, who has been examined by your committee, admits that he was aware of the discussion in the assembly; and he also states that he was watching the introduction of the subject in the legislative council, where, he thinks, a majority to sustain a similar resolution would not have been found.

Mr. Boggs, however, states that he does not recollect hearing of the decision of the assembly on the subject; but your committee, knowing the vigilance with which the interests of the association have been watched by the able managers into whose hands they have been confided in this province, can have no doubt, that although Mr. Boggs' memory does not now serve him, he must at the time have been aware what decision the house came to.

In 1852 was the first session of the new house. The committee on mines and minerals in that year, having had their attention drawn to the reports of committees of the two years preceding, and to the resolution on the subject of slack coal passed the winter before, their chairman made application at the office of the receiver general to ascertain whether the company had complied with the resolution of the house, and having received from that officer an answer in the affirmative, the committee on the 8th April, 1852, reported, among other things, "that during the past year the full royalty, as well on slack as on round coal, had been paid."

This report was adopted by the house without a dissentient voice, and a copy of it was forwarded by the provincial secretary to the secretary of the general mining association on the 9th September, 1852, and the receipt acknowledged by him on the 29th of that month.

It was, therefore, within the knowledge of the association in 1852, that the provincial government and the assembly were under the belief that the royalty on slack coal was regularly paid.

In 1853, however, it was discovered that the assembly and government were laboring under a mistake.

By a clause in the grant of 1826, the lessee is obliged to keep a book of account accessible to the lieutenant governor, in which "true entries of the minerals digged or gotten" shall be made; and an affidavit of *two or more* officers principally employed about the works is to be annually furnished to the governor verifying the correctness of the entries.

In practice, a statement of the quantity of coal raised has annually been made to the secretary's office, sworn to by one of the officers of the association. This statement includes in distinct columns the round and the slack coal raised from each mine.

Formerly the provincial secretary was the treasurer of the crown revenue, but that portion of his functions which relates to the receipt of the rents and royalties on coal, on the creation of the office of receiver general, devolved upon the new officer. The returns into the secretary's office still continue to be made in the usual form, but another statement is rendered into the receiver general's office, as the foundation of the account on which payment is made. The statement and the receipt for 1851, of which the following is a copy, is in form the same as the other statements and receipts of the years preceding and subsequent.

#### TRIPLICATE.

Statement of coal raised and sold by the general mining association, from her majesty's roal mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the year 1851 :

From Pictou mines.	Chaldrons,	22,233 36
Sydney mines. Bridgeport mines.	- i - i	22,904 21
Bras d'Or mines.	••	
Joggins mines.	• •	1,197 58
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Newcastle measure, 2s. currency, per chaldron, on 20,336, is :	 £2083-12s.	20,335 43

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Halifax, N. S., December 31, 1851.

(Signed)	S. CUNARD, a	igent.	
<b>、</b> .	By his attorn	ey,	
	(Signed)	HENRY	Boggs.

#### TRIPLICATE.

£2033 12s. 0d.

Halifax, N. S., January 19, 1852.

Received from S. Cunard, agent of the general mining association, the sum of  $\pounds 2033$  12s. 0d. currency, being in full payment of all royalty on coals raised and sold from her majesty's coal mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, for the year 1851.

(Signed) JAMES MCNAB, receiver general.

Mr. McNab, in looking at this statement, had a right to suppose that it included—as its language includes—all coal raised; and in the information afforded to the committee in 1852, appears to have acted under that belief.

The receipts in full signed by him, without knowledge that the slack coal was not included, cannot be considered conclusive, either in law or in equity; and your committee conceive that the claim for royalty on slack coal rests under all the circumstances above detailed,—at ll events on as good a foundation as if no receipt had ever been given.

The question then arises, how far the memorandum subjoined to the settlement of 31st December, 1849, leaving it to the legislature to determine whether the royalty on slack coal should be enforced, affects the right to claim this amount.

It is not denied by the association that, under the terms of their tenancy, they are in strict right liable on all coal raised and sold, whether large or small.

By the grant of 1826, the royalty is reserved on all "coal wrought, obtained, or gotten."

In the agreement of 1828, the words are "all coal sold," and in the treasury minute of 1845, under which the association claim to be now working, the royalty is reserved on "all coal raised."

It is, therefore, evident that the royalty accrues under the reservations of any one of the three agreements on which the association rest their title. Their claim to exemption, as a matter of right, rests solely on the memorandum of Mr. McNab, and the contract therein implied.

Your committee do not deny that the word legislature, contained in that memorandum, might, if construed with technical strictness, be held to mean the three branches; but your committee have no idea that at the time the paper was signed either of the parties contemplated that an act should be passed to collect the royalty on slack coal. The right to rent existed independently of any statute; it existed under the lease, and was a legal right as operative in case of the slack as it was in case of the round coal. All therefore that could have been contemplated by the parties seeking indulgence, was a consideration of the grounds upon which the indulgence was claimed by the authority having the right to grant or refuse it, and this being matter of revenue, which was peculiarly within the province of the assembly—the only branch of the legislature indeed which has ever taken charge of, or in any way interfered with the subject of mines and minerals, your committee cannot entertain a doubt that the sense in which the assembly of 1851 appear by their action to have understood them, was the sense which they were intended to bear when the memorandum was signed.

Your committee willingly admit that there are reasons of some force why, as a point of policy, the royalty on slack coal should not be exacted. They have no doubt that the association, when the memorandum was signed, hoped to be able to convince the assembly of the day that it would be unwise to exact it; and in point of fact it appears that of the thirty-seven members who voted on the question in 1851, thirteen were in favor of the collection of the duty on that part only of the coal raised which should be exported from the province.

Your committee, therefore, seeing that the tribunal to which the association chose to submit their claim for indulgence, has decided against them, are of opinion that they should have submitted to that decision, and they cannot but think that the grounds now taken by that body in claiming an exemption from a clear right, on the equivocal technical interpretation of a word, or upon receipts in full given by an officer in ignorance of the facts, and under the circumstances above detailed, are not calculated to promote the true interests of the association, or create that spirit of confidence or harmony which a body to whom such extensive interests are confided, should seek to establish between itself and the government of the country.

Your committee, therefore, think that, under all these circumstances, the house should come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That this house are of opinion that the general mining association have no legal or equitable claim to exemption from the demand of  $\pounds$ 3152 Os. 11d., made against them by the provincial authorities for the royalty on slack coal, for the period intervening between the 31st December, 1849, and the 31st December, 1853, and that the executive government be required to communicate this resolution to the agent of the association, and take such other steps as may be proper to make available for the use of the province this portion of the crown revenues.

A. G. ARCHIBALD, W. YOUNG, A. F. COMEAU, THOMAS H. FULLER.

Committee room, 14th February, 1855.

We have declined to sign this report, for the following among other reasons :

1st.—As the report undertakes to set forth the facts, and to deduce conclusions from them, it ought, we think, to have done so with equal fullness on both sides, which, in our opinion, it does not do.

2nd.—We think the negotiation of December, 1849, is not stated with the distinctness requisite to convey an adequate idea of the extent and obligation of the compromise then made. The letters that passed between Mr. Howe and Mr. Cunard, in December, 1849, and still more, the payment, by Mr. Cunard, and the acceptance, by the provincial government, on that occasion, of money which had been in dispute and formed part of the com-

promise,

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promise, gave to the arrangement, morally and legally, the force of a binding agreement. This deduction, and the facts from which it is drawn, ought, we think, to have been clearly stated and distinctly acknowledged.

3rd.—The fact that the house in 1850, when the matter was still fresh, did not adopt the report of the committee, recommending the duty on slack coal to be enforced, and did not take any action on the subject, has a pertinency in the argument, which, we think, demands for it more prominence than has been given in the report.

4th.—In our opinion, the whole of the reasoning and inferences designed to shew that the association or its agents indirectly had knowledge of the resolution of 1851, ought to be expunged. If the association was entitled to notice of the decision of the house, it had, we think, a right to expect and require that the notice should be given formally, and accompanied by a distinct intimation of the views and intentions of the government in relation to the resolution of the house. From Mr. Boggs' testimony, it appears that no notice was given until 3rd March, 1854.

5th.—That part of the report which endeavours to establish that the receiver general had a right to suppose that the statements and receipts rendered to his office by the agent of the association included slack coal, is, we think, imperfect and inconclusive. The report fails to notice the necessary deduction, from the significant fact that the receiver general received a statement and gave a receipt for the coal of 1850 similar to those for the coal of 1851; yet in the former he must have known that the slack coal was not included; because, by the agreement entered into the year before, to which he himself was a party, the future payment of duty on slack coal had been made to depend on the decision of the legislature, and he knew that no branch of the legislature had intermediately adopted any decision to enforce the payment. To suppose that the receiver general believed the agents of the association under these circumstances to have voluntarily included the slack coal in the statement for 1850, would be inconsistent with reason and the state of the facts. Hence the receipt in full for that year cannot be subject to the objection made to that for 1851; and as regards the latter, the reasoning in the report rests on the assumption that the receiver general had no ground to suppose that the statement did not include slack coal—an assumption which it is impossible to adopt after it is shewn that he must have known the fact to have been otherwise the year before. Besides the ignorance of material circumstances ought not, we conceive, to be urged for vacating an act affecting the rights of others when the means of knowledge were in possession of the party, and no deception was practised on him.

6th.—The report is objectionable in this, that while it vindicates the receiver general from the imputation of inattention, it does not distinctly exonerate the agents of the association from any idea of concealment or misrepresentation in the accounts rendered. We think that the exoneration of the one should have been as explicitly avowed as the vindication of the other.

7th.—The report, we think, is not correct in affirming that "the claim of the association to exemption from the duty on slack coal as a matter of right rests solely on the memorandum of Mr. McNab, and the contract therein implied," for the reasons stated in the 2nd preceding objection. And the argument on the meaning of the word "legislature" we deem incomplete without relation being had to the whole correspondence referred to in that objection ; and also without considering it in a third aspect, viz., that the word "legislature" might have intended the two deliberative branches, without contemplating an act of the whole legislature.

8th.—The report we consider defective, in not noticing two facts very important in an equitable consideration of this subject, viz. :

1st.—That in consequence of no claim having been made for duty on slack coal, and no decision of the legislature having been made in conformity with the agreement of 1849, as anderstood by the agents of the association, they had not raised the price of slack coal on the consumer, as they otherwise would have done to protect themselves; and,

2ndly.—That the stockholders having changed in the intermediate time, injustice will be done to individuals in urging a claim for arrears under the circumstances of this case. The The force of these two considerations is greatly enhanced by the fact, that notwithstanding the house was, on the 13th day of March, 1854, in possession of the views of the association, by the letter of the agent hereto subjoined, (see journals for 1854, p. 484,) yet neither branch of the legislature at the last session, nor the government in the recess, took any action on this question calculated to bring it to a definite conclusion; and thus have complicated it by another year's delay. The letter referred to is to the following effect, (see journals, 1854—appendix No. 38, page 231) :---

Halifax, 6th March, 1854.

SIR-

We have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 3rd instant, requiring the payment of £3152 0s. 11d. by the general mining association, as royalty on slack coal measured and sold at its mines during 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853. In reply, we beg to refer to the agreement made in 1849, between the general mining association, by their agent, and the provincial government, by which the claim for royalty on slack coal was relinquished to the 31st December, 1849, and any claim after that period was made dependent on the action of the legislature. This question has never been decided by the legislature, and no notice has been given to the agents of the association which could lead them to anticipate this claim, although the returns of coal raised and sold, including the slack, have been regularly rendered, and payments made and acknowledged by receipt in full by the provincial government, every year during the four sessions that have since elapsed.

Under these circumstances we have not felt at liberty to increase the price to the consumer, as we otherwise would have done, and the claim now made comes upon us when the association has lost the opportunity it would have had to protect itself.

We therefore trust the provincial government will feel the force of our objection against acknowledging the claim, and will, on consideration of the facts, perceive that the association cannot justly be required to pay any part of the sum demanded.

#### We have, &c.

(Signed) CUNARD, BOGGS & CUNARD.

To honorable JOSEPH HOWE, provincial secretary.

Lastly.—We dissent from the report, because we think the committee ought to have reported that, under the agreement of December, 1849, the determination of both the legislative council and assembly is required to fulfil the terms of that agreement; that the delays in the action of the government and legislature have raised equities in favor of the association that should exonerate them from any claim for arrears; and that the duty demanded on slack coal, whether restrospectively or in the future, should be graduated according to the relative value of round and slack coal.

J. W. JOHNSTON, MART. I. WILKINS, W. W. BENT.

## No. 35.

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## (See page 642.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the magistrates, merchants, and other inhabitants of Arichat, beg to report as follows :

That it appears by said petition the public generally, for the last twenty-three years, have had peaceable and uninterrupted enjoyment of a certain public landing place in the town of Arichat, connecting the waters on the north side of the harbor with Hubert street, and and that recently an application has been made by a private individual to get a grant, and thereby obtain the exclusive right to said public landing place, which, if successful, will be a great public injury.

From the facts disclosed in said petition, and after a careful investigation of whole matter, your committee recommend that a grant of the landing place should not pass to any private individual, but remain, as heretofore, for the use of the public generally.

Your committee beg to be distinctly understood that in making this report they have based their recommendation on the assumption that this landing place is the property of the crown, and do not in any way intend to interfere with private rights.

> JOHN C. WADE, chairman. JOHN J. MARSHALL, JOHN HOLMES.

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## No. 36.

# (See page 642.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Babin, beg leave to report : That the commissioner of crown lands should, through his deputy in the county of Yarmouth, enquire into the accuracy of the facts stated in said petition.

That if it shall appear that petitioner's father paid for a grant which he did not get, the said commissioner shall return to petitioner the money paid therefor.

That if the heirs of Joseph Babin have taken possession of land for which he never paid, and hold a grant to which they are not entitled, the said commissioner should call upon them either to give up the grant and land, or to pay the upset price. Upon their neglect or refusal to do so, the grant should be cancelled.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH HOWE, A. F. COMEAU, JESSE SHAW.

22nd February, 1855.

#### No. 37.

## (See page 642.)

Musquodoboit, December 28, 1854.

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SIR-

I have the honor to transmit, through you, to his excellency the lieutenant governor, the annual report of the road under my supervision.

The sum at my disposal for the current year from Pollock's to Brown's, was one hundred and ninety-eight pounds, and from Brown's to Guysborough county line, eighty-one pounds one shilling and seven pence. The sum appropriated from Pollock's to Brown's, included an alteration near to Mr. Gladwin's; this alteration has not been made, for reasons given in my letter to the provincial secretary of 18th May last, viz.: that the law had not been complied with, neither the government nor other parties concerned having deputed persons to make the alteration. This alteration I would recommend as one of very great importance to the public, and the necessary arrangements should be made for its accomplishment during the ensuing year. With the advice of the county members, I have expended the the whole of the sum, viz., £198, in repairing the road between the points prescribed, which sum has scarcely been sufficient to put that part of the road in tolerable repair. When making the general repairs, I reserved the sum of £13 2s. 6d. to meet the fall repairs; this sum has been expended, and has been found insufficient to meet them, the freshet having done a great deal of injury.

The bridge crossing the river near to Ogalvie's, (known as the red bridge,) has been very much injured; I have got it repaired, so that the safety of travelling is insured for the present, yet there is great danger of the winter freshets and ice carrying it away in the course of the winter; and should such be the case, all communication will be stopped on this road, as there is no other way of crossing the river. This bridge will have to be replaced by a new one during the ensuing summer, as it has been repaired several times, and the timber is now falling in consequence of rot; the abutments, which are of wood, are giving way, and if it was taken down for the purpose of being repaired, the old materials would not be worth putting up.

In recommending to his excellency's consideration the necessity of having a new bridge built at this place, I would particularly recommend that it be a suspension one with stone abutments, the cost of which would be about  $\pounds 200$ . The difference between constructing a bridge of this kind and one with wooden abutments, would be from  $\pounds 50$  to  $\pounds 70$ ; wooden abutments are liable to be injured by the freshets, and especially by the ice; they are generally a complete wreck before the timber is half rotten. The general average last of such bridges are not more than ten years, particularly in exposed situations, similar to the bridge in question; while stone abutments, if properly constructed, are everlasting, and the suspension work, by having it covered, would last thirty or forty years. I would further recommend, that whatever plan his excellency may adopt in rebuilding, that means should be provided forthwith, in order that materials may be procured and placed upon the spot in the course of the present winter, as they can be got a great deal cheaper in winter than in summer when they are wanted.

The £81 1s. 7d. appropriated from Brown's to the county line—a distance of fifty-four miles—was scarcely sufficient to maintain the road at its former standing, without making any improvement, with a few exceptions. The fall freshets and storms of 1853 having carried away a number of bridges, and nearly all the spouts on the St. Mary's road and through the settlements of Musquodoboit, as well as tearing up the road so badly that their repairs, together with cutting out windfalls, took a large portion of the sum appropriated. The whole sum has been expended in the best manner I could apportion it, vouchers of which is in the receiver general's office.

Since the last storms I have been compelled to make an over-expenditure amounting to  $\pounds$ 7, in cutting out windfalls and repairing the road and bridges to make it passable.

The travelling on the section of road between Brown's and Pollock's has very much increased during the last two years, but more particularly during the last, a great quantity of knees and timber having been hauled with heavy teams, which are very destructive to the road. The materials on the whole of this section being of an inferior description and no gravel in its vicinity, it requires continual attention and a large amount to keep up the repairs. To do anything like justice to this section of the road the ensuing year, £200, exclusive of the alteration near Gladwin's, is the lowest sum I could advise.

As I understand the inhabitants of St. Mary's, east of the county line, together with the settlements of Caledonia and Musquodoboit, are about petitioning the legislature for an extension of the mail route from Musquodoboit to Sherbrooke; and should this very desirable boon be granted, the road from Musquodoboit to the county line would require not less than  $\pounds 300$  to make a carriage road fit for that purpose; but under any circumstance,  $\pounds 100$  is the lowest sum I could name to make it commensurate with the present necessity.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PARKER, supervisor.

Hon. L. M. WILKINS, provincial secretary, &c. &c. &c. Halifax.

## Gay's River, 7th December, 1854.

William Dowling, supervisor of the great eastern road from Dartmouth to Pictou county line, begs leave to report, for his excellency's information, that he has expended the sum of  $\pm 27$  12s. 4d. on the road from Preston road to Marshall's, which has put it in a very good state of repair.

From Marshall's to Taylor's he has expended  $\pounds 29$  5s. 0d.; from Taylor's to Holland's brook,  $\pounds 40$  10s. 9d.; from Holland's brook to Schultz's,  $\pounds 78$  10s. 9d., and from Schultz's to Keys' bridge,  $\pounds 189$  1s. 1d., which has rendered the road tolerably passable on those sections.

There has been a considerable amount of *macademizing* done, as also an extensive opening of side drains, besides running repairs, thereby making quite an improvement.

On Keys' bridge there has been  $\pounds 169$  13s. 104d. expended in rebuilding one half of said bridge, in the county of Hants; the other half, (in the county of Halifax,) being very much decayed, will require to be rebuilt next season, which will cost about the same amount.

The supervisor has also expended in the county of Hants, from Keys' bridge to Parker's bridge, the sum of £162 5s. 9d. With this amount he has been able to put this section in a very good state of repair, having macademized several of the softest places; and he is of opinion that a like amount next year would keep it in good repair, and macademize other parts which require it. There has been expended in the county of Colchester, from Parker's bridge to Truro, £285 11s. 6d.; and on this section he has succeeded in making a marked improvement, (as it has hitherto been very much neglected) although it yet requires a heavy sum (about £400) to place it in a state of thorough repair. He has in this section also macademized some of the deepest and softest places, and opened a large extent of side drains.

From Truro to Picton county line there has been expended  $\pounds 49$  4s. 3d., which has put that section in a tolerable state of repair ; as also  $\pounds 50$  expended on Salmon River bridge.

The supervisor would also beg leave to draw your excellency's attention to the state of the Shubenacadie bridge at Parker's, it being now in a very decayed and unsafe condition, more especially the span on the Colchester side, which will certainly require to be rebuilt next season. This would cost about  $\pounds 250$ , as near as can be ascertained; and if provision could be made at an early date, the timber could be obtained in the winler at a cheaper rate than otherwise.

He would also beg leave to offer a few remarks on the subject of macademizing roads. This method of making roads, (although expensive,) costing—according to facilities for obtaining material—from 12s. 6d. to 20s. per rod, is, when well made, extremely durable, lasting many years, with little or no expense for repairs, there being some small sections treated in this manner some twelve years since, without any repairs since, and now being in very good repair. This would be the proper mode of treating the whole of the post roads, was there a sufficient sum to do so. The present method, on account of the smallness of the sums granted, precludes anything like a general macademization, but obliges the supervisor to use inferior materials, and also to run over a number of miles to make repairs which urgent necessity demands, and those repairs have to be renewed every season.

It is the opinion of the supervisor that stone for macademizing could be procured in winter nearly if not quite one third cheaper than in summer, could he avail himself of the opportunity. Ile would also beg leave to draw your excellency's attention to the subject of labourers' wages, as good hands cannot be got for 4s. per day when they can obtain 5s. at other work, as has been the case the past season.

The supervisor's opinion is that the wages of labourers should be raised to 5s., and that of overseers to 6s. per day, as those competent to take charge of men cannot be obtained for common wages. Subjoined is a synopsis of the amounts expended, as per report and account; as also the probable amount required next season.

> WILLIAM DOWLING, supervisor. 1854.

1854.	Sections.	Amount	expe	ended.	Amount	equi	red.
From Preston road to	Marshall's.	£27	12	4	£4(	0	0
Marshall's to T		29	5	0	35	0	ð
Taylor's to IIol	land's brook,	40	10	.9	50	0	Q.
Holland's brook		78	10	9	100	0	Ú
Schultz's to Ke	eys' bridge,	189	1	1	200	0	0
Keys' bridge to	Parker's bridge,	160	0	0	165	0	0
Parker's bridge		262	18	45	400	0 (	0
Truro to Pictor	county line,	49	4	3	100	0 (	0
Expended on Salmon	River bridge,	50	0	0			
Keys'		169	13	101	200	) ()	0
Over-expenditure in	Halifax county,	46		0			
	Hants county, exclusive	of bridge, 2	õ	9			
	Colchester county,	22	13	21			
Advances in Halifax,	,	10	3	7			
Hants,		5	10	3			
Colchest			51	9			
Commissions on all o	ver expenditure, includi	ng bridge					
at.	Keys',	12	0	8			
Rebuilding part of P	arker's bridge,				25	) ()	0
		£1169	13	7 <u>1</u>	£154	) ()	0

Westchester, December, 1854.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

I hasten to lay before you a report of my proceedings; also, an estimate of the probable amount which will be required for the ensuing year, together with a general account of the money by me expended the present year.

Ist.—I have expended the money intrusted to me to the best of my judgment and ability. The road under my supervision was never in a better state of repair than it was this year, but the heavy rains in November damaged it very much, so much so that I was obliged to repair it, as you will see by my last expenditure.

2nd. My estimate for the road service the ensuing year, is  $\pounds 175$ .

3rd. As regards the bridge over the Mussaquash Creek, on the frontier of New Brunswick, which divides the two provinces, I think it is useless to repair it any longer. The opinion of the supervisor of New Brunswick, as also myself, is that the only permanent structure that can be built over the creek would be an aboiteau. I understand that there are several persons who own marsh land above the old bridge which will subscribe towards its erection; there is a person by the name of Fidget living in Fort Lawrence, who told me he would subscribe one hundred pounds towards it. Estimate,  $\pounds700$ , to be borne by the two provinces.

I have the honor to be,

Your excellency's obedient servant,

HENRY PURDY, supervisor.

[Copy.]

A general account of my road expenditure, from Colchester line to the frontier of New Brunswick, in the year 1854 :

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1st.—Account of expenditure in June and July, by day's work, 2nd.—H. Gallagher's contract, 3rd.—Repairing the road, November 23rd, after a heavy rain,	£66 20 17		0
The grant by the legislature in 1854.	£104 100	6 0	-
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HENRY PURDY,

Supervisor post road.

Westchester, December, 1854.

# [Copy.]

Hugh Gallagher, of Westmoreland, hereby agrees with Henry Purdy, of Westchester, to perform the following work, that is to say: to put the Mussaquash bridge in efficient state of repair, to do all and every thing that may be required thereto. The work to be completed on or before the twentieth day of October next, for the due performance whereof, J. A. Chipman, of Amherst, hereby becomes surety for the said Hugh Gallagher; and the said Henry Purdy, as supervisor, for the performance of the work, hereby agrees with the said Hugh Gallagher, on the due performance of the agreement to the satisfaction of the said Henry Purdy, to pay him the sum of twenty pounds therefor.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1854.

(Signed)

HUGH GALLAGHER, HENRY PURDY, supervisor. J. A. CHIPMAN.

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Windsor road, December 6th, 1854.

SIR-

Having still charge of the main post road from Halifax to Windsor, I beg leave to state, for his excellency's information, that I, in accordance with my instructions, have kept a watchful eye over the road, and done to the best of my abilities to repair the mire holes in the spring, as early as I could, not having any broken stone or gravel prepared on the fall previous; and I have this fall prepared broken stone and gravel on the parts of the road where it is most needed early in the spring, some broken by the bushel, others prepared by day labor; that by the bushel I judged the piles as near as I could before I rendered my account and paid for them, charging the same to government. The bridges, drains, and water courses, are well cleaned, but owing to the great freshet which came on the 19th November, the mill-dam near captain Jeffery's bursted and tore away the stone butments of the bridge below, and damaged the road in a number of places, which I immediately repaired, which caused me to make an over-expenditure of about twenty pounds, expecting before this I had all necessary repairs made for the fall. In the spring I had to expend a considerable amount near Windsor, owing to the great traffic of plaster ever that road, and I finished the new road from where I left off last year to the plaster road at Pemperton's, and likewise turnpiked and gravelled sixty rods between the plaster road and Sucket's Spring, but the heavy loads of plaster cut it up and made the sixty rods very deep with ruts. The work on the new road was all done by contract; the old road was repaired by day labor chiefly, except timber and plank for bridges and some drains were done by contract, some stone drawn by the load and delivered and broken on the side of the road, where I considered them cheaper than drawing gravel at a distance, and some farmers

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farmers on Ardoise Hill have drawn off their fields small stone and tipt them, so they can be got in the spring by paying them a small sum per load, so there can be repairs made in the mire holes as early as the frost goes out.

In Halifax county, I was obliged in the spring to use brush in the mire holes, which I have found on the clay road near John Hamilton's to be equal to stone and much cheaper. Round the basin there were complaints made of the road being obstructed by stone and embankments made by the railroad where it crossed the post road, but I endeavored as much as possible to keep it clear, but owing to such a great public work going on it was impossible but there would be some inconvenience felt by the travelling public, for I think I can say of the commissioners for the railway they done their best in making the alterations in the post road as early as possible, and they are still at work making the road in some places where it is near the railroad wider and fencing the most dangerous parts with posts and rails.

In this county I was obliged to do the work principally by day labor, except some stone broken by the bushel, and the necessary plank and timber for bridges, and laying the same, was done by contract. Owing to the small allowance for this county, I was obliged, with the consent of the connty members, to make an over-expenditure about fifty pounds. I likewise beg leave to state that laborers have been very scarce in both counties; the laboring men—a great number of them—went to the railroad, where they could obtain much higher wages than was allowed by government, and this caused me to be many more days superintending the work than last year; and if this public work is carried on next year as this, there will not be labor got for the present allowance per day, but farmers will send teams to work if the allowance is not much more.

The greater part of the road through the summer and fall has been quite smooth, but owing to the soft weather for the last three or four weeks it has got cut up, but not in deep holes.

The road would require for the ensuing year in Hants county, as	follows :	
From Avon bridge, in Windsor, to Sucket's Spring,	£50	
To finish new road at Sharpe's,	175	0
From Suplecting Suring on ald not to St. Casin	60	Δ

From Sucket's Spring on old road to St. Croix,	60	0	0	
St. Croix to Martin's,	60	0	0	
Martin's to Lakeland's,	80	0	0	
Lakeland's to Mount Uniacke gate,	50	0	0	
Uniacke's gate to county line,	75	0	0	
Advance received,	20	0	0	
Halifax county as follows :				
From county line to Springfield,	80	0	0	
Springfield to Sackville,	200	0	0	
Sackville to three mile house,	170	0	0	
Advance received,	<b>5</b> 0	0	0	
	£1070	0	0	

A less sum than the foregoing would not make the necessary repairs for the ensuing year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN LOCKHART SWEET,

Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

Supervisor.

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SIR-

Port Hood, 22nd January, 1855.

In accordance with his excellency's instructions, I beg leave to forward the following report of my doings on the main roads in the county of Inverness during the past season, with estimate of probable sums required for the ensuing.

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A large bridge has been built over the south west branch of Mabou river, consisting of two spans of sixty and seventy feet, exclusive of abutments and pier, and sixty feet of an embankment of stone and gravel, averaging twelve feet high and twenty feet wide at top; another bridge and embankment of over sixty feet near the harbour of Margaree. A new section of road has been completed near the entrance of the Strait of Canso-one at the south east of Mabou-one at Margaree; and six sections have been opened and made between the north east of Margaree and the Victoria county line. A large number of small bridges and sluices have been made; and the whole line of road, with the exception of some sections yet to alter, was put into tolerable repair; but the wet weather and early frosts have made sad havoc on the summer's work, carrying away and injuring many of the small bridges, and cutting up the roads so fearfully as in some places to make them nearly impassable, which has compelled me to lay out a considerable sum of money beyond the amount appropriated, and will also cause them to be very bad in the spring. On many parts of the main road the material is very bad, and no gravel to be had, without hauling a distance, altogether out of the question, to any great extent, with the present means. While on this subject, I regret to have to refer to the very inefficient manner in which the statute labour is performed on the main road. In many of the districts no labour whatever has been done during the time I have been supervisor; and on others it has been done in November and December. Were the overseers of statute labour strictly to attend to their duty, with the number of horses and carts at their command, large sections of the road could be laid with gravel every year.

#### Estimate for 1855.

From the Richmond county line to Ship Harbour, including new line to			
save Brouard's hill,	£75	0	0
Ship Harbour to Plaister Cove, and to repair Plaister Cove bridge			
and Grant's bridge,	50	0	0
Plaister Cove to Low Point chapel,	75	0	0
Low Point to Long Point,	25	0	0
Long Point to Smyth's store, Judique, to build new bridge over Long			
Point river, and open new line of road,	200	0	0
Smyth's store, Judique, to Port Hood,	35	0	0
Port Hood to south east of Mabou,	50	0	0
South east to Broad Cove intervale, including two bridges at Black			
Glen,	55	0	0
Broad Cove intervale to Neil McLellan's,	30	0	0
Neil McLellan's to Margaree,	45	0	0
Margaree to "Young bridge,"	50	0	0
"Young bridge" to the county line, and to finish the remaining sec-			
tions at Lagalan, near county line,	125	0	0
The bridge over the south east of Mabou, and Young bridge at Margaree,			
built on the suspension principle, have sunk down in the middle,			
and are now quite straight, and must consequently soon give			
way, unless raised up to their original position, which could be			
done only on the ice, (at least at Mabou), and would require per-			
haps the sum of	30	0	0
All which is respectfully submitted by	.C845	U	U

All which is respectfully submitted, by

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

GEO. C. LAWRENCE,

Supervisor of main roads, county of Inverness.

The hon. provincial secretary, &c. &c. &c.

Barney's

## Barney's River, December 30th, 1854.

Pursuant to instructions, I now beg leave to report, for the information of the government, my doings as supervisor on the main post road from Colchester county line to the Gut of Canso, during the past season; also, the state, condition and requirements of the same.

The sum appropriated for the section trom Colchester county line to the Ten Mile House has been expended by day labour in filling up the centre of the road, deepening the side drains, and repairing sluices, &c.

The sum appropriated from Ten Mile House to New Glasgow has been expended according to directions in making repairs and in opening the new section at New Glasgow, and which was done by tender and contract. The amount being insufficient to complete this new section, one of the county members, John Holmes, esquire, authorized me to finish it by an over-expenditure, which was done by tender and contract likewise-the cost of doing so, together with the repairing of the large bridge over the west river at the Ten Mile House, and damages done to the road by the late freshets, amounts to two hundred and fifty three pounds and fifteen shillings.

The sum appropriated between New Glasgow and Antigonishe was expended early in the season in repairing the parts already opened, and in making a new section at Sutherland's brook, including a large bridge over the French river, and another new section near James' river; and in order to keep the road in a passable state, I was obliged to make an over-expenditure in this section also of fifty-four pounds and seven shillings.

The sum appropriated between Antigonish and the Gut of Canso was chiefly expended in erecting a large bridge over the west river of Antigonish. Afterwards the old bridge at Tracadie gave way, and the county members authorized me to erect a new one in the pro-This was done at a cost of seventy pounds, and the amount advanced by per line of road. the government. Again, owing to the new bridge over the West River, as stated, taking the most of the money appropriated for this entire section, I was obliged to make an additional over-expenditure of one hundred and twenty-seven pounds and sixteen shillings in covering in the South River bridge, and making repairs upon the road in order to keep it in a passable state, as also to open a new section at one end of the new bridge at Tracadie, which became necessary by the erection of said bridge. The accounts of these several over-expenditures will be forwarded through the members of the respective counties.

The amounts which would be required to be expended on the road next season, are as follow :--

From Colchester county line to the Ten Mile House, one hundred pounds.

From Ten Mile House to New Glasgow, two hundred pounds, for this section is soft and naturally clayey, and would require to be gravelled, and in all probability the West River bridge will require further repairs.

From New Glasgow to Sydney county line, for making repairs and opening some new sections, four hundred and fifty pounds at least, for there are still about four miles to open on the new line in this section, and the part near New Glasgow is of a wet and clayey nature, and in spring and autumn it is scarcely passable.

Making in all for the county of Pictou seven hundred and fifty pounds.

From Pictou county line to Antigonish, for opening new section near Antigonish, and making repairs on the part already opened, four hundred pounds.

From Antigonish to the Gut of Canso, two hundred and fifty pounds.

Making in all for the county of Sydney, six hundred and fifty pounds.

Both the day labour and the sales this season was about one-third higher than usual, and consequently the same amount of money could not perform the same amount of labour as in former years; and in some cases where I considered days' labour more advantageous to the road than letting it to tender and contract, a difficulty was experienced in procuring good labourers for the highest rate the law allowed; and in order to secure the services of some

some good overseers, I was obliged to pay the amount of four pounds out of my own pocket, in order to give them one shilling per day besides the four shillings allowed by law. Several of the telegraph posts between New Glasgow and the Gut of Canso have been placed in the edges of the travelled track of the road, some as near as from *five* to *six feet* to the centre, thereby causing annoyance and danger to the travelling. Several others are placed into the drains, which injure the road and prevent the clearing out and deepening of the drains, without some of them falling down, as many of them are not sunk more than from three to four feet in the ground. While some of my men were employed in repairing the road last season, two of the posts came down. They were carefully removed without injuring the wire or preventing messages along the line of telegraph, and this was done after some of the servants of the company refused to remove them ; and for these posts being thus removed, a suit was brought against me in the last supreme court in Pictou, by the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, which subjected me to very much trouble and expense.

I would beg leave to recommend that means be taken for removing the telegraph posts from off the road and its drains.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

## ADAM McKENZIE, supervisor.

## Barney's River, 16th January, 1855.

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Pursuant to instructions, I now beg leave to report, for the information of the executive, my doings as supervisor on the main post road in the county of Richmond during the past season; also, the state, condition, and requirements of the same.

In order to have the work performed in the fore part of the season, and previous to the commencement of St. Peter's canal, I sold out the repairing of the bridges and the draining of the worst parts of the road very early in the spring, and did further repairs by day's labor.

Subsequent to expending in this manner the most of the three hundred pounds appropriated for the road, the large bridge on Tom's Brook gave way, which obliged me to make an over-expenditure of £112 14s. Id., in effecting the alteration at that place recommended in my report of last year, in order to obtain a cheaper bridging place and a more level line of road. This alteration, including the bridge, has been completed, excepting a short distance at the south end, which I thought best to defer until next season, as the travelling could branch off to the old road in the meantime; this section, however, would require to be opened as early as possible in the spring.

Again in November the bridge at Irish Cove, in the line between the counties of Richmond and Cape Breton, gave way. I immediately commenced repairing it, and having commenced, I found that to leave the half to be finished by Cape Breton county, or to delay in order to obtain the consent of the member for that county to my finishing it, would not only increase the expense, but greatly endanger the safety of travellers and the conveyance of her majesty's mails, consequently I made a finish of it as speedily as possible. A watch with light was kept to conduct the coach through the river, so that no delay occurred, except on one occasion. The cost of this job is £21 3s. 3½d., and the accounts of the same have been handed to the Richmond county member to lodge in the office of the honorable the financial secretary, and I have every reason to believe that the Cape Breton member will agree to his county paying the one half.

Owing to the increase of travelling and damages done by the freshets, I was obliged to make a further over-expenditure of about  $\pounds 20$ , the accounts of which will likewise be forwarded.

Some parts of the road, such as near Soldiers Cove and Salmon River, made about twenty years ago, were only made about *nine feet* wide, and the stumps and roots left nnderneath are now exposed to the serious inconvenience of carriage driving and all kinds of travelling; and I regret to say, that owing to the bad repair of the sluices and bridges and the deficiency of proper drains in general, when I took charge, some parts are still left in this bad state.

The bridges requiring to be erected first season are-

One at McLeod's mill, Red Island.

Two between Cash's and the county line of Cape Breton.

One at Donald Campbell's, Red Island.

Two at St. Peter's, together with several smaller ones, and very probably the repairing of the large bridge on River Inhabitants, erected a few years ago by Mr. Faulkner.

These several bridges, and the finishing of the alteration at Tom's Brook, already referred to, would require about £300, and the remainer of the road about £200, in all £500, independent of the over-expenditures mentioned.

Many of the telegraph posts in this county are placed in the drains, and so near the travelled track of the road, (such as at Alexander McPherson's,) as to endanger the safety of carriage driving. In the drains made this season between McPherson's and Grandique ferry, some posts and braces were planted, which stopped the leaves, &c., carried down the drains, and consequently caused the water of the drains to cut across the road.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

# JAMES MCKENZIE, supervisor.

## Halifax, N. S., January 30th, 1855.

For the information of your excellency, and in accordance with my instructions, I beg to make the following report, on the state of the road leading from Halifax to Lunenburg county line.

After receiving my commission I proceeded to make general repairs along the line. The road having suffered considerably from the spring freshets, it cost the most of the means at my disposal to put the road in a safe and passable state for the summer travelling, which left but a small amount to repair damages which might happen in the fall. The road was in a very fair state of repair until the first of December, but in consequence of repeated storms and freshets which occurred since that time, it is now in a very bad state, especially along the shore.

In consequence of the high rate of wages, I was unable to procure first rate labor for the amount allowed by law, viz.: 4s. per day, so that several important alterations which I proposed to make in my last report had to be abandoned.

I also beg to draw your excellency's attention to the great number of bridges on this road, which are seventeen in number, from ten to forty feet in length, which require the greatest part of the sum allowed for the road to keep them in repair. Two new bridges will have to be built this present year, at a cost of about fifty pounds; one at Hubbard's Cove, referred to in my report last year, which for want of means had to be repaired and propped up to answer this season, and the other on East River. The greater part of the other bridges will have to be thoroughly repaired, so that unless two hundred and fifty pounds at least be allowed this year, it will be impossible to put the road in a sufficient state of repair. The damages by freshets and storms, before alluded to, I have partially repaired at an over-expenditure of  $\pounds 34$  15s. up to this date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FORBES BLACK.

To his excellency Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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## Musquodoboit, February 1st, 1855.

Sir—

I have now the honor to report on the state of the eastern shore road, known generally as the Harvey road, from where the road connects with the Truro road to Ship Harbor.

As I stated in my report of last year, the whole of this road has been very recently made, and liable, as are all new roads, to be much injured by heavy rain, and being only when finished made twelve feet wide, has received much damage by the heavy storms of last fall, in some places rendered almost impassable. I had to get some repairs done in the dead of winter.

The amount granted for the repair of this road last year, was two hundred pounds, which grant included an over-expenditure for the previous year of about fifty-three pounds. The balance left was entirely too small a sum to be scattered over upwards of forty miles of road, with very little statute labor, and that exceedingly badly managed; and taking into consideration the number of bridges, there is six rivers to cross of considerable size and three branches of the sea. The Le Marchant bridge, head of Jedore, is sixty-eight rods long, including embankments, and owing to the severity of last winter, sustained much injury from the ice, which, to prevent a like occurrence, I have erected four piers built of hemlock logs well ballasted. As this bridge is of importance to the travelling public, on account of the difficulty of crossing during the forming of and breaking up of the ice, which occurs generally several times during the winter, I have therefore deemed it my duty to make the bridge secure, which, in doing so with the consent of the county members and permission of the government, I have incurred an over-expenditure of thirty-five pounds, and have been compelled to pass by much of the needed improvement of the road for the season.

The past year has been the most severe on roads for a number of years, particularly such as were not in a thorough state of repair, that is having deep drains, which is the life of every road, and well spouted.

There is on the whole of this line the very best of materials for road making, but without a liberal grant, we are under the necessity in some instances to take materials of inferior quality, owing to its proximity, so as to keep the road passable, which, as a matter of course, spring and fall makes mud and heavy rains washes away.

The amount indispensably necessary this year for the repair of the road, cannot, to do justice, be less than three hundred pounds, not to include the thirty-five pounds already expended.

All which I humbly submit.

### WILLIAM ANDERSON.

To the hon. LEWIS M. WILKINS.

No. 38.

## (See page 643.)

# REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE INLAND FISHERIES AND GAME OF THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

## To captain WILLIAM CHEABNLEY,

Warden of the river fisheries, &c. &c.,

#### County of Halifax, N. S.

SIR-

The managing committee of the provincial association for the protection of the inland fisheries and game of Nova Scotia, for themselves and the association, respectfully beg leave, (through you,) to bring to the notice of the provincial legislature, now convened, the result of its operations during the past two years, in hopes that the proper steps may at once be taken by that honorable body to secure to the inhabitants of the province generally their legitimate rights.

During the first year of the association, their labours were more particularly confined to the county of Halifax, where much trouble and difficulty was encountered from the determined opposition of the millers, and from parties who were accustomed to net the rivers entirely across. This, together with abandoned mill dams and other obstructions, have, to some extent, been overcome by steady perseverance, and by pointing out to the people the very great advantages to be derived in common, by all, on such streams and rivers.

The committee have much pleasure in bringing to your notice, that they forwarded to each county of the province a number of printed questions relative to the river fisheries, the greater part of which have been returned with very satisfactory answers, together with much other valuable information. Many of the millers have made suitable fish ways, and others are about to follow the praiseworthy example. This change of opinion has been brought about by distributing communications among them, proving the fact that the "sea fisheries" depend much on the rivers, and the absolute necessity of every care being taken to afford a free passage to every description of fish that may resort therein for the purpose of spawning.

While the "river fisheries" have thus been actively cared for, your committee likewise have not been negligent in looking after the game of the province. The law in both cases having been efficaciously and successfully maintained, has already developed a highly beneficial effect.

In conclusion, the association has, ever since its formation, been on the alert for the protection of both the fish and game of Nova Scotia, and have from time to time expended large sums of money for the furtherance of its philanthrophic object.

The association are still willing and desirous of co-operating with the legislature, and the several river wardens; but from past experience are satisfied that the law, as at present constituted, is very defective and complicated, and that unless a more strict, and at the same time easier wrought out law be adopted, we fear the Americans, through the advantages conferred on them by the reciprocity treaty, will, with impunity, embracc every opportunity to enrich themselves, and thereby destroy the fisheries that we are striving and anxious to preserve.

The sessions for law purposes as regards the river fisheries have been found deficient. With such being the fact, and that the usual maratime force for the protection of our fisheries are to be done away with, the association, through their committee, earnestly hope that the representatives of every township and county in the province will give the subject mature consideration.

They also respectfully recommend that the law should provide that each of the deputy wardens on the principal rivers, whose duties are always onerous, should be allowed an

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annual sum each, which would stimulate them to further and better protection, and no doubt would result in vast benefit to every county of the province from the river fisheries.

They also carnestly urge and request that the act submitted to the legislature last year, (a copy of which now accompanies this report,) may be passed during the present session, and the association unanimously pledge themselves that they will endeavour to the utmost of their power see it carried into effect.

Finally, the association beg herewith to present to you, for the information of yourself and the legislature, the accompanying questions and answers, have been received as above alluded to, and which corroborates the opinion long since entertained, and for the carrying out of which they at first united in an association.

All of which is most respectfully submitted, by

Your obedient servants,

JOHN LONGARD, chairman. THOS. HUMPHREY, WM. FINLAY, GEO. McKENZIE, C. BEAMISH, W. A. GRANT, T. W. McXIE, secretary.

# Provincial association for the protection of the inland fisheries and game of the province of Nova Scotia.

Patron-His excellency Sir J. Gaspard Le Marchant, knight. President-Captain Chearnley. Vice president-William Sutherland, esquire. Secretary-Thos. Humphrey, esquire. Committee of management-Messrs. John Longard, chairman, Thos. Humphrey, Edward Jennings, M. D., William Finlay, George McKenzie, Charles Beamish, William Grant, George Piers; T. W. McKie, secretary.

The managing committee of the provincial association for the protection of the inland fisheries and game of the province, being deeply impressed with the importance of the river fisheries in an individual and commercial point of view, and believing that a necessity exists for a more comprehensive and better defined law for their regulation, and for the better determining the mouths of rivers, and the mode of fishing and placing nets in the estuaries, so as to insure the ingress and egress of a sufficient portion of fish that annually resort to them for the purpose of spawing, (for it is plain that so long as fish are prevented from entering rivers by an exterminating system of netting in the estuaries, regulations for the interior will only be deemed trifling and vexatious,) "have resolved" to print and circulate the following queries, with a view of collecting information commensurate with the subject, which will enable the society to solicit the attention of the legislature to one of our most valuable, but much neglected natural resources.

In taking this step, the committee feel the absolute necessity of obtaining the co-operation of residents on the respective rivers, whose intelligence and experience will, in the opinion of the committee, be the safest guide to the legitimate and equitable limits within which the true interest of the fisherman, and the due protection of the fish, may be consulted.

In order to condense matter and meet the convenience of parties signing, the following questions are framed generally so as to admit of being answered in the negative or affirmative, and the committee earnestly request you, being a resident, to fill up the blanks, and add any pertinent remarks you may think the questions do not embrace, as it is obvious that any alteration in the law relative to river fisheries, to be effective, must be based upon the true interests and well understood wishes of the people.

Halifax, May 1st, 1854.

- 1. Name in full.
- 2. Place of residence.
- 3. Name of river.
- 4. How long have you resided upon that river ?

5. Were salmon, gasperaux, shad, trout, and other fish plentiful in that river when you first settled there?

- 6. Are the quantities of these fish greatly diminished ?
- 7. About what year did this diminution commence?
- 8. Do you attribute the diminution to the following causes ?
- 9. To the illegal construction of mill-dams?
- 10. To the falling of saw dust into the streams ?
- 11. To obstructions from slabs from the mill thrown into the river ?
- 12. To want of grating being placed at the entrance of the mill race?
- 13. To want of grating being placed at the outlet of the mill race ?
- 14. Are there mill dams on that river? How many?
- 15. Constructed so as not to allow fish to pass? How many?
- 16. Constructed so as to allow fish to pass? How many?
- 17. Have fishing weirs been placed in the river ?
- 18. Have eel-pots been placed in the river ?

19. Has brush been placed in the river, and left after being used, to the great obstruction of fish ?

- 20. Has unlawful netting been practised ?
- 21. Has torching and spearing been practised?
- 22. Are salmon speared in the fall of the year when spawning?

23. Have nets been placed at the mouth of the river so as to prevent fish from ascending?

24. Is the newly introduced bag net injurious and destructive to the fisheries?

25. Name the date and month, as near as you can, when salmon ascend the river?

26. Name the date and month when gasperaux ascend the river ?

27. Name the date and month when salmon return to the sea after spawning ?

28. Name the date when gasperaux descend the river ?

29. Does the river empty itself into the sea through so small a channel that it admits of being easily netted across ?

30. Should there be a restricted distance for the setting of nets at the mouths of rivers?

31. Are sea fish attracted to the shore by the bait (that consists of young fish) that has been spawned in the river ?

32. Is the shore fishery dependent upon the rivers for a supply of bait?

33. Do you think the protection of the river fisheries will be the means of increasing the quantity of bait to the great advantage of the shore fisheries?

### No. 39.

## (See page 644.)

The committee on the several petitions of S. B. Chipman and others, of the county of Annapolis, and of settlers in Queen's county, asking the house for aid to George Merry, to keep a house for the entertainment of travellers, on an unfrequented road between Annapolis and Liverpool, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee, after enquiry, have come to the conclusion to and do hereby recommend a grant of ten pounds to the party in question, for the present year.

> W. A. HENRY, chairman. THOMAS COFFIN, SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

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Committee room, 24th February, 1855.

APPENDIX, No. 40.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

I have now the honor of presenting my second report of the state of education in that section of the province which was assigned me as the sphere of my labors. With the view of giving your excellency a definite and accurate idea of the district within which my inquiries have been prosecuted, I have drawn out tables which at once show the counties visited, the schools inspected, the character, the range and amount of instruction given, the number of pupils studying the different branches, and the amount of emolument derived from each school. Before submitting those tables, however, I beg to state generally the present condition of our schools within the district specified, and the means by which, I think, they may be improved.

In order to judge the better of the present condition of our schools, it may be well first of all to keep in view what they ought to accomplish; for it is by comparing them as they are, and as they ought to be, that we shall most clearly see how far they answer their end, and in what respects they ought to be improved.

In attempting to make the comparison, I shall be obliged to deal in general statements, and such statements are always subject to exceptions, so that exceptions, numerous and important, must be allowed for. My duty requires me to exhibit the dark side of the picture, but I find it relieved by many bright spots. In every county I visited, I found faithful teachers and well conducted schools; and I know well that our school system, whatever may be its defects, is accomplishing vast good. Our duty then is to preserve what is good, and to repair or reconstruct what is defective.

It was once thought sufficient if schools were provided in sufficient numbers for the population, and if all the children in the community were enrolled as pupils. It was not considered that those schools might fail of their great design, either by the irregular attendance of the scholars, or by the incompetency of the teachers; or by the inadequate support or defective organization of the schools. It is clear that children cannot improve at school who are one day present and the next absent, and who, besides this irregularity in their ordinary attendance, are kept entirely from school during several months of each year. It is equally clear that the same evils may result from a frequent change of teachers, or from having the school badly organized and subjected to the control of ignorant or passionate parents and trustees, who are insensible to its importance, and more ready to embarrass than to strengthen and sustain the teacher. The greatest calamity, however, which can befal the education of the young, is to have teachers without competent knowledge, without talents to teach or govern, and, at the same time, without any desire to improve themselves or any sense of the responsibility of their situation.

If apprentices have an idle or bungling master, who neither cares nor understands his business, we expect them to be bad workmen; and can it be expected that the scholars, in any school, can be trained to virtue and imbued with knowledge and good habits, by incompetent instructors, who are themselves destitute of these qualifications? Certainly not. We may assume, then, that the schools in which the rising generation are to acquire the rudiments of knowledge, and are to be trained to act the part of good members of society, ought to be—

First.—Places of agreeable resort, connecting pleasant associations with study. Acquirement and pleasure should go hand in hand; they should never part company. The pleasure of acquiring should be the incitement to acquire; fear, disgust, discomfort, pain, should never be associated with what is to be desired, labored for, and loved. The very voice of nature forbids the infliction of annoyance, discomfort, pain, upon a child while engaged in study. If he suffers from position or heat, or cold, or fear, not only is a portion of the energy of his mind withdrawn from his lesson, but at that age the pain blends with with the study, makes part of it, and the mind is turned away in disgust. If possible, pleasure should be made to flow like a sweet atmosphere around the young learner, and pain should be kept beyond the association of ideas. Blossoms will not open during the winter storms; the buds of the hardiest plant wait for the genial influence of the sun.

The first practical application of these remarks is to school house architecture—a subject little regarded, yet vitally important. In general, the state of the school houses is deplorable, not one out of every twenty I visited was passable : one is by far too small for the number of children—a second is without doors or windows—a third is neither air-tight nor water-tight, so that in winter scarely any writing could go on, the very ink freezing in the pen ere it could touch the paper, and in one or two instances the teachers were obliged to use creepers to enable them to walk over the icy floor—a fourth has no seats or writing desks at all—a fifth, a sixth, and a seventh, is the kitchen of the teacher, where a few pieces of timber are provided as seats, and where the process of cooking goes on along with the process of instruction. Can such school houses be considered as places of agreeable resort? Certainly not. Among such comfortless and wretched tenements, the pupil thinks of education with repugnance and disgust; the task which it imposes he dreads, and at length takes his leave of it as a prison from which he is too happy to escape.

Secondly.—Schools should be so conducted as to promote neatness and order, and cultivate good manners and refined feelings. These are important indeed to all children, but all have not the same facilities for acquiring them. Hence unless cultivated at school, many children can never reach them; and even those who have the best advantages at home in this respect, have still need of attention to counteract the pernicious example of coarse companions. But a very slight knowledge of the state of our schools is sufficient to convince one that the great majority of them are extremely ill conducted; both the school houses and the children are unclean—no department cultivated—no fine feelings promoted.

Thirdly.—Schools should be so conducted as to strengthen the moral sentiments of the pupils and train them to habits of purity and truth; indeed this should be always kept in view, as being the principal object of sound education; but I am grieved to say that there is no one respect in which our schools more generally fail. In very few of the schools inspected I found any attention paid to this subject; parents and teachers seem to think that it should form no part of the proper business of a school.

Fourthly.—Schools should be so conducted as to cultivate good intellectual habits among the rising generation, and inspire a taste for knowledge. If they fail in too many instances to inculcate high moral principles and to cherish refinement of thought and manner, they ought at least to fulfil the one end to which most of them profess to be devoted—the cultivation of intellect. But one defect pervades more than the one half of our common schools —the children learn by rote, they do not understand what they profess to learn; the system is too superficial; the understanding is not sufficiently exercised, and the other faculties are allowed to lie dormant. The consequence is as I invariably found, that they fail to teach even the common branches thoroughly; they engender loose inaccurate habits of thought, and they fail to inspire a love for the reading of useful books. That there are honorable exceptions I know well, but in too many cases it is as I have stated.

Fifthly.—Schools should be accessible to and attended by all the children of the community. The former without the latter will not benefit; for though the best possible schools were opened in every district, they would be useless to such as never attend, and of but partial service to such as attend irregularly. I found vast numbers of both in the district of the province I visited. These classes, generally speaking, include the children either of profligate parents who are wholly regardless of the welfare of their children; or of ignorant parents who know not the advantage of education; or of improvident, and, consequently, indigent parents, who are unable to provide proper clothes and purchase books, or who require the assistance of their children to maintain their families. But from whatever cause this irregularity of attendance arises, it prevails to a great extent, and is obviously injurious to the best interests of the community at large. I have thus reviewed the condition and character of the schools I inspected, and it must be admitted that their defects are great and numerous; yet it must be admitted at the same time, that with all their imperfections imperfections they do render unspeakable service to the country at large. I now proceed to inquire by what means they may be improved.

The importance and responsibility of the office of teacher are sadly undervalued in 1. this country. A very common idea is, that any person who can read and write a little is fit to teach, as if the art of teaching were nothing more than pouring the little knowledge which one may possess into the minds of others, and as if there were no habits to form-no character to influence—no impediments to remove. The opinions generally entertained in regard to the art of teaching are such as the common sense of mankind and the experience of ages have shown to be absurd, as to every other art and pursuit of civilized life. To be able to administer to the body in disease, the man who undertakes it must be suitably educated and trained to the profession; to be able to practise at the bar, he must pass through a certain course of previous study and undergo a careful examination; to navigate a ship along our coasts or from one country to another, he must learn by years of service ; to make a coat or a shoe, or a plough or cart, he must be trained by years of apprenticeship; but to take charge of a school of thinking immortal beings, to prepare them for all the duties and responsibilities of life, to educate their faculties, to do all this is supposed to require no apprenticeship, no particular preparation. Fortunately this opinion is passing away. The normal seminary, which is now in course of erection, is a practical proof that a higher tone is beginning to prevail; and it is fondly hoped that some salutary laws may be passed, requiring each candidate for license to attend the institute previously.

2. It is generally allowed now that we must regenerate our schools by training up teachers specially qualified. It seems to be forgotten, however, that to train up teachers is uscless, unless they can be induced to devote themselves to their profession; and that in this country, where there are broad avenues to success open before every young man as he enters life in other departments, such will not be the case, unless schools are so organized and conducted as to present the prospect of agreeable employment and suitable emolument. The more I examine this subject, and the oftener I visit the existing schools, the more thoroughly convinced am I of the indispensable necessity of carrying this suggestion If we would have good teachers, then, we must provide means for supporting into effect. them, and assign them that rank and consideration to which they are so justly entitled. For this purpose the legislature should interfere, and adopt the assessment system, otherwise our educational interests must suffer grievously. In course of last season there was an increasing demand for manual labour, and a corresponding remuneration offered not only in the neighboring republic but also in the British provinces, while there was no change to the better in the status of the teachers; the consequence was that several of our schools were vacant when I visited them. Generally speaking, the pittance received for teaching in this country is so very small, that no young man of talent can be expected to remain in a situation, the emolument of which is so inadequate, when he can greatly better his circumstances elsewhere and by other employment.

A subject of universal complaint is the frequent change of teachers. 3. It is impossible to overrate the evils of such a course. The business of education consists of a series of processes, the latter always depending upon the former, and requiring therefore to be conducted on the same principles and by the same methods. But in the present state of our schools scarcely any two teachers have the same method. No opportunity is afforded the one who succeeds to become acquainted with the state of the school and with the method of his predecessor. He enters the school a perfect stranger to the children, unacquainted with the relative aptitude of the different scholars, and having the prospect likely of retiring at the end of a few months. It is evident the progress of the school must be arrested. Each teacher being tenacious of his own system, he will in all probability proceed to undo the work which his predecessor began, and the children will thus spend the whole period of their stay retracing their studies according to the new method. Nor can the effect on the teacher himself be any better. The practice of frequent change makes him little better than a vagrant. He has no fixed residence, and no ambition to form a character-his only object being to obtain some employment to keep him going-a useless drone, utterly regardless of improvement. To effect some reform, I would suggest that commissioners should

should not give license to any teacher who would not remain in the same district for at least a twelve month, and that they should express their disapproval of all such vagrant teachers.

4. No evil connected with the present condition of our schools calls more loudly for correction than the diversity of school books; and in many instances the absence of books altogether. The time of both teachers and pupils is frittered away under such circumstances. To remedy the evil, it may be necessary to pass a law authorizing one uniform set of books for all the provincial schools, and forbidding the introduction of any other. Until some such law is enacted, our schools will continue to present a Babal of confusion and disorder.

5. The unnecessary multiplication of school districts has become a sore evil; also the unnecessary multiplication of school trustees. The act contemplates three trustees for every district. There may be one or more schools, if necessary, in the same district; but how numerous soever the schools in a district may be, there can be but one set of trustees But the practice which prevails is the very reverse of this. In some districts legally. there are eight or nine schools, and each school has its own distinct trustees. This is a most pernicious system; for whenever a party becomes disaffected, from whatever cause, they apply to some teacher, appoint trustees, and he opens a school. The consequence is that the district is enfeebled by the subdivision of its resources—a spirit of antagonism is at work-the seeds of division grows up-the best teachers are discouraged, and gross injustice is done to other places by the multiplication of schools where they are not necessary, and thus lessening the allowance of country teachers. To remedy this evil, I would suggest that each county should be divided into manageable districts, by parties specially appointed for that purpose; that no district should have more than one set of trustees, even should there be several schools in it; and that no additional school should be allowed where the existing school or schools were not attended.

In bringing these remarks to a close, I beg to observe that I considered it desirable to bring under the special notice of your excellency the general character of the districts visited, and to point out in somewhat strong, though not unjust or overstrained terms, the deficiencies of most of the teachers, for the purpose of showing, in the first place, on how precarious, unsatisfactory and infirm a basis the education of a great proportion of the rising generation rests, and how deficient in real strength and stability must be the superstructure reared upon it; and in the second place, and most especially of demonstrating the great necessity of taking such means as will at once improve the existing educational machinery.

Full information on the more minute details—such as the character of the school, the number of each sex present, the branches taught, the condition of the school house, the remuneration of the teacher, and the proportion arising from the different sources—will be found in the tables, which I now beg to submit.

> I have the honor to be, Your excellency's Most obedient servant,

> > HUGH MUNRO,

Inspector of schools, eastern district N. S.

Halifax, February 12th, 1855.

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An abstract of the state of education in the undermentioned counties.

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Stirling district,	289	588	34	622	309	815	157	465	354	268	993
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Pictou S. district,	1112	2601	171	2772	1247	2653	747	2025	1539	1233	2346
Sydney,	1150	1439	245	1684			290	1394	1054	631	
Guysborough,	569	551	172	723			216	507	:376	347	
St. Mary's district,	273	300	42	342	200	988	120	218	194	149	431
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Counties.	Tuition fees and subscriptions.	Paid in board.	Total from people. Provincial grant	Provincial grant.	No. of school districts in county. No. of teachers employed in	Male teachers.	Female teachers.
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Parrsboro' district,	170	252	326	278	159	533	82	196	137	143	413
Colchester,	1145	1507	156	1663	953	3234	515	1148	886	1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-	1383
Stirling district,	262	491	315	506	245	104	135	371	271	235	836
Pictou N. district,		2052	116	2168			518	1629	1126	1021	2420
Pictou S. district,	1072	2253	146	2699	1516	2024	742	1957	1536	1193	2261
Sydney,	854	1257	175	1432			260	1172	861	581	
Guysborough,	400	608	142	750	283	1238	175	545	362	353	625
St. Mary's district,	219	232	34	268	236	767	117	152	148	113	203
Inverness N. district,		533	11	604	370	1739	112	492	380	224	1141
Inverness, S. district,	765	940	183	1123	517	1965	197	926	713	410	
Victoria,	661	777	86	1073	436	2306	209	864	603	470	1217
Cape Breton,		1511	200	1711			100	1286	952	159	
Richmond,		536	274	810	283	1260	181	627	459	349	1006
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Abstract of commissioners' returns for the eastern district of Nova Scotia, for the half year ending 31st October, 1854.

Counties.	Tuition fees subscriptic	ions.	Paid in board	rd.	Total from people.	Provincial grant.	No. of school districts in county.	No. of teachers employed in county.	Male teachers.	Female teachers.
Cumberland, Parrsboro' district, Colchester, Stirling district, Pictou, N. district, Pictou, S. district, Sydney, Guysborough, St. Mary's district, Inverness, N. district, Inverness, N. district, Victoria, Cape Breton, Richmond,	<b>£</b> 582 0 111 0 565 0 664 16 82 5 130 7 130 7 130 7 130 11 130 13 132 5 132 5 132 5 132 5 133 13 155 8 82 5 155 8 82 5 82 5 82 5 82 5 82 5 82 5 82 5	$\begin{array}{c}11\\1\\0\\1\\0\\1\\0\\0\\1\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\0\\$	$\begin{array}{c} \pounds 95 \\ \pounds 95 \\ 32 \\ 32 \\ 32 \\ 38 \\ 17 \\ 38 \\ 17 \\ 53 \\ 51 \\ 51 \\ 51 \\ 51 \\ 51 \\ 51 \\ 51$	0040010000400	$\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $\mathbf{f}$ $f$	$\mathcal{E}228$ 17       3 $51$ 6       0 $51$ 6       0 $71$ 0       0 $239$ 10       0 $211$ 0       0 $297$ 3       4 $297$ 3       4 $283$ 11       10 $283$ 11       10 $283$ 11       10 $283$ 11       10 $266$ 13       4 $129$ 10       0 $250$ 2       0 $250$ 2       0 $265$ 12       10 $205$ 12       10	245366	44 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	$\begin{array}{c} 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33\\ 33$	
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## PART 2.—(See page 650.)

# TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, &c. &c.

## MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY-

As required by law, I have the honor of submitting to you, this, my second report, on the schools of Nova Scotia, comprised in the western section of the province, being for the year ending December 31st, 1854.

It will be proper for me, first to give a succinct record of my proceedings.

#### I. PROCEEDINGS.

During the year which has just elapsed, I have, in the discharge of the duties of my office, visited all the counties comprehended in the portion of the province assigned to my supervision, and have made as general an inspection as practicable of the schools included in it.

In order to become the better acquainted with the state of education, and the wants of the schools in the several districts, I have made it my object to obtain a personal interview with the respective clerks, individually, and with as many of the commissioners and trustees of schools as was possible.

The several boards I have supplied with school books, &c., to the extent provided for by the legislature, and with blank returns, designed to secure the statistical information requisite to a correct understanding of the condition of the schools.

Applications from districts destitute of teachers, and from teachers seeking for situations, have received due attention, and in this manner a number of schools, for a period suspended, have been rc-opened. The scarcity of persons seeking and adapted to the employment, occasioned doubtless by the numerous more lucrative callings which have, in these prosperous times, been open to their reach, has prevented all that was desirable in this respect being accomplished.

A very considerable amount of correspondence naturally attaches to the office which I have the honor to hold. This I have attended to with as much punctuality as was compatible with the constantly recurring educational tours which the inspection of the schools necessarily required.

During the year just terminated, I have made four hundred school visits. To the importance evidently attached by the government and legislature to this department of the duties of my office, I fully subscribe, and have, therefore, devoted the largest portion of my time to the inspection of the schools. Whilst it has been my aim in these visits, on the one hand, to arrive at a just estimate of the state of the schools, I have, on the other, endeavored to secure a further result, by calling attention to obvious defects, and suggesting any practicable improvements in regard to discipline or instruction. The length of time thus devoted to each school, has been determined by its character, and has varied from half an hour, in the case of the most elementary, to half a day, where the number and nature of the branches in which instruction was given called for it.

I have not been able to hold as many educational meetings during the year as I could have wished; but on every occasion when one has been convened, I have been gratified to mark the interest which was manifested, and to record the sounder views evidently beginning to prevail in regals to education.

The only duty belonging to my office in respect to the libraries, which the munificence of the legislature has conferred on the province, I have endeavored to discharge, by inquiring into their condition and seeking to secure an observance of the regulations which accompanied them, and were designed to govern the distribution and use of the books.

On as many occasions as practicable I have met with the commissioners at their semi annual sessions, and have thus had an opportunity of seeing the working of this department of our educational system, and when called upon, have assisted in the division of the monies placed by the legislature at the disposal of the respective boards.

#### EXPLANATIONS. Π.

## Books, &c.

The same discription of books as were supplied to the schools last year has been continued-and for similar reasons to those assigned in my former report. As I stated before I should be in favour of a change, but have not thought it advisable, under the circumstances, to introduce any thing new.

The books have been purchased on as favourable terms as could be expected, being obtained directly from the publishers, and at a discount of about twenty per cent.

In addition to the usual supply of maps, I have furnished to each of the school districts a number of Philips' "seat of the war," which, as being connected with some of the most interesting events of the day, I felt assured would be received as a very acceptable offering.

Arrangements have also been made for a supply of Mitchell's "outline maps," which, whilst accurate and well executed, have the additional recommendation of being furnished at a very reasonable rate.

I regret that owing to circumstances which I could not control, two or three districts did not receive their books as soon as was contemplated. An order was given for the eastern section of the province, under the supposition that I was to labor there; which order it was afterwards necessary to countermand, and issue a new one for the west.

It will be remembered that the condition of the French settlements, as regards books, was referred to particularly in my report of last year. The subject seemed to me of sufficient importance to lead to a correspondence with Drs. Ryerson and Meilleur, chief superintendents of schools for Upper and Lower Canada, respectively, by one or other of whom I had hoped to be put in possession of the information desired. Their replies were not wholly satisfactory, and consequently no arrangements were entered into to obtain a supply from that quarter.

I have since learned that the government have ordered a supply from the United States, but as I have not yet had an opportunity of examining them, I can only express the hope that they will answer the purpose intended.

## Visils.

In order to see the schools under the most favorable circumstances for becoming acquainted with their real condition, I have thought it best to avoid giving public notice of my intention to visit any particular locality at any definite time. As I found on enquiry that the government entertained similar views, I have, in my educational tours, uniformly acted on that principle, and, consequently, whilst going quietly through the district assigned to my supervision, have seen the schools in their every day condition. As a natural result I have witnessed many things which, it is to be presumed, would otherwise have been less readily discovered. Some disadvantages have attended this course, but as it was myself, and not the cause that suffered, I have willingly, in view of its manifest advantages, submitted to it.

I now proceed to give some of the results of my investigations.

#### ш. STATE OF THE SCHOOLS.

The condition of the schools is not On this head it will not be necessary to dwell. materially different from what was reported last year. Where a teacher has continued in charge charge of a school, in general more or less improvement has been perceptible. This has, no doubt, arisen from the opportunities which have been furnished for their becoming better acquainted with their employment, and with the improved methods of teaching which obtain in other countries. It is to be regretted, however, that quite a number, of whom some hopes were entertained, have abandoned the vocation, for reasons, I suppose, already alluded to, and that their places have been occupied by substitutes, in too many cases but poorly qualified for the work. Until there is a body of teachers trained to the business, who shall regard it as their profession, and shall be bound to it by some stronger ties of self interest than at present exist, it would be too much to expect that any considerable number of persons, of the requisite qualifications, would be willing to labour year after year, amid so many discouragements as now unhappily prevail.

On the whole I would say that there has been an improvement in our female schools, and I would account for it partly on the principle that, in their case, so many profitable callings do not present themselves as are open to the other sex, and partly because out of the very respectable number of young women who have, of late years, been educated in our ladies' boarding schools, some are disposed to render the instruction they have received useful by teaching.

### School houses.

I am happy to be able to state that numerous new school houses are springing up in the the rural districts, more particularly in Annapolis and King's counties, and that they are a decided improvement upon those previously existing. Many of these are constructed and furnished on principles which evidently prove that the object was to promote the convenience, administer to the comfort, and guard the health of those who should be their daily inmates.

On the other hand, I regret to be compelled to say that not a few schools are still taught in private rooms, whose contracted dimensions, vitiated air, and absence of every convenience for study, imperatively call for the interference of the legislature to suppress so formidable an evil. The law manifestly contemplates a state of things, in this respect, very different; but whether from not being sufficiently explicit, or from not being enforced, it fails to secure an object of such vital moment.

#### School books.

I am not able to report much alteration for the better in regard to school books. Uniformity is not to be expected under the present system, nor do I look for it until the operation of a provincial normal school shall be felt. Chambers' publications have not come into general use. They do not seem to be very popular, nor can they be obtained on such reasonable terms as would secure for them universal favour. The series of school books published under the sanction of the national board of education for Ireland are furnished at a considerably lower rate, and, in my opinion, are better adapted to the wants and circumstances of the province; but for reasons already referred to, I have not felt warranted to endeavour directly to introduce them.

The legislative grant for the supply of books is too often diverted from its legitimate use, and the works are distributed indiscriminately through the schools, instead of being confined, as intended, to the poorer scholars. In this manner many are furnished gratuitously who are abundantly able to purchase; whilst a corresponding number are left destitute, that are unable to buy. It is very desirable that means be adopted to prevent the continued recurrence of such an abuse, and that the books be devoted to the uses contemplated.

I have been sorry to find, in not a few of our schools, works of a strictly denominational cast, in use; even prayer books are in some cases employed to teach reading from. As the existing school law was silent on the subject, I did not feel authorized to interfere. I could only bring under the notice of the legislature a practice which I consider objection-able on every ground. A new enactment ought, in my opinion, to exclude from a participation in the public funds all schools which so abuse their trust.

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#### Studies.

The school act provides that, in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, instruction shall be given in English grammar and geography. In many instances this is not even attempted, and in some the teacher does not profess to be competent to the task. It may seem strange to some how such individuals have passed their examination before a board of commissioners, to which they are required by law to submit before taking charge of a public school. The truth is, they have been excused from undergoing the ordeal, on the principle, I suppose "that half a loaf is better than no bread," but as, I think, by a most unfortunate application of it. The act could not be more explicit on this point than it is, nor could it be well improved. It only needs to be enforced to elevate, perceptibly, the character of our elementary schools.

In the place of English grammar and geography, sewing and knitting are often accepted as legitimate occupations; nor is it of unfrequent occurrence to find teacher and pupils alike most sedulously engaged in plying their needles, in order, perchance, to replenish the village merchants' stock of hosiery—receiving, be it observed, for so laudable an employment, a handsome remuneration from the public chest. In some such schools I have found even reading assigned to an obscure corner, and in others arithmetic almost ignored.

I have not failed to make such abuses a subject of comment, and to endeavour to suppress them. That they should have existed is not so much to be wondered at, when it is remembered how few ever visit the schools, whether parents, trustees, commissioners, or those expressly designated by the act as entitled to perform this service; and further, that until within a few years no officer was appointed with authority to guard the money appropriated to the support of education, and to see that the intentions of the legislature were carried out.

#### IV. SUGGESTIONS.

My commission requires me "to offer any suggestions or recommendations" which appear to be demanded by an educational system. This I confess I do with some reluctance, on account of so much having been said and written of late years on the subjects involved, with comparatively such trifling results.

#### Commissioners.

Under our present system, commissioners hold a very important place. They determined the extent and limits of the several school districts—it is by their authority that the meetings are convened for the election of trustees—they are supposed to examine all candidates for the office of teacher—by them are issued the licenses under which alone thepublic schools can be legally taught—it is by their warrant that the funds granted by the legislature for the encouragement of education are drawn—they apportion the monies at their disposal among the schools by law entitled to participate in them—on them devolves the care of the libraries, as well as the apportionment and distribution of the books bestowed by the legislature for the use of the poorer scholars—and they are required annually tolay before the government a full report of their proceedings, and such other returns as may be required of them. For all these services they receive no remuneration, but, on the contrary, are subjected to the expense attendant upon a semi-annual meeting, which, in the case of a portion, at least, of each of the boards, involves the necessity of a number of miles' and two or more days' travel.

The possible, if not probable result of all this, and the consequent detriment to the cause entrusted to their keeping, would seem to suggest the propriety of offering some compensation, or, at least, of making provision for an equalization of the loss sustained. I would respectfully submit whether it would not be advisable, as expediency and justice seem alike to demand, that travelling expenses should be reimbursed, and that a suitable allowance

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allowance should be made for the time necessarily spent in the examination of teachers investigation of the returns—the classification of the schools—the distribution of the books —the care of the libraries—the allotment of the monies, &c. &c. If it be urged that as the boards are now constituted such a course would be attended with too much expense, an answer is at hand : the boards need not be so large. The *minimum* number specified in the act, might, without detriment to the cause, be made the *maximum*. A small committee is proverbially more efficient than a large one. Five would do the work as well as fifty.

#### Clerks.

The returns of the clerks are frequently very incomplete, a defect partly occasioned by the imperfect state in which the teachers' returns, in too many cases, present themselves. This might be remedied by not receiving any such defective documents. Sometimes, however, the fault is not justly chargeable upon the teachers. As an illustration, I may mention that in one of the counties all the schools were represented as teaching *history*. The explanation is simple. In the first school on the list history was taught; some forty or fifty ditto's, in a column beneath, elevated all the others to the same status. It is manifest that much unnecessary trouble is thus occasioned to the officer whose duty it is to embody all these returns in a general statement and report, and that there is a corresponding danger lest the statistical tables should not prove a true exponent of the condition of the schools. I have endeavoured to guard against such a result.

#### Trustees.

The most cursory examination of the school act will show the general importance evidently attached by its framers to the office of trustee. The duties belonging to it need only be stated to show how few are discharged with any degree of fidelity by the great majority of those holding the office. It is extremely rare for them even to make the schools an occasional visit; and yet they are expected, in the words of the act, "to render a half-yearly account of the number, names, sexes and ages of the pupils taught in each school, and the average number who have attended since the last return—the branches in which they have been instructed—the books they have used—their progress in education, &c. &c." They do render such an account, but, in most cases, it is based upon their confidence in the statement of the teachers, and not on any personal investigation of the matters referred to.

From what has fallen under my own observation, I confess that I entertain serious doubts of the propriety of swelling the clauses of a school act for our province, with such multitudinous requisitions—at least until the country is sufficiently educated greatly to increase the number of those willing to engage heartily in such service.

#### Teachers.

An evil that needs remedying is that persons about to take charge of a school frequently give no notice of such intention to the clerk, and consequently are sometimes engaged in teaching for months before he is apprised of it. In many cases, as has been before hinted, no license even has been obtained. The results of this "free and easy" mode of procedure must be obvious—one disadvantage the school inspector seriously experiences, for it is impossible for him to learn from the clerk the localities which he should visit, or the whereabouts of any particular teacher; consequently many miles are often needlessly travelled, and much time lost which might be profitably spent with the schools. What renders the evil the more inexcusable is, that there is no necessity for it. Besides, it is susceptible of a most simple remedy; for if it were rendered obligatory on any one designing to teach, to give written notice of his intention to the clerk, and if his participation in the public money were made conditional on his doing so, the evil would be speedily removed.

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The incompetency of the great majority of teachers it would be useless to dwell upon. We deplore the circumstance, but we can scarcely, with consistency, blame the individuals. They are employed by the inhabitants and licensed by the proper authoritics, and they perform their duties to the extent of their knowledge and ability. The province, up to the last session of the legislature, had never made any provision for their better equipment for the work. They must therefore be experiented-the censure attaches to other parties. I rejoice that by the enactment of last session for the establishment of a normal school, the legislature will no longer be exposed to so serious an imputation.

#### Inspection.

The province having now made provision for a training seminary for teachers, and having placed the superintendent at the head of it, has relieved him of the inspection of the schools. But inspection will not be less necessary after the new system shall have come into operation than it was before. It has been found indispensable in all countries which have aimed at promoting education amongst their people. Without it, how could it be known whether teachers were carrying out the instructions of the superintendentswhether the appropriation for books and libraries was rendered available to the end designed—whether the public monies granted for the support of schools were deservedly Where the treasury is opened for the encouragement of other interests, the bestowed ? funds appropriated are guarded by officers appointed for that service. If education, then, is to be encuraged, every precaution should be taken to prevent the public grants being squandered, and to render them productive of as much benefit as possible.

The only question then is, as to the form which the inspectorship should assume-whether it shall be entrusted to two or three individuals, for less could not perform the dutyor whether each county should have its own appropriate officer ? To me it seems that the former arrangement, whilst it would be attended with no more expense, would be far more efficient, for the following among other reasons :- It would, in that case, be the business of the limited number mentioned. The duties belonging to the officer would be sufficient to occupy their time, and they would regard it as their calling; consequently, it would be more likely to be their study how they might most successfully fulfil their trust.

On the other plan it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find in each of the several counties persons adapted to the work and at the same time willing to accept of the office, at the small remuneration which would necessarily be attached to it; for it will be evident, on the slightest reflection, that the number must be very limited that are qualified for such an office. The individual should not only be a sound scholar, but well versed in the new methods which have been elsewhere adopted in the business of instruction and school management, and, generally, one who has been himself a teacher. Various other requisite qualifications might be readily enumerated. Again, on the county inspection plan, there would be the further difficulty of finding persons sufficiently separated from local matters to be generally acceptable, without which their usefulness would be very limited. In view of these and other considerations, I consider that the first mentioned arrangement would be far preferable. I am happy that I am borne out in this opinion by the recorded sentiments of the educational committee and the legislature of 1852, the last that took any action on the question.

#### Free schools and assessment.

In my report of last year I stated it as my conviction that the country was very generally in favour of free schools, and the support of education by assessment. I have had no The merchant reason since to change my opinion, on the contrary, I am confirmed in it. in his counting-house-the artizan in his work-shop-the laborer in the field-the professional gentleman in his study—composing, I am assured, a considerable majority of the intelligent and respectable portion of our population, express themselves as earnestly desirous of the change. It, however, admits of a question whether the present session of the legislature legislature would be the most favourable period for the adoption of the measure. One can easily understand how the deferring of action for another year might really tend to the more speedy establishment of free schools in the country.

If such a measure were desirable before, it has since become indispensable to the safety and welfare of the province, now that *universal suffrage* has been adopted as the law of the land. Our neighbours across the border take this view of the matter as regards themselves, and consider that the salvation of the union depends upon the universal diffusion of education through that vast empire; which, without free schools, would be of difficult accomplishment.

#### V. SOURCES OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Having dwelt so long upon the faults, errors and defects of our schools and educational system, I should scarcely feel justified in closing this report, without alluding to circumstances which mark an improvement on the past, and encourage hope for the future. Whilst there is much that needs remedying, there is also not a little to warrant the belief that the day is not far distant, when Nova Scotia, after so much agitation, so many experiments tried, and so many convulsive struggles for a good long denied her, will be blessed with the possession of a school establishment, which will diffuse among all classes of her population the benefits of education.

### Character of teachers.

It is not many years since the principal portion of our common schools were under the charge of foreigners, who, being too indolent to engage in any other mere active employment, resorted to teaching for a livelihood. Their qualifications consisted, forsooth, in an acquaintance with some of the rules of arithmetic, and in an ability to write a tolerable hand. The only other branch they pretended to teach was reading, which must necessarily have been very defective on account of their barbarous pronunciation of the language, if for no other reason. In regard to *character*, one cannot speak any more favourably; being strangers, their principles were unknown, till they were developed before their pupils and the community by an utter disregard for the claims of morality and religion.

In all these particulars a marked change has taken place. Our schools are now chiefly in charge of *native teachers*, which is of itself encouraging, as it goes to prove that education has become more generally diffused than it was at a period quite recent. In *intellectual attainments*, if not so superior as were desirable to their predecessors, still some appreciable advance has been made. As regards *morals*, I hesitate not to say that a gratifying change is discernable, and that, in a vast majority of cases, an influence is now exerted by our teachers in favour of principles which every parent of right feelings would wish to see prevail in the community.

### Normal school.

Among the sources of encouragement alluded to, the provision made by the legislature at its last session for the establishment of a training seminary for teachers, is deserving of notice. It is true that the sum appropriated for its erection and maintenance was small, very small, compared with what neighbouring provinces^{*} and states have contributed for a similar object—smaller, perhaps, than will be found on trial requisite for rendering the institution thoroughly efficient. That, however, is susceptible of future adjustment. Meanwhile the building, sufficiently spacious for the uses projected, is in course of completion, in a pleasant, healthy and centrical portion of the province, and with the prospect of being ready for use by the time other indispensable arrangements shall be perfected. The locality selected is moreover one in which the rate of living will be within the means of the students—a most important consideration—and, in relation to morals, will be favourable to

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^{*} Upper Canada expended £25,000 in the construction and equipment of her training school.

to the fostering of habits so desirable in a teacher of youth. Every friend of education will look with interest to future developments, and watch with solicitude the progress of an institution, which, if ably conducted and adequately sustained, will, ere long, be instrumental in elevating the character of our schools and training a body of instructors, who shall be worthy of the important post they are designed to occupy.

### Interest manifested.

A review of the past, as compared with the present, will show that more correct views in regard to education have begun to prevail in the community. Some sections of the province already manifest a very creditable interest in the progress of the cause. For a course of years the legislature has proved itself far from indifferent to the subject; and, by one act after another, has borne testimony to its importance. Annual appropriations by which this interest first evinced itself—for the support of schools, have been followed by grants for the purchase of books and libraries—ty provision made for school superintendence and inspection—and lastly, by the establishment and endowment of a seminary for the equipment of teachers. So much for the past.

The speech from the throne, by which the present session of our provincial parliament was opened, showed that this great cause was still remembered, and that it was considered of sufficient moment to be one of the few topics selected for notice.

I trust that if it shall be found impracticable to review our whole educational system during the existing session of the legislature, that at least preparation will be made for action in the next. It would facilitate business, and tend to render a new enactment more complete, were a committee appointed, whose duty it should be, during the recess, to prepare a bill adapted to the wants and circumstances of the country, to be laid before the legislature for consideration when it should next assemble.

Appended will be found an abstract of the semi-annual returns of the commissioners. Only a few reports have accompanied the documents referred to, and of those but a very limited number were as full as the act contemplates. A few extracts, of more or less importance, are added, as connected with matters alluded to in this report.

> I have the honor to be Your excellency's Most obedient and humble servant

> > C. DENNISON RANDALL,

Inspector of schools, W. district.

Wolfville, December 31st, 1854.

TABLE I	Schools.
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		Teachers.				Pupils.				
Districts.	Ma	Male.		Female.		Paid.		Free.		
	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sum.	Win.	Sam.	Win.	Sum.	Average taught- weeks.	
Halifax city,	12	9	9	10	571	-765	730	650	44.1	
E. Halifax,* W. Dalifax,	17	16	8	5	957	1063	97	129	49.4	
Lunenburg,	40	25	19	29	$\begin{array}{c} 557 \\ 1222 \end{array}$	1003 1022	217	$120 \\ 212$	43.5	
Queen's,	24	17	10	19	731	821	<u>90</u>	$  \frac{212}{102}  $	39.4	
Annapolis,	54	34	10	32	1231	1622	$238^{-10}$		46.0	
King's,	51	22	9	35	1785	1523	354	316	41.7	
E. Hants,	19	$12^{-12}$	4	10	844	\$39	36	43	40.5	
W. Hants,	24	24	6	10	943	1198	144	1 161	46.0	
Clare,	6	5	5	12	224	373	49	92	39.7	
Digby,	23	13	3	20	908	1027	86	100	43.1	
Yarmouth,	25	6	4	28	919	873	209	237	38.7	
Argyle,	13	7	0	16	281	388	65	103	40.0	
Barrington,	12	2	3	16	372	397	55	80	39.5	
Sheiburne,	12	3	9	22	455	418	63	77	38.3	

TABLE II.—Support of teachers.

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Districts.	From pcople.	Provincial grant.	Total.	Average to each.
Halifax city, E. Halifax,*	£664 4 8	£668-15 0	£1357 19 8	£66 17 8
W. Halifax,	929 1 11	356 6 11	1294 8 10	56 5 7
Luneuburg,	1159 7 2	619 15 0	$1779 \ 2 \ 2$	31 9 9
Queen's,	1157 10 0	474 17 1	1632 7 1	46 13 4
Annapolis,	1519 9 9	658 6 0	$2177 \ 15 \ 9$	38 17 11
King's,	$2162 \ 17 \ 1$	$659 \ 12 \ 6$	2822 9 7	48 4 11
E. Hants,	958 18 4	256 6 8	1224 5 0	54 8 2
W. Hants,	$1405 \ 16 \ 2$	430 19 8	1836 15 10	57 7 11
Clare,	205 0 2	161 9 0	<b>366 9 2</b>	26 3 6
Digby,	1155 16 1	408 13 4	1564 9 5	53 0 7
Yarmouth,	1068 8 3	$340 \ 6 \ 8$	1408 14 11	44 15 0
Argyle,	443 9 0	264 6 0	707 15 0	39 6 5
Barrington,	353 8 1	$205 \ 10 \ 0$	558 18 1	33 17 5
Shelburne,	310 14 8	220 0 0	530 14 8	21 1 6

* Returns not yet received. 28th February, 1855.

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Apportionment

Apportionment of legislative grant for books, maps, &c., to the several districts.

1854.

City of Halifa		lad her commission om	-015 A	0
E. Halifax, as		led by commissioners,	$\begin{array}{ccc} \pounds 35 & 0 \\ 20 & 0 \end{array}$	
W. Halifax,	do.	do.		
Lunenburg,	do.	do.		
Queen's,	do.	do.		
•			17 5	
Annapolis, Kingʻa	do. do.	do.	32 0	
King's,		do.	29 1	
E. Hants,	do.	do.	10 19	
W. Hants,	do.	do.	18 4	
Clare,	do.	do.	8 7	
N. Digby,	do.	do.	16 10	-
Yarmouth,	do.	də.	$15 \ 7$	
Argyle,	do.	do.	$10 \ 12$	
Barrington,	do.	do.	10 5	
Shelburne,	do.	do.	10 1	6
Educational pu			5 0	0
Forwarding ex			4 10	6
Maps, &c., to	the severa	l districts,	$10 \ 2$	6
Printing teach	ers and co	ommissioners' returns,	4 15	0
Balance in har	ıd,		12 14	5
			£320 S	11
C	R,			
By balance fro	m 1853,		£7 13	11
Proportion of 1	egislative	grant for W. district,	312 10	0
			£320 3	11
ember 31st. 18	54.			

December 31st, 1854.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND CLERKS.

# City of Halifax.

The commissioners have still to express much regret concerning inadequate provision and want of system as regards public school education in Halifax, and a consequence, in part, of these defects, the total absence of hundreds of children of the poorer classes from the schools of the city.

They still believe that a wise and generous arrangement, based on assessment, imperatively called for; and they would fain hope that the legislature will soon take this very important interest into the consideration which it deserves, and provide such a remedy as common sense may easily dictate and the public good demand.

# Eastern Hants.

The school libraries are extensively used, and I believe productive of much good. A number of maps have been received and distributed, and have done good.

J. CAMERON, clerk.

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### Western Hants.

Of the common schools in this division of the county, one has been established and maintained for a short time on the principle of assessment. But this has not been accomplished without much opposition from individuals, and a law suit yet pending. The school, however, continues in successful operation, and promises to do well.

#### Queen's.

At the last meeting of the board it was resolved that meetings for the examination of teachers should be held four times a year, and that hereafter more attention should be paid to their qualifications.

JAS. MORSE, clerk.

#### Lunenburg.

The library books furnished by the superintendent have been distributed between the three townships, and have proved very useful. The report of Mr. Lawson, who has charge of the volumes allotted to the town of Lunenburg, is highly creditable. The number of issues up to the present time have been very numerous.

Several of the teachers have discharged their duties with much credit to themselves and with satisfaction to the board.

It is much to be regretted that in some localities the limited means, and in others the apathy of the people, prevent the employment of competent instructors; and were it not for the annual provincial grant, many of the districts would be left without a teacher.

The board entertain the hope that, at an early period, a system may be adopted which will diffuse the blessings of education among the people of this highly favoured province.

#### Clare.

No well educated teacher will remain here except for a short period.

The school library (consisting of English books) is in my possession, with no call for the books. They would be more serviceable in other places.

A sufficient number of English school books is annually transmitted, but no French books have been received for three or four years.

L. BOURQUE, cerk.

# No. 41.

(See page 646.)

[Copy.]

No. 36.

Downing street, 26th January, 1855.

Sir—

I transmit, for your information, the copy of a letter which I caused to be addressed to the board of admiralty, relative to an application transmitted to me by the earl of Elgin, for the appointment of the son of a gentleman residing in Canada to be a naval cadet in her majesty's service, together with a copy of their lordships' reply, from which you will perceive that the lords commissioners have signified their willingness, on the recommendation of the secretary of state to admit into the naval service, annually, two candidates from Canada, Canada, one from Nova Scotia, and one from New Brunswick, being the sons of natives of those provinces, who may, in all respects, come within the regulations for admission.

A copy of these regulations is enclosed. I have, therefore, to desire that in case you think it right to recommend a young gentleman well qualified, in your opinion, to avail himself of this offer, you will transmit his name to the secretary of state, accompanied by a precise statement of age, and such other particulars as may be necessary to enable him to forward the recommendation, if he thinks fit to do so, to the lords commissioners of the admiralty.

I have, &c.

(Signed) G. GREY.

His excellency Sir G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

[Copy.]

Downing street, 16th January, 1855.

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I am directed by secretary Sir George Grey to transmit to you, for the consideration of the lords commissioners of the admiralty, the copy of a despatch from the governor of Canada, enclosing the copy of a letter from Mr. Robert Shaw, of Quebec, applying for the appointment of his son as a midshipman in one of her majesty's ships of war.

Sir George Grey apprehends that the age of the boy in the present instance may preclude their lordships from a compliance with this request, but he is of opinion that if no such objection exists, a good effect would be produced in the colony by the occasional admission in the royal navy of the sons of gentlemen in her majesty's North American possessions recommended by the governor of the colony.

I have, &c.

HERMAN MERIVALE.

Captain HAMILTON, R. N., &c. &c. &c.

[Copy.]

Admiralty, 18th January, 1855.

SIR----

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, forwarding a copy of a despatch from the governor of Canada, recommending Mr. William Andrew Shaw, (aged 15,) for nomination as a naval cadet in her majesty's service, I am commanded by my lords commissioners of the admiralty to request that you will inform secretary Sir George Grey that the age of the young gentleman in question, in this case, precludes his entry into the naval service; but their lordships, having taken Sir George Grey's recommendation into their consideration, would be prepared to admit into the naval service, annually, two young gentlemen from Canada, one from the province of New Brunswick, and one from Nova Scotia, being the sons of natives of those colonies, and being recommended by Sir George Grey, provided the young gentlemen so recommended are in all respects within the regulations for such entry, and I am to enclose you copies of the regulations for the admission of naval cadets.

I am, &c.

W. A. B. HAMILTON.

#### ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE.

CANDIDATES FOR ROYAL NAVAL CADETSHIPS, ETC.

#### December 13th, 1854.

1. How much do nine hundred millions exceed nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine?

2. Multiply 22956840 by 947.

3. Divide 6431607840 by 914620.

		£	s.	.1.	wks.	days	hrs.	min.	sec.
4.	From			•		4			
	take	1468	14	$10\frac{1}{2}$	169	5	10	41	36

5. Multiply £337 5s. 64d. by 337.

6. Divide 3 tons 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs. into 18 equal portions.

7. Reduce 2781847 yds. to lengths of 17 miles each.

8. How many yards of silk can be bought for 80s., when the cost of 13 yds. 2 qrs. 3 nls. is 48s.

9. If the cost of 14 lbs. 6 oz. 15 dwts. of silver be £45, what quantity of silver can be bought for  $\pounds 72$ .

10. If 123 gls. 2 qts. 1 pt. be bought for  $\pounds$ 102, what must be charged for 99 gls. 1 qt. 1 pt. of it, so as not to lose by the sale?

11. If 609 quarters of wheat weigh 140 tons, 5 cwt. 84 lbs. what is the weight of a bushel ?

12. If I give  $\pm 106$  4s, for 32 pieces of cloth, each piece containing the same quantity, at 2s. 54d, per yard; how many yards were there in each piece?

The dictation consists of about 20 lines from the "Spectator."

A naval cadet at the period of nomination must not be *under* twelve nor above fourteen years of age, and must produce a sufficient certificate or other proof thereof properly attested. He must be in good health, and fit for service, that is, free from impediment of speech, defect of vision, rupture, or other physical inefficiency. He must be able to write English from dietation, and must be acquainted with the rules of common arithmetic, including the rule of three.

# No. 42.

# (See page 647.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of the county of Hants, praying that the several surveyed lines of railway be examined and the country explored adjacent thereto by competent and disinterested persons, to enable the legislature to determine on the proper route for a line of railroad between Halifax and Windsor, report as follows :--

That after full examination of the surveys made by Mr. Wiuhtman, Mr. Beattie and Mr. Forman, and the sectional plans of the same, and after obtaining from the chairman of the railway board, and from Mr. Forman, the engineer, such information as the committee required, the committee feel that the wisest course is to allow the railway commissioners and and their engineers to settle and decide upon the proper route. Your committee feel a deep interest in this great public work, and hope and trust that a perfect survey and exploration will be made by those whose duty it is to attend to the same, as no exertions should be spared to have the best line for the railroad selected, in order not only to satisfy the petitioners but to benefit the public.

The committee have also considered the petition of James Sykes and partners, for further compensation for services performed by them in making a survey for a line of railway from Windsor to Victoria Beach, and for other services rendered the provincial government. The committee are unable to decide what the services of these petitioners were worth; they, therefore, must leave the case in the hands of the government, feeling assured that the executive government will do the petitioners ample justice.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, EDW'D. L. BROWN, JOHN C. WADE, SAMUEL CHIPMAN, G. W. McLELAN.

Committee room, 23rd February, 1855.

### No. 43.

# (See page 647.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of Adam McKenzie, praying for reimbursement of costs incurred in defending an action brought by the Nova Scotia telegraph company for removing certain telegraph posts, and the petitions of inhabitants of the county of Sydney, New Glasgow, and Wentworth's Grant, praying for an amendment in the telegraph act, after carefully examining the several papers submitted to them, and collecting other information from persons connected with the transaction, have agreed to report as follows:

1. That the law governing the telegraph company is defective, inasmuch as it does not specify how far the posts shall be set from the sides of the beaten or turnpiked road, whether the company is bound to remove them when notified, and what shall be deemed a legal notice, and ought therefore to be amended.

2nd. They have no doubt that the posts removed by the petitioner were actually in the way of his operations in widening the road, and they are of opinion that a road commissioner ought to have authority to remove them when so obstructing; but they think that the petitioner, in removing them without such legal authority, and without a sufficiently formal and specific notice to the company's agents, exceeded his duty, perhaps unintentionally, as a road commissioner.

3rd. That though they regard the act of the petitioner as hasty and injudicious, they consider the conduct of the company still more reprehensible in taking advantage of an accidental defect in the law, when they were clearly in the wrong, for the mere purpose of subjecting the petitioner to heavy costs, without the expectation of recovering damages.

4th. Considering that the petitioner acted conscientiously, though under an erroneous impression of his rights as a public officer, the committee recommend the costs both of the prosecution and defence, amounting to  $\pounds 64$  15s. 10d., be refunded to him out of the treasury.

5th. The committee cannot help expressing their surprise and extreme disapprobation, that costs so enormous and so disproportioned to the magnitude of the cause, should have been charged by the attornies and allowed by the presiding judge.

6th. The committee report a bill, entitled, an act to amend an act to incorporate the Nova Scotia telegraph company.

> EDWARD L. BROWN, JOHN HOLMES, SAMUEL CHIPMAN, STEPHEN FULTON, WILLIAM ANNAND.

No. 44.

(See page 647.)

Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, 28th February, 1855.

An account of fees collected at this office, for the year ended 31st December, 1854.

For licenses of marriage-	
Episcopal licenses, 239,	Currency.
Non-episcopal do., 557,	£796 0 0
For commissions—	
Of justices of the peace,	19 0 0
Notaries public,	7 0 0
1 sheriff,	2 6 8
1 registrar of probate,	$2 \ 6 \ 8$
For patents for inventions,	3 0 0
For certificates—	
By the lieutenant governor,	2 10 0
By the provincial secretary,	750
For searches,	0 14 0
For copics of papers,	0 11 6
For militia commissions,	229 10  0
	£1070 3 10

**E. E**.

Nore.—The deputy secretary claims to deduct on fees collected since 30th June, the commissions of 5 per cent., in reference to which vide his note of this date.

Amount thus collected being— Militia commissions, Other fees,	£229 10 474 12	
	£704 2	6
5 per cent. equal to	£35 4	1

# No. 45.

# (See page 649.)

# Province of Nova Scotia in account current with board of works.

DB.					
1854. To cash paid for balances due to December 31st, 1853,			£3833	1	1
Fishery protection,	£2360	0 0			
Lunatic asylum,	903 1	4 8			
Penitentiary,	1137 1	0 2			
Sable Island, £2470 15 9					
Schooner "Daring," 1160 2 0					
·····	3630 1	79			
Light house service, including St. Paul's and Scattarie,	8546 1	6 4			
Public buildings,	2226 1	-			
Board of works' salaries,		Õ Õ			
Advertising, post office, and other charges, for the various		•••			
services,	206	6 10			
			19562	2	1
			£23395	3	2
To balance brought down,			£4279	19	2
CB.					
By cash from receiver general, for balances due to Decr. 31, 1853,			£3833	1	1
Receiver general, on account of the various					
services,	E13210	0 0			
Sable Island, as per abstract,	2011 1				
Deblois & Merkel, proceeds sales of refuse	4011 1	.0 0			
oil casks,	4 1	15 6			
	7 1				
Deblois & Merkel, sales of old copper and	55 1	2 5			
lead from government house,			15282	2	<b>i1</b>
			£10115		
<b>10</b> . 1. 1			£19115	4	0
By balance carried down,			4279	19	2
			£23395	3	2
<b>E</b> . <b>E</b> .					
	]	H. BE	LL, C. W	<b>в</b>	•

Office of board of works, Halifax, 30th December, 1854.

No. 46.

(See page 649.)

A statement shewing the monthly and quarterly receipts for sales of crown lands, for the year ending December 31st, 1854.

1854.

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January, February, March,	£1175 1599 910		5 8 4 <u>1</u>			
A ''	782		 11	£3685	14	$5\frac{1}{2}$
April,		3	11			
May,	791	16	7			
June,	866	3	7	9440	9	91
				2440	3	3 <u>1</u>
July,	2523		$0\frac{1}{2}$			
August,	843	14	4 <u>1</u>			
September,	502	7	$6\bar{2}$			
				3869	16	11}
October,	1077	16	1			-
November,	1883	5	6			
December,	739	10	4			
				3700	11	11
				£13696	6	73

Crown land office, 31st December, 1854.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Comm'r. of crown land.

The deputy commissioner of crown lands in account with the provincial government of Nova Scotia, for the quarter ending 31st March, 1854.

1854. March 31.	To balance from last quarter, Cash received from the purchasers of crown lands upon sales made this	£129 1	24	
	quarter and balances upon previous sales, vide abstract A.	3685 1	4 6	£3815 6 10
	To balance,	£65 1	10	
1854.	By amounts repaid to purchasers of crown lan	ds on rej	ected	petitions
March 31.	Petition No. 767, John Young,	£12 1	0 0	
	C. B., cash book, Catherine Matheson,	51 21	0 0	
	Ditto Mrs. Jane Fraser, Petition 575, Peter Cruikshank,		0 0	

Petition

APPENDIX, No. 46.

Petition 420, captain McLearn, Do. 268, Patrick Murphy,	£12 12	11 10				
E0. 200, I anter mulphy,				£56	11	7
Principal deputy surveyor's accounts, vide abstract B.				409		8
Paid the hon. receiver general, 12th January, 1854,	1000	0	0			
Paid the hon. receiver general, 4th March,			Ŏ		_	•
0	<u> </u>			3000	0	0
Office expenses— Commissioner of crown lands,	85	6	0			
Deputy ditto ditto,	75					
Edward Morris, clerk,	25		ŏ			
Frederick LeBlanc, clerk,	<b>50</b>		ŏ			
Assistant clerks,	25		ŏ			
2100101411 0101109				260	6	0
By post office account,	14	10	7			
Acadian Recorder, advertising perfected	7	15	٥			
grants, Coorse Balton for office cool		15 0	0 0			
George Bolton, for office seal,	0		Ő			
T. despatches, 1s. $10\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 3s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d.,	U	ย	U	23	10	7
Cash in hand,					11	-
-				<u> </u>		
nartment of crown lands 31ct March 1854				£3815	Ú	10

Department of crown lands, 31st March, 1854.

W. A. HENDRY, Deputy commissioner crown lands.

The commissioner of crown lands in account with the provincial government of Nova Scotia, for the quarter ending 30th June, 1854.

1854. June 30.	To balance from last quarter Cash received from the	£65	11	0			
	lands upon sales u	lands upon sales made this quarter, and balances upon previous sales,				4 £2505	5 14 <b>4</b>
	To balance,			1849	13	1	·
1854.							
	By amounts returned o	n rejected neti	tions-				
April 10.	John Wilson,	Petition No.		£11	0	0	
mpin 10.	James Heately,		415,		18	9	
	Hugh Murray,	"	271,		18		
19	William Blinkhorne,	"	634.		18	<b>9</b>	
	Thomas Bond,	Withdrawn,	001,		18	9	
	Alexander Stewart,	Petition No.	600		18		
10.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		830,		18	9	
10	Wier & Jacobs,		000,		0	0	
19.		C. B.,	* ~ ~			-	
20.	Alexander McKenzie,	Petition No.			18		
	W. L. White,	65	25,	12	0	0	_
	56						June

24. Augt. 1. 26. Sept. 30.	<ul> <li>Cash paid the hon. receiver general, John Marshall, petition No. 686,</li> <li>C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ 277 Levi Stevens, petition No. 280,</li> <li>Principal deputy surveyors accounts, vio abstract B.</li> <li>Advertising and other accounts— British North American, Cape Breton News, C. H. Carman, services in office, Joseph Skallish,</li> <li>Cash in hand,</li> </ul>	8 7 de 7 0 10	18 4 0 15 17 0 10	9 0 0 0 6 0 0	26 513 21 3418	2 9 2 0
24. Augt. 1. 26.	<ul> <li>John Marshall, petition No. 686,</li> <li>C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ Levi Stevens, petition No. 280,</li> <li>Principal deputy surveyors accounts, vio abstract B.</li> <li>Advertising and other accounts— British North American, Cape Breton News, C. H. Carman, services in office,</li> </ul>	8 7 de 7 0 10	4 0 15 17 0	0 0 0 0 6 0	26 513	2 9
24. Augt. 1. 26.	<ul> <li>John Marshall, petition No. 686,</li> <li>C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ Levi Stevens, petition No. 280,</li> <li>Principal deputy surveyors accounts, vio abstract B.</li> <li>Advertising and other accounts— British North American, Cape Breton News,</li> </ul>	8 7 de 7 0	4 0 15 17	0 0 	26	2
24. Augt. 1. 26.	John Marshall, petition No. 686, C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ Levi Stevens, petition No. 280, Principal deputy surveyors accounts, vid abstract B. Advertising and other accounts- British North American,	8 7 de 7	4 0 15	0 0 0	26	2
24. Augt. 1. 26.	John Marshall, petition No. 686, C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ Levi Stevens, petition No. 280, Principal deputy surveyors accounts, vid abstract B.	87	4	0	26	2
24. Augt. 1. 26.	John Marshall, petition No. 686, C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ Levi Stevens, petition No. 280, Principal deputy surveyors accounts, vio	87	4	0	26	2
24. Augt. 1. 26.	John Marshall, petition No. 686, C. D. Archibald, petition No. ¹⁷⁵⁷ Levi Stevens, petition No. 280,	87	4	0		
24. Augt. 1.	John Marshall, petition No. 686, C. D. Archibald, petition No. 1277	8	4	0		
24. Augt. 1.	John Marshall, petition No. 686,			-		
24.	Cash paid the hon. receiver general, John Marshall, petition No. 686	10	18	0		
•	Coch noil the hon mariner man and				1718	1
<i>July</i> 11.						13
	Ceriac Gaudet, petition No. 84, George Bossom, petition No. 968,	£10 11	18 15	9 0		
July 11.	By returned purchase money on rejected petitic		10	n		
1854.						
	To balance,	£3418	0	0		
•	vious sales, vide abstract A.	3869 	16	11	£5719	10
	Cash received from the purchasers of crown lands upon sales made th quarter, and balances upon pro-	of is				
1854. September	30. To balance from last quarter,	<b>£</b> 1849	13	1		
	for the quarter ending 30th September				, 1000	
The commi	ssioner of crown lands in account with the provis	ncial cone	mm	ent o	f Nova	Scot
					rown la	inds.
Departn	nent of crown lands, 30th June, 1854. JAMI	es b. un	IIA	CKI	E,	
<b>.</b> .					£2505	14
	Cash in hand,				$\begin{array}{c} 15 \\ 1849 \end{array}$	
	R. Wallace, for coals, Telegraph despatches,	1 0	<b>7</b> 9	6 8	15	8
	C. H. Carman, (services in office,) Joseph Skallish,		0 11	0 9 6		
	P. deputy surveyors accounts, vide abstract B. Post office account,		•	•	15	2
30.	D. Janutry annual and an it is about a t				154 471	2 7
30.	winnant Doyle, 1000	U U	14	U		
9. 30.	Hugh Hartshorne, "1037, William Doyle, " ⁵⁶⁴	30 5	0 12	0 6		

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Commissioner of crown land.

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The comm	issioner of crown lands in account with the provincia for the quarter ending 31st December, 1		nme	nt q	f Nova	Scot	ia,
1854. Decr. 31.	To balance from last quarter, Cash received from the purchasers of crown lands upon sales made this quarter, and balances upon previous sales, vide ab-				£3418	0	0
	stract A.	•			3700	11	11
1854.	To balance,	£31	10	3	£7118	11	11
Octr. 7. 18. 26.		£10 11 10	18 0 18 17		5.4	3.5	0
	<ul> <li>Paid the hon. receiver general,</li> <li>Charles Brooks, petition No. 2161,</li> <li>Alexander McFarlane, for Angus McDonald,</li> <li>petition No 141,</li> <li>John Townshend, petition No. 1030,</li> </ul>	10 23 5	18 8 0	9 9 0	54 3500	10	0
18. 30.	Paid the hon. the receiver general, Principal deputy surveyors' quarterly accounts				39 3000	7 0	6 0
00.	vide abstract B. Advertising accounts, vide abstract C. Post office account, Registering grants, Cumberland county, Ditto King's county,		15 17	0 6	295 105 42	2 10 18	2 3 0
	<ul> <li>E. G. Fuller's account,</li> <li>W. M. Harrington's account,</li> <li>C. H. Carman, for services in crown land office,</li> <li>J. Skallish,</li> <li>Wood and coals,</li> <li>Telegraphic despatch,</li> <li>Andrew McKinlay's account,</li> </ul>	10	13 0 10 9 3	9 9 0 0 5 4	4	12	6
	Balance in commissioner's hand,				44 31	16 10	3 3
					£7118	11	11

Department of crown lands, 31st December, 1854.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, Commissioner of crown land.

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### No. 47.

# (See page 650.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Elliott and John W. Wheelock, esquires, of Boston, praying reimbursement from this house of expenses incurred in respect of the proceedings of the court of admiralty touching the schooner Creole, which was seized by captain Colin Y. Campbell, of her majesty's steam ship Devastation, in the month of October, 1852, for an alleged breach of the convention between Great Britain and the United States respecting the fisheries, report as follows :--

That the steamship Devastation was employed by her majesty's government for the protection of the fisheries on the coasts of her majesty's colonies in British America, which, by treaty recently concluded with the United States, have been treated entirely as imperial property; that the said trial against the Creole was instituted in the court of vice admiralty by her majesty's advocate general, in order to procure the condemnation of the Creole for a violation of the treaty and the infraction of imperial rights; that Nova Scotia was no more interested in the subject matter of the proceedings in the above court than Canada or any other British American colony; and your committee cannot perceive any just reason why the reimbursement claimed by the petitioners should be made out of the treasury of Nova Scotia, though your committee, referring to the judgment of the court of vice admiralty, are of the opinion that the petitioners have a reasonable claim for indemnity, either at the hand of captain Colin Y. Campbell or her majesty's government.

> THOMAS COFFIN, chairman. THOMAS KILLAM, MART. I. WILKINS, PETER SMYTH, ALFRED WHITMAN.

Halifax, 24th February, 1855.

### No. 48.

# (See page 653.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the managers of the house of refuge, beg leave to report—

That they recommend the house to grant the sum of fifty pounds to the managers of the institution to assist them in carrying out their humane intentions relative to the unfortunate class of persons referred to by the petitioners.

The committee have also had under their consideration the petition of the governors and trustees of the Halifax visiting dispensary, and from the prospectus published and other information obtained, the committee learn that the benefits contemplated to be conferred are not to be confined to the local poor of the city of Halifax, but the society's operations are intended to embrace within its sphere all transient paupers and other unfortunate persons in need, who may be unable to procure medical aid and assistance. In this general view of the subject, the committee recommend the house to grant one hundred pounds to aid the objects of the petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

February 14th, 1855.

B. WIER, J. J. MARSHALL.

# No. 49.

# (See page 654.)

The committee appointed to consider the subject of agriculture, beg leave to make the following report :

Upon the petition of Samuel Philips and brothers, of Margaree, in the county of Inverness, asking for aid for an oat mill and kiln, certified to have been erected and put in operation, and upon which no bounty has heretofore been paid, the committee recommend that the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to petitioners, under the restrictions imposed in 1848; but the committee do not recommend any further grants to be made in aid of erecting oat mills and kilns in the several counties, believing that from the liberal aid given to that branch of agricultural and mechanical industry, it will now be sustained by the demand that has been created for oatmeal as an important article of food.

Upon the petition of Daniel Pelier, of the county of Inverness, complaining of frauds practised by millers in grinding grain, and praying that the law may be made more restrictive as regards the manner of taking toll, the committee are of opinion that the law already affords a sufficient remedy for preventing fraud if strictly enforced.

The committee have examined the accounts and report of the central board referred to them. The accounts are found to be correctly stated, and accompanied with vouchers, shewing an expenditure of—

Salaries to secretaries,	£75	•	0
Printing,	12	-	
Importing cattle from New Brunswick,	136	12	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Importing sheep from Canada,	53	15	6
Distributing fowls and eggs,	18	0	0
Purchase of books for distribution,	5	12	6
Paid secretary of industrial exhibition,	35	11	4
Rent, postage and incidental expenses,	14	5	6
	£351	4	31
Received from treasury,	£200	0	0
Cash received from sale of cattle,	116	11	4
Cash received from sale of sheep,		10	
Balance in hand from last year,		19	
	£411	1	9 <u>1</u>
Leaving a balance in hand of	£59	17	6

The board has, during the last year, imported from New Brunswick seven head of Ayrshire cattle of the pure breed, with five thorough bred Leicester sheep from Canada, which have been sold at public auction.

The report of the board, as on previous occasions, contains much information as regards our future prospects and the present state of agriculture throughout the province, with useful suggestions and recommendations for its further progress and improvement, amongst which, as deserving particular notice, may be mentioned a model farm, the importation of improved breeds of sheep, and the manufacture of bone manure.

Forty-six local societies are reported by the board to be in useful and active operation, and from their accounts and reports submitted, the committee are of opinion that the several sums placed at their disposal have been judiciously expended in promoting those objects for which the grant was made.

From the grant of £900, made at the last session in aid of local societies, £850 has 57 been been appropriated amongst the local societies in seventeen counties, which appear from their accounts to have complied with the conditions regulating those grants, and the committee recommend that the grant of £900 be continued the present year for the same object. Also, that the usual grant of £200, to be placed at the disposal of the central board, be continued the present year.

The committee have examined the accounts and vouchers relating to the importation, during the last season, of the provincial stud horses, under the direction of his excellency the lieutenant governor, from Canada and the United States.

Cost of purchase and importation of nine horses, John Northup & Sons' account for keeping horses to 7th March,	£1787 10 ( 207 18 2	
	£1995 8 2	2
Leaving a balance deposited in bank of Nova Scotia of	£4 11 10	D

It appears by the account of J. Northup & Sons that the expense of shoeing the horses, and services rendered by J. P. Inglis in attending them, have not been included; and the committee recommend that the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the said J. Palmer Inglis, being the amount of his account submitted.

The committee are of opinion that the expenditure made for the improvement of our breeds of horses by the the importation of last year, will prove to be most beneficial to the agricultural interests of the province, and beg leave to recommend that £2000, including the amount that shall be produced from the sale of the stud already imported, be granted and placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, to import from Canada, New York, or the New England states, nine entire horses of improved breeds, to be sold with as little delay as may be avoided, within those counties where they shall be intended to remain; the purchaser being bound to keep them for the purpose of propagating their breeds at least four years within those counties respectively; and that one hores be provided for the two counties of Halifax and Colchester, Cumberland and Pictou, Sydney and Guysborough, Richmond and Inverness, Cape Breton and Victoria, Hants and King's, Annapolis and Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne, Lunenburg and Queen's.

And the committee recommend that the sum of  $\pounds$ 750 be granted and placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, for the purpose of importing at the same time breeding mares of approved breeds, to be disposed of in the same way and under the same regulations as above recommended for the distribution and sale of horses. And that his excellency the lieutenant governor select and authorize some persons of experience, and possessing information as to the class of horses most likely to prove acceptable to the agricultural body of the inhabitants of the country, and that the reasonable expenses of the person selected to purchase the above mentioned stock, not to exceed  $\pounds$ 100, be paid out of the funds of the province.

The committee recommend that the sum of  $\pounds 1000$  be granted and placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, for the purpose of importing from Canada, the United States, or Prince Edward Island, sheep of the most improved breeds, to be distributed and sold under the direction of his excellency the lieutenant governor.

The committee recommend that the sum of  $\pounds 50$  be granted and placed at the disposal of the central board, to be applied for the encouragement of the manufacture of bone manure.

The committee recommend that the sum of £150 be granted and placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, for the purpose of procuring and distributing amongst the agriculturists of the country 5000 copies of a book prepared by J. W. Dawson, esquire, and entitled, "Practical hints to the farmers of Nova Scotia, on the management and improvement of live stock, and on general husbandry." The committee recommend that the sum of £25 be granted and paid to the hon. R. A. McHeffey, in addition to £75 previously granted, to defray his expenses while employed in selecting stud horses during the last year.

BENJ. SMITH, chairman. B. ZWICKER, S. S. THORNE, JOHN HOLMES, JOHN CAMPBELL, WILLIAM ANNAND, JOHN McKINNON, PETER SMYTH, SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

March 5th, 1855.

#### No. 50.

#### (See page 655.)

The committee to whom were referred the several petitions hereinafter mentioned, asking compensation for road expenditures, beg leave to report :

1st.—On the petition of John McGuire and other inhabitants of the city of Halifax, asking reimbursement for loss incurred in a contract he made with the city authorities for cutting down and widening barrack street, in the year 1852, your committee cannol recommend any grant to be made from the treasury. The transaction is strictly locat between the city and the contractor, and presents no just claim to the provincial funds.

2nd.—On the petition of Daniel Carter, stating that in the year 1840 he finished a piece of road in Colchester, under a verbal agreement with the government commissioner, John Munro, who, the petitioner states, retained and refused to pay twelve pounds of the contract money, and that he brought an action against Munro, in which he failed for want of proof of his agreement, and incurred costs to the amount of £15, for both of which sums he now asks compensation. Your committee have heard petitioner, and have no reason to doubt the facts as stated by him, considering that his application is for a claim of 14 years standing, and the difficulty of ascertaining all the particulars connected with it, appearing entircly beyond our reach, (as petitioner could not inform us how we could obtain it) cannot recommend any grant.

3rd.—The petitions of Matthew Sproule, of John W. Tory, of George K. Ball, of Neil Gunn, and of Hugh Campbell, all ask for repayment of sums expended in the construction of bridges over and above their several contracts, viz. :—

Matthew Sproule, per account,	£31	7	8
John W. Tory, "	323	5	4
George K. Ball,	34	0	0
Neil Gunn,	10	5	10
Hugh Campbell, about	20	0	0
<b>5 1</b> <i>7</i>			

In all,

# £418 18 10

The petitioners themselves not having appeared, your committee have made enquiry of the several members who presented them, and have no reason to doubt the general truth of the statements contained in these petitions; bu considering that to recommend a special grant for these services would be a bad precedent, and contrary to the practice of this house, they would suggest that they be referred to the members representing the several counties from which they come, they being recognized by the honse as the parties responsible sible for the proper application of the county road grants, with permission to refund the whole or such part of the afore mentioned claims as they may deem proper out of their county road grants.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS KILLAM, chairman. M. BECKWITH, ANDREW COWIE.

Committee room, March, 1855.

No. 51.

(See page 655.)

[Copy.]

SIR-

Downing street, 26th January, 1855.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 67, of the 14th December last, and to acquaint you that I have laid before the queen the address from the legislative council of Nova Scotia, which you enclose.

With regard to the observation made by the council, that at the conferences on the subject of the reciprocity treaty the province did not enjoy the privilege of being represented, I have to refer you to lord Elgin's letter to yourself of the 14th of June last, a copy of which, together with a copy of your letter to which it was a reply, was forwarded to me by his lordship, as explaining the circumstances under which it happened that no delegates from Nova Scotia met lord Elgin at New York, to confer with him before the treaty was negotiated.

Lord Elgin states in his despatch to me that he did every thing in his power to procure for himself the advantage of the advice and assistance of the delegates from Nova Scotia before concluding the treaty, but having been disappointed in this, he still expresses his confidence that the interests of Nova Scotia were duly attended to at Washington.

I hope therefore that it will be felt that there was no intention to disregard the privilege of the legislature, or to deal with the interests of the province in a manner different from that in which the interests of New Brunswick and Prince Edward's Island were dealt with.

I have, &c.

G. GREY.

His excellency Sir J. GASPARD LE MABCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

#### No. 52.

## (See page 655.)

# Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, March 6th, 1855.

(Signed)

A return of all correspondence between the provincial government and John S. Morris, esquire, on the subject of his tenure of the office of commissioner of crown lands and surveyor general, or of his removal therefrom, and of his compensation in consequence of such removal :

[Copy.]

[Copy.]

Plymouth, 27th April, 1854.

Sir-

Although I have received no official communication from the government of Nova Scotia upon the subject, I perceive by the royal gazette that I am no longer commissioner of crown lands, but that my office has been disposed of without my having resigned, and although my leave of absence will not expire until the 14th July next.

It is not usual to displace an old officer without some sufficient cause, or without having properly secured to him some retiring allowance, and I do not perceive that the legislature has passed any act for that purpose. I do therefore hope that his excellency the lieutenant governor will take care that the proposed pension of  $\pounds 300$  a year will be duly secured to me, and, in the meantime, that this amount shall be punctually paid to my agent.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN SPRY MORRIS.

The hon. L. M. WILKINS, provincial secretary.

# [Copy.]

Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, May 11th, 1854.

SIR-

The lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia commands me, in the absence of the provincial secretary, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter to him, dated the 27th ultimo, relating to your pension or allowance as the late commissioner of crown lands.

I am also commanded by his excellency to acquaint you in reply, that, owing to the late period of the recent session at which the subject was under consideration, no legislative enactment was perfected for securing to you the pension proposed; (being three hundred pounds per annum,) but that it is intended, in the next session, to introduce a bill with that object, and that, in the interim, you will be entitled to draw an allowance to that extent from the provincial treasury, in conformity with a resolution of the house of assembly, of which a copy is enclosed, dated 29th March last.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WM. H. KEATING, Deputy secretary.

JOHN S. MORRIS, esquire.

[Care of Messrs. DeLisle, Janvrin & DeLisle, bankers, London.]

Provincial secretary's office, March 7, 1855.

Return in answer to the inquiry requesting a statement of "the precise day on which the honorable James B. Uniacke became commissioner of crown lands and surveyor general :"

[Extract.]

At a council held at the government house on the fourth day of April, 1854.

PRESENT :

# HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&c. &c. &c.

Ordered, That the following announcement of appointments, made this day, be published in the royal gazette, and otherwise :

(Inter alia.) To be commissioner of crown lands, the honorable James B. Uniacke, in the place of John S. Morris, esquire.

PART 2.-(See page 684.)

An account of all salaries and allowances within the last two years paid to the officers of the department of crown lands, or other persons connected with it, including all the expenses relating to the department in Halifax, and the sums paid within that time and now payable to Mr. Morris :---

1853.

Amount of commissioner of crown lands (J. S. Morris) salary for 3 quarters

	ending 30th September, 1853,	£450	0	0
Do.	do. for quarter ending 31st December, 1853,	84		3
Do.	deputy commissioner crown lands, same qr.,	75	0	0
	F. LeBlanc, clerk for year,	200	0	0
<b>D</b> 0.	Edward Morris, do.	100	0	
Do.	W. A. Hendry, 3 qrs. to 30th September,	75	0	0 0 3 0
Do.	F. W. Morris, copying,	<b>20</b>	6	3
Do.	extra assistance,	31	õ	
Do.	D. Thomson and A. Barclay, specially employed,		10	0
Do.	paid for contingencies to J. S. M.,		10	0
Do.	coal, office attendance, &c.	8	17	
<b>D</b> 0.	postage,	35		9
Do.	advertizing grants, &c.,	68		0
Do.	surveyor's accounts,	1156	7	10 <del>1</del>
	Total in 1853,	£2352	3	71
1854.				-
Amount	t of salary to commissioner crown lands, J. S. Morris, for quarter ended 31st March, 1854,	78	5 (	) ()
Do.	paid Jno. S. Morris, from 1st April to 31st December,	228		
Do.	paid the hon. J. B. Uniacke, comm'r. crown lands, from 6t	_	-	-
	April to 31st December, 1854,	450	) (	) ()
Do.	Salary to F. LeBlanc,	200		
Do.	do. Edward Morris,	100	) (	
	W. A. Hendry, 3 qrs.,	11:	2 1(	
Do.		2	5 (	) ()
Do.	C. H. Carman,	3(	0 (	) ()
Do.		75	2 1]	L 5
Do.		12	18	59
Do.	surveyor's accounts,	1689	9 (	3 <b>5</b>
	•		Am	ount

Amoun	t registering grants,		£4 12	6
	telegraph messages,		0 18	1
Do.	office expenses, viz. : Stationery, Seal, 20s.; candles, 13s. 9d., J. Skallish, attendance, &c., coals and wood,	$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \pounds 23 & 0 & 1 \\ & 1 & 13 & 9 \\ 11 & 1 & 9 \\ & 9 & 16 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array}$	45 12	1
	Total in 1854,		£3151 16	

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# No. 53.

# (See page 655.)

The following acc	ounts have been	submitted to your committee, viz. :			
Queen's printer's ac			£298	3	3
Publishing in royal		·	107	6	10
Provincial secretary'			77	18	7
Receiver general's o			9	3	3
Financial secretary's			14	14	0
Crown land office,	-		24	17	6
Excise office,			73	9	0
	viz.: 14 sheets	journals, at 52s. 6d., and 19 ¹ / ₂ sheets			
	d index, at 55s.		90	7	6
		,			
			$\pounds 695$	10	11
The queen's printer	has received		350	0	0
Balar	nce due,		£345	10	11
	,		·		
Richard Nugent's ac	count for printi	ing for house of assembly,	£297	7	10
Do.	do.	for extra session,		19	0
Do.	do.	provincial secretary's office,	32	4	6
••					
			£362	11	4
Mr. Nugent has rece	eived.		250		0
	, <b>- · · · · ,</b>				
Balar	nce due,		£112	11	4
	,				
Also, sundry smal	l accounts viz	•			
Christian Messenger		•	<b>£</b> 6 ]	10	0
James Barnes,	•	,		18	Ŏ
S. J. M. Allen, £10	5 m 50 = 01 (	f1 2ª 6d	12	2	3
English & Blackada				õ	Ő
Wm. A. Penny, £1			18		4
Wm. Gossip, $\pounds 6$ 4s			7	2	Ō
Provincial Wesleyan		<i>y</i> u.	14		Ŏ
	• 7		10	3	11
J. Boyd, J. & W. Compton			15	3	9 ¹ 2
J. & W. Compton,			10	J	JE.
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<ul> <li>E. M. McDonald, £13 7s. 6d. and 17s. 6d.</li> <li>A. Lawson, £9 17s. 6d. and £1 6s. 3d.</li> <li>Morning Chronicle, £28 19s. 9d. and £1 17s. 6d.</li> <li>A. Grant,</li> <li>British North American, 1852, 1853 and 1854,</li> <li>James P. Ward,</li> </ul>	$\begin{array}{cccc} \pounds 14 & 5 \\ 11 & 3 \\ 30 & 17 \\ 24 & 0 \\ 34 & 4 \\ 17 & 5 \end{array}$	9 3 9 3 <u>1</u>
	£235 14	6

The queen's printer's accounts are in conformity with the scale of charges heretofore established; the amount is considerably less than last year.

Mr. Nugent's accounts are in conformity with his contract; the journals of the extra session are included.

The sundry accounts, as above, are mostly for advertising the elective franchise act, and the act to amend the practice act. The various accounts have been duly certified; and as far as the committee have been able to ascertain, the charges are in accordance with the ordinary charges for advertising. Your committee therefore recommend the following sums to be granted, viz.:-

To the queen's printer, balance,	£345	10	11	
Richard Nugent, do.	112	11	4	
Sundry small sums, per memo.,	235	14	6	

£693 16 9

(Six hundred and ninety-three pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence.) All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN FULTON, W. W. BENT, B. ZWICKER, ANDREW COWIE, JOHN LOCKE.

Committee room, Halifax, March 6th, 1855.

### No. 54.

#### (See page 655.)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Abraham Whitman, David Scott, and Peter Hall Clarke, have considered those petitions and report as follows, viz :

Mr. Whitman's claim amounts to £15 2s. 2d., for sundry clothing, &c., furnished to three seamen of the brigantine "resolution," of St. John's, Newfoundland, who were wrecked in that vessel at Whitehead, in February, 1854, when on a voyage from New York to Newfoundland. The committee are satisfied from evidence given to the committee, that the supplies, &c., were furnished for the shipwrecked crew, and that the charges for the articles mentioned in the account are reasonable; and they recommend that the amount of the account be paid, whenever it shall be sent in to the government authenticated by affidavit of any one of those by whom, as overseers of the poor, those articles were provided, verifying the fact of their having been supplied for the purpose referred to.

Mr. David Scott claims ten pounds and ten shillings for boarding and lodging fourteen shipwrecked seamen, each for one week. It being satisfactorily proved to the committee that those seamen were wrecked on the coast of Cape Breton, when on board the barque Harriet, belonging to Padstow; and that being in a very suffering condition, they were, by order of one of the justices of the peace for the county of Cape Breton, boarded and sustained sustained by the petitioner, and further that the charges are reasonable. The committee also recommend that the said sum of  $\pounds 10$  10s. be paid to him.

The sole remaining subject submitted to the committee, was a charge to the amount of  $\pounds 17$  5s. made by Peter Hall Clarke, esquire, for waggon and boat hire, and his own personal expenses and services in relation to his superintending, as government agent for shipwrecked passengers, the transport of eighty-nine passengers wrecked on the coast of Cape Breton on board the barque Tottenham, bound from Cork to Quebec, from the place of the wreck to Main-a-Dieu, and subsequently from Main-a-Dieu to the United States, on the route to their destination. The committee recommend the payment of this account in full.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. M. WILKINS, chairman. D. N. MACQUEEN, M. BECKWITH, NICHOLAS MOSHER, JAMES CAMPBELL.

Committee room, March, 1855.

#### No. 55.

# (See page 656.)

The committee appointed to subdivide the sum of  $\pounds 3000$ , granted for special road service, beg leave to report the following scale of subdivision :—

For road from Mills Village to Bridgewater, county of Lunenburg,	£300	0	0
New line from Plaister Cove to Baddeck, county Inverness,	175	0	0
Ditto in county of Victoria,	175	0	0
Bridges in the county of Yarmouth,	150	0	0
Completing road and bridge, Canada Creek, King's county,	50	0	0
Road from Kentville to Chester, via Sheibrooke,	50	0	0
Bridge, Bear River, Annapolis and Digby,	150	0	0
Road from Annapolis to Liverpool, by Albany,	100		0
Bridges, and to pay over-expenditures in county of Cumberland,	200		0
Clyde River road, county Shelburne,	50		0
Road from Tracadie to McNair's Cove, Sydney and Guysboro',	250	0	0
Forks to North Sydney,	150	0	0
Mills Village to Ponhook Lake, one hundred pounds to be			
given in county scale,	100	0	0
Sheet Harbour to Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax,	250	0	0
Road and bridge at Kennetcook, county Hants,	150	0	0
Towards paying over expenditures, county Colchester,	250	0	0
For road from New Glasgow to Antigonishe,	350	0	0
Paying over expenditure on bridge and road at Tom's brook, county of			
Richmond,	100	0	0
	£2000	-	~

£3000 0 0

The committee have considered the claims of the county of Colchester, for over-expenditures arising from the effects of severe freshets the past season, but could not recommend out of the above sum a larger sum than appears in the scale. The committee, however, recommend that the members for that county have leave to bring in a bill to borrow such 59 reasonable reasonable sum as may be necessary to make provision for a portion at least of those overexpenditures, amounting, as per statement submitted, to about fourteen hundred pounds.

> W. A. HENRY, chairman. HUGH MUNRO, JOHN CAMPBELL, PETER SMYTH, BENJ. SMITH, B. WIER, SAMUEL CHIPMAN, JOHN J. MARSHALL.

Committee room, March 6th, 1855.

No. 57.

(See page 659.)

Government house, P. E. Island, 1st March, 1855.

SIR-

In reply to your excellency's letter of the 21st November, I have the honor to inform you, that, in compliance with your excellency's request, I have taken the earliest opportunity of ascertaining the views of the government of this island, relative to the extension of inter-colonial commercial intercourse, and I am now enabled to state, that, in the opinion of this government, the enlargement of the list of articles now admitted duty free from the other provinces of B. N. America, ought to be limited to the articles enumerated in the reciprocity treaty with the United States.

This view of the matter will doubtless receive the sanction of the legislature of this island, which is now in session, and I hasten to make you aware of it, regretting that it has not been in my power to do so carlier.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your excellency's Most obedient servant,

D. DALY, lieut. governor.

His excellency Sir G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

### No. 58.

# (See page 661.)

The committee on trade and manufactures, having had under their consideration the various petitions referred to them, beg leave to report to the house. They recommend that there be granted to the following persons, for duties paid by them on machinery imported into the province, viz.:

To David Scott,	£10 18	9
Heustis & Moulton,	9 7	6
John Harris,	78	0
Samuel Archibald,	2 19	4 · · ·
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Also to the following persons, for duties paid on Canada flour imported via the United States, viz. :

To James Gilliat,	£7	13	9
J. E. Crane,		<b>2</b>	
To James Gaylor, for duties paid on American flour,	4	1	3
	1	19	0
Henry Brown, S. A. Lusby, } for duties paid on mowing machines,	1	19	0
Silas Bishop, for duties paid on two grist mills,	3	0	0
Thomas Killam, esquire, M. P. P., for duties paid on a			
quantity of rigging saved at Grand Manan, from a			
ship wrecked there owned by him, and sent to Yar-			
mouth,	12	10	0
B. Wier & Co., for drawback on a quantity of goods			
exported by them to the United States,	<b>25</b>	8	9
W. B. Bent, for light duties paid on a vessel wrecked			
on her first voyage,	0	14	0
hey also recommend that the following sums be granted, being an	iounts	paid	for duti
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They also recommend that the following sums be granted, being amounts paid for duties on printing paper, imported and consumed within the province during the past year, viz. :---

To William Gossip,	· £4 11 2
James Barnes,	748
Publishers of the provincial Wesleyan,	$17 \hspace{0.15cm} 12 \hspace{0.15cm} 2$
William Annand,	$22 \hspace{0.15cm} 10 \hspace{0.15cm} 0$
James Bowes & Son,	$12 \ 1 \ 10$
English & Blackadar,	8 2 1
A. Lawson,	3 14 7
J. H. Crosskill,	13  0  5
Richard Nugent,	48 15 10
Estate of John Ferguson,	10 5 1
E. McDonald,	839
Alpin Grant,	$15 \hspace{0.15cm} 10 \hspace{0.15cm} 2$
W. & J. Compton,	$11 \ 19 \ 9$
A. J. Ritchie,	2 19 7

A majority of the committee also recommend a grant of  $\pounds 100$  each—

To Angus McDonald,

Edward Lippencott,

James Grant,

To assist them in sustaining their several manufactories for making and fulling cloth in this province.

The committee decline recommending the prayer of the following petitions, viz. :

Of Messrs. Salter & Twining, for drawback on one hundred puncheons rum exported to Gibraltar.

Of Mrs. Susan Fitzrandolph, asking payment for rent of a warehouse at Digby.

Of E. M. Marshall, and a number of others, inhabitants of the county of Digby, praying that duties may be levied on the sterling cost of goods purchased in New Brunswick, and not on the cost of the goods charged by the seller in that province.

The committee, with reference to the latter petition, feel that the rule of charging duty on the invoice of goods from the place of purchase or exportation, cannot safely be departed from, without the risk of disarranging the whole system by which our import duties are now levied, and therefore are not prepared to recommend a system to be adopted in one portion of the province which could not be carried out generally, without entirely altering the present law, and changing the policy and machinery at present in operation, which, in your committee's opinion, bears equally and justly on all parties.

The committee would also respectfully recommend to the house that on and after the first day of April next, printing paper, printer's ink and materials, be admitted into the province

province duty free, as under the existing tariff all newspapers, pamphlets, and other printed books are imported free of duty, to the evident injury of all such as are engaged in the printing and publishing business residing in this province.

They have also, after due consideration, consented to recommend to the house to authorise the board of revenue to grant a drawback of four pence per gallon on all rum manufactured from molasses within the province, and exported therefrom; such drawback not to be allowed for a less quantity than one hundred gallons of proof rum, by Sykes' hydrometer, and to be subject to the same laws, rules and restrictions, to which all goods are now liable when exported for the purpose of obtaining drawback.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. WIER, chairman. STEPHEN FULTON,* JOHN LOCKE, ALFRED WHITMAN, MART. I. WILKINS, JOHN MUNRO, THOMAS H. FULLER.

* Except the drawback on rum exported.

We, the undersigned, do not agree to the recommendation for granting one hundred pounds each, to Angus McDonald, Edward Lippincott, and James Grant.

B. WIER, STEPHEN FULTON, JOHN LOCKE.

#### No. 59.

(See page 662.)

The committee to whom the petition of James Synnott was referred, in reference to his claim upon the Shubenacadic canal company, beg leave to report :

That they have examined the several papers and vouchers produced before them, together with T. Hall, esquire, the chief engineer of the canal, and others; and are satisfied that there is a large debt due by the said company to the petitioner for labor and materials, amounting to nearly five thousand pounds. That as it appears the largest portion of the work done by Mr. Synnott was upon the locks now standing, which has greatly added to the value of the property, there being not only a large amount of work done, which is now available for contemplated operations of the present proprietors, but also a quantity of cut stone on hand, upon which there could have been realised a large sum of money if offered in the market for sale. That Mr. Synnott complains, (as your committee think justly,) that whilst this house has done a generous act towards the present proprietors, they have not considered the claims of the petitioner, as it appears that at least one of the chief sources of the present value of the property arises from the materials and labor provided by him, for which he has not been paid. As therefore the government, by the authority of this legislature, have voluntarily given out of their control the property of the canal at a nominal price, without having any reference to the claims of Mr. Synnott, the committee cannot but think that some grant, however comparatively small, should be made to him for the great loss he has sustained. The committee are also satisfied, from the evidence given, that no other claimants can come forward upon similar grounds, as Mr. Synnott is the only living person who had an original contract with the old canal company; and as the law under which the property was transferred to the present company left it optional to charge any sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, they are of opinion that a portion APPENDIX, Nos. 59, 60.

portion at least of the amount between the sum actually charged and the aforesaid five thousand pounds, should have been assigned by this house to Mr. Synnott, in place of giving the whole difference to the present proprietors, who now possess a property, through the generosity of this legislature, of very great value, at the trifling cost of about two thousand pounds, on the face of which lies the work and materials supplied by Mr. Synnott, to the value of nearly five thousand pounds, for which he has not received any remuneration.

The committee, viewing the facts and circumstances connected with the case, beg leave to recommend that five hundred pounds be granted and paid to Mr. Synnott, to relieve him to that trifling extent from the ruin and difficulties which have fallen upon him, by means of the great losses he has sustained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. WIER, D. N. MACQUEEN.

No. 60.

# (See page 666.)

[Copy.]

Downing street, 14th February, 1855.

Sir-

I have received and had under my consideration, an act passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, in the month of December last, and transmitted to me in your despatch noted in the margin.

This act 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 act should be left to its operation; and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an order of her majesty in council, dated the 8th February, approving that report.

(Signed)

I have, &c.

SIDNEY HERBERT.

Lieut. governor Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

[Copy.]

At the court at Windsor, the 8th day of February, 1855.

PRESENT :

# 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 December, 1854, pass an act which has been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :—No. 3281, an act for giving effect on the part of the province of Nova Scotia, to a certain treaty between her majesty and the United States of America : And whereas the said act has 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 act should be left to its 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.

### No. 61.

# (See page 666.)

There have been, during the five years ending 31st December, 1854, one hundred and nineteen cases argued in the supreme court at Halifax, in causes brought from the country on rules or motions, and fifty-seven cases argued in Halifax or town causes, in arguing the whole of which ninety-six days have been expended; and taking the average of time occupied in arguing each cause to be about equal in country and town causes, it will give, say  $64\frac{3}{4}$  days for country, and  $31\frac{1}{4}$  days for town causes, or thereabout. In addition to this, thirty-five days have been occupied by the court in hearing and deciding brief motions in country and town causes, in the proportion of about one-third of the time for country and the remaining two-thirds for town causes, as per following return, viz.:

Return of arguments, and of the time occupied therein in the supreme court at Halifax, during the five years ending 31st day of December, 1854.

Years.	Terms.	Number of causes.		Days occupied.			
		County causes.	Town causes.	In argu- ments.	In motions.	Total.	
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	Trinity, Mich.	11	4	5	3	8 "	
1852.	Easter,	3	43	5	2	7 "	
	Trinity,	12	1 1	8	2 9	10 " 11 "	
1059	Mich.	14 6	43	9 7	$\frac{2}{2}$	9 "	
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Do. do. in arguing 57 town causes, 31 do.

Days occupied in common motions in the above period, 35, of which, say one-third was expended in country causes, and the remaining two-thirds in town causes.

J. W. NUTTING, prothonotary.

Halifax, 12th March, 1855.

#### No. 62.

#### (See page 666.)

The committee appointed on the penitentiary affairs beg leave to report as follows: They visited the establishment on the 7th instant, and were pleased with the order, management, and cleanliness pervading therein.

It appeared by the books kept by the governor, Mr. Fish, as well as by his statement, that punishment for insubordination has been but seldom necessary during the past year.

The prisoners are kept employed at such work as they are best suited for, the principal work of the males being the cutting of granite, to be used in the finishing the buildings and walls of the establishment. There were received during the past year 17 prisoners, 11 were discharged, and 4 escaped. There are at present in the establishment 12 male and 3 female prisoners, of which 3 were convicted of murder, 1 of felony, and 11 of larceny. The average number of prisoners for the year is 12½.

The physician, doctor Black, states in his report that 69 were under treatment during the year, of which 19 were in hospital for a longer or shorter period; that no epidemic has visited the prison, nor any case of death occurred. He recommends some more efficient mode of warming the prison, and has much pleasure in stating that he received every assistance from the governor and matron, and attributes the success of the treatment of many cases of severe illness to the assiduous and kind nursing of the latter.

It appears by the accounts submitted from the board of works, that £1137 10s. 2d. has been expended during the past year, exclusive of what has been raised on the premises or made therein for the use of the prisoners.

The chairman of the board states in his report, that considerable expense has been incurred in work for the preservation of the building from leaks in the eaves and spouts, and also some additional expense in the keeping a superior breed of swine for propagation, which are being distributed in various parts of the province. He estimates that the sum of £1200 will be required to meet the requirements of the establishment the present year, which sum the committee recommend shall be granted.

The committee are of opinion that a small addition to the salary of the matron would not be objectionable.

HENRY S. JOST, JOHN CAMPBELL, ROBT. MURRAY, FRANCIS BOURNEUF, JESSE SHAW.

Committee room, 13th March, 1855.

# No. 63.

# (See page 669.)

The committee on the fisheries having duly considered the various papers and petitions referred to them, agree to report as follows:

The committee have read that part of the report of the chairman of the board of works referred them, and, inasmuch as the service therein referred to, has been discontinued, the committee have not recommended that any sum be granted this year for the protection of the coast fisheries of the province.

The treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America does not very clearly define what has been conceded to the Americans, or what has been retained for the use of the people of this province, which leaves it impossible to determine exactly what we have to protect or defend.

The committee have considered the petition of the inhabitants of Margaret's Bay; also, the letter of P. Gough, accompanying his return of inspection, asking a material change in the inspection law, and they have agreed to report by bill.

The committee have obtained much valuable information from a number of merchants and practical persons acquainted with the salting and curing of fish, which they have endeavoured to embody in the act reported.

Your committee would recommend that great care should be taken in selecting suitable persons to act as chief inspectors of counties; persons holding that office ought to be active, practical men, well acquainted with the curing and management of pickled fish; and it is very desirable that the chief inspector of a county should reside at the port or place in the county where the greatest quantity of pickled fish is collected for sale and exportation.

For the above reasons, your committee recommend that the chief inspector for the county of Guysborough reside at Cape Canso.

The committee recommend that a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds be granted as bounty for the encouragement of the deep sca bank fishing, to be paid under the following regulations, viz. :

To all vessels of thirty tons and upwards, properly fitted for the business and employment at sea for four months, between the 1st March and last of November, 20s. per ton. If employed two months, 10s. per ton.

The bounty to belong, one-half to the owners of the vessel and one-half to the crew.

The committee have carefully read and examined the report of captain William Chearnley, warden of the river fisheries for the county of Halifax, and it appears by such report that in many of the rivers under his controul obstructions have been removed through his exertions during the past year, which formerly prevented the passage of fish up to their spawning grounds.

By a report of a tour of inspection made last year by captain Chearnley, on the state of the rivers and river fisheries in the counties of Cumberland, Colchester, and part of Pictou and Lunenburg, it appears that many obstructions to the passage of fish now exist in the rivers in some of these counties, which ought to be immediately removed; and the wardens of counties where such obstructions have not been removed ought to be compelled to do their duty or be removed from office. As it is most desirable that a reliable report on the position and state of the other rivers of the province should be obtained, to enable the legislature to adopt complete and uniform regulations for the protection of the river fisheries of the whole province, besides affording the house such information relative to this most valuable source of provincial wealth as cannot be obtained in any other way.

The committee hope the government may be able to secure the valuable services of captain Chearnley, until this desirable information is obtained.

The committee on river fisheries last year reported the sum of £100, to be appropriated for this service; but it appears by the report of captain Chearnley that he refuses to accept more than £25 of that amount; he states that sum was actually expended by him

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in travelling expenses. The sum of £25 will of course be paid to him by the government, such being the desire of this committee.

The committee have also read and examined the reports of the wardens of the river fisheries throughout the province; also, the petition and affidavits of Joseph Kerr, esquire, but are unable to report upon many statements therein contained, for want of accurate local information. Some of them desire that provision may be made by the sessions for the pay of deputy wardens. Chapter 46 of the revised statutes gives the power now asked for, if the grand jury and magistrates think the service necessary and required.

The committee, being unable to agree upon the adoption of any part of the game law submitted to them, hand the same back to the house for further action thereon.

The committee recommend that the report of captain Chearnley, of his tour through several counties, on the subject of the rivers thereof, appear in the appendix.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, FRANCIS BOURNEUF, JOHN RYDER, H. MARTELL, JOHN ESSON, H. S. JOST, THOMAS COFFIN.

Halifax, N. S., January 3rd, 1855.

Sir-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, authorizing me to proceed to different portions of the province, and collect information relative to the river fisheries.

Having appeared last year before the honorable members of the committee appointed to enquire into the state of the river fisheries, and imparted all the information required; having seen a report drawn up by the hon. chairman, embodying the views I entertained, and being told by him that no action would be taken without consultation with me, it was with much surprise and regret that I became aware of a clause which had been, perhaps inadvertently, appended to the river fishery act, which, had it been accurately worded, would have sapped the very foundation of the object which I have been wearying myself to obtain.

The first intimation I had of the passage of that clause was my receiving from the honorable provincial secretary's office, a parcel containing a number of acts for distribution in my district. Under these circumstances I could not enter on the performance of the duties devolving on me with any degree of pleasure.

I shall endeavour to give some information collected, while on a tour performed by me through some parts of the province, premising that I lay no claim to the £100 voted, as I feel that the services performed do not entitle me to receive it.

Should the government, however, think it proper to repay me the sum of twenty pounds, incurred for travelling expenses while traversing the counties of Cumberland, Colchester, and part of Lunenburg and Pictou, I shall feel obliged.

At the request of some of the residents on the LaHave river, I visited and inspected it, and found that a dam had been erected entirely across the navigable part, which was not only a complete barrier to the passage of the fish, but a bold infringement on the public rights. In addition to these evils, it had caused back-water for 8 or 900 yards, which had completely overflowed the highway, and rendered travelling, with any degree of safety, impossible. I advised immediate complaint to the custos—a special sessions assembled at Lunenburg, and I am able to report that an order for the removal of the obstruction was promptly made. It affords me much pleasure to state, from the interest the inhabitants take in the matter, and the determination of the magistracy in that locality to vindicate the law, that I believe the LaHave river will in future be kept open. The loss to the poor, who had been in the habit of frequenting a part of the river above the dam, for the purpose of taking shad and gaspereaux, must have been seriously felt, as it remained long enough to destroy the run of those fish, as well as to preclude the possibility of salmon ascending at the usual season.

In Pictou county I found that the warden was active and zealous in the discharge of his duties; and from what I observed I entertain *but little* doubt that the rivers in that county have been greatly benefitted by his supervision.

In the county of Colchester no attempt had been made to open the rivers, and it appeared to use that the warden lacked energy.

At Mr. Campbell's mill, Waugh's river, I found that a proper fish pass had been in existence for years, but unfortunately it was turned into a means of capturing all the fish which attempted to ascend, and I could not ascertain that any steps had ever been taken by the owner to stop the practice. The river was choked with slabs and edgings, and the fishery nearly destroyed. French River is of comparatively great magnitude, extending a considerable distance inland, and free from natural obstruction. It was completely blockaded by the first mill dam, and filled with rubbish of all descriptions cast in from the mill. I found that no action had been taken in Colchester since the passage of the river fishery bill, and I have been informed that torching for salmon has been carried on this season to as great an extent as formerly, without the warden having attempted to check it. On conversing with numerous persons in the county, I found a prevailing desire that a proper supervision should be exercised over the rivers, and that the right of way, as well as the fish, should be preserved for the public. Both of these streams formerly abounded in fish of the finest quality; and as they do not ascend until late in the season, it would be but a small sacrifice for those who have so long infringed the public rights and destroyed the run of the fish, to open their dams during the fall months.

On visiting Cumberland county, I found that Mr. Betts, the warden, was most anxious to perform his duties, but was surrounded with difficulties. He complained that the authorities would not co-operate with him, particularly the clerk of the peace; and that the magistracy shielded delinquents in all cases brought to their notice, acquitting them on quibbles of the law. He accompanied me to Wallace river, across which, in the very tide way, has been erected by Mr. Kerr, the most formidable barrier imaginable to the navigation of the river and the passage of fish; it has frequently been complained of by the public as a nuisance, and they have instituted proceedings which have been as often decided against them. It was mentioned to me that Mr. Kerr had been in the habit of charging for a portion of the fish speared or otherwise taken below his dam; a man assured me that he had seen as many as sixty salmon speared in an evening by Mr. Kerr's men. This case calls loudly for the interference of government; it affords a just cause of complaint on the part of the people, and is most undoubtedly an act of oppression and deprivation of public rights, by one who bears the magisterial commission. The encroachments on the rivers in the eastern section of the province, particularly Wallace river, were forcibly brought to his excellency's notice during a tour he took last year.

The river flowing into Pugwash harbor, formerly famed for its gaspereaux fishery, has for years been blockaded by a dam at the head of the tide way. That these fish still frequent its waters in sufficient quantities to afford a supply, was evident from the number of barrels filled with that delicious fish which I noticed stowed away in the miller's house the entrance to which, from the nets hung around, resembled that of a professed fisherman, rather than one who gained his livelihood from lumber.

On River Philip, the first mill is in the occupation of Mrs. Duncan; the dam extending entirely across, and is seventeen miles from the mouth. Below the mill was a sort of stage, on which lay a saluon spear, seemingly kept there for the instant use of any who chose to employ it; beside it was a file, to keep this dreadful instrument in order, the prongs of which were polished as though from constant use. Words cannot describe the condition in which I found this river; to understand its state, it must be seen. Until of late years no stream in the world was more prolific in fish; and the tales I heard of the multitudes frequenting it, appear almost fabulous, of which I need but instance the following,

ing, related to me by Mrs. Johnson: she stated that only a few years ago, before the erection of dams, her family depended for several months of the year on the fish obtained from the river; that she was in the habit of sending her boy, (now a grown man, and who was present during her statement and corroborated it,) to the stream every morning, and that he would invariably return by breakfast time with a sufficiency for the day's use caught with the hook. This venerable lady implored me to use my utmost endeavours to get the stream opened, as indeed did every one that I conversed with on the subject. No attempt is here made to accommodate the public; millers run risk, slabs being useless to them, are thrown into the river; thousands of tons, consequently choke the bed, and when high waters occur, they are carried on meadow lands so as to completely cover them, or accumulate in vast masses, diverting the stream from its usual course, greatly injuring property, inundating the surrounding country and the highway, and at times carrying away large strips of interval and fences. In one case, I will mention, of several, I found that a dam had been built above the road carelessly; (as all will be constructed until the miller is compelled by law to erect them properly,) a freshet had swept it away, and injury was done to the road, the cost of repairing which amounted to £40.

I have endeavoured to impress on all the wardens that they should be diligent and zealous in the discharge of their duties; and have conversed with a large number of persons, explaining to them the wishes of the government, and pointing out the importance of protecting the salmon and other fish, and encouraging them to resort to the rivers for the purpose of reproduction. They were generally, if not altogether, willing that a reasonable period should be allowed the fish for procreation.

The senseless manner in which these fisheries have hitherto been prosecuted, is, I believe, attributable to ignorance of its effects on the part of the inhabitants, rather than to a desire to benefit themseles at the public expense. Nor do I believe they have ever heretofore reflected that the course they pursued must inevitably extirpate the races; and I feel satisfied that the good sense of the people will soon teach them the utility of the law I desire to have passed.

The salmon cannot subsist entirely either in fresh or salt water, to visit both occasionally is necessary to its existence; it is our most valued and valuable fish, and yet our law for its protection is very defective. I ask that the legislature will enact a measure, simple and plain in its provisions, unfettered by technicalities, so that they who delight more in the destruction of the royal fish than in putting to death the most obnoxious animals of our forests, may be proceeded against, convicted and punished, if guilty of the offence. While impervious dams and other contrivances, avowed public nuisances, are permitted to exist, or while the magistracy favor the offender against the law, while gangs of disorderly fellows are permitted to take fish with spear and net at all seasons, we can never hope to see our rivers frequented by the fish that once were found there in *innumerable multitudes*. I desire that the matter should be openly and fairly investigated, without partiality. Individual interests must give way to the general good, and nothing need be apprehended from the result.

The species of salmon and trout found in some of the eastern rivers of this province, I am inclined to think, differ from these resorting our western shores. Those in the Truro river certainly do. I had no opportunity of seeing any in the Bay Verte rivers, but from the circumstance of their entering the rivers so late in the season as the month of September, and leaving again in November, they must certainly differ in habits to the salmon frequenting our western rivers, which we find ascend in the earliest part of the spring, and not leaving until November. I had much conversation with Mr. David Rogers, who resides on River John, and who appears to possess considerable knowledge of the habits of fish, particularly salmon ; he asserts that the salmon to the eastward, in some rivers, are identical with the sort of salmon found in the rivers of Wales, which he called leurin. Those I saw in Truro are a small race, although possessing the flavor of salmon, have a very different aspect to the "salmo salar" of the western waters, are not clothed in such bright plumage, having the appearance of those class of fish found frequenting stagnant pools and muddy waters. Trout in River Philip differ from any species I have ever before seen, and attain to a large size, and are by the inhabitants considered a great delicacy. Vessels only a few years gone by used to load with fish from this stream, but owing to the river being stopped by *dams*, and all sorts of foul play exercised towards the fishes, they are now nearly extinct.

Throughout the whole of my tour in the eastern counties, I was made aware that a general wish existed amongst the people to have the obstructions removed from the rivers, and a proper supervision exercised over the waters, so as to preserve the fishes. Mill-dams are positively placed across navigable portions of rivers, and constantly so close upon high-ways as to cause a yearly destruction to roads, in fact they are daring encroachments on public rights, and if tolerated for a longer period, the situation of the inland fisheries is of a hopeless nature. The law upon the subject might be made simple, and not perplexing, as it now stands.

If the legislature be anxiously desirous of restoring the inland fisheries, they must do it by a public, spirited and energetic dash at the existing obstructions, and spearing.

Many of these dams have been erected by men of fortune in this country, who ought to show a different example; also, by magistrates who ought to recollect that they are selected for that high office, (to protect the interests of the poor,) and all public privileges.

These men particularly, should exhibit to the public a liberality of conduct and an observance of the law, and no longer allow themselves to be classed with oppressors of the poor and usurpers of public rights.

There may be information wanted, with regard to the inland fisheries, which I have become possessed of, and which, if offered in this report, might lead it to too great a length. I have now to add, that I shall be at all times ready to come forward when called upon by his excellency to be interrogated.

> I have the honor to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,

> > WM. CHEARNLEY.

# No. 64.

(See page 675.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Langley, of Halifax, praying that he may be reimbursed the balance of his account in keeping and attending the provincial horse "Norfolk," beg leave to report as follows :---

That they have heard the petitioner's statements, and examined his account as stated, of  $\pounds 106$ . It appears the petitioner received the horse in charge on 7th April, 1853, and was to travel him that season in the county of Halifax; that he received for services of the horse £44 7s. 6d. (as acknowledged;) that the petitioner Langley continued to keep the horse until May, 1854, and then claimed a balance of £61 12s. 6d., and refused to deliver up the horse until that sum was paid him.

The committee had also before them Messrs. Annand and Esson, representatives of the county of Halifax, who stated that the petitioner Langley agreed to take charge of the horse Norfolk, and to keep him during the year—to travel him the season in the county of Halifax, "free of charge or expense to the county of Halifax, or otherwise," (the petitioner being allowed to collect and receive the amount of earnings of the horse; that under this agreement made, neither the central board of agriculture or the representatives of the county of Halifax took any further action in the matter, or further management of the horse.

That in the spring of 1854 the time specified by a resolution of the assembly for the removal of the horse "Norfolk" to the county of Victoria, the petitioner Langley refused to give possession of the horse until the sum claimed of  $\pounds 61$  12s. 6d. was paid him, denying of having made any agreement for keeping the horse, as alleged, otherwise than being paid for his services; and consequently, in order to obtain possession of the horse, it was deemed advisable, on the part of the government, to advance and pay petitioner the sum of  $\pounds 30$ , he having agreed to accept this sum, and to surrender up the horse. This sum being paid, your committee believe would have amply paid the petitioner for any just balance that might have arisen for expenses and services performed, had no such agreement been made and entered into with the Messrs. Annand & Esson.

Your committee express no opinion whether this sum advanced and paid by the government ought to be borne by the province or by the county of Halifax, under a resolution of the house passed in the spring of 1853, for the removal of the horse "Norfolk" from the county of Sydney to the county of Halifax, having reference to a previous resolution passed in 1851 for removal and keeping the horse in the county of Pictou.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, G. W. McLELAN, MART. I. WILKINS.

Committee room, March 14, 1855.

## No. 65.

### (See page 675.)

The committee to whom were referred several petitions from persons residing in the county of Cape Breton, relating to labor performed upon the roads, and payments made upon orders from road commissioners, and having investigated the subject by referring to reports made by former committees and papers on file in the financial secretary's and receiver general's offices, and having had before them Messrs. McQueen and McLeod, members of that county, have agreed to make the following report:

1st. Upon the petition of Donald McLeod, and one hundred and thirty others, of Mira, complaining that they had been employed in 1849 and 1850, by a late member of the county to labor on the roads, and that a large portion of their wages, amounting, as they state, to £1400, so earned, had not been paid, and in consequence of which they had been subjected to great hardships by want of means to procure seed for their land and food for their families, and asking the house either to pay the amount due to petitioners or to give a special grant to that amount, to be expended on the roads on the north and south sides of Mira river. The committee have found, upon the investigation of the subject, that petitioners claim a much larger sum than appears to be actually due to them. By a report made by commissioners appointed by the governor to enquire into the matter in 1851, there appeared at that time, as nearly as could be ascertained, £683 16s. 4d., due to laborers for work upon the roads. Of this sum, payment has been made from the road grant of the county in 1852, of £181 18s. 5d., and from evidence adduced, the committeeare of opinion that a sum not exceeding £400 remains due to petitioners. The committee have found, upon examining the accounts upon file in the receiver general's office, that all the monies granted for roads and bridges for the county of Cape Breton, in those years in which the petitioners state that they labored upon the roads, were duly paid to the memberrepresenting the county and commissioners authorized to receive those monies, upon accounts duly attested. And the committee are of opinion that petitioners have no claim whatever upon the funds of the province, as a matter of right ; but in consideration of the peculiar -62

peculiar hardships petitioners have been subjected to, and there appearing to be no prospect of the sums due ever being reimbursed by those who received the road money of the county from the treasury, the committee recommend that the sum of £200 be granted, in addition to £200 to be provided out of the road grant of the county of Cape Breton for the present year, and applied to the roads on Mira river, on the north and south side of said river, between the mouth of the river and Grand Mira; and that such grant, so applied, shall be held and considered as a full discharge of the claims made by petitioners.

2nd. Upon the four following petitions, viz. :

Of James Jost, claiming payment of a balance of £28 6s. 6d., advanced in 1851 to John G. McKenzie, road commissioner.

Of Edward Archbold, claiming payment of a balance of £36 6s., advanced to W. H. Munro, member of the county, and £119 2s.  $5\frac{1}{2}$ d. advanced to John G. McKenzie, road commissioner.

Of Francis Oliver, claiming payment of £36 15s. 3d., advanced by order of W. H. Munro.

Of C. H. Harrington, claiming payment of a balance of £99 Os. 4d., advanced in 1850 by order of John G. McKenzie, road commissioner.

Although the committee have no reason to doubt that the petitioners have suffered heavy loss and serious inconvenience from their business transactions with those persons to whom they had given so large a credit, yet the committee do not consider that the petitioners have any claims upon the funds of the province, and do not recommend their claims to the favorable consideration of the house.

> BENJ. SMITH, chairman. STEPHEN FULTON, WILLIAM ANNAND.

March 14th, 1855.

#### No. 66.

#### (See page 675.)

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the commissioners of the poor asylum, have discharged that duty, and report that the expense of maintaining the institution for the past year amounts to the sum of £3679 10s. 5d. To meet this expense, the commissioners have received from the province, for the past year, the sum of £2000, exclusive of a grant of £500 last year, to enable them to discharge a debt due by the institution, and £800 from the city and county treasurer at Halifax. There were remaining in the asylum on the first of January, and received during the year ending 31st Dec., 1854, 389 men, 254 women, and 199 children, making a total of 842; of this number 614 appear to be transient poor, and 228 poor of the county of Halifax.

The number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st December, 1854, were 323, namely: 142 men, 118 women, and 63 children; of this number 57 are lunatics.

Your committee have visited the asylum, and again bear testimony to the creditable manner in which its affairs are managed and conducted. It is, however, in the same crowded state as before stated and reported to this house.

The amount required for the support of the institution the present year, will be  $\pounds 2000$ , and if the high rate of provisions still continue, that amount will not suffice, but it will probably be in debt at the end of another year two or three hundred pounds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CREIGHTON, chairman. THOMAS COFFIN, JOHN MUNRO, DANIEL MOORE, JOHN RYDER.

10th March, 1855.

## No. 67.

### (See page 675.)

The committee on the expiring laws, beg leave to report :--

That in addition to the acts which are annual, and which do not require to be specially mentioned, your committee find that in this and the succeeding year several acts for incorporating pier, wharf, and breakwater companies, expire, and will require to be renewed.

That all acts of this nature were originally temporary, without exception; and your committee are of opinion that the original policy of the legislature in making such laws temporary, was sound and just, as reserving the legislature a periodical review over such companies.

That your committee observe that in several of the acts to incorporate pier companies, passed of late years, this wholesome policy has been disregarded, and perpetual acts of incorporation have been passed.

That your committee have no doubt that such inconsistent and partial legislation has been the result of accident only, and they consider that it is but just to these different institutions that they should all be placed on the same footing; and they are of opinion that it would be desirable that those which have been made perpetual should be limited in their operation to twenty years from this date.

That the several acts now to be renewed should be renewed for the same period, and that all acts of a similar nature to be hereafter passed should be so limited in their duration as to expire at the same time, thus giving to our legislature the advantage of impartiality and uniformity, and at the same time securing to the legislature a periodical review of the whole at the same time, at intervals of twenty years; and they beg to report herewith a bill on this principle.

Your committee would also suggest for the consideration of the house, whether, in view of the multitude of associations of every description already incorporated and annually seeking corporate privileges, the same principles might not be applied with advantage to all other corporate bodies.

All which is submitted.

D. N. MACQUEEN, Chairman. L. O'C. DOYLE.

House of assembly, Halifax, 15th March, 1855.

#### No. 68.

(See page 678.)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions in relation to the Avon bridge, beg leave to report as follows:

That by a provincial statute of 1834, a company was incorporated to build a bridge across the Avon, between Windsor and Falmouth, at a place some distance below the head of the navigation. Shortly after the act passed the company commenced operations, and in 1836 a petition of parties interested in the property above the bridge was presented to the assembly, complaining of the intention of the company to erect the bridge without the draw. This petition was referred to a committee, of which the present master of the rolls was chairman. The committee reported that it was not their function to construe statutes; if the company, in building the bridge, should do so in a manner not authorized by the act, the bridge would be a nuisance removable by indictment. On the other hand, if the act act conferred the authority, it would not be right to step in and alter, to the disadvantage of the company, an act, on the faith of which their capital and means had been entrusted.

This report was adopted by the house, and the company erected their bridge without a draw. The bridge obstructs the navigation of the river.

The petitioners, who are owners of land above the bridge, containing plaister quarries or yielding agricultural or other produce for shipment, complain of the injury they sustain by their produce being subject to a land carriage from their properties to the river below the bridge, whereby the value of their properties is seriously prejudiced, and as regards the heavier products, rendered valueless, and pray either that the company should be obliged to put a draw in the bridge to be used by the public without cost, or that the legislature should grant a sum to enable the company to do so, or to compensate the proprietors for the damage they have sustained by the erection.

On looking at the charter, your committee observe that it contains no express authority to interfere with the free navigation of the river. They also perceive that one of the clauses, which is provided in the contingency of the company choosing to build a dam or aboiteau across the river instead of a bridge, obliges them in this case to reserve a waterway for the passage of vessels.

It would seem therefore not very clear what was the intention of the legislature in passing the act.

On the presumption that the power to obstruct the navigation was not conferred, an action was brought by one of the proprietors to test the right, but it was decided against him.

Your committee therefore, without passing any opinion on the soundness of the decision, assume for the present that the charter confers the right to build such a bridge as the one in question.

Under these circumstances, and taking into consideration, not only the report of the assembly in 1836, but the long interval that has since elapsed—a period of nearly twenty years—without any application to this house, your committee consider it the duty of the parties seeking any interfence with the chartered rights of the company, to produce such evidence as would shew to the committee that the relief they seek could be granted without unduly interfering with the equitable rights of private individuals, the shareholders of the company, or the public advantages derivable from a shorter and easier mail communication between the capital and western counties. They do not feel that the testimony which has been brought before them on these points, is of such a distinct and decided character that they could safely recommend to the house, during the present session, any action on the subject of the petitions referred to them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. ARCHIBALD, J. W. JOHNSTON,* MART. I. WILKINS.*

Committee room, 3rd March, 1855.

* Of opinion that the act of incorporation did not confer any right of closing the navigation of the river Avon.

## No. 69.

#### (See page 678.)

To the hon. L. M. Wilkins, provincial secretary, &c.

Sir-

I am directed by the commissioners for the erection of the building for a normal school, to report to you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, the progress made in the matter entrusted to their charge.

They have purchased a lot of land at Truro, fronting on Church street, near the centre of the village, and extending to the south so far as to comprise five acres or thereabouts. The land is nearly level—the soil good, and well adapted for agricultural purposes. It cost the commissioners one hundred and eighty-eight pounds ten shillings. It comprises a larger quantity than they considered strictly necessary for the purposes of a normal school, but the surplus can readily be disposed of without loss, should it be considered not desirable to connect with the school facilities for imparting information on agricultural or horticultural subjects; and should the quantity not be considered sufficiently large for the latter purposes, it can be added to by purchasing another field, which is for sale, and is situate to the south, forming a continuation of the same field.

The frame of the school building has already been erected, boarded in and shingled. The carpenter work is well advanced, and so soon as the spring opens the contractor is prepared rapidly to finish the building. It may be expected to be ready for occupation about the middle of June.

The erection of the building, which is sixty-two feet by forty, was let by tender and contract. Mr. McNaught's offer for five hundred and ninety-eight pounds nineteen shillings, (the lowest tender) was accepted, satisfactory security having been given for the completion of the work. The contractor furnishes all materials. Six tenders were handed in to the commissioners, ranging from £1075 down to the amount of Mr. McNaught's offer.

The board have imported the furniture required for fitting up the school rooms. It has cost, independently of freight and duties, two hundred and eight pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence.

Annexed is a sketch of the probable cost of the building and accessions, so far as the same can be ascertained at present.

The commissioners would consider it very desirable to be enabled to buy a quarter of an acre of land, with a dwelling house thereon, which is situated at the north east corner of the lot purchased by them. The house would be useful as a residence for the keeper of the building and grounds.

The amount actually expended by the commissioners to this date is The amount drawn from the treasury	£679 658	-	
Leaving due commissioners,	20	7	

Leaving due commissioners, They annex an account of the items.

I have the honor to be,

By order of the board,

A. G. ARCHIBALD, Secretary to the board.

10th March, 1855.

# No. 70.

## (See page 678.)

The committee appointed to examine petitions and claims for the support of transient paupers, have agreed to recommend the following grants:

To the overse	ers of the to	ownship of Annapolis,	No. 1			£19	13	9
		ship of Granville,		,		9	0	0
Do.	do.	Clements,				17	0	0
Do.	do.	Falmouth,				2	1	3
Do.	તે.	Wallace,				16	10	1
Do.	do.	Barrington,				6	10	0
Do.	do.	Maxwelton, Pic	ctou,			1	<b>12</b>	6
Do.	do.	Shelburne,	-			2	1	6
Do.	do.	Pictou, first se	ection-					
For Nancy	White,		£7		11			
	Berrigan,		3	17	10			
		I. of 3 wrecked sailors	, 1	11	3			
0			·			12	18	0
To the overse	ers of St. A	Indrew's, Sydney coun	ty,			18	12	0
Do.		wash,	4	14	10			
		or Creed,	2	4	6			
		-				6	19	4
To overseers of	of township	of Liverpool,				27	17	8
Do.		Digby, district No	. 1,			1	0	0
Do.		Dorchester, Sydney		ty,		7	1	5
Do.	do.	Horton—		•				
	For Thon	nas Lemon,	16	9	4			
		d Poor,	2	2	4			
	Doct	or Brown,	2	0	0			
						· 20	11	8
To overseers	of township	of Annapolis, Round	Hill,			3	18	10
Do.	do.	Cornwallis,				13	0	0
Do.	Shubens	cadie and Stewiacke,				1	15	0
Do.		4th section—for widow	v Hun	ter,		6	17	6
To doctor Ma	dden, Aricl	hat, in full—						
For a	ttendance to	) John Nowlan,	6	0	0			
	Do.	Elizabeth McLean,	2	2	6			
						8	2	6
To Eliza Wal	ker, Aricha	it, for Thomas Jones, 1	1853,			5	0	0
To board of h			12	9	<b>2</b>			
For doctor Fa	ırish,		5	0	0			
						17	9	2
						£225	12	2

The committee do not recommend any grant for the following claims, for the reasons annexed thereto :

Jacob Smith, Annapolis, because he trusted Kenneth Watt, for his board at his own risk, unauthorised by the overseers of the poor.

Nathan Davison, Falmouth, because the examination shows the person relieved was born in Queen's county, and therefore not a transient pauper.

Overseers of Pictou, first section. The examination of Jane Gerroir, No. 2, does not state the place of her birth. The vouchers No. 5 and 6 present no examination of the paupers paupers McNeil and Snooks, but in their place the examination of Daniel Dickson, esquire. In neither of these cases does their appear any sufficient cause why a direct examination was not taken; in the case of No. 5, Mr. Dickson deposes that McNeil, after recovering from the effects of a fractured thigh, left Pictou without his knowledge; and yet it appears by the other papers that a boatman was paid to place him on board a vessel to carry him to Arichat, and his passage and expenses paid after his arrival. Doctor Johnston's account seems moderate, but being for attendance on McNeil, is of course liable to to the same objection.

Overseers of Pictou, 4th section. The examination of Marian Murray is unsatisfactory, since it does not state any particulars of her marriage or family, though she has resided seventeen years in Pictou. That of George McLeod states he has six children grown up, but does not shew why they do not support him, as they are bound to do by law. Doctors Kirkwood and Cook's bills present no items, and are unattested.

Overseers of poor, Pictou, 5th section. The examination of Thomas Kelly is not sufficiently explicit, as it does not set forth how long he resided in Pictou, and other particulars. That of David Walker shows him to have been eight years a miner at Albion mines, and nine years a teacher in various parts of Pictou. The agent at the mines raises a fund out of wages of the miners, for the support of the poor, and they are thus entitled to a settlement. The exemption of teachers from taxes, ought not, the committee think, to bar their settlement. Both these accounts are besides unattested.

Alexander Chisholm's petition is accompanied by no examination, and no items of account under oath.

EDWARD L. BROWN, ALFRED WHITMAN, I. DIMOCK, PETER SMYTH.

House of assembly, March 19th, 1855.

#### No. 71.

#### (See page 678.)

The committee appointed to enquire and report upon the expenses incurred in bringing up N. H. Martin, esquire, from Sydney, Cape Breton, and expenses attending the investigation on the commission issued by the government, and his expenses in Halifax; and also to report upon the petition of Charles Harrington, and others, beg leave to report in part as follows :---

Your committee refer the account for Mr. Martin's board while in gaol in Sydney for the period subsequent to his acquittal, to the government, to be paid by them at the rate per week charged in the sheriff's account.

They have also allowed the following sums to the individuals hereinafter named, that is to say :

Expenses of medical witnesses,	£7	0	0
M. I. Wilkins's charge,	5	16	8
Deputy sheriff's bill,	30	6	0
Mr. Hesslein's bill,	9	5	0
John O'Callahan's bill,	32	2	6
	£84	10	2
Attorney general's bill,	8	7	. 8 .
Sheriff summoning jurors, &c.,	2	8	9
			Juror's

Juror's fees, N. W. White, registrar, Mr. Nutting,

£1	10	0
1	10	0
1	10	0

£99 16 7

Your committee entertain some doubt as to the propriety of allowing the costs of Mr. Martin; but as he is a poor man, and unable to bear it himself, your committee have decided to err on the right side, and allow the amount.

> WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman. JOHN CREIGHTON, JOHN C. WADE, JOHN HOLMES, HENRY MARTELL.

March 19th.

PART 2.—(See page 699.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of Chas. F. Harrington, and accounts of expenses incurred during the trial and incarceration of N. H. Martin, esquire, of Sydney, already reported from in part, beg leave to report finally, as follows:

The committee agree to allow Mr. Harrington the same amount he would have been entitled to if called upon to conduct the prosecution in the absence of a crown officer,  $\pounds 7$  10s.

That Richard Gibbon, esquire, be paid for board, &c., of N. H. Martin, esquire, as per account, £31 10s. 8d.

That the hon. solicitor general be remunerated for travel, going to and returning from Sygney, 300 miles, at 1s. per mile, £15.

Your committee, in their former report, allowed Mr. Hesselein £9 5s., which they conceived would be a sufficient compensation to him, but it now appears that the government were under a pledge to pay all necessary expenses incurred by Mr. Martin and the persons who accompanied him to Halifax—a pledge which your committee concur in thinking ought to be redeemed by the house, and therefore recommend the balance of Mr. Hesselein's account, £10 11s., should be paid.

Upon the several claims of Richard Louge, keeper of the county jail, for board of twelve jurymen and three constables, nine days, and serving papers.

Of Richard Gibbon, jr., for summoning jury, and attendance of deputy during trial.

Of constables Andrew Keefe, John Ormand, jr., Thomas Warren, John McRae, Wm. Styles, and John Clarke, for service and attendance on trial.

Of A. L. DesBrisay, for travel and attendance on trial; and of Paul Murphy, who claims remuneration for time lost during the aforesaid trial.

Your committee do not recommend the payment of any of these several accounts, inasmuch as in their opinion they should be provided for by the country.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman. JOHN CREIGHTON, JOHN C. WADE, JOHN HOLMES, HENRY MARTELL.

Committee room, 24th March, 1854.

# No. 72.

## (See page 679.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin Chesley, and others, praying for the repeal of the act, entitled, an act relating to the Chesley aboiteau, as also the petition of Thomas H. Chesley, and others, praying that the act be not repealed, beg leave to report :

That whereas on a careful perusal of the several documents laid before us, and obtaining all the local knowledge within our reach, we have not found reasons advanced sufficiently strong to warrant us to recommend to the house that the act should be repealed. We are also of opinion the act is well guarded, and that no serious disadvantage can accrue to the complainants, from the act being left to its operation during the term therein specified.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN HOLMES, JOHN RYDER, H. MUNRO.

Committee room, 17th March, 1855.

## No. 73.

#### (See page 679.)

The committee on road damages occasioned by the alteration of certain main post roads, described in chapter 61 of the revised statutes, and for fencing the same, report as follows:

Upon the following agreements between commissioners appointed by the government to expend monies on the main post roads and the parties interested in the lands taken therefor, which, having been confirmed by the sessions, your committee recommend the claims hereinafter described to be provided for.

Road at south east end of Sydney river bridge, county Cape Breton-

	Land.	Fencing.				
Peter Leonard,	£3 15 0	£0 5 0				
Road at Baddeck Bay, Victoria—						
John Finlayson,	5 0 0	3 0 0				
Dougald B. McNab,	$egin{array}{cccc} ar{5} & 0 & 0 \ ar{5} & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	3 3 0				
	10 0 0	6 3 0				
Island Boulardrie, Victoria—						
Philip McRae,	3 10 0					
Alexander Grant,	9 10 0					
John McLean,	3 10 0					
Rhoderick McLean,	1 10 0					
John McPhee,	3 10 0					
Neil Patterson,	0 15 0					
Neil Patterson, (black,)	0 15 0					
Archibald McDonald,	0 15 0					
64		Daniel				

Daniel Dunlop,		£3 0 0	
William McDonald,		7 10 0	
John McLeod, carpenter,		500	
John McPherson,		1 10 0	
Colin McDonald,		1 10 0	
Donald McLean,		$15 \ 0 \ 0$	
Norman McDonald,		4 10 0	
Alexander McKenzie,		600	
		67 15 0	
Widow McKenzie,		0 2 6	
Murdoch McKenzie,		0 5 0	
		68 2 6	
Big Harbor towards Little Baddeck, Victoria-			
Donald McKenzie, land and fencing,			3 5 0
Donald Smith, do.			2 0 0
John McLean, do.			5 10 0
Alexander Taylor, do.			0 17 6
Murdoch Morrison, do.			700
			18 12 6
Big Harbor, Victoria			
Dig 1141001, V ((0) (u		Land.	Fencing.
Kohan Stewart,		10 0 0	$7\ 10\ 0$
Alexander Taylor, removing a barn,		17 10 0	•
	In all,		35 0 0

The barn here mentioned was not removed, but torn to pieces, and Alexander Taylor's right to be paid for it is disputed by one William Kynock. The committee recommend that this sum of seventeen pounds ten shillings be not paid to either of the parties at present, but that William Kynock's petition be referred back to the sessions, and that they report which of these parties is entitled to the amount.

Hunter's Mountain to Wm. McKenzie's, Middle River, Victoria-

Norman McLeod, for improvements and fencing,	2 0 0
Angus McLeod, do. do.	1 10 0
Finlay McRae, right of way,	$\overline{0}$ $\overline{5}$ $\overline{0}$
Alexander McRae, esquire, improvements and fencing,	<b>3 0 0</b>
Malcolm M. Ritchie, do. do.	500
	1 10 0
Wm. Jones, laying out roads, 8 days, at 7s. 6d.	$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 & 6 \end{array}$
Angus McLeod, 19 days, at 7s. 6d.	
John McNeil, 5 days, at 7s. 6d.	$1 \ 17 \ 6$
	25 5 0
Colchester county line to Gut of Canso—	
Land.	Fencing.
John Chisholm, 2 10 0	5 0 0
Archibald McArthur, 1 10 0	1 10 0
	1 10 0
4 0 0	<u> </u>
4 0 0	6 10 0
	Antigonishe

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Antigonishe to Sherbrooke—		
William Chisholm,	£12 0 0	22 0 <b>0</b>
James Thompson,		Nil.
Donald Chisholm,	0 10 0	<b>2</b> 0 0
Alexander McAdam,	0 10 0	2 0 0
George Pushee and Roderick Pushee,	1 0 0	500
0		
	15 5 0	31 0 0
Inverness county line to Middle River—		
Roderick McKenzie,	3 14 0	<b>1</b> 6 0
Kenneth Finlayson,	3 0 0	Nil.
John and Kenneth McDonald,	500	300
Archibald McDougall,	$215^{\circ}0$	250
Patrick Burns,	$\begin{array}{ccc} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 35 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	Nil. 10 0 0
John McKenzie,	$\begin{array}{cccc} 35 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$
Alexander McDonald,		
	53 9 0	17 11 0
Between Little and Big Baddeck—		
Duncan McRae, esquire,	3 0 0	11 0 0
Ross' ferry, Boulardrie, to Rory Fraser's mill-		
Widow Alexander McDonald,	$3\ 10\ 0$	1 14 0
John McDonald,	8 0 0	5 10 0
Norman McDonald,	3 5 0	1 10 0
John McKenzie,	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	$\begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 10 & 0 \\ 4 & 19 & 0 \end{array}$
Daniel Corbet,	$\begin{array}{ccc} 7 & 10 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4 & 19 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 6 \end{array}$
Alexander Corbet, Angus Mouser, tenant,	$\begin{array}{c} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	4 4 0
James Sutherland, Alexander Corbett,		
John Mattheson,	$\overline{3}$ 10 0	3 0 0
James Campbell,	3 10 0	3 0 0
John Ross,	$2 \ 0 \ 0$	2 6 0
	42 15 0	31 7 6
Big harbor ferry and Choan Stewart's-		
Kenneth Mattheson,	4 10 0	2 16 0
Donald McRae,	4 10 0	4 10 0
Murdock Nickelson,	3 10 0	4 0 0
	12 10 0	11 6 0
Between Little and Big Baddeck—		
William Kidston, esquire,	<b>5</b> 0 <b>0 0</b>	Nil.
The hon. James McNab and John Brown,	15 0 0	Nil.
D. B. McNab, esquire,	2  0  0	Nil.
	67 0 0	

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If the old road is closed by the sessions and given to M only to receive £10 of the above sum of £50. The balance $\mathbf{f}$	of £40 to b	e retai	ned i	in tre	ea-
sury until it is ascertained whether the old road is given to	Mr. Kidst	on by	tne s £4	ess10 0	-
William Jones, laying out road, 8 days, at 10s. per day, Colin McDonald, 2 days, at 10s.,			1	0	0 0
Alexander Corbet, 1 day, at 10s.,				10	Ŏ
John Wahon, 1 day,				10	ŏ
Alexander Taylor, 1 day,				10	Ŏ
George Ingraham,			1	0	0
Roderick Campbell,			1	0	0
-					
			8	10	0
New line of road from Guysborough to Wells' corner-	T J		Ţ	•	
Wm Hantshama anning	Land.	-		encii	~
Wm. Hartshorne, esquire, Hon. R. M. Cutler,	$\begin{array}{c} 3 \ 10 \\ 11 \ 11 \end{array}$	0 0	5 8	10 7	0 6
Lemuel Scott,		0	5	2	6
Duncan McColl, esquire,	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{array}$	3	3	$1\overline{3}$	9
Hon. R. M. Cutler,	$\bar{2}  \bar{14}$	Õ	9	0	Ŏ
J. & C. Jost,	1 16	Ō	4	10	Ŏ
Hon. R. M. Cutler,	14	0	3	0	0
Edward Dillon,	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	0	6	0	0
Duncan McColl, esquire,	$3 \ 12$	0	6	5	0
Charles Morgan,	$\frac{2}{2}$ 4	0		15	0
Wm. Wells,	1 2	9		16	3
Hon. R. M. Cutler,	$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 \end{array}$	6 8	2	<b>2</b>	6
E. H. Franchville and Wm. G. Scott, appraisers,	20	0			
	38 16	3	57	0	6
		-			
Margaree to Victoria county line—		•			
John Ross, Joseph Boss	$egin{array}{cccc} 5 & 10 \ 3 & 15 \end{array}$	0 0		Nil.	
Jacob Ross, Joseph Ross,	$   \frac{5}{1} \frac{15}{12} $	0		Nil. Nil.	
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	10 17	0			
Ten mile house to New Glasgow-		_			
James Grant,	0 15	0	5	0	0
Thomas Horn,	3 5	0	8	0	0
Clerk of peace's fees,	0 15	0			
	4 15	0	13	0	0
Colchester county line to Gut of Canso-			<del></del>		
	0 10	0	г	10	0
William Munroe, Hugh Munroe,		0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$	10 0	0 0
Malcolm Fraser,		0	1	Ŏ	Ő
Clerk of peace fees,		Ŏ	-	v	v
		-	-		-
	4 5	0	4	10	0
New post road to New Glasgow—					
Angus Ross,	2 0	0	1	10	0
			V	Villie	m

William Duff, Clerk of peace fees,	£12 0 0 0 15 0	£12 0 0
	14 15 0	13 10 0

Your committee cannot entertain the application of Adam Archibald and Matthew Guild, as these individuals allowed their land to be taken in the first instance for the use of the road, knowing they were not to receive compensation. It is true, other individuals have been paid under similar circumstances on this same line of road, but the precedent was a bad one, and has been carried far enough.

They cannot recommend the petition of Alexander Manson, as he applies for money to make and open a private road to his own dwelling, but refer him to the sessions and the members of the county.

Your committee have considered the petition of James Churchill, of Yarmouth. It appears petitioner allowed a road to be made over his land, under a promise from the commissioners that he was to receive £5 15s. for the land taken from him, and also £6 15s. costs of fences, and the commissioner gave him to understand that in addition to this remuneration he was to be allowed the old road. This, it appears, cannot be allowed, and petitioner has been therefore deceived. The committee are of opinion that he should receive, as a fair compensation for the damage he bas sustained, the sum of £24 5s. in addition to the sum of £5 15s. now in the hands of Thomas Killam, esquire, the county member; but that petitioner should not be allowed the sum of £6 15s. for fencing mentioned in the report of the committee, who have previously considered this subject.

They have also considered the petition of Norman McDonell, John Flemming, and Joseph Marsh. Two appraisements have been made of the damages done to petitioners. The first appraisement in 1853 was £146 6s., which the sessions at Sydney, Cape Breton, reduced to £54. In 1854 a second appraisement was made by recommendation of a committee of this honorable house, and the damages were reduced thereby to £96 6s. 9d. This second appraisement was again submitted to the sessions, and they refused to confirm it for a greater amount than £54.

Your committee therefore conclude that their decision must be correct, and recommend petitioner be paid a dividend on the said sum of  $\pounds 54$ , together with the other proprietors, who have not been paid in proportion to their respective amounts. They also recommend that Steven Curry, John McLeod, and Charles McDonald, receive the sum of eight shillings each, making in all  $\pounds 1$  4s. for labour in laying out said road.

The following applications have, since preparing this report, been submitted to us; and having been approved by the sessions, and the law complied with, we recommend should be paid.

From new bridge at Milford Haven, county Guysborough, to road on Manchester side-

James Whitman and Murdoch Whitman, William Hartshorne,	£2 10	Land. £2 10 0 9 7 6-274 rols. 9 7 6-31 s. 3d.				
	£11 17	6	£17	7	6	

Main post road between Antigonishe and Guysborough-

		-	Land	l.	Fei	acing	ζ.	Rods.
Donald McDonald,		£8	0	0	£14	0`	<b>0</b>	154
Hugh Chisholm,		4	0	0	9	0	0	72
Donald Chisholm,		13	0	0	19	15	0	156
Thomas Chisholm,		6	<b>2</b>	6	11	17	6	95 <del>1</del>
Widow McGrath,		2	7	6	<b>2</b>	12	6	10
Hugh Fraser,		9	12	6	19	7	6	155 <del>į́</del>
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## APPENDIX, Nos. 73, 74.

William Chisholm, Valentine McKenzie, Flora Chisholm, Joseph Smith, Hugh McDonald, Christopher Chisholm, Colin Chisholm, Christopher Chisholm, (Duncan),	$\begin{array}{cccc} 14 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 \\ 3 & 10 \\ 7 & 0 \\ 8 & 0 \end{array}$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	$\begin{array}{ccccc} \textbf{Eencing} \\ \textbf{\pounds}16 & 10 & 0 \\ 17 & 0 & 0 \\ 9 & 5 & 0 \\ 9 & 5 & 0 \\ 29 & 15 & 0 \\ 27 & 7 & 6 \\ 25 & 16 & 0 \\ 9 & 10 & 0 \end{array}$	Rods. 132 136 74 74 119 222 152 75
Expense of surveying-	£124 2	6	$\mathbf{\pounds}221  1  0$	
Valentine McKenzie,	28	0		
Donald Fraser, 2 days,	0 8	0		
Alexander Chisholm, 1 day,	0 4	0		
John Randall, 2 days, as appraiser for gov't.,	1 0	0		
Lauchlin Cameron, appraiser, 3 days,	1 10	0		
W. C. Hierlihy, 3 days, ditto,	1 10	0		
Hugh McDonald, survey,	2 0	0		
Donald Chisholm,	$3 \ 10$	0		
(£1 of this sum to be paid Daniel Fraser, and £1 to John Randall.)				

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A petition has been presented to the house from Ann Connors, praying for compensation for road damages; but your committee have been unable to procure such information as would enable them to decide upon this claim. They therefore recommend that it be considered next session.

> JOHN CREIGHTON, chairman. BENJ. SMITH, STEPHEN FULTON, JESSE SHAW, H. MUNRO.

15th March, 1855.

# No. 74.

# (See page 679.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Christopher, asking the province to pay him  $\pounds 40$ , due for wages as domestic servant to James Turnbull, late collector of excise at Arichat, which he states to have been deprived of getting in consequence of the province taking all the estate to pay them, do recommend that the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to petitioner.

G. W. McLELAN,* JESSE SHAW, THOMAS H. FULLER.

Halifax, March 10th, 1855.

G. W. McLELAN.

^{*} I dissent from the above conclusion, on the ground that the province is no more entitled to pay the private debts of their servants than an individual is entitled to pay the private debts of his servant.

### No. 75.

## (See page 680.)

The committee appointed to consider the petition of Sarah Kelly, Donald Ross, and John Barnaby, praying aid from this legislature to enable them to educate two deaf and dumb children, and two children totally blind, beg leave to report:

That Sarah Kelly is a very poor widow, left to support three children, one of whom your committee has had before them, who is deaf and dumb, but is represented as well capable of receiving instruction, if proper means were taken to enable him to acquire it. The other applicant, William Oabar Barnaby, is also represented as well capable of receiving instruction; and the remaining applicants, two blind children, whose parents are very poor and unable to afford them relief. As the house has upon former occasions entertained similar applications, the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the respective petitioners should be favourably received, and recommend such grant to each individual as may be deemed expedient under the circumstances.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CREIGHTON, chairman. JAMES CAMPBELL, JOHN C. WADE.

#### No. 76.

#### (See page 680.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew Barclay, and also of John Whitman and others, praying the repeal of the law enabling aliens to hold real estate, together with the general subject of the crown lands, beg respectfully to report as follows:

First—In reference to that branch of the subject which touches the policy of the alien act, they do not feel themselves justified in recommending at present the repeal of the act.

The inconveniences of which the petitioners complain as an abuse of the act, have, in the opinion of your committee, resulted largely from the great impulse to the purchase of milling and lumbering property, arising from the unexampled prosperity which, until a recent date, has distinguished the lumber and shipping business of the last two years.

Speculations to some extent would undoubtedly have arisen had the law remained unchanged; and where the disposition to such speculation exists, there is little difficulty in evading the law as it stood before the statute.

In point of fact, the disability of an alien to hold land, though theoretically acknowledged by our law, has never had a practical operation with us; and many American citizens and other foreigners, scattered over the province, are the owners of real estate by titles existing before the passing of the act.

The crown is never advised to interfere with such titles, and no authority but the crown has the right to interfere.

By the common law, an alien may take a lease for the purpose of carrying on business. He may become the owner of personal property, and possess the elements of social and political influence to an indefinite extent; and your committee can see no sufficient reason why in a country where the elective franchise is not based on the ownership of land, and where the legislature is fast abolishing the artificial distinctions between real and personal property—distinctions which owe their origin to a state of society and of manners that have never existed in America, and are fast passing away in Europe—the legislature should should recede from the policy it has recently adopted. In New Brunswick, a bill similar to ours is now under discussion, and in all probability will soon become law. In Canada, the theoretical disability is practically disregarded, and public opinion justifies as an evasion what we have enacted as law.

Your committee are of opinion that the mischief exists in the facility which the law gives to any party—whether alien or native—to acquire, by purchase from the crown, large blocks of land, and retain the same in a wilderness state, thereby retarding the settlement of the country.

They beg therefore to suggest, as a remedy against this evil, a change in the terms on which land is granted. Since the adoption of the present system for the disposal of the crown domain, the sale is absolute. The purchaser, paying the upset price, obtains a grant with no conditions of defeasance. This policy might be sound if the object of the crown were only to raise a revenue by a sale. But if the sale is to be considered merely as a means of placing the land in the hands of actual settlers, or of parties who will make the produce of our forests tributary to the prosperity of the country, some conditions should be annexed to the grant which would insure the performance of these essential requisites.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that under ordinary circumstances no grant shall issue conveying to one individual a tract exceeding 500 acres. That all ordinary grants shall contain a proviso to make the same void, unless within five years from the date of the grant, a portion of the land, equal to one-twentieth of the whole, shall be cleared and put under crop.

Where land is applied for with a view to the establishment of mills, the proviso should contain a clause of defeasance, in case a saw mill of ordinary power should not be erected on the land within five years of the passing of the grant.

Where more than 500 acres are required for milling purposes, your committee are of opinion that the applicant should be entitled to receive an additional quantity, not exceeding 2000 acres, so as the grant shall contain a proviso to make the same void, in case the mill for which it is wanted shall, for five years, cease to be in effective operation.

It will be the duty of the crown land department to see that no larger quantity is granted in respect of any milling establishment than would be reasonably sufficient for the same; and it would be proper that any party contemplating the erection of mill machinery, requiring a larger quantity of land than 500 acres, should, on paying the upset price of the land required, be entitled to a pre-emptive right to any quantity within 2500 acres, which, upon the erection of his mills, should be reasonably sufficient for their supply, the grant to pass as regards 500 acres whenever required, and for the residue when the mill should be crected and its power and character certified to the satisfaction of the land office.

Your committee have had under consideration the claims of parties who have paid their money and applied for grants of quantities more than 500 acres, on the faith of the law as it now exists and of the regulations in force at the crown land office, and who have not yet received their grants. Your committee feel that there would be some injustice in subjecting these applicants (so far as they are bona fide purchasers for milling purposes, and not mere land speculators,) to the operation of restrictions not in force when these applications were made, and therefore they would recommend that in each of these cases a grant should forthwith pass of 500 acres, including any stream on which it is proposed to erect milling machinery, and that so soon as mills shall have been erected of a power to authorise an additional grant on the principles above laid down, such grant should be made, provided the mill be erected within five years of the date of the application.

It will be the duty of the crown land office to see that any grant so to be made in respect of a mill to be erected on a river, shall be situate on or near the river or its tributaries, and above the mill, or at all events in such a position that the timber on the land can be made available for the purposes of the particular mill; and as respects the lands already paid for, there should be no condition of defeasance, such as is recommended in cases of applications hereafter.

Your committee have also had under consideration the propriety of adopting some measures in reference to the various tracts of land which, in different parts of the province,

have

have been granted and still remain in a wilderness state in large blocks, contributing in no manner to the improvement of the country, yet deriving value from the industry of surrounding settlers, or from the expenditure of provincial money in the opening of highways through them. The conditions of many of these grants have never been fulfilled; in some cases the heirs of the original grantee are unknown, in others the title is uncertain, or portions of the grant have been entered upon by squatters who hold without definite boundaries, and whose improvements may be taken from them on the appearance of the legal owner, after many years of hard industry. Your committee see in the unauthorised intrusion of a class of our population on the private property of others, an evil not less prejudicial in its moral consequences than are the uncertainty and confusion resulting from such possessory claims to the material prosperity of the country; and they feel that some wholesome and effectual remedy for this state of things should be immediately devised.

Your committee could deal with the subject with more vigour, if they were in possession of accurate information of the quantity of land locked up in these large grants, and of the condition upon which the grants were given; and they have asked for such returns from the offices of the commissioner of crown lands and provincial secretary as would convey this information, but as such returns will necessarily require some time for their preparation, they will not probably be at the service of the house during the present session.

Your committee have inquired into the mode of operation pursued in the court of escheat, and are of opinion that some modification of that court should be made, to adapt it to the exigencies of the country.

For nearly twenty years there has been no instance of an application for an escheat. By the practice of the court, the applicant is obliged, before the crown officer will take a step towards an inquisition, to deposit £20 to cover the fees of the court and crown officers; and since the change in the policy of granting lands, which makes them the subject of sale, the applicant for the escheat would have to come in as a purchaser at crown land price, at a loss of his £20 deposited at the outset. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that the court is virtually defunct.

Your committee think that a thorough revision of this system is necessary. That tribunals should be accessible in each county, (and they know no reason why the supreme court should not exercise this jurisdiction,) before which proceedings could be taken to escheat lands liable to forfeiture under the conditions of the grant, and such facilities should be afforded to prosecutions of this nature as would, without unnecessarily trenching on the rights of private property, make it obligatory on the owners of large tracts to sub-divide them for settlement, or improve them for the benefit of the country.

Your committee do not report a scheme for such a tribunal, because, until the receipt of the returns they have asked for, they have not the materials for coming to the best conclusion, but they report these general impressions on the subject with a view of keeping before the legislature the consideration of a matter of primary importance to the interests of the country.

All which they respectfully submit.

A. G. ARCHIBALD, BENJ. SMITH, ALFRED WHITMAN, JOHN J. MARSHALL, JOHN LOCKE, D. N. MACQUEEN, STEPHEN FULTON.

Committee room, March 19, 1855.

# No. 77.

# (See page 686.)

Joint committee of the legislative council and house of assembly, appointed to examine the public accounts, beg leave to report as follows : —

That they have examined the accounts submitted them.

Balance in hands receiver general, 31st December, 1854, £11226 0 8

# LIGHT, IMPOST, AND EXCISE.

The balances with these departments to 31st December, 1854, are as follows :

			•				
Sinc							0
£777	3	2	Halifax,				£777 3 2
300	0	0	Halifax light,				428 18 <b>10</b>
	10	0	Advocate Harbor,				6 14 7
260	0	0	Amherst,				260 7 4
414	17	0	Annapolis,				412 0 1
			Antigonishe,				34 5 10
232	0	0	Arichat,				231 12 10
•	· 2	-	Aylesford,				<b>69 10 2</b>
	10	0	Barrington,				46 13 4
1	3	4	Beaver River,				1 3 4
170	19	6	Bridgetown,				170 18 10
174	5	8	Canada Creek,			~	174 5 8
			Canso, Hadley, old balance,		1		
			Canso, McKeen, all in orders,	1069	17	10	
153	1	3	Cape Canso, Bigelow,				153 1 3
6	5	3	Do. Norris,				6 5 3
94	0	· 0	Church Point,				<b>206 9 10</b>
113	7	3	Clementsport,				113 7 3
151	8	11	Cornwallis,				151 9 <b>0</b>
640	11	0	Digby,			•	640 <b>11</b> 0
10	19	• 0	Great Bras d'Or,				11 16 4
			Guysboro', late collector,	5	7	2	
39	· 9	3	Hantsport,				<b>39 9 9</b>
5	0	0	Harbor Bouchie,				5 19 6
148	6	11	Horton,				167 14 10
46	11	3	Joggin Mines,				46 11 3
91	5	4	LaHave,				91 5 4
493	10	4	Liverpool,				<b>493 9 2</b>
			Old balance, J. Newton,	40	1	9	
127	4	5	Londonderry,				$127 \ 4 \ 5$
11	0	0	Lunenburg,				11 1 11
3	3	4	Late collector,				3 3 4
160	6	5	Maitland,				160 6 5
	15	7	McNair's Cove,				$12 \ 15 \ 6$
20	0	Ò	Parrsboro',				221 7 1
287	10	0	Pictou,				287 10 <b>0</b>
49	0	1	Port Hood,				<b>49 0 1</b>
			Port Medway,				$52 \ 1 \ 4$
			Late collector,	2	16	7	
16	2	5	Pubnico,				16 1 9
							£95

£95	10	0	Pugwash,		£94 10 <b>11</b>
20	0	0	Ragged Islands,		21 7 <b>10</b> ⁴
24	Ō	2	Sandy Cove,		23 19 6
	•	-	Sheet Harbor,		640
73	9	0	Shelburne,		73 9 <b>D</b>
33	Ŏ	Ŏ	Ship Harbor,		42 18 6
3	5	Ŏ	St. Ann's,		381
0	0	v	St. Mary's,		14 17 T
146	0	0	Sydney, Cape Breton,		151 12 5
164			Sydney, North,		174 14 3
38			Tatamagouche,		63 9 8
					45 5 6
45	6		Thorne's Cove,		299 1 <b>1</b>
297	19	0	Truro,	638	433 I I
	_		Late collector,	0 3 0	99 0 11
33	0	0	Tusket,		33 8 11
37	10	4	Wallace,		38 6 7
14	0	. 0	Walton,		14 2 5
72	10	. 0	Westport,		73 3 <b>4</b>
	12	0	Weymouth,		23 12 <b>0</b>
404	0	4	Wilmot,		404 0 4
	Ŭ	_	Windsor,		8 12 3
79	19	0	Yarmouth,		72 <b>19 0</b>
14	τŰ	v	Barrington, late collector,	24 6 10	
			Darring will, rate without	== 0 20	

The whole amount of revenue from excise, collected in 1854, £130,178 6s. 4d. cur., being an increase over 1853 of £25,216 3s. 6d., of which £25,214 15s. 8d. was collected at the outports, being an increase over 1853 of £5385 6s. 3d.

Light duties collected, £6809 17s., being an increase over 1853 of £604 15s. 4d.

The accounts of collectors of excise and light duties are, with few exceptions, satisfactory.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.						
Expended for government house, Province building, Gas company's account,				£1595 530 101	2	
				£2223	16	4
SCHOONER "DARING."						
Expenses,				1160	2	0
CR. Amount received for freight of wrecked goods from Sable Island, Amount allowed for service protecting fisheries,	218 399		74		11	11
				£542	10	1
SABLE ISLAND.						
Expenses,				£2470	15	9`
CR. Salvage on cargo brigt. "East Boston," Do. hull and materials,	£185 85	0	000		Se	des.

Sales grease, Cooking stove, Oxen, &c. Sundries, Salvage schr. Masconnonet, Do. cargo ship Arcadia, Do. hull do. Sales cranberries,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
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		1076 12 8
FISHERY PROTECTION.		
<ul> <li>Paid hire schr. Sarah and Adeline,</li> <li>W. M. Harrington's account,</li> <li>Schr. "Alice Rogers,"</li> <li>E. Albro &amp; Co.'s account,</li> <li>H. Ince's account,</li> <li>Advertising,</li> <li>Contingencies,</li> <li>Schr. Daring, for her services,</li> </ul>		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
		2300 0 0
PENITENTIARY.		
Expenses,		1146 7 8
Cr. Oakum, mats, and rations for sailors,		8 17 6
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1137 10 2
GOVERNMENT SCHOONER "LADY V	VIVIAN."	
Expenses, Cr.		363 1 7
Amount charged visiting St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses, Other and general light house service,	25 0 338 1	
BOARD OF WORKS.		
Balance due 31st December, 1853, Paid for fishery protection, Lunatic asylum, Penitentiary, Sable Island, balance, Schr. Daring, balance due, Light house service, including St. Paul's, Scattarie, and new	lights,	3833       1       1         2360       0       0         903       14       8         1137       10       2         1076       12       8         542       10       2         8546       16       4         Public

Public buildings, Salaries, Advertising, postage, and sundry expenses,				£2226 550 206		4 0 10
				21383	18	2
Cr.						
Cash from receiver general,	17043	-	1			
Deblois & Merkel, sales old oil casks,	_	15	6			
Do. old copper and lead from government house,		12	5			
Amount due board of works 31st December, 1854,	4279		2			
•				21383	8	2
Memor and um.						
Due from Canada for light house service, 1853, reported last	session	1,		580	19	8
Yearly rent, 1854, St. Paul's and Scattarie,		-		500		0
Proportion over-expenditure,				194	9	6
Total due,				1275	9	2
New Brunswick—						
Yearly grant, reported last session,				250	-	0
Do. 1854, Scattarie and St. Paul's, Do. Brier Island,				250 100	-	0 0
One half Seal Island light, 1854,				169	-	7
Total,				769	13	7
10.021,						
Prince Edward's Island-				90	•	•
Yearly grant, St. Paul's and Scattarie, Proportion over-expenditure,				30 11	0 13	0 4
Troportion over-expenditure,						
				41	13	4

## **PROVINCE NOTES.**

The committee have received from the receiver general one thousand pounds in torn and defaced notes, and destroyed them.

There has also been issued of new notes £11,000.

## RAILWAY.

Amount paid commissioners by receiver general, £56,228 2s. 6d., of which sum £20,500 was from deposits in the savings' bank, £11,000 of new issue of one pound notes, and £24,728 2s. 6d., from the general revenue.

Account of debts and expenditure as follows :----

Balance, December 30th, 1854.

		Dr.	CR.
1.	Cash,	£2 9 8	
6.	Bank of Nova Scotia,	179 2 10	
	Postage and telegraph,	44 12 3 <del>1</del>	
	Office expenses,	156 16 10	
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			Dr			Cr.	
20.	Receiver general,				$\pounds 56228$	2	6
26.	Premium and discount,				59	9	3
30.		2532	1	8			
36.	Baring, brothers & Co.,				4817	1	3 <del>]</del>
40.	Surveying,	957	4	9	•		-
50.	James Allen,				12	17	0
52.	Incidental expenses,	405	16	4			
56.	Damages at African Village,	210	7	9			
60.	Main road alterations,	2268	9	9			
62.	Salaries,	1700		0			
	John Cameron & Co.,	20601					
71	J. S. Clarke,				12	10	0
72.	Sleepers,	485	17	3			-
$\frac{1}{76}$	Terminus,	1582					
<b>80</b> .		134		$\tilde{2}^2$			
86.	Mason work at terminus,	213		6			
89.	Materials,	405					
92.	Engineering,		Ō	$\tilde{0}^2$			
	Iron rails,	12633		10 <del>1</del>			
08	J. R. Mosse,	12000	0	102	116	7	9
100	Horse account,	82	18	3	110	•	v
100.	James Pollock,	04	10	0	1	2	6
104.	Office furniture,	137	12	8	-	4	U
100.	Reservoir,	274		2			
		274	7	$\vec{0}$			
	Daniel McPherson,	18		Ŏ			
115.							
118.		2076					
122.	Station house,	266					
124.	Spikes,	612		-			
120.	Iron chairs,	4418					
128.	McDonald & Black,	6022	10	0		c	c
131.	Bessonett & Brown,	<b>F00</b>	-	61	4	6	6
132.	Permanent way,		1	61			
	Switches and crossings	504		9			
141.	Keys,	183		11			
142.	Wharf,	521		6			
143.	Gunpowder,	67		4			
144.	W. Turnbull,	20	0	0			
145.		25					
	Caleb Putnam,		0	0			
	Creelman & Co.,		10	0			
	Pickford & Co.,	15	0	0	-		•
149.			•		17	17	6
150.	Snow Plow,	225	0	0			-
151.	Thompson & Esson,					_9	
152.	Ordnance department,		-	~	132	19	4
	Locomotives,	2078	0	0			
	Turntables,	400	0	0	A 16 -	-	_
155.	Mattfield manufacturing company,				2478	0	0
	•	£63945	2	10 <del>1</del>	£63945	2	10 <del>]</del>
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Debit balance sheet,				£63945	2	10 <del>1</del>			
Less cash,	2	9	8		-	202			
Bank,	179								
Bills exchange,	2532			2713	14	2	c1091	0	0
Deduct Allen,		17					61231	8	8
Clark,		10							
Baring, brothers & Co.,	4817								
Mosse,	116								
Pollock,	1								
Bessonett & Brown,	4	-							
Jennings,		17							
Thompson & Esson,		9							
Ordnance,	132	-							
Mattfield manufacturing co.	, 2478	0	0						
							7657	11	4
							53573	17	4
Liabilities as above,				7657	11	4			
Cameron,				2323					
Black & Co.,				3376					
Creelman & Co.,				24196		-			
				37563	16	6			
Gunpowder to Creelman,					10				
			·	37558	6	6			

# CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT.

Quantities of crown land in the province of Nova Scotia, granted during the year 1854.

Annapolis,	3365 acres.	
Colchester,	6547	
Cumberland,	10394	
Digby,	6079	
Guysborough,	18174	
Halifax,	• 3012	and four water lots and one fishing lot.
Hants,	4510	C
King's,	5835	
Lunenburg,	2717	and three fishing lots.
Queen's,	3156	3
Sydney,	575	
Pictou,	1884 <del>1</del>	
Shelburne,	1455	
Yarmouth,	1801	
Cape Breton,	1786#	and four water lots.
Inverness,	1291	
Richmond,	1142	and one water lot.
Victoria,	400	
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Total, 57967½ acres. Of these were granted in lots of 500 acres and upwards, 6703.

Quantities.

	•••
Annapolis,	32020
Colchester,	4850
Cumberland,	13763
Digby,	7245
Guysborough,	2103
Halifax,	7100
Hants,	4402
King's,	8585
Lunenburg,	4600
Pictou,	2150
Queen's,	7806
Shelburne,	3100
Sydney,	784
Yarmouth,	2075
Cape Breton,	1798
Inverness,	<b>1822</b> ‡
Richmond,	2061
Victoria,	1486
	107750½ acres.
Cash received for land sold and applied for,	£13696 6
Balance in hands commissioner, 31st December,	31 10

Quantities of crown land in Nova Scotia, applied for during the year 1854.

### ST. PETER'S CANAL.

Amount expended,

# CASUAL AND TERRITORIAL REVENUE.

Casual and territorial revenue, per statement herewith, £20,191 7s. 2d.

Statement of cash received for and on account of the casual revenue, between the 1st January and 31st December, 1854 :---

1854.

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<b>Decr.</b> 18.		3000	0	0			
NOVF. 19.	Cash from Alpheus Jones, for timber seized on crown lands,	8	· 0	0			
	Ditto on account land sold,		U	v			
		3500		Ő			
	Ditto to 30th June,	2000 1718	ř	š			
March 3.	Cash on account of land sold,						
0 all y. 12.	1853,	1000	0	0			
<b>Jan'y</b> . 12.	Crown lands— Cash on account of lands sold to 31st Decr.,						
·					7666	17	0
<b>July</b> 28.	Rent to 30th June, 1854,	1876	5	0,			
	to 31st December,	3915	12	0			
· · · · · ·	Royalty on 39,156 chaldrons and 39 bushels,	, ,	-	-			
Jan'v. 12.	Rent to 31st December, 1853,	£1875	0	0			
	Coal mines—	٠					

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Fees from secretary's office— Cash for fees received in 1853, Cash for fees, Ditto, Ditto,	£759 147 219 173	1 0	1298	8	9
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Receiver general's office, Halifax, 31st December, 1854.

UNDRAWN MONIES-31st December, 1854.

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Ferries,	£1157		0
Poor asylum,	525	0	0
Bahama grant,	17	7	5
Salaries,	3906		0
Education,	612	10	0
Revenue expenses,	2740	0	0
Agriculture,	<b>24</b> 0	0	0
Navigation securities,	1800	0	0
Post communication,	1325		0
Grants to speaker of assembly,	45	0	0
Interest to savings' bank,	<b>270</b>	0	0
Drawbacks,	840		0
Lunatic asylum,	12750	0	0
River fisheries,	550	0	0
St. Peter's canal,	1819	0	10
	28597	13	3

The monies granted last year for the relief of the coloured population in the counties of Halifax, Hants, Cumberland, Shelburne, Annapolis, Queen's, King's, Guysborough, Digby, Sydney, and Yarmouth, have all been drawn from the treasury, with the exception of  $\pounds 6$  9s. 5d. for Yarmouth.

The returns before the committee show an expenditure of the whole amount drawn for each county respectively, excepting as follows, viz. :

King's,	£0	7	0
Hants,	12	10	0
Shelburne,	8	0	0

There are no returns of expenditure in the counties of Sydney nor Digby.

The committee are of opinion that all services and supplies required by the board of works, including Sable Island, should in future be put up to public tender and contract.

The following statement of provincial liabilities and assets is furnished by the financial secretary :----

[For this statement see appendix No. 11.]

Your committee call the attention of the house to the balance due from Canada and New Brunswick, on account of the light house establishments, and recommend the amounts be applied for without delay.

Your committee have carefully examined all accounts sent to them, and have made all necessary enquiry at the public offices; they have examined the books kept by the secretary of the railway commissioners, which appear to be very correctly kept.

The report of the railway commissioners, referred to your committee, has been carefully examined. The amount there stated as to expenditure and debts agree with the books.

As to the amount of cost per mile, your committee have no means of testing its correctness; much work appears to have been commenced and progressing, but nothing finished. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, chairman. J. McCULLY, T. D. ARCHIBALD.	Com. of the legislative council.	
0	THOMAS KILLAM, chairman. JOHN ESSON, HENRY S. JOST, JOHN J. MARSHALL, ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.	Com. of the house of assembly.

Committee room, 21st March, 1855.

# UNDRAWN ROAD MONIES-31st December, 1854.

Annapolis.

No. 38 132 27	Elliot Sproul,	1853, " 1854,	£7 10 25 10	10 0 0	0 0 0			
67 68	George Troop, George Ringer,	66	6	Ŏ	0			
74	John Munro,	"	2	2	<b>2</b>			
122	Handly Stewart,	"	9	15	7			
133	George H. Jefferson,	"	7	0	0			
135	6	""	7	10	0			
138	Alfred Ray,	"	15		0			
143	Enoch Dodge,	6 6		10	0			
144	0	"	33	0	0			
147	Alfred Munro,	* 6	1	1	3			
<b>24</b>	J. Anderson,	"	0	1	6	149	10	6

Colchester.

208			
135	Jacob Durning,	1852,	300
119	James Seaton,	1853,	300
32,	80, 207, 189, 104,	"	0144
2	Thomas Fulton,	1854,	10 0 0
6	Benjamin Sibley,	66	500
7	•	"	500
9	David Dickey,	"	600
29	William Dunlop,	""	1 10 4
31	John Cox,	"	$20 \ 0 \ 0$
35	Thomas Miller,	" "	824
39	James Archibald,	"	10 0 0
58		""	$27 \ 10 \ 5$
69	John Bishop,	""	<b>10 0 0</b>
<b>72</b>		"	10 0 0
73	Alexander Baird,	"	4 0 0

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No. 95	Steel Knight,	1854,	<b>£</b> 3	0	0	
105		"		ŏ	Ŏ	
115	Solomon Slack,	"	4	ŏ	Ŏ	
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118	Daniel Chisholm,		9	0	0	
123	James Sealen,	"	3	0	0	
126		"	7	0	0	
127	Robert Nelson,	"	6	0	0	
128	Murray Waugh,	"	9	0	0	
129	• 6 •	**	9 3	0	0	
131	David Forbes,	" "	7	0	0	
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143	George Mittetal,			0	0	
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147		"		0	0	
146	Donald Hurdman,	"	4	0	0	
149	Donald Cameron,	"	4 5 3 3 3	0	0	
148	George Waugh,	"	5	0	0	
151		"	· 3	0	0	
150	Thomas Henderson,	"	3	0	0	
$\overline{152}$	Samuel Chambers,	"	3	Ō	Ō	
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168	Duncan McBain,	"		ιŏ	ŏ	
172		"		Õ	Ŏ	
114	John Shearer,		3		Ŏ	
176	William Porter,			0		
184		"		0	õ	
200		"	19	8	5	
<b>206</b>	Robert Corbet,	"	13	6	1	
76		"	5	0	0	
144		"	3	0	0	
33	ls.; 31, 8s. 2d.,	""	0	9	2	
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Cumberland.

104 130 132	Daniel McLeod,	1852,  1853,	10 15 10	0 2 0	0 9 0
$\overline{142}$	James Ward,	"	6	Õ	0
144	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	"	5	0	0
162		"	37	18	2
163		" "	30	6	9 3
	Sundries,	"	0	7	
30	Eleazor Stonehouse,	1854,	7	0	0 0
65		"	20	0	
69	William O'Brien,	"	10	0	0
70	Henry Smith,	"	10	0	0
79	John David,	"	5	0	0
81	Aaron Ross,	"	5	0	0
104	Nelson Forrest,	"	5	0	0
106	William Tait,	"	<b>5</b> 5	0	0
107	Martin Hoag,	66	5	0	0

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APPENDIX, No. 77.

No. 109	Joseph Chappell,	1854,	£5 0 0		
112	Daniel Travis,		5 0 0		
112	Robert Ripley,	"	500		
		"	13 5 0		
118	Henry Purdy,	"	$\begin{array}{c} 13 & 5 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 10 \end{array}$		
119	William Dorken,	••			
124	Charles Baker, jr.,				
130	Josiah Ruscoe,	"	549		
137	Nathan Noulton,	<b>66</b>	5 0 0		
138	John Noulton,	<i>" "</i>	10 0 0		
129	William Elderkin,	"	10 0 0		
142	Joshua Ward,	"	10 0 0		
<b>1</b> 43	J. H. Newcombe,	"	10 0 0		
154	William Turpell,	" "	5 0 0		
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		Cape Breton.			
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50	Donald McNeil,	1853,			
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41		"	500		
49		"	0 5 0		
$\overline{57}$		"	0 0 10		
74		"	1 6 6		
75		" "	106 10 7		
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		Digby.			
95	Daniel Rice,	1850,	9 17 0		
16	James Cossaboom,	1853,	15  0  0		
69	Luke Therrio,	"	10 0 0		
118	Dunbar & Journeay,	" "	12  3  3		
	Sundries,	"	0 15 0		
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17		"	2 0 0		
28		"	10 0 0		
31		"	0 3 0		
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68		" "	13 0 0		
70		"	10 0 0		
92		" "	12  0  0		
93		" "	500		
94			10 0 0		
138		" "	10 0 0		
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Guysboro'.

36 14 18 5	John Godfrey, Thomas Cooper, John F. Taylor, John Ehler, Sundries, James McKenzie, John Eahler,	1852, 1853,  1854, 	12 1 61 10	0 10 8 13 0	0 0 4 0			
10		"	1	8	0			
5		1854,						
17	John Eahler,	"						
19	Andrew Sangster,	"		0	0			
21	Charles Taylor,	"		0				
34	James Brennan,	"	8	-	0			
57	Samuel Archibald,	"	10		0			
74	Ira Whitman,	"	20					
76	Andrew Hall,	"	5	<b>i</b> 0	0			
82	Elie Maltre,	"	5	0	0			
94	Isaac McKeen,	"	33		8			
95	George Norris,	"	1		0			
30	1s. 5d.; 35, 8s.,	"	C	) 9	5			
					<u> </u>	219	7	5

# Halifax.

10	Joseph Sauls,	1854,	1	1	5			
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		66	-					
13	W. E. Brine,		10	0	0			
18	Chas. Haverstook,	"	6	12	4			
28	John Drysdale,	66	20	0	0			
37	Richard Cook,	66	5	0	0			
40	Forbes Black,	" "	10	0	0			
48	Richard Hannigan,	"	5	0	0			
50	Contingencies,	" "	11	6	1			
73	William Anderson,	66	10	0	0			
80	Do.	66	20	0	0			
82	Do.	66	16	6	6			
85	Do.	"	10		0			
86	Do.	< c <	2	5	0			
91	John Parker,	66	20	0	0			
92	Do.	66	10	0	0		•	
103	James Cruickshank,	66	5	0	0			
125	-	<b>«</b> «	1	12	9			
126	Forbes Black,		40	0	0			
129	John Parker,	66	13	2	6			
76	6s.; 78, 3s.; 89, 4s.	; 110, 6s. 6d. ; 132, 7s. 6d.	1	7	0			
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# Hants.

1	Gideon Reid,	1852,	1 6	2	
79	Dougald McDonald,	66	5 0	0	
25	John Murphy,	1853,	5 0	0	
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$2\overline{2}$	Elias Sweet,	66	60	0	
$\overline{25}$	John Murphy,	" "	2 10	0	
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No. 35 62 111 125 139 40 47	James McKenzie, Alexander McDonald, Peter Dawson, William Davison,	" " , 2s. 9d. ; 98, 3s. ; 105,	$\begin{array}{cccccc} \pounds 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & 10 & 0 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 15 & 9 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$	60 1	4	8
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103	McKeen & Forrestall,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	10 0 0			
134	Campbell & McMillan,	1852,	1  0  0			
148			3 0 0			
156	McDonald & McKeen,		7 10 0			
157	John McGregor,	"	7 0 0			
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123		66	4 16 0			
131		66				
	Sundries,	(C	0 16 10			
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42		66	10 0 0			
50	D. McDonald,	66	15 0 0			
62	Angus Beaton,	68	700			
65	Donald McIntyre,	66	20 0 0			
78	Donald Campbell,	66	700			
132	George C. Lawrence,	"	25 0 0			
135	Ditto,	"	75 0 0			
136		"	16 0 0			
137	~ •	"	50 0 0			
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King's.

185	1853,	10	0	0
188	Robert King, "	5	Ō	Õ
	Balance from No. 95, 193, and 199, 1853,	5	2	9
18	Nathan Tirt, 1854,	6	0	0
23	A. Rockwell, "	6	0	0
42	John Witt, "	12	0	0
44	George Allison, "	5	0	0
48	William Robertson, jr., "	8	0	0
60	Joseph Kinsman, "	5	0	0
66	William Thomas, "	10	0	0
80	George F. Jackson, "	5	0	0
82	Douglas Woodworth, "	5	0	0
94	W. A. Foot, "	4	0	0
	Unappropriated, "	15	0	0
114	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	10	0	0
116	Thomas Fainsworth, "	20	0	0
118	" "	7	10	0
123	William Cregly, "	6	0	0

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No. 144	Benjamin Spinney	1854,	£5 0 0	
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168	George Harvey,	"	10 0 0	
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200	Unappropriated,	"	8 1 6	
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104	Samuel Beckwith,	"	<b>33 6 8</b>	
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	John Simpson,	27		
99	Nicholas Winaught,		500	
109	Jacob Will,	<b>&gt; &gt;</b>	10 0 0	
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168	L. Warmbolt,	» <b>»</b>	2 0 0	
177	John Frank,	"	1 15 0	
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1	Stephen Park,	1854,	15 0 (	
78	Uriah Johnston,	"	15 0 0	
89	Benjamin Payzant,	"		
		<b>79</b>		
91			500	
97	James Purdy,	<b>&gt; &gt;</b>	35 5 C	
98	W. T. Waterman,	"	7 10 0	
24	Luther L. Baker,	<b>&gt;</b>	15 0 0	
44	Dumer D. Daker,		10 0 0	
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No. 48	Fraser & McKenzie, Sundries,	1851, 1853, 1854,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
102	John Buon,	"	5 0 0	
107	Robert Chisholm,	"	300	
	Sundries,	"	2 5 2	17 3 0
		Shelburne.		
11	William Nickerson,	1853,	22 0 0	
$\overline{30}$	E. Nickerson,	,,	$\vec{15}$ $\vec{0}$ $\vec{0}$	
	Sundries,	,,	0 12 4	
4	D. Thomas,	1854,	7 0 0	
80	Samuel Leisk,	>>	14 0 0	
	Smith Harlow,	,,	8 0 0	
99	William McQuhae,	,, ,,	1 6 9	
20	A. Hamilton,	,, ,,	7 13 6	
59	2s.; 106, 12s. 6d.,	.,	0 14 6	76 7 1
		Victoria.		
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		Yarmouth.		
62	David Hatfield,	1851,	25 0 0	
81	Sub-division,	1853,	15 4 1	
89	Do.	,,		
1	Paul Amere,	1854,	0 2 8	
13	Simon Slough,	,,	2  0  0	
21	Silas Rankin,	"	0 5 9	
87	William Thurston,	"	500	
89	David Stanrood,	,, ,,	5 0 0	
100	Unappropriated,	27 29	18 18 0	
103	Henry Sanders,	**	80 0 0	160 15 0
				£2850 15 4

# No. 78.

# (See page 686.)

That it appears by documentary evidence submitted to your committee, that the petitioner James Delap entered into contracts with the township of Granville, (since divided into two poor districts) for the support of all the poor for several years, ending November, 1853; that the overseers appear to have been in the habit of dealing with Mr. Delap, and he with them, on the very natural and common supposition that each succeeding board of overseers were bound to recognize and fulfil the obligations of their predecessors; that balances in one year were, on prior occasions, paid by the overseers of the preceding year, but that during the three years preceding 1853 a claim to a considerable amount had accumulated against the overseers; that in the beginning of 1853 a committee of the sessions having examined the accounts of the overseers in the absence of Mr. Delap, and without hearing him, disallowed certain charges made by him against the overseers, whether justly or unjustly, your committee do not know, nor do they think it important, as Mr. Delap had in reality no concern in the investigation ; that subsequently, in the summer of 1853, an arbitration was held between the parties, as appears to your committee, with the knowledge and consent of the whole of the overseers for that year, expressed in writing, with sufficient distinctness to satisfy your committee that they all consented to submit the whole matter to the arbitrators named, the dispute being at that time not as to the liability of the overseers but the accuracy of Mr. Delap's accounts; that one of the overseers attended on behalf of the others, with the books and accounts of the town, with Mr. Delap, before the arbitrators, who, after investigation, awarded the sum of £81 2s. 3d.; that the overseers subsequently refusing to pay the amount, Mr. Delap commenced his suit, which was called for trial; and upon the opening of the plaintiff's case, the judge suggested that a verdict should pass for the plaintiff, subject to a special case, which was done accordingly; that upon the argument of the case, judgment was given for the defendants, on the ground that not being legally liable for the acts of their predecessors, they could not render themselves personally liable without a formal submission under seal; that no decision has taken place strictly upon the merits, except the award and verdict. Therefore, although the overseers for 1853, according to the decision of the court, had not rendered themselves legally liable for the debt awarded, still your committee feel that the debt is due by the township, according to said award; and as from the course of dealing between the parties, it cannot be collected from the overseers for the several proceeding years without divers suits being brought; and as none of such overseers have funds to meet such claim, and have no means of protecting themselves without the intervention of the legislature to give them a remedy against the township, your committee are of opinion that an act should be passed to assess the township of Granville as it existed before the division, for the sum of £140 10s. 9d., being amount of petitioner's claim for amount due him from the town, and costs of suit.

> JOHN C. WADE, chairman. JESSE SHAW.

Committee room, March 22nd, 1855.

## No. 79.

### (See page 688.)

The committee to whom were referred the several petitions relating to breakwaters, packets, boats, ferries, rivers, light houses, and other matters, report as follows, and recommend that—

A sum not exceeding one hundred pounds be granted in aid of building a breakwater at Pleasant Cove, Clare, county of Digby.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Canada Creek, Cornwallis, county of King's.

Seventy-five

Seventy-five pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Chute's Cove, Granville; county of Annapolis.

Twenty-five pounds in aid of building a public wharf and breakwater near the mouth of Windsor river, Lower Horton, county of King's.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Baxter's harbor, Cornwallis, ' county of King's.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Hall's harbor, Cornwallis, county of King's.

Two hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at French Cross, Aylesford, county of King's.

Sixty pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Hunt's Point, Queen's county.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Belleveau Cove, Clare, county of Digby.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Oglevie Brook Cove, Cornwallis, county of King's.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Little river, county of Sydney.

One hundred pounds for the further improvement of Tracadie harbor, county of Sydney. One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Barnaby Mill Cove, Cornwallis,

King's county.

One hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater, Gros Coque, Clare, county of Digby.

One hundred and fifty pounds in aid of building a breakwater, Gates' Cove, Wilmot, in the county of Annapolis.

Fifty pounds in aid of building a public slip and haul-up-way, for security of boats, &c. Broad Cove, in the county of Inverness.

Two hundred pounds in aid of the erection of an additional block and extension of Arisaig pier, in the county of Sydney, on condition of the sum of two hundred pounds having been raised and expended in the work, so that the whole sum to be expended in the work shall amount to £400.

Two hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater at Trout Cove, Digby Neck, county of Digby, on condition of the sum of four hundred pounds having been raised and expended in the work—one hundred pounds to be paid from the treasury, on its being certified that two hundred pounds have been expended, and the remaining sum of one hundred pounds to be paid on being certified that the balance of two hundred pounds have been expended, together with the grant made, making in all six hundred pounds expended in the work.

Two hundred pounds in aid of building a breakwater and clearing out the entrance of Margaree harbor, county of Inverness, on condition of the sum of two hundred pounds having been raised and expended in the work, in addition to the grant made, so that the wnole sum to be expended in the work shall amount to four hundred pounds.

One hundred pounds to aid the inhabitants in defraying a large balance of account, of upwards of  $\pounds 500$ , expended the past year in securing the work and further extending the Gates' breakwater, Wilmot, county of Annapolis, as by petition and accounts referred to in the office of the financial secretary by your committee fully appears.

Twenty-five pounds to aid in clearing out obstructions and deepening the channel of Wood's harbor, county of Shelburne, under the conditions that the sum of fifty pounds is raised and expended in the work.

Twenty-five pounds to aid in opening a channel between White Head harbor and Molasses harbor, called the Haul Over, county of Guysborough, under the conditions that the sum of fifty pounds is raised and expended in the work.

Twenty-five pounds to aid to clear out obstructions and improve the River Roseway, in the county of Shelburne, under the conditions that the sum of fifty pounds is raised and expended in the work.

Fifty pounds in aid to clear out the rocks and other obstructions in Tusket river, county of Yarmouth, under the conditions that the sum of one hundred pounds is raised and expended in the work, or in that proportion. Twenty-five Twenty-five pounds in aid to clear out the rocks and to remove obstruction which now impede vessels navigating the Annapolis river, between Annapolis Royal and Bridgetown, under conditions that the sum of fifty pounds is raised and expended in the work.

Twenty pounds to further extend and improve the public slip or landing at Digby, it being certified by the sessions that the expenditure having been made.

Twenty pounds to William Goodwin and Noah Goodwin, resident upon Mud Islands, county of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient boats, and otherwise render such assistance to shipwrecked mariners as circumstances may require, it being certified by the sessions that such boats are provided and kept and services attended to.

Five pounds to Jacob Knauffts, for having kept the ferry across the river St. Mary's, 1853, agreed upon by the committee and omitted to be inserted in the report by the chairman of the committee in 1854.

Seven pounds ten shillings to establish a ferry across the entrance of the southern bay of Ingonishe, county of Victoria.

Five pounds, in addition to the sum already granted, for the ferry across the Grand Passage, in the county of Digby, in consequence of increased duties in the conveyance of the mails.

Two pounds ten shillings, in addition to the sum already granted, to each of the ferrymen crossing Petite Passage, in consequence of increased duties in conveyance of the mails, county of Digby.

Seven pounds ten shillings to establish a ferry at the Gut of Mire' river, county of Cape Breton; five pounds of which sum for the ferry, and two pounds ten shillings in aid of procuring an efficient boat.

Ten pounds for the ferry crossing Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton, in consequence of the bridge on the public highway being carried away.

Five pounds to establish a ferry across the Sydney river, in the county of Cape Breton. Six pounds to establish a ferry across the Tusket river, county of Yarmouth; three pounds of which sum to be applied to the ferryman on each side of the river.

Eight pounds for the ferry crossing the Grand Narrow, being an increase of three pounds over the past year of five pounds; four pounds of the sum to be applied to a ferryman on each side of the ferry, counties of Cape Breton and Victoria.

Five pounds to establish a ferry across the harbor of Pubnico, near Simon D'Entremont's, esquire, in the county of Yarmouth.

Eight pounds to establish a ferry across the mouth of Ship Harbor, in the county of Halifax.

Five pounds to defray the expenses incurred in keeping the ferry across the Pugwush harbor, 1852 and 1853, for conveying over the mails—to be paid to Donald McKinnon, county of Cumberland.

Ten pounds to Edmund Crowell, of Seal Islands, in the county of Yarmouth, in addition to the sum already granted for keeping the establishment on the island, to enable him to procure further assistance.

The committee have also given their attention to the several applications for the erection of new light houses, and recommend that the sum of one thousand pounds be placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant governor, for the purpose of having erected during the ensuing year, or so soon as it is found practicable for so doing, light houses at the following places:

A light house at the harbor of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's.

A light house on the north side of Lingan harbor, on Little Head, Cape Breton county. A light house on Wedge Island, near the entrance of St. Mary's river, or in the vicinity, as may be deemed most advisable for the general interest of the navigation public, by the board of works.

The committee have had under consideration the petition of W. I. Cochran, and a large number of other ship masters and owners, praying that a light house may be erected upon Burnt Coat Head, Maitland, county of Hants; and it has also been brought to the notice of the committee that a light house placed upon the north side of Colchester Bay would be of

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more general interest to all who may navigate the waters of Colchester Bay. In consideration of the question, the committee recommend that the site be first examined, and the matter fully inquired into by the board of works; the site being determined on, the light house to be built and put in operation.

The committee have had under consideration the petitions of Robert King, of Horton, and of Samuel Hayden, of Ragged Islands, light house keepers, praying for an increase of salary; they recommend that these petitions be referred to the board of works, they being the best judges of the services and situation of the petitioners.

The committee have considered the petition of John Mosher, and a number of other persons, of the township of Kempt, county Hants, praying for a grant of money to build a small light house at the entrance of the harbor at Walton, and do not recommend the erection of a light house the present year.

The committee have also had under consideration the petition of Joseph Pernett, of LaHave, county of Lunenburg, praying for an increased allowance for keeping the ferry crossing LaHave river.

Petition of John Ross, Boulardrie, praying for increase of grant for keeping of the ferry across the Big Bras d'Or.

Petition of J. O. Vail and others, of the county of Digby, praying for a grant of money to enable the establishing a packet or ferry boat between Weymouth and Sandy Cove.

Petition of Kenneth Matherson, praying for an increased grant of money for keeping the ferry across the Big Bras d'Or.

Petition of John Dart, Black Rock, county of Colchester, praying for a grant of money to enable him to procure an efficient boat, for the conveyance of passengers from Black Rock to Maitland.

Petition of H. G. Paysen and other persons, of Westport and Clare, county Digby, praying for a grant of money to establish a packet boat between Montagon and Westport.

Petition of Roderick McLeod, of the island of Boulardrie, in the county of Victoria, praying for a grant of money to enable him to keep up a ferry across the Big Bras d'Or, at the entrance.

All of the before named and last seven mentioned petitions, your committee cannot recommend the prayer of petitioners.

The petitions of Edmund M. Dodd, and a large number of other persons, Sydney, county of Cape Breton, praying for a grant of money to enable them to build a causeway or bridge across, from eastern side of Spanish or Sydney river, at Malony Creek, to Sydney. And also the petition of D. McNeil, J. P., and a large number of other persons, praying that no grant of money may be made from the public funds for the purpose of building a causeway or bridge across from the eastern side of Spanish or Sydney river, at Maloney's Creek, to Sydney, asserting that it would require a very large expenditure of money, and being altogether unnecessary and not required.

The committee are also informed that a much greater amount of subscriptions than what appears in the list of subscribers, would be required, with any sum they might be disposed to recommend to be granted, to complete the work, and do not therefore recommend any grant for the purpose for the present year.

The committee have had under consideration the petition of George McIntire, and a large number of ship masters and owners of vessels, belonging to various parts of the province, as also the United States, together with a number of influential persons resident at Port Hood, in the county of Inverness, setting forth the present condition of the harbor of Port Hood, in consequence of the action of the sea washing away the main land, and the filling up the channel with sand; that the harbor of Port Hood is the only one on the north west coast of Cape Breton, where vessels can find shelter in a storm, and if permitted to be destroyed, would be an exceeding loss and injury to the fishing and coasting trade of the province, as well as all other vessels frequenting these waters. The petitioners pray that a grant of money may be made for its preservation, and express a willingness that a small harbor tonnage due should be imposed upon vessels frequenting said harbor, for the purpose of aiding in accomplishing so desirable an undertaking. And recommend to the house house the passing of an act authorising the levy and collection of a small tonnage or harbor due, upon vessels anchoring or seeking shelter in said harbor. And further, such other grants of money as the house may deem fit and proper, to be provided for by bill as recommended.

We also recommend that the several suggestions and recommendations in reference to owners or agents of all steam boats, packet boats, ferry boats, and all other conditions connected with grants made from the provincial revenues of this province, and the conditions upon which they are made, be strictly observed.

Your committee have had under consideration the terms on which grants to breakwaters, wharfs, or piers, have heretofore been granted, and from the great advantages derived to the public, as well as private interest, from such expenditures, believe it to be too stringent in requiring so large a sum as three times the amount granted to be raised and expended in the work before being entitled to draw the sum granted, and have agreed to recommend to the house that all the grants herein recommended to the petitioners in aid of breakwaters, (unless otherwise specially recommended and provided,) the conditions to be not less than twice the amount required to be raised and expended, in addition to such grant so made, so that the whole amount expended on such work shall amount to three times the sum so granted.

All of which is submitted.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, chairman. D. N. MACQUEEN, ELKANAH YOUNG. ROBT. MURRAY, B. WIER, JOHN McKINNON, ANDREW COWIE, J. COFFIN, JOHN C. WADE.

Committee room, house of assembly, March 22nd, 1855.

### No. 80.

### (See page 688.)

The commissioners appointed to issue province notes, and to carry into effect the provisions of the act passed during the session of the general assembly in the year 1846, entitled, "an act relating to the treasury notes, the funded debt, and the Halifax savings" bank," beg respectfully to report to his excellency the lieutenant governor, for the information of the legislature, that the said commissioners, having been duly sworn in the manner prescribed by law soon after the close of the session of 1846, proceeded to discharge the several duties assigned to them by the said act.

That the secretary of the province has from time to time delivered to them sixty thousand blank one pound notes, contained and bound up in sixty volumes, which the commissioners caused to be numbered on the notes, and also in the margin of the books, and dated in the manner prescribed by the said act, and which they afterwards signed.

That up to the present time they have exchanged with the treasurer and receiver general of the province sixty thousand pounds, at the times specified in the record kept by them, pursuant to the said act, of which record a copy is hereunto annexed, marked "A," to which they beg leave to refer; and in exchange they have received from the treasurer and receiver general £54,859 of old notes, and £5141 of torn and defaced notes of the 71 impression impression of 1846, making in all sixty thousand pounds, which they have cancelled and delivered to the secretary of the province, at the several times specified in the receipts given therefor by said secretary, copies of which receipts, from 16th July, 1846, to 22nd February, 1854, inclusive, have been regularly furnished with their reports, and a copy of the last receipt dated February 1st, 1855, is herewith given, marked "B."

And the commissioners further report that the province notes now in circulation, (exclusive of those issued by the new commissioners in 1854,) amount to  $\pounds 59,864$  10 0

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The commissioners would further state, that having now completed the issue of the sixty thousand pounds, under the act of 1846, they are of opinion that the duties have now been fulfilled to which they were appointed, although they cannot refrain from mentioning to your excellency that they were somewhat surprised at the appointment of new commissioners in 1854, without any reference whatever having been made to them on the subject.

The commissioners would beg leave to call to your excellency's notice, that by reason of the labor and responsibility attaching to them, it became imperative to engage the services of a confidential clerk, who has faithfully discharged the duties imposed upon him now covering a period of upwards of eight years; but by reason of the small sum heretofore granted by the legislature, they themselves have not been sufficiently recompensed, and therefore they have not been enabled to pay their clerk in such a manner as his services entitled him, and in closing their final report they would respectfully request your excellency to bring these facts to the notice of the legislature, that the labors both of themselves and their clerk may be properly appreciated and fairly remunerated.

All which we respectfully report.

L. HARTSHORNE, W. A. BLACK, CHARLES TWINING.

Halifax, 20th March, 1855.

### No. 81.

### (See page 695.)

The committee on education beg leave to report, that they have much pleasure in noticing the ability and zeal with which the inspectors of schools for the eastern and western sections of the province have discharged their duties during the past year. Their respective reports made to the government, and the tables annexed, contain much interesting information, and a number of valuable suggestions in reference to the subject of elementary education.

As a superintendent of education and principal of the normal school have been appointed by the government, under the authority of the act of last session of the legislature for "founding a normal school," it is presumed that in conformity with the report of the committee on education of last year, the services of the present inspectors will not be continued after the first of May next.

The Pictou academy.—The committee have duly considered the memorial of the committee of synod of the presbyterian church of Nova Scotia—the report of the visitors of the institution appointed by the lieutenant governor, with a variety of accounts and documents second the trustees. They have also had before them Dr. Anderson, on behalf of the trustees; and the reverends Messrs. Murdoch, Ross and McGregor, on behalf of the synod. After a careful review of the statements made before the committee in reference

reference to this controversy, the following appeared to be the prominent facts connected with it :---

In 1816 a society was incorporated for the purpose of founding a seminary of learning in Pictou in connection with the presbyterian population of that part of Nova Scotia, which, by means of private subscriptions to the amount of upwards of one thousand pounds, and a grant of five hundred pounds from the legislature in 1819, succeeding in erecting a suitable building, and in procuring a library and apparatus necessary for imparting instruction to classes in the higher branches of education. The legislature continued to aid the institutions by annual grants of money, varying from £300 to £400, up to 1828, when provincial aid was withheld, and for four years it was entirely maintained and kept in operation by the contributions of its friends.

In 1832, for the purpose of settling controversies that had arisen as to its control, and the instruction it should impart, an act was passed which opened the trust of the Pictou academy, and provided for teaching the elementary branches of education. The effort was not successful. In 1838 Dr. MacCulloch was transferred to Dalhousie college, with a portion of the grant allowed for the Pictou academy up to that time. The academy subsequently existed only as a sort of grammar school, until, to revive it, a new effort was made in 1845, the result of which was an act of the legislature, which remodelled the trust and placed it under the management of trustees resident in the county of Pictou, and chosen from the different religious bodies indiscriminately; and the presbyterian church of N. S. now sets forth by memorial to this honorable house that the instruction at present given in the Pictou academy is so far below the standard of education contemplated by its original founders, and now required to supply the wants of that church, that its friends have been obliged to begin their educational operations anew, and to establish and maintain a seminary suitable to their requirements, wholly from their own resources, and therefore pray for the restoration of the property of the Pictou academy to the body through whose agency and exertions it was established and so long maintained.

Although the committee, in consideration of the various changes and compromises that have occurred at different periods in reference to the academy, cannot recommend the prayer of this petition, yet, in consideration of the large contributions made in aid of the institution through the agency of the body represented by the petitioners, and in consideration that through the exertions of the ministers and laity of that body not only was the Pictou academy first brought into existence, but the cause of education in Nova Scotia received an early stimulus, which has contributed to its progress in later years, the committee recommend that the sum of  $\pounds$ 500 be granted and paid to the educational board of the presbyterian church of Nova Scotia, in full for any equitable claim they may have on the property in connection with the Pictou academy, and as a final settlement of the question; and the committee recommend the usual grant be continued to the institution at Pictou for the present year.

Wesleyan academy.—A majority of the committee recommend that the annual grant to this seminary should be made, equal in amount to that given to academies sustained by other religious bodies. Whatever may have existed arising out of the location of the Sackville academy, have been amply met by the honorable liberality with which the methodists of the maritime provinces have contributed to the cause of education, and by the number of Novascotians of both sexes who now derive the benefit of that liberality. During the last year, £3640 2s. 7d. was actually received from various sources, independent of provincial aid, and disbursed in the business of education. A high school for the education of females has been fully organized in large and commodious buildings. The genial inflaences of such a seminary will soon be widely diffused. There are in the male classes 112 youths, taught by 5 competent teachers. In the female classes 118 girls receive instruction from 7 teachers. Nearly 70 of these pupils of both sexes come from Nova Scotia.

A majority of the committee recommend to the favorable consideration of the house the application made by the right reverend the bishop of Arichae, and other clergymen, in behalf of a seminary, which it is proposed to found and maintain at Antigonish.  $\pounds 1700$  have been already raised by voluntary contributions, and expended in the erection of the necessary

necessary buildings. A public school was opened in October, at which were taught the classics and the mathematics in addition to all the branches of English education. The petitioners state that while the western and middle portions of the province have many seminaries of learning, assisted by legislative grants, there is no one east of Pictou, (with one exception) above a grammar school, although the population of the six eastern counties amount to 100,000 souls. A very large portion of the catholics in these counties are of Scottish parentage or origin, speaking the Gaelic language. This effort of Dr. McKinnon to furnish them with the means of acquiring a liberal education is very creditable, and ought to be encouraged.

The committee have had under consideration the petitions in behalf of the Indians, signed by the president and secretary of the Micmac missionary society, and of the Rev. Mr. Hannan and other clergymen of the archdiocese of Halifax. The adoption of some general principle, fair to all religious denominations and just to the Indians themselves, is very desirable, in view of the efforts making by christian communities and public spirited individuals to educate this too long neglected people. The committee therefore recommend, that upon proof being exhibited satisfactory to any board of school commissioners in the province that an Indian school has been established within the bounds of their district or county, at which at least on an average fifteen Indians have attended and received instruction throughout the year, the sum of twenty-five pounds be paid the managers or trustees of such school; and also, that in any school in which Indians have been taught, the trustees of such school shall, in addition to the provincial aid allowed by law, be entitled to draw one pound per annum for each Indian receiving instruction during the term of one year.

The committee have considered the memorial of the school commissioners for the county of Annapolis, and the petition of the trustees of the grammar school at Bridgetown, and are of opinion that as the trustees of the said school appear to be fully satisfied with the services of the teacher, he should receive the sum of  $\pounds 12$  10s. now undrawn, and by law allowed for said school; and the committee express a hope that the controversy will now terminate, and that the board of school commissioners will in future favorably consider the claims of Mr. Shipley, so long as he continues to enjoy the confidence of the trustees of his school.

The committee do not recommend the prayer of Henry W. Johnson, teacher of the grammar school at Annapolis, but recommend that  $\pounds 12$  10s., undrawn money for the said school, be paid to the trustees of the school, to be expended by them in the purchase of apparatus and books for the use of said school.

The committee report that the prayer of the petition of the commissioners of schools, and other inhabitants of Digby, should not be complied with, as the grammar school money for the district of Clare is a totally distinct grant from that of Digby.

The prayer of the petition of S. O. Geddes and others, in behalf of school district No. 8, Barrington, appears to be reasonable, and the committee recommend that a portion of the undrawn grammar school allowance, to the extent of  $\pounds 20$ , be paid to petitioners, on proof that the globes, maps, and apparatus have been actually purchased for the use of said school.

The committee have considered petitions signed by James Lander, and other inhabitants of River John, and by the trustees of the cross roads school at that place, and also certain explanations given in writing, on behalf of the commissioners of schools, of the charges therein contained. The commissioners of schools appear to have acted under a misapprehension when they appropriated a portion of the grammar school money to the aid of common schools; but as the cross roads school had never been recognised by the board of commissioners as a grammar school, the committee feel disposed to assume that they had not sufficient evidence of its utility to induce them to acknowledge the claims set up on its behalf by the trustees. The committee recommend that the government require the superintendent of education to visit the school at the cross roads, and report thereon, in order that the facts may be investigated and the character of the school, for which the higher allowance is demanded, may be ascertained. The committee have considered a petition signed by Joseph Smith, and other colored inhabitants of Mills Village, stating their inability to complete a school house which they had commenced. They recommend that any grant which shall pass the legislature in aid of the colored in the county of Queen's, for the present year, be paid to the petitioners, to be applied as they desire.

The petition of Alexander Howie and James Nicoll. It appears that these gentlemen have, in the performance of a public duty imposed upon them by the laws of the province, incurred serious loss. The committee therefore recommend that the sum of £65 18s. 6d. be paid them, in full for their claim, as loss sustained by them as school trustees.

The Halifax infant school, reported efficient, is entitled to the annual grant.

The Seal Islands forming part of the county of Yarmouth, the school commissioners have full power to supply the aid asked for in a petition from the inhabitants.

The Horton academy.—By the report it appears that the number of pupils entered on the records of the institution during the past year was 130, and the average attendance 65. The teachers are Mr. J. W. Hart, principal; Mr. Thomas A. Higgins, assistant; and Mr. W. M. Cogswell, junior assistant. The course of instruction embraces orthography, reading, penmanship, English grammar, mental and written arithmetic, geography, and the use of the globes, mensuration, algebra, geometry, land surveying, navigation, chemistry, agricultural chemistry, English composition, and declamation, Latin, Greek, and French.

The free church academy.—The report states that 77 pupils have been under tuition throughout the year; of these 13 come from the country, 64 being drawn from Halifax. There are four teachers: Mr. George Munro teaches mathematics and the elements of natural philosophy; Mr. James Fowler, classics and history. The primary department is under the charge of Mr. Neil McKay, and the modern languages (French only, it would appear by the returns,) are taught by Mr. Oldright.

The returns of the Truro academy shew that the institution is in a prosperous state, upwards of 100 names appear on the list of pupils for the past year. The course of instruction comprises Latin, Greek, French, mathematics, natural philosophy, agricultural chemistry, history, composition, English grammar, geography, reading, writing, and arithmetic.

No returns or report from the managers of St. Mary's college, for the past year, have been submitted to your committee.

Normal school building.—The commissioners have purchased a site in the village of Truro, and entered into contract for the completion of a suitable building, which is expected to be finished in the month of June next, and have purchased the necessary furniture for the same. The amount actually expended by the commissioners up to this date is  $\pounds 679$  0s. 10d., an account of which is annexed to their report.

The commissioners also furnish an estimate of the cost of the building, land, &c., which amounts to £1285, being £285 more than was provided by the grant of last year. The committee therefore recommend that a sum not exceeding £300 be granted, to enable the commissioners to complete the building and purchase the necessary apparatus for putting the school in operation.

The committee have also heard statements from the Rev. Mr. Forrester, superintendent of education, in reference to the normal school, by which they are informed that it is not his intention to open the institution before the first of November next, and that under these circumstances the first half year's salary of the assistants will not be required for the institution, and suggests that this sum be appropriated to defray the expense of publishing information on the subject of education, and in aid of pupils attending the institution during the first term. The committee recommend this suggestion to the favorable consideration of the house.

The committee are likewise informed by the report of the commissioners, as well as by the superintendent of education, that it is highly necessary to obtain one-fourth of an acre of land, with a dwelling house thereon, which is situate on one corner of the lot already purchased, and that an adjoining lot of land, which can be purchased, would be very suit-

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able for a model farm; and if purchased for that purpose, and not occupied as such, there would be no risk incurred of losing by the transaction. The committee therefore recommend that the sum of four hundred pounds be granted, to enable the commissioners to purchase such land adjoining the lot now owned by government as may be deemed necessary for the above mentioned purpose.

The committee recommend that hereafter no money be paid from the treasury in aid of grammar schools, until a return of the school or schools, which the commissioners have appropriated the money for the support of, shall be made to the government.

The committee recommend that a commission be appointed by the government to visit and report upon the academies and colleges receiving provincial aid in reference to their general efficiency, and in such other matters as the government may see fit to direct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAM'L. CREELMAN, JOHN CREIGHTON, EDW. L. BROWN, J. W. JOHNSTON.

24th March, 1855.

### No. 82.

### (See page 699.)

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Messrs. B. Wier & Co., asking repayment of expenses incurred in poor passengers taken from this, under agreement with the government, to New York via Boston, beg to report that they have had before them the parties, Messrs. Young & Wier, on behalf of memorialists, also the receiver general; and by their statements it appears that the government, in December last, advertised for the carrying a number of poor passengers (being those wrecked in the American ship Arcadia, at Sable Island, and brought here) to New York via Boston; and that an arrangement was made with Messrs. B. Wier & Co. and Messrs. Young & Hart, to convey them as above, for the sum of three pounds each adult—children half price.

The parties conveyed them to New York, but in consequence of their destitute condition a number of them applied for relief to the authorities, which led to a demand on the parties taking them there to provide for them, or take them back to Boston or Nova Scotia. Finally an arrangement was made to send them to the far west, which incurred an expense of one hundred pounds fifteen shillings, which memorialists calls on the government to repay.

The hon. receiver general stated that there was a perfect understanding on his part, and that an advance was made from first offer to cover risks, and they agreed to take them with all risks, and does not consider the parties entitled to any further payment. Messrs. Wier & Young argued that placing them in New York ended their liability. Receiver general produced Messrs. Young & Hart's written tender, that they would convey them to Boston for a certain sum, and to New York for further additional sum, taking all risks.

> THOMAS KILLAM, JNO. ESSON, B. ZWICKER.

Committee room, 26th March, 1855.

We agree to the facts set forth, but taking into consideration all the circumstances connected, are of opinion that the parties should be paid the amount claimed.

> JNO. ESSON, B. ZWICKER.

### No. 83.

### (See page 704.)

The committee appointed to consider the application of captain Colin Yorke Campbell, royal navy, beg leave to report :---

That they have carefully perused all the documents submitted to them, relative to the schooner Creole, seized by captain Campbell, while commanding her majesty's steam ship Devastation, and employed in the protection of the fisheries of this province; and although the prosecution has resulted in the release of the said vessel, by a decree of the court of vice admiralty in this province, still your committee are of opinion that there were a variety of suspicious circumstances attending the character of the said vessel, sufficient to justify her detention by captain Campbell; and the court of vice admirality having taken that view of the subject, your committee conceive it would be an extreme hard case to compel captain Campbell to bear the costs of the prosecution, believing him to be a very meritorious officer, and zealous in the discharge of the onerous duty imposed upon him, though he may in some instance have acted with seeming rigour.

Your committee therefore recommend that captain Campbell should be paid such reasonable costs as will save him harmless. Your committee are unable to ascertain what those costs will ultimately amount to, as the advocate general's bill, which is the principal item, has not been taxed. Your committee therefore recommend that the government investigate the several charges, and require the same to be taxed, if necessary, and ascertain the amount that can legally be charged against captain Campbell, and when so ascertained to pay the amount to captain Campbell or his agent.

Your committee feel more confidence in suggesting this mode of settlement, as a similar application is not likely to occur in future, and as captain Campbell is represented as a person not well able to bear the loss.

JOHN CREIGHTON, chairman. THOMAS KILLAM, ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD, H. MUNRO, ICHABOD DIMOCK.

26th March, 1855.

Bills presented against schooner Creole.

Advocate general's bill,	<b>£1</b> 46	4	3
Register's fees,	-33	6	8
Defendant's costs on dismissal of first libel,	41	7	10
Costs of executing two commissions in Boston,	20	0	0
Mr. Murphy's bill,	5	0	0
Keeper's bill,	16	15	0
Mr. Trew's charge,	35	0	0
Sterling,	£298	0	0:

No. 84.

(See page 704.)

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No. 18.

Military.

Government house, Halifax, 30th March, 1854.

My LORD DUKE-

I have the honor to forward herewith to your grace two addresses, one from the legislative council and the other from the house of assembly, to be laid at the foot of the throne, expressive of their loyalty to their sovereign and their attachment to the parent state, as also their readiness, if required, to maintain, at their own risk and cost, the defence of Nova Scotia, in the event of the rights of the British empire being attacked on these coasts.

On the receipt of your grace's circular letter of the 24th ultimo, transmitting copy of instructions issued from the foreign office to her majesty's diplomatic and consular agents abroad, on the approaching contest between Great Britain and Russia, I consulted with my government how Nova Scotia might best show to her majesty's government that these provinces respond equally with the same voice that has lately so enthusiastically resounded through Great Britain and Ireland, and that we are prepared, as far as in our power lays, to contribute our quota to the parent state in the approaching contest.

The chief officer of my government, acting on my suggestions and advice, laid before the assembly the address above referred to, which, I am happy to acquaint your grace, was received with the greatest unanimity and every expression of loyalty; and to show that however much at times party rivalry might in their debates be exhibited in that house on their local affairs, yet on the subject of loyalty to their sovereign and attachment to the parent state there exists but one feeling common to all parties; the address was seconded by the leader of the opposition, in the same sentiments and spirit as it had been proposed, and was passed by acclamation without a dissentient voice.

On the following day, in the self same spirit, the legislative council likewise passed their address. A copy of the speech of Mr. Howe, provincial secretary, and mover of the address in the assembly, I have appended to the despatch.

As the policy of requiring the several colonies, which are in the enjoyment of the freest representative institutions, to take upon themselves the burden of defraying the military expenses necessary for their individual protection, has not yet been made a subject of correspondence, I shall first await the reply of her majesty's government to the addresses which I now have the honor of forwarding to the foot of the throne. I may observe, however, that should her majesty's government find it either expedient or necessary to reduce the strength of the garrison, by the withdrawal of one regiment or of both at present quartered at Halifax, an effective militia force could be raised to undertake in their place the military duties of this garrison, and, should circumstances require it, this force could be augmented throughout the province to fifty thousand men. The organization and command of this force I am perfectly prepared, from my own military experience, to undertake. very effective body of officers can be found in this province from among the gentlemen who have held commissions in her majesty's service, and having sold out, have settled in Nova Scotia, as also from among several who are on the half-pay list, and with the assistance of a few young and active staff officers, the government may be assured that my best energies and exertions shall be given to equip such a force as not only Nova Scotia but any other of her majesty's possessions abroad may well be proud to possess.

I enclose returns shewing the staff officers and men employed in this command, as also

a return of the outports, with the number of guns and men with which they are at present occupied.

I have, &c.

### (Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

His grace the Duke of Newcastle, &c. &c.

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The committee to whom was referred the correspondence relating to the transfer, to the colonial officers of customs, of duties performed by imperial officers of customs prior to 5th January, 1855, report as follows :---

That they have examined the correspondence, and find nothing therein that requires any observations on the part of the committee. The committee, however, would call the attention of the house to a paragraph in a circular letter of 30th November, 1854, addressed to the several officers of customs, that his retiring allowance will, in the event of his accepting office under the colonial government, be subject to suspension during the period he may hold office under colonial authority.

Your committee find that the retiring allowances are generally of small amount, and in most cases totally inadequate for the support of the individuals to whom they are payable; and this committee are of opinion that the condition referred to may work much injustice to these persons whom it may be found convenient to employ in minor offices under the colonial government, and will have a tendency to prevent them from accepting such offices. Your committee would therefore recommend this house respectfully to requst his excellency the lieutenant governor to earnestly call the attention of the home government to the peculiar situation of these individuals, that the condition referred to may not be insisted on.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. WADE, chairman. MART. I. WILKINS, W. ANNAND.

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### (See page 706.)

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS,

Being a detailed account of the principal articles of Brilish and foreign merchandize imported into Nova Scotia during the year ended 5th January, 1855, shewing the quantity and value of each article entered at each port, and indicating from what countries imported.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

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Financial secretary's office, March, 1855.

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Statement of imports into the port of Halifax, during the year ended 31st December, 1854, shewing the quantity and value of each article imported, and indicating from what country imported.

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Statement of exports from the port of Halifax during the year ended 31st December, 1854, shewing exported.		Articles.		Apples and plums, Ale, porter and cider,	Alewives, Beef, Brandv.	Bread, Butter,	Cheese, Coals, Coals,	Coffee and chocolate, Cotton & woollen manuf' trs,	Flour, Fruit,	Furs, Geneva and whiskey, Gypsum,	0 .	Do. (smoked.) Horned cattle.	Leather & leather manuf'trs Lumber, (sawed.)	Mackerel, Molasses,

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Financial secretary's office, March, 1855.

SAM'L. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Balance of goods remaining in the different bunded warehouses at the port of Halifax, 31st December, 1854.

ARTICLES PAYING AD VALOBEM DUTY.

Anchors—1. Anvils-3. Bolts, (metal,)-172. Boots and shoes-28 cases. Blacking-4 bbls. Bitter wood-51 tons. Butt bolts—11 cases. Bellows, (smith's)-3. Corks-79 boxes, 57 bags. Chairs-1. Cigars-2 cases, 106 boxes. Chain cables-2. Cordage—138 coils. Cotton wool—3 bales. Cotton and woollen goods-3 bales, 16 cases. Clinch rings—4 casks, 1 bag. Clocks weights—2 boxes. Cassia—80 cases. Cocoa nuts--1242. Capstan spindles-2. Composition rings-2 bags. Dry goods-1 bale, 2 cases. Glass—9 half boxes. Ginger,  $(dry_{,}) - 1$  bbl. Do. (preserved,)-40 boxes. Grapes—9 bbls. Iron-2112 bars, 176 bundles. Jute lines—9 boxes. Jalap—3 bales. India rubbers-76 cases. Lemons-22 boxes. Merchandize-3 baskets, 3 boxes, 1 case. Nails, (iron,)-270 bags, 1 cask. Oil, (olive,)-95 casks. Oil, (paint,)-1 cask. Oakum—250 bundles. Oil clothes—4 cases. Pepper-5 bags. Pitch—8 bbls. Pimento—15 bags. Paper-2 cases. Plaister-50 bbls. Rhubarb—14 cases. Starch-12 cases. Straw goods-1 case. Soap-105 boxes, 354 half boxes. Saleratus—19 kegs. Telegraph material -31 bbls., 5 boxes. Spikes, (deck,)-48 bags. Tar-80 bbls. Turpentine—1 cask.

Vinegar144 qr. casks, 6 trs. Vices, (smith's,)-2. Warp, (ship's,)-1. White lead-1 cask. Wheel, (ship's)-1. Windlass necks-2. Yellow metal-2 cases.		
ARTICLES PAYING SPECIFIC DUTY.		
Brandy8 pipes, 97 hhds., 122 qr. casks, 7 octaves, 87 cases, Beef-1 bbl.	Galls.	12368
Candles, sperm—123 boxes, Clocks— 8 cases.	Lbs.	4561
Coffee—137 bags,	66	15633
Cordials—20 cases,	Galls.	40
Flour4 bbls.		-
Geneva-1 pipe, 41 hbds., 11 qr. casks, 175 cases,	"	4012
Leather, sole—1022 sides,	Lbs.	23991
Molasses-534 puncheous, 8 trs., 1 bbl.	Galls.	69348
Pork—229 bbls.	Lbs.	60083
Kaisins—1010 bxs., 1131 half bxs., 2566 qr. bxs., 221 drums, 23 bb		half bbls.
Rum-95 puncheons, 1 hhd., 51 hbls.	Galls.	14989
Shrub—2 hhds.	"	119
Sugar, viz. :		
Muscovado—405 hhds., 42 trs., 209 bbls., 12 boxes,	Cwts.	5237 0 2
Crushed—75 bbls.	"	125 <b>1 6</b>
Loaf-4 boxes,	66	634
Tea, black—5220 chests, 1736 half chests, 496 boxes,	Lbs.	608973
Tea, green—1 case, 3 packages, 110 half chests,	" "	6223
Tobacco-16 cases, 1153 bxs., 135 ³ / ₄ bxs., 74 half bxs, 83 qr. bxs.	"	139051
Whiskey-3 puncheons, 4 hhds., 3 qr. casks, Wines, viz. :	Galls.	<b>856</b>
Madeira—12 hhds. 6 qr. casks, 17 octaves,		
Marsala-2 pipes, 5 hhds., 7 gr. casks,	••	988
Port-26 hhds., 122 qr. casks, 7 cases,	"	672
Sherry-18 hhds 100 an ooska 220 ookaan	••	6043;
Sherry—18 hhds., 109 qr. casks, 230 octaves, Champagne—87 cases, 222 baskets,	دد دد	7848
Claret—6 hhds., 33 cases,	••	861;
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Articles.		1853.		•	1854.	In	crease.	I	)ecrease.
Butter,	Cwts.	69 5		None			*****		
Beef,	"	133 3		Bbl.	1				
Brandy, Candles—	Galls.	12	2911	Galls.	123685			Galls.	542 ¹ ₅
Composition,	Lbs.		218	Lbs.	4561	Lbs.	4343	]	
Coffee,	66	30	)347	••	15633			Lbs.	14714
Cordials,	Galls.		$7^{1}_{5}$	Galls.	40	Galls.	324		
Clocks,	None		·	Cases	8	Cases			
Flour,	Bbls.	5	3179	Bbls.	4		-		
Geneva,	Galls.	]	1081	Galls.	4012	Galls.	2931		
Hams, mutton,	Cwts.	10 2	2 24	None				Cwts.	10 2 24
Lard,	• • •	22 2	2 22	None		1			22 2 2 22
Leather, sole,	Lbs.	7	872	Lbs.	23991	Lbs.	16119	]	
Molasses,	Galls.	215	5349	Galls.	69348			Galls.	146001
Onions,	Cwts.	27 2	2 0	None				Cwts.	27 2 0
Pork,	• • •	471 C	) 24	Cwts.	408 3 20			66	62 1 4
Raisins,	Lbs.	47	748	Lbs.	60083	Lbs.	12335		
Rum,	Galls.	30	)061	Galls.	14989	1		Galls.	15072
Shrub,	"		119	**	119				
Sugars, viz. :	1								
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Black,	Lbs.		2259	Lbs.	608973	Lbs.	346714	ĺ	
Green,	**		1884		6223	**	1339	1	
Tobacco,	••		3256		13905 <b>1</b>	••	40795		
Whiskey,	Galls.	]	1014	Galls.	856			Galls.	158
Wines, viz. :	1			İ		1		i	
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Marsala,	• • •		788	"	672			••	<b>J</b> 16
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Sherry,		4	1013	••	· · ·	Galls.	3835 <u>1</u>	Į	•
Champagne,			4125	• •	861 <u>3</u>	**	$448_{5}^{2}$	1	
Claret,	"		153 [§]		492	66	$338_{5}^{2}$		
Hock,	"		$28_{5}^{4}$	None			•	Galls.	285

Comparative statement of articles in bonded warehouse, 31st December, 1853 and 1854.

### J. AUSTEN,

Acting warehouse keeper.

Warehouse keeper's office, Halifax, December 31st, 1854.

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John Wright, Hammonds Plains road, 1	0	0	0
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Forbes Black, over-expenditure No. 12, 1854,	5 3	18	8
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John Drysdale, over-expenditure No. 50, 1854,	0 3	16	4
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Between Whooten's and Stone's,	5	0	_0
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To repair road from Herring Cove forks to Portuguese Cove,	£17		0
Portuguese Cove to Ketch Harbor,		10	0
Ketch Harbor to Bauld Rock,	5		0
Herring Cove to York Redoubt and Ferguson's Cove,	10		0
Purcell's road to North West Arm quarries,	5	0	0
Herring Cove to Ketch Harbor road,	5	0	0
North West Arm road to three mile house,	10	0	0
Kearney road,	40	0	0
Contingencies,	16		2 0
Road from Creighton's to battery,	10	0	0
Battery to chapel,	10		0
Chapel to Hutt's, Eastern Passage,	20		0
Chapel towards Cole Harbor,	10		0
McKenzie's road,	3	0	
Road from Cow Bay to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Caldwell road,	10	0	0
Road from Dartmouth to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Cole Harbor to Lawrencetown,	10		0
For repair of road near aboiteau, Lawrencetown,	30		0
To repair road from draw bridge to Leslie's,	10		0
Simson's corner to Cole Harbor,	5	0	0
Smith's to Evans',	5	0	0
Old Look Out road,	10	0	0
Road from Bill street to Lawrencetown,	5	0,	0
Frog Lake road,	5	0	0
Road from Smithers' to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Fairbanks' mills towards Lawrencetown,	10	0	0
Brown's towards head of Lake Porter,	7	0	0
On West side of Chezetcook to Harvey road,	10	0	0
East side of Chezetcook to Harvey road,	10	0	0
East side Petpeswick,	10	0	0
East side Musquodoboit, from Narrows down,	10	0	0
To improve road from Harvey road to bridge near Bayer's,	40	0	0
Repair road from Harvey road to Benjamin Day's, Jedore,	10		0
Benjamin Day's to George Harpell's,	15	0	0
Improve road east side Jedore,	10	0	0
Repair road from Harvey road to Clam Harbor, and thence to Owl's			
Head, after survey,	30	0	0
Harvey road to Ship Harbor church,	25	0	0
Bollong's Point to head of Taylor's Bay,	10	0	0
Taylor's Head to Harvey road,	5	0	0
Taylor's Bay to Sheet Harbor, on old line,	10	0	0
On Sober Island,	5	0	0
From Sheet Harbor to Salmon River,	25	0	0
Salmon River to Necum Teuch,	15	0	0
Necum Teuch to Ecum Secum,	10	0	0
Roads south side St. Mary's River, from Wallace bridge to			_
county line,	30	0	0
To pay L. McQuarrie for repair of bridges on Guysborough road and road leading to Pictou,	5	10	0
Repair road from Samuel Henry's towards Upper Stewiacke,	5	0	Ŏ
Gleasin's Brook, by Dean's, to county line,	10		Ŏ
Rebuild bridge across Musquodoboit river, near John Watson's,	25		Ŏ
Repair road from Hutchison's Settlement to Archibald's mills,		10	Ő
Gould's bridge to old Higgins' farm,	10		Ő
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To rebuild old Higgins' Meadow Brook bridge,	$\pounds 5$	0	0
Repair road from old Meadow Brook bridge, by McLeod's, towards Fraser's,	12	10	0
Old Higgins' farm across to main road, north side river,	10		0
Alexander Brown's, by Thomas Lindsay's, to main road,	5	0	0
Open section of road between James Lindsay's and Gladwin's Meadow,	20	0	0
Pay James Cruikshanks, for rebuilding bridge near Gordon's,	11	12	6
Complete section of road near William Scott's towards Murkey's mills,			
and to pay damages, .	10	0	0
Repair road through Bruce Settlement,	8	7	6
Fish Lake road and bridge near William Hayse's,		10	Ō
Road from James Meagher's to Peter Ogilvie's,		10	0
To Lewis Dilman's,	5	0	Ō
Build bridge across Musquodoboit River, near Rouke's,	25		Ŏ
Repair road from Wyse's corner to Meagher's Grant,	10		Õ
Sibly road,	-5	Õ	Ŏ
Road from Key's to Isaac Isnor's,	12		Ŏ
Isaac Isnor's to Charles Lemon's,	17		Ŏ
McDonald road,	10		Ŏ
Road from McDonald road to Cook's and Annand's mills,		ŏ	ŏ
By McBay's to John McMichael's, junr.		10	Ŏ
McHeffy road,		10	ŏ
Road from main road to Shubenacadie bridge, near Sheridan's,	5	0	ŏ
Cook's, by McKenzie's, to Guysborough road,	12		ŏ
Gay's River to Leck's,	$12 \\ 17$		ŏ
Taylor Settlement to Joseph Bruce's,	25		Ŏ
	20 5		Ŏ
Lemon's to Cleary's, Clearny's to Korn's	10		0
Cleary's to Kerr's, Near Cleary's to Antrim Settlement	10		0
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Towards Lidwidge's, between main road and mills,	5 5	0	
Peter Doyle's, William Wurd's	5		0
William Wyse's,	5	0	0
Goff's, To Co to had form		0	0
To Go-to-bed farm,	5	0	0
From Guysboro' road to West's,	5	0	0
Beaver Bank road, including alteration,	30	0	0
Brushy Hill road,		10	0
Road from Windsor road to Hibbert Settlement,		10	0
East side Basin,	15	0	0
This sum at the disposal of the county members, to provide for contingencies To pay advances, &c. :	, 100	14	11
To pay William Landles, for rebuilding Black Rock bridge,	22	11	6
Ditto ditto bridge south side Gay's River,	5	5	0
John Parker, for over-expenditure, Wallace bridge,	7	11	6
John Esson, for expenditure, Rocky Run, &c.	13	0	0
Forbes Black, over-expenditure No. 58,	1	11	6
By government to-			
W. I. Lydiard, £39 3 7			
David Annand, 17 14 0			
Mason and Murphy, 111 18 0			
	168	15	7
To pay bank Nova Scotia instalment on loan for Eastern Shore road,	290		Ó
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To repair road from North West Arm to Lunenburg county I Great Western road from three mile house to Hant Great Eastern road from Dartmouth to Shubenacad	s count	y li	ne,	120 250 250	0 0 0	0 0 0
Great Guysborough road from Pollock's to Dear Musquodoboit, including alteration near Glad Harvey road from intersection of Truro road to Shi Pay Forbes Black over-expenditure Western Shore road,	n's, in win's, p Harb	- 0r,	per	174 160 31	16 0	I
Government advances— On Windsor road, Eastern road, Harvey road, Eastern road, for Shubenacadie bridge,			10 0	226	18	8
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### COUNTY OF HANTS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand nine hundred and twenty pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Hants, be applied as follows :

To pay instalment to bank of Nova Scotia, borrowed for Kennetcook and			
St. Croix bridges,	$\pounds 155$	0	0
Advance made to A. M. Cochran, esquire, for Five Mile River			
bridge,	11	3	8
John Whidden, expended on bridge at Maitland,	13	0	8 3
William Salter, expended on bridge at Cockmagun,	9	5	0.
William Chambers and Israel Sanford, expended on Kennetcook			
bridge, in part,	301	11	T
James Wood, expended in 1852,	4	7	0
William Chambers and T. A. Smith, expended on St. Crolx bridge,	88	17	10
From Parker's mill to Philip Harvey's road,	5	0	0
Philip Harvey's road to John Dimock's,	9	0	0
For road past Philip Harvey's,	5	0	0
From Daniel Dimock's past Aker's,	5	0	0
For bridge and road at McKay's,	5	0	0
To repair Meander bridge,	6	0	0.
Road at Muddy Marsh, to be drawn when certified that £20 sub-			
scribed, has been expended,	25	0	0
From Benjamin Cochran's to St. Croix bridge,	5 7	0	0
Miller's Creek to Cochran's farm,	7	0	0
Cochran's farm to Shubael Dimock's,	6	0	0
Derias Mosher's to Isaiah Dimock's,	5	0	02
Isaiah Dimock's to Constantine's, and to pay Isaiah Dimock 20s. ex-			
pended,	5	0.	Û
Kenetcook road to Knox's, and to pay Benjamin Reynold's £2 10s.			
expended,	25	0	0
Isaac Sanford's to Newport road,	7	10	0
For road past Henry Vaughn's,	4	10	0
From Woodroof's to Parker's mill,	4	10	0
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APPENDIX, No. 87.

From Marshall Mumford's to John Cochran's, in addition to £6 undrawn,	£10	0	0
Benjamin Mumford's to Rawdon line,	_5	0	0
For alteration at Scotch Village,	15	0	0
From Robert Greno's to Wilcox ferry, £7 10s., undrawn in 1853 and 1854,	~	~	•
For alteration at Daniel Lockhart's,	5	0	0
From Martin's to Meander bridge, and bridge at Rockwell's,	5	0	0
James Cochran's to Constantine's,	10	0	0
Isaac Withrow's farm to John McDougall's,	8	0	0
John McDougall's to Kenetcook bridge,	5	0	0
Kenetcook bridge to John Singer's,	7	0	0
John Singer's to Noel mill, £7, undrawn in 1854,		•	~
Noel mill, on new road, past John Faulkner's mill,	5	0	0
Noel mill to Tenecape,	7	0	0
For bridge and road at Burncoat Creek,	10	0	
From Jacob Henegar's to Noel,	7	0	0
Burton's towards Nine Mile River,	8	0	0
Burton's to Rocky Brook,	8	0	
Rocky Brook to Maitland,	6	0	0
For road past Gary's farm,	5	0	0
From Five Mile River to Daniel Dimock's farm,		10	
Daniel Dimock's farm to Rines' Creek,		10	
Rines' Creek, including bridge, to Indian road,		10	
John McPhee's to road past W. Wallace's, in addition to £7 undrawn,	6	0	
John McPhee's to Rolston's,	7	0	0
Indian road towards Five Mile River,	8	0	0
For road past Nathaniel Nelson's,	6	0	0
Francis Burrows,	3	0	
Richard Parker's,	5	0	
From James Nelson's past McGilligan's farm,	6	0	0
McGilligan's farm past John Murphy's,	7	0	0
For hill near Alexander Grant's, Nine Mile River,	7	0	0
From McPhee's bridge to Lade's,	7	0	0
Lade's to Shubenacadie, and alteration on road,	16	0	0
McPhee's bridge to Rolston's,	5	0	
For road past bridge at Garden's,	6	0	
To lake past Horn's,	4	0	0
To lake past McKenzie's, in addition to £5 undrawn,	4	0	0
From Nine Mile River road to Indian road, past John McDonald's,	7	0	0
Indian road towards John McDonald's,		0	0
Indian road to John Caldwell's,	5	0	0
For road past James Thompson's,	5 5 3	0	0
From John Wright's to Indian road,	8	0	0
Gore, on new road, to Nine Mile River road,	10		0
For road past David McKenzie's,	6		
For old road past William Temple's,	5		0
From Gore road to Kenetcook bridge,	9	0	0
For road past Donald Grant's and bridge,	5		0
Samuel Fisher's, on Carver road,	4	0	0
Michael Wallace's,	4	0	
Nowlan's mill to George field,	6		0
From Joseph Singer's to George field road,	6		
For new road past James Harvey's,	5	Õ	
From Kenetcook road past Liswell's farm,	4	0	Ō
Bernard McGuire's to Indian road,	3	Ö	Ō
For Fisher's road, Shubenacadie,	4		Ō
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From Nine Mile River road past Sloan's,	£6	Û	0
Joseph Thompson's,	6	0	0
Hugh Burns' to Archibald Ettenger's,	4	0	0
To rebuild bridge at Alexander McPhee's, Nine Mile River,	150	0	0
From Terscape to Alexander Ritchey's east line,	10	0	0
Alexander Ritchey's cast line to William Parker's west line,		10	0
William Parker's west line to Petite River,	8	0	0
Walton to Egypt farm,	5	0	0
Walton to Rany Cove, including causeway and bridge at Rany Cove,	10	0	0
Rany Cove to Bass Creek,	6	0	0
Bass Creek to Cheveree,	6	0	0
Cheveree to north side of Brown's clearing,	7	0	0
North side of Brown's clearing to Cockmagun road, and to make an	7	0	n
alteration on road, For new road from Cheverec read to Cambridge, to be drawn when certified	1	v	0
that an equal sum subscribed has been expended,	20	0	0
To repair bridge at methodist meeting house, Kempt,	<b>1</b> 0	Ŏ	ŏ
From Silas Card's to Newport line,	7	ŏ	ŏ
Knox's to Joseph Wade's,	8	Õ	ð
Joseph Wade's to Walton,	10	Ö	Õ
Walton road to Cambridge, past Gosben farm,	4	Õ	Õ
River Heber' past E. Murphy's to Gorman's,	6	0	Û
Landerkin's to James Sanford's farm,	5	0	0
River Hebert to Meander River,	7	0	0
Meander River to Windsor road,	7	0	0
For roads past Bond's mill,	5	0	0
From John Dimuck's past Francis Parker's,	4	0	0
James Withrow's to Fahie's read,	18	0	0
Fahie's road to Halifax county line,	18	0	0
John Gordon's to Douglas road,	5	0	0
For road past Thomas Moxon's, Alexander Sims' to Cabill's shop,	5 10	0	0
From James Withrow's to Gore road,		0 10	0 0
James Withrow's to Douglas line, past William Whittiar's,	4	0	0
Douglas line to Rolston's,	$\overline{5}$	Ŏ	Ŏ
Withrow's mill to Beaver Bank road,	Š	ŏ	Ŏ
Withrow's mill to Douglas road, past Wilson's,	$\tilde{5}$	Õ	Ŏ
Rawdon church to Newport, past Caldwell's, and to pay James	-	-	•
Caldwell 27s. 6d. expended,	6	0	0
For road past James Wall's farm,	5	0	0
From Beaver Bank road past Thomas Wallace's farm,	4	0	0
For road past David Withrow's farm,	3	0	0
From E. Murphy's, to Newport line, past Stevens',	7	0	0
For new road past John W. Smith's, to be drawn when certified that an	•	•	~
equal sum subscribed has been expended,	6	0	0
From old Windsor road to Hibbit's farm, Hibbit's farm to Walsh's farm,	10	0	0
Walsh's farm to Beaver Bank road,	6	0 0	0
To repair bridges on old Windsor road, past Daniel Etter's,	4 4	0	0 0
From St. Croix bridge to post road,	38	Ŏ	ŏ
Isaac Dewolf's to old Avon bridge,	10	ŏ	ŏ
For old Ponhook road,	- 8	Ŏ	ŏ
From Metzler's to forks,	12		Ŏ
For road past Dawson's,	7	0	0
From Benjamin Sweet's to Winckworth,	11	0	0
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From Winckworth to Windsor, and hill at John Jenkins',			
For old Ardvise road,	7		0
New road from John Kelcup to Maleahy's,	8	0	0
Old Avon bridge, and to pay Nathan Taylor £11 1s. 10d. expended.		1	
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To pay John Borden, expended on Half Way River bridge,	11	19	6
From old Avon bridge to Horton line, and to pay John Curry £1 17s. 9d.			
expended,	11	17	9
Rose Green to Barkhouse's,	15		0
Barkhouse's to Horton line,	25	0	0
Thomas Manning's to Daniel Bishop's,	15	0	0
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Post road to Benjamin Curry's,	10	U	U
For causeway and bridge at Half Way River, in addition to £1 6s. 2d.			
undrawn in 1852, and to pay John Borden £2 4s. expended,	10	0	0
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From William Shaw's to old post road, and repair bridge at Wind Mill		~	~
Creek,	10	0	0
For hill south of Gabriel's,	5	0	0
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At Hantsport, in addition to £5 undrawn,	<u> </u>		
North of James Akins',	5	0	0
To repair Mud bridge,	6	0	0
To finish St. Croix bridge,	30		Õ
For Five Nile River bridge, Douglas,	<b>5</b> 0		
Bridge at Duncan McDougall's, Five Mile River,	10	0	0
From James Mosher's to town landing, Newport,	10		Õ
John Lockhart's, past Smiley's,	5	0	0
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### COUNTY OF KINGS.

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen hundred and twenty-eight pounds, granted for services of roads and bridges in Kings' county, be appropriated as follows:

### TOWNSHIP OF CORNWALLIS.

For the roud presing Oliver II Commell's to Aulosford line and John			
For the road passing Oliver H. Cogswell's to Aylesford line, and John McConnell's to Long Point road,	10	0	0
Cove road, passing Michael Shey's,	15	Ö	Ŏ
Road passing Peter McBride's to Oglevie breakwater,	6	Ŏ	ŏ
To complete the new road from Armstrong's to Oglevie breakwater,	14	Ŏ	Ŏ
Turner Point road to Oglevie breakwater,	14	ŏ	ŏ
From the Givan wharf, passing Joseph Morrie's and Mrs. Hall's,	10	Ŏ	Ŏ
For the road passing G. Goold's and Joseph Swindle's,	5	Ŏ	ŏ
James Goold's and Glaney's,	5	Ŏ	Õ
From the Givan road, passing Absalem Brown's,	6	Õ	Ŏ
Joseph Spicer's to Black Rock road,	10	Õ	Õ
Turner Point road on the new road past E. Sweny's to Givan		•	
wbarf,	6	0	0
For to complete the alterations at the Mountain hill, by Ebenezer Con-	•		•
don's, Long Point road,	17	10	0
For the road passing White's saw mill to Canady Creek road,	5	0	Ō
From Murry mill brook, by William West's, to Nathan Foot's,	$\tilde{5}$	Ō	Ò
For the road passing Patrick Sarsfield's to Dooly's,	Ğ	Ő	Ō
Burges mountain road passing John Clark's,	7		Ō
Petton mountain hill passing Barnaby's,	5	Ō	0
Road passing John McMillen's to the breakwater,	5	0	0
Jeremiah Hut's to Brimer Vault,	7 5 5 3 5	Ö	0
New road passing William Foot's to Chute's Cove,	5	0	0
Enoch Arnold's to Canady Creek,	8	0	0
To complete the new road on the east side of the Barnaby mill cove			
breakwater to William Kelly's,	15	0	0
For the road passing Robert Foot's to Hall's harbor, and the Bently moun-			
tain road,	8	0	Ð
From Hunting Point road, through the Irish settlement, to the Barnaby			
mill cove,	6	0	0
The Woodworth road, Master's mountain, to Hall's harbor,	6	0	Ð
For the road passing Thorp's to Orsborn's ship yard,	8	0	0
From Black Hole, Bay Shore, on the road by Silas Caton's,	10	0	0
For the mountain road passing up the Wood Hollow to Baxter's harbor,	10		0
From the Black Hole road, passing G. Newcomb's, to the Ira Woodworth road,	5		0
Scot's Bay to Canning,	14		0
For the Newcomb road passing Daniel Porter's to the bay,	6	-	0
New road from Bester North's up the mountain to Scot's Bay,	12		0
Road passing Nelson Whalen's,	_5		0
From Rand's saw mill to open up the new mountain road to Scot's Bay road,	12		0,
For the embankment at town plot, near George Allison's,	4	0	0
New road passing Neil Smith's to O. Newcomb's, and to pay C. H.	_	_	-
Belcher £1 13s. 9d. expended on bridge,	7		0
From Baxter harbor road, by Irvin's, to Black Hole road,	5	0	0
Cornwallis bridge to Allen Barnaby's, and the road to Tobin's, and	-		~
the old road up the chapel hill,	12		0
Allen Barnaby's to Centreville hall,	5	0	0
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For the new road from the road passing Strong's, to Jackson's mills, post		_	_
road,	£6	0	0
Road passing Richard Woodworth's, South mountain, to saw mill, From the post road passing Woodworth's and Forsyth's saw	6	0	0
mill, Passing Robert Collins' and J. Taylor's to post road, and	6	0	0
road to Forsyth's saw mill,	13	0	0
	5	0	Ŏ
Passing Juel Parcish's, South mountain,	12	0	0
To extend and complete the alteration near Woodman's, South mountain,	14	U	U
From Horton line on the road passing William Jorden's, and to repair Big bridge,	10	0	0
For to open the new road from William Forsyth's to English's mountain road,	6	0	0
From Cornwallis bridge, past Ragan's, to the Kidston road,	5	0	0
For the Gibson road to John Ell's,	5	0	0
Hunting Point road passing Gideon Ilsley's,	5 5 5	0	Õ
Road passing Wilmot Orsborn's and Eaton's to Davison mountain,	5	Ō	Ŏ
For to complete the alteration of road passing Wm. and John Woodworth's,	4	Ō	Õ
Open to six rod highway from Hemming's road to Pent's mill road,	4 5 5	Ŏ	ŏ
From James Griffin's passing Nathan West's to post road,	5	Ŏ	ŏ
For to open the new road from the Black Rock road by Silas Thomas' and	•	U	v
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James Goold's, From the Black Bools and by William Drawn's to Given's borbor	5 8 5		0
From the Black Rock road by William Brown's to Givan's harbor,	C E	0 0	0 0
To open and make the new road passing David Wood's,	Ð	U	U
The new road from Baxter harbor past saw mill to Orshorn's ship	74	•	•
yard,	14	0	0
For the bridge over Canning river, near Thomas Harris' and Leander Rand's,	35	0	0
Ira Woodworth road to the bay,	6	0	0
Road passing William Ne scomb's to Athorn Eaton's road,	5 5 5	0	0
Nathan Woodworth's and the Pent road,	5	0	0
Richard Mahar's to John B. Bentley's,	5	0	Û
Thomas Doyle's to Mill Creek, and the road passing			
Rand's saw mill,	5	0	0
Joseph Lyons's to White Water Brook,	5 6 5 5 5	0	0
William North's, and to complete alterations,	6	0	0
From the Huntington Point road to Hall's harbor,	5	0	0
For the road passing Isaiah Shaw's to the baptist meeting house,	5	0	0
From Ira Woodworth's road by James Woodworth's to Black Hole road,	5	0	0
For the road passing Noah and Samuel Rockwell's, and the mountain hill,	6	0	0
From Joseph Landford's by new alteration to Scot's Bay road,	4	Û	0
For the road passing Robert Bennett's to the Bay,	5	0	0
To extend and complete alteration of road, English Mountain, by John			
Crow's,	14	0	Ð
From Black Rock road, passing Moody's, to Givan road,	5	Ō	0
Long Point road, on the front of mountain, to Givan road,	$\tilde{5}$	Ō	Õ
For the road passing Alexander Thompson's, and Allen hill,	5	Ŏ	Õ
Bridge and road passing Campbell Ruggles',	Š	ŏ	Ŏ
For to open the new road from the Ilesly road through Jeremiah Bligh's	v	v	v
field, as laid out to breakwater,	10	0	Ð
From Pero Dyke to Philip Weaver's,	6	Ŏ	
Pent saw mill road, to open up the six rod highway,	5	ŏ	0 0
For the road leading from Jonn Hardy's to James Cox's and Silver's,	5 5	0	0
	ย 8	0.	
Canady Creek passing Margerson's & Hagarly's, To open a new road from post road on S. Shaw's west line, to South Moun	0.	U.	0
To open a new road from post road, on S. Shaw's west line, to South Moun-	C	Δ	•
Lain, From post read passing Reviewin Rolmaria	6 7	0	0
From post road passing Benjamin Palmer's,	1	0	0
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For the crossway and bridge near Jethro Kinsman's, Indian Point, From the Abner Woodworth road, near the school house, to the post road, For bridge and road near Benjamin Kellum's, To repair the hill and road east of Hall's harbor,	£8 6 20 •8		0 0 0 0
Open the new alteration of road near Joseph Bowl's, For the Black Hole road, from meeting house, and to pay John Lyons 20s. expended on road,	6 4	0 0	0 0
To open up the alteration of road between Sawyers' and Roberson's, For the road and bridge near Elijah West's, and to pay Elijah West	12	0	0
£12 4s. 101d. expended on bridge, For the road passing Enech Condon's to post road, and to aid in the repair of bridge,	20 5	0	0
And bridge over Bar's creek, near Tupper's, And bridge over Gisner's mill pond,	4	0 11	0
To repay advances made by government : To Joel Cogswell, for expenditure on road per account rendered, Joseph Morris, over-expenditure on road, Nathan West, over-expenditure on bridge, Joseph Dunham, over-expenditure on bridge, John Vaughn, over-expenditure on road, Stephen Nichols, over-expenditure on bridge,	6 5	16 0 15 11 7 7	3 0 3 11 9 0
CORNWALLIS GREAT ROADS.			
From Horton township line, on post road to Annapolis, to David Davidson's, Davidson's to Sharp's bridge and Webster's,	£10 6	0 2	0 2
Webster's to Penio's, and to repair Duncan's bridge, Penio's to Aylesford bog, and to repair Bowl's bridge and road, For the great road to Canady Creek and light house, and to complete the new bridge over the head of the harbor, and the alteration of	17 30	0 0	0 0
road past John White's, Great road from the Annapolis road, through Berwick to Givan what harbor, and to complete the ateration near Solomon	50	0	0
Crocker's, Great road to Givan wharf, from A. Skinner's to the top of the	15	0	0
mountain, From the top of the mountain, on the great road, to Givan wharf, For to pay advances made by government the past year :	14 17	0 0	0 0
To Sharp and Penio, for over-expenditure on Sharp's bridge, post road to Annapolis, Unappropriated money, From the post road by Penio's, on the great road to Canady Creek, and to	45 10	9 0	6 0
open up the alterations, at the mountain hill, to John White's, as laid out, "extra grant,"	50	0	0
HORTON.			
<ul> <li>To repay Hugh Mitchell over-expenditure, 1854, £2 11s. 9d.; to repay Nelson Jarvis 10s. over-expenditure, 1854,</li> <li>From Daniel Coyle's to old post road, John Fuller's to Benjamin's saw mill, Daniel Bishop's to Benjamin's saw mill, Avery Meadow bridge past John Ryan's, James Davison's mill up Black River,</li> </ul>		0 0 0 10	9 0 0 0 0
Abram Dorman's past Samuel Ell's, 98	5	0 Fi	0 mom

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From Cyrus Atwell's to school house, and to repay D. Moore, esquire, 40s.			
over-expended,	£12	10	0
Andrew Johnston's past James Nowlin's to James Lawrence's,	5	Õ	Ŏ
James Davison's mill down Black River,	10		Ŏ
James Davison's mill past Jere Eagle's to Isaac Dorman's,	5	Õ	Ŏ
Daniel Caldwell's past John Atwell's to old post road,	5	Ō	Ŏ
Kirne's corner to Gaspereau bridge,	15	Ŏ	Ŏ
John Stevens' to J. Dorman's, and Tinker Hill alteration,	25	Õ	Ō
Reid's corner to James Vaughan's,	5	Ō	Ō
Charles Pharris' to Curry Brook,		10	0.
James Vaughan's to Avery Meadow, new road,		10	0
Old post road past J. L. Pelten's to new post road,	10	0	0
Scott's corner to county line,	20		0
Mud bridge to James Caldwell's,	15	0	0
Simon Fitche's past J. Trenholm's to post road,	10	0	0
Long Island to James Crane's,	10	0	0
Bishop's mill to William Seovill's,	15		0
Scovill's mill to Condon's mill,	15	0	0
Condon's mill to Lane's mill,	7	10	0
Charles Caldwell's to Allen road,	5	0	0
Sandy Point to Canaan,		10	0
Robert Cahill's, by Ford's, to post road,	5	0	0
Post road through Deep Hollow,	50		0
Post road to Hantsport, new road,	50		0
Henry Thomas' to Jacomiah Seaman's,	15		0
Henry Thomas' past Thomas Bishop's to Sherbrooke road,	5	0	0
Quigley's past Rand's to Canaan,	5	0	0
Frank Caldwell's past Wood's to county line,	5	0	0
Sherbrooke road easterly to Martin's hill,	5	0	Û
Kentville to Mitchell's line,	5	0	0
Sherbrooke road past Daniel Lane's,	5	0	0
Sherbrooke road to Caldwell's Clear,	5	0	0
Harris Turner's to James Dodge's,	7	10	0
James Dodge's to Wood and Mosher's mill,	10	0	0
Wood and Mosher's mill to county line, new road,	7	10	0
John McDonald's to Charles Smith's, in addition to £5 undrawn, 185		0	0
John Earl's to Falmouth line,	10	0	0
Avery Meadow to Graham's mill,	5	0	0
Unappropriated,	107	19	3
	£576	0	0
GREAT ROADS, HORTON.			
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From county line to Lockhart's corner,	60 40		0

From county line to Lockhart's corner,	60	0	0
Lockhart's corner to Reid's,	40	0	0
Reid's to Judah Borden's,	40	0	0
Judah Borden's to Kentville,	<b>16</b> .	17	0
David Casey's to Gaspereau bridge,	35	0	0
Gaspereau bridge to county line,	35	0	0

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### TOWNSHIP OF AYLESFORD.

Cross roads.

From the road passing William and Charles Foster's farm, Road over Thomas Tupper's farm, across the mountain,		0 ( 0 (	
Post road on the Bishop road to the Bay,	5	0 (	
For the cross road from the Bishop road to Clermont road,			0
From the post road on the Clermont road to the Bay shore,			D
For the road near the Bluff, from Clermont to French Cross,			0
Cross road from Clermont to Morden road,	5		0
From Joseph Lec's to French Cross,			0
Dimsey corner to Bay Shore, and thence easterly,	5		0
Post road to Benjamin L. Palmer's,	10		0
School house, by Skinner's, southerly, to post road,		.0	0
Cornwallis westerly on Woodworth road to Ormsby road,	5	0	0
For to open a new road from Morden to Ormsby road,	7 1		0
From Cornwallis line, westerly, on the Canaan road,	6		0
The Canaan road to Sherbrooke and Dalhousie,	10		0
For the road passing Lake George to Twelve Mile bridge,			0
From Otter Lake to Edward Tool's,			0
John Memick's to Twelve Mile bridge,			0
For the road by Eason's mills to Nichols' road,			0
From Vail's River bridge easterly on Jackson road,	5	0	0
For the road passing Morse's to Jackson road, and thence easterly,	5	0	0
For Elisha Harris, to build a bridge, and to open up a new road to Nichols'			
mills,	<b>25</b>	0	0
From the Nichols' road, westerly, on Jackson road,	5	0	0
Jackson road, southerly, to Palmer's milis,	5	0	0
Jackson road, on the south side of Nichols' road, to the Canaan road,	5	0	0
For the new road running west from Glebe to Spinney road,	5	0	0
Main road passing Elisha Spinney's to Canaan road,	6	0	0
From Ward road, along the Glebe road, to Jackson road,	5	0	0
For the post road past Tufft's mills, and to complete the bridge,	10	0	0
To build a bridge west of David Messengen's,	<b>20</b>	0	0
From Neely road, westerly, past John McGrigor's,	5	0	0
Parker road, on Hall road, to Woodworth road,	5	0	0
For the road leading from Lake Paul to Dalhousie,	5	0	0
From James Foster's to the top of Locker hill,	25	0	0
Neely road easterly and southerly to Wheelock's mills,	5	0	0
For to open the new road leading from the Ormsby road on the mountain			
passing O. H. Cogswell's to Cove road,	5	0	0
For to open a new road leading from the Ormsby road passing Peter			
McBride's to Cove road, Cornwallis,	5	0	0
Unappropriated cross road money,	89	10	0
	£384	0	0
AYLESFORD GREAT ROADS.			
Ener Generallis line to Orren's bridge	£15	0	0
From Cornwallis line to Owen's bridge,	2010	v	v
Owen's bridge to Wilmot line, and to complete alteration by William	25	0	0
Miller's, Post road on Morden road, from Geo. Johnson's to Samuel Orpen's,		11	
r use ruad ou morden ruad, nom deo. soumson s to bander orpens,			
	£84	-	
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### COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand six hundred and sixty-four pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges within the county of Annapolis, be applied as follows:

On the road from the Duke of York's battery to Murrel's mill,	£10	0	0
Johnson's Point to the Duke of York's battery, and to	•	•	•
repair the ferry landing,	10	0	0
Lamberson cross road, from post road to Bay Shore,	20		ŏ
Shore road from the Lamberson cross road to Croscup's west line,	10		ŏ
Croscup's west line to James Sloam's,	10		ŏ
James Sloam's to the McKenzey cross road, in-		Ŭ	v
cluding the Robblie bridge,	15	0	0
The McKinzey cross road to Stephen Johns',	10		Ŏ
McKinzey cross road frem post road to shore road,	20		
Mills cross road from post road to the first road over the mountain,	15		0
	10		0
Shore road from the mills cross road to Stephen Johns', Believe areas need from next read to shore read	10		0
Parker cross road from post road to shore road,	10	0	0
First road over the mountain, cast from the Parker cross road, cal-	17	70	^
led the Hudson road,	7	10	0
McCormick cross road, from post road to shore road,		10	0
Shore road, from George McCormick's, east, to Abm. Young's, jr.,		10	0
Abm. Young's, senr., to Eaton's hill,		0	0
Wade cross road, from post road to first road over the mountain,	15	0	0
First road over the mountain, from the Young cross road to the	_		
Wade cross road,	7		0
Young cross road, from the post read to the Covert read,		19	0
Covert road to Bay Shore,		0	0
Shore road, from George Gesner's to Durland's,	15		0
Road east from the Young cross road past Edward Covert's,		10	0
Phinney cross road, from post road to the Bay Shore,		0	0
Chute's cross road, from post road to shore road,	15	0	0
Road from the Chute's cross road to James Miller's,		10	0
James cross road, from limits of Bridgetown to the lake,	12		0
The lake to shore road,	10	0	0
Shore road, towards bailding a bridge over the Hill Brook, in addi-			
tion to $\pounds 25$ granted last year, and undrawn,	5	0	0
First road over the mountain, east, from the James cross road,	10	0	0
Cross from limits of Bridgetewn to Green Monroe's, to make an			
alteration opposite Wheelock's mill,	15	0	0
Cross road between Granville and Wilmot, north end,	7	10	0
To build a bridge, south			
end,	7	10	0
Road from the James cross road to Oliver Sanders', to build a bridge			
by Isaac Marshall's,	12	0	0
Sanders' cross road,	10	0	0
To repay advance William McGill, for repairing bridge over Little River,	8	0	6
To William Gates, on the Gates bridge,	8	16	3
To repair the Shelburne road from the general's bridge to E. Godfrey's,	25	0	0
Ritchie's meadow to Frederick Buch-			
ler's,	12	10	0
Frederick Buchler's to Coombs',	5	0	0
Coom'ss' to Lake Katy,	10	0	0
On the new road from Lake Katy to the Maitland road,	15	0	Ô
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On the road from Sams' brook to the Guinea road,		£12	0	0
Cross road from Hessian line to Guinea bridge,		15		0
Shaw road,		15		0
Frederick Milner cross road, Road from the Negro line to Bear River lake,		5 22 (	0	0 0
Victory road, from Bear River lake road to the Turnpi	bo	10		0
Middlesex road,	R0,	7	ŏ	ŏ
Guinea road, from the bridge to Mulligan's hill,		-	10	Õ
From Mulligan's hill to Sam Bell's,			10	0
Hessian line road, from the corner eastward,		12	0	0
Lake Hill road towards Rice's mill, in addition to £6	appropriated			
in 1854, and undrawn,		10	0	0
Union road, in addition to £10 appropriated in 1854, a	nd undrawn,	10	0	0
Waldeck line road, from T. Berry's to the shore road,	3	7 7	0	0
Ditmars cross road, from Waldeck line to the front roa Boad and hills from Lamb's brook to P. Dunn'a (Mai		37	0 0	0 0
Road and hills from Lamb's brook to R. Dunn's, (Mai Road from Nictaux falls past Joseph Foster's,	lianu roau,)	17		0 0
Beals mountain road, from Albany road to Priestly Be	als'.	15	0	Ö
Priestly Beals' to the Anna		10		Ŏ
John Witman's towards Jac	• · · · ·	<b>12</b>		0
To pay advance on the Daniels bridge,		12	0	0
On the Durlin cross road, from front road to Durlin settlemen	,	12		0
Road from Lawrencetown lane to DeLancy's farm,		12	0	0
Leading from Joseph Starrett's to Beals' mounta		10	0	0
Annapolis road, from Charles Keith's to Daniel Morse	s,	12	10	0
Road and causeway near Stephen Pool's, Spurr cross road, north end,		12 10		0 0
South end,				0
Dalhousie road, from the township line to Perrot road			10	ŏ
Wheelock's meadow to McLaffer		12		Ō
McLafferty road to Easson's,		12	10	0
McLafferty road,				0
Road from James Hoyt's to general's bridge, (alterati		15		0
McLellan's land, in Perrott, towards Peter	s' mountain,	10		0
Morse road, from post road to foot of the mountain, Bridge correct Duridice Presile Appendic road		15 15	0	0
Bridge across Paradise Brook, Annapolis road, To pay last instalment on loan for Liverpool road,		105		0 6
On the Maitland road, to pay Jacob Kempton for repairs on the	e bridge over	100	10	v
Liverpool river in 1853 and 1854,		1	15	6
Maitland road, from the settlement to the 4-mile tree	£25 0 0			
For alteration of hill between Long	5			
Causeway and 8-mile tree,	25  0  0			
T	50 0 0			
Less unappropriated and undrawn in 1854,	40 10 0	0	10	•
For road from Maitland road past Edward Cashman's,		9 5	10 0	0 .0
Through the first district in Hillsburg, near Maitlan	d.	5	Ö	-0
Second ditto ditto,		5 5	Õ	Ŏ
From Hillsburg to the Nictaux road,		.5	0	0
The school house, Perot, to McNaughton's,		5		0
McNaughton's southerly to McLellan's land,		10	0	0
The school house in Perot to Wheelock's me	adow, in Dal-		•	•
housie, For Debousie road from Annapolis township line to clover a	ila trac	10		0
For Dathousie road from Annapolis township line to eleven a 99	me tree,	15		0 Far
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For Dalhousie road, through the township, so called,	£5	0	0
From the 11 mile tree to the 15 mile tree,	20	Ŏ	Ō
15 mile tree to the Morse road,	6	0	Ō
19 mile tree to the 23 mile tree,	6	0	0
23 mile tree to Burnie's meadow,	12	0	0
Burnie's meadow to the Liverpool cross,	8	0	0
Morse road from Dalhousie towards John Buckler's,	15	0	0
Hogan's to Scofield's, including alteration,	15	0	0
Scofield's to the foot of the mountain,	15	0	0
On the road from the outlet of Paradise Lake to Thomas Anderson's,	7	0	0
Thomas Anderson's to Dalhousie road,	7	0	0
Dalhousie road from Liverpool cross eastwardly,	15	0	0
Waterloo bridge westwardly,	10	0	0
Lunenburg cross to 47 mile river,	10	0	0
47 mile river to King's county line,	10	0	0 0 0 0 0
Lunenburg cross southerly to Beaver Brook,	10	0	0
County line past Elijah Roop's,	10	0	0
Road from Peter Morse's towards Nictaux,	10	0	0
Lake road from the Springfield road,	12	0	0
Road through Allan settlement to Nictaux falls,	15	0	0
Liverpool road to Nictaux, in Albany Settlement, to Ezekiel			
Foster's,	10	0	0
Liverpool road from Ezekiel Foster's to Sanders' corner,	10	0	0
Road leading out of the Liverpool to Nictaux Falls, below the			
Cleveland farm, in the district next the Liverpool road,	10	0	0
Formerly called the Tufft's road leading past the Neeley farm			
towards Davis Rice's,	10	0	0
To repay Elijah Phinney, for repairing bridge over Annapolis river,	30	<b>12</b>	0
On the road past Jacob Neeley's to King's county line,	10	0	0
Canaan road from King's county line to Andrew Foster's,	9	0	0
Road off Canaan mountain road, on James Wheelock's east line, to			
John McGrigor's,	5	0	0
For repairing Stephen Parker's bridge, on the road from Canaan mountain			
road to Lower Settlement,	10	0	0
On the road from Stephen Beals' corner towards John Crooker's,	5	0	0
Towards altering and making portions of road and moving bridge over			
Little River, for accommodating the new Bay road from the			
south mountain, Margaretville,	12	0	0
For extending the new road laid out from Margaretville to the south side			
of Annapolis river, and in course of construction,	50	0	0
On the Stronach mountain road, from Othet road to Burns's,	10	0	0
The Bent road towards the Bay,	5	0	0
Road from Stronach mountain road to Margaretville pier,	10	0	0
For opening new road from Ward Baker's north line to the new road now		-	
under construction to Margaretville, before meeting Baily street,	10	0	0
On the Foster road, from the Stronach road to the Bishop road,	5	0	0
Baily street road,	_5	0	0
To rebuild bridge and repair road over Mill Brook, below Isaac Reigh's,	10	0	0
For the north end of Victoria road,	5	0	0
South " "	5	0	0
Road between Phinney road and Gates' road, past the Spa Springs,	10	0	0
Gates mountain road, from post road, northerly, past watering place,	10	0	0
Bay shore, southerly,	5	0	0
James Parker road, from post road, northerly,	5	0	0
Road from the Harris Ward corner, easterly, to Victoria road,	5	_ <b>Q</b> _	Ū,

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For the Handly mountain road, from post road northerly, to complete new road,	£10	0	0
Back road passing James Van Buskirk's, C. Margerson's, and			
A. Dodge's,	10	0	0
Ritchie road, from Crawford's to the breakwater,	10	0	0
Cropley road,	5	0	0
Phinney mountain road, from Margaretville, southerly,	10	0	0
Road from the Clarence meeting house, up the mountain,	10	0	0
To rebuild the bridge over Oaks' brook, on the road from the post road to-			
wards Handley Fitche's,	15	0	0
To repair bridge on the road from Handly mountain road to Sheep Shear			
brook,	5	19	3
On the road from Paradise Lake to Ambros Saban's,	15	0	0
Ambros Saban's to the Morse cross road,	15		0
	£1664	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and seventy-six pounds, granted for the service of the post roads and bridges within the county of Annapolis, be applied as follows:

To pay John Pearce, for over-expenditure on Chesley bridge, 1853, On the post road through Wilmet, from Chesley bridge to Delmar's bridge	£1			
On the post road through Wilmot, from Chesley bridge to Palmer's bridge, Near North's and the bridge,	$10 \\ 7$	0		
For claying from Gibbon's to county line, and repairing	•	U	U	
Weswill's bridge,	30	0	0	
Repairing the Gates bridge causeway and road,	15		-	
Byard bridge,	10			
Bear River bridge, in addition to £10		•	•	
granted in 1853, and undrawn,	15	0	0	
From Waldeck line to Bear River bridge, called the				
Tupper road,	8	0	0	
Front road,	8	0	0	
To pay advance on the Moose River bridge,		16	3	
Round Hill bridge,		12		
For the Deep Brook bridge,	15	0	0	
Ditmar's bridge,		10	0	
Saw mill creek bridge,		0	0	
Road and bridge near William Howe's,		10	0	
For reducing Spurr's hill,	20	0	0	
Gravelling the road from Tupper's to Bruce's,	10	0	0	
Bridge near David Hall's, Bridgestern bridge	12	0	0	
Bridgetown bridge, Embandment at Allen's Grack, to been the tide off the summer	35		0	
Embankment at Allan's Creek, to keep the tide off the causeway, Bailing Allan's Creek bridge	15		0	
Railing Allan's Creek bridge, To pay an advance for rebuilding the Foster bridge,	10 25	0 0	0	
Repair the aboiteau by Israel Troop's,	25 25	0	0 0	
Bridge and cut down the hill by Hall's,	20 28		0	
Webber bridge,		10	0	
For putting railing on bridge by Parker's mill,	•	10	Ŏ	
rot pavening ranning on bridge by ranger 5 min,		10		
	£445	9	2	
Left unappropriated,	30		-	
	£476	0	0	
	Resolved,			

Resolved, That the special grant of one hundred pounds, for the road to Queen's county through Albany, be applied as follows:

<ul> <li>m Queen's county line to half way house, Half way house to Liverpool cross, Liverpool cross past H. Zwicker's,</li> </ul>	£50 35 15	0	0
	£100	0	0

### COUNTY OF DIGBY.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred and seventy-six pounds, granted for the services of the great roads in the county of Digby, for the year 1855, be appropriated as follows:

To repair Salmon River bridge,	15	0	0
Cape Cove bridge,	15		Ŏ
	10		Ŏ
Montegan bridge, and to pay $\pounds 2$ 5s. over-expenditure,			
Gros Coque landing,	<b>60</b>		0
Coffee Mill bridge,	20	0	0
Road from John Holder's to G. Taylor's,	15		0
Augustine LeBlanc's to New Edinburgh,	15		0
Little River bridge,	14		0
Hill and aboiteaux west of the sea wall,	13	0	0
Road from Petite Passage, westward Long Island,	15	0	0
Bridge near James Budd's,	14	0	0
Main post road, from Mink Cove to Little River,	15	0	0
To pay advances made by government—			
To repair Gilbert's Cove bridge, (casualty,)	11	16	6
Bridge, Smith's joggin, "	10	0	0
Slip at Bear River ferry, west side, (casualty,)	6	12	6
Young's bridge, Saint Mary's Bay,	13	0	
From Lemuel Morchouse's corner to the west end of the lake,	14		Ō
West end of the lake to Sandy Cove,		Ō	Ŏ
For repairing new line, Faulkner road, (casualty,)		11	Ŏ
To be placed in the hands of his excellency the lieutenant governor-	Ŭ	**	v
To open and repair new line of road between Bear River and Weymouth,			
Faulkner line,	177	0	0
raukher me,	111	U	•
	£476	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Digby, for the year 1855, be applied as follows:

To repair hill and road at Jacob Roop's,	£12	0	0
Morgan road,	16	0	0
Parker road,	10	0	0
Lake Hill road,	13	0	0
Over expenditure on Lake Hill road,	16	7	10
Union road,	30	0	0
To repair road north side of Sissiboo bridge, Bear River,	12	0	0
Cross road from J. Purdy's, by temperance hall, to road to Bear			
River ferry,	8	0	0
Shaw road,	14	0	0
Hill south of John Crosby's,	5	0	0
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To pay Henry Blakesly over-expenditure on Shaw bridge,	£1	2	6
To repair Shelburne road, beginning at No. 9, running to South Range road,	13		ŏ
Cross road from Bloomfield to North Range road,	13		Õ
Between Smith's and Sulis' farm,	8	Ŏ	Ō
Road from main post road, on Bloomfield road, to Henry Green's	-	•	
rear line,	22	0	0
Road from Henry Green's rear line, Bloomfield road, to Bloom-			
field,	17	0	0
Abbott road,	12	0	0
Bridge and road on cross road from Saint Mary's Bay church to			
South Range road,	8	0	0
Tebo road, from main road to Lake Hill,	18	0	0
Lake Hill, southward,	18	0	0
Road from Stony Brook to David Dousett's clearing,	10	0	0
Joseph Cook's, senr., west line, to French road,	15	0	0
Charles McNeil's north range to south range road,	<b>22</b>	0	0
Mumford road,	10	0	0
Road from John McBride's to French settlement cross road,	12	0	0
Widow O'Brien's to widow McConnell's,	10	0	0
Mistake bridge to east branch,	17	0	0
Bear River road to Mistake bridge,	15	0	0
Payson's hill ending at James Dousett's,	13	0	0
Oaks' corner to Upper falls,	8	0	0
Colin Porter's to south west angle,	12	0	0
Alder Cove to Brooks' line, thence to main road,	10	0	0
Saint Mary's Bay road to Neck road, between No. 1	_		
and 2,	8	0	0
Donegan's to D. Ross' mountain road,	8	0	0
D. Ross' corner to Gulliver's Hole road,	6	0	0
Campbell's brook to Fitzgerald's beach,	7	0	0
Racket bridge to Campbell's brook,	7	0	0
To repair and gravel road from W. B. Condon's to Turnbull's bridge,	10	0	0
Turnbull's bridge and road to light house,	10	0	0
Road from Winslow's barn to Bay of Fundy,	12	0	0
On French road from where left off last year to Timothy	10	~	~
Devoult's,	12	0	0
District No. 6, from Cossaboom's bridge, west,	10	0	0
From Barney Prime's to John Daniels', Long Island,	10	0	0
Brier's Island to light house, (Brier's Island,)	20	0	0
Bridge on west side of Petite Passage,	5	0	0
Road from W. Hains' corner to South Range,	12	0	0
Swamp road from W. Hains' to Henry Barnes',	14	0	0
Main road from Alder Cove to Lent's, on the barrens,	11	0	0
Road from lot No. 16, south range road, to Bear River,	10	0	0
To level hills and repair road from Lake Hill to county line,	7	0	0
To repair from W. Handspiker's to Abraham Vantassel's,	8	0	0
Road along the west line of township to Grand Joggin,	10 8	0 0	0
Rear Thomas Francis' joggin, south west,	12	0	0 0
From south west angle of township to Provost Brook,	14	v	v
Open and repair road from R. Clark's, Bloomfield road, to Saint Mary's	12	0	^
Bay, by John Comeau's,	14	v	0
Open and repair road from John Abbott's, head of Saint Mary's Bay, to	9	Δ	<b>^</b>
marsh, Dev even even diture on Semends' bridge		0 15	0
Pay over-expenditure on Symonds' bridge, Bapair road from main road to Gilland's landing	6	10	0 0
Repair road from main road to Gilland's landing,	v	U	To
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To repair Sissiboo road from township line to lot No. 4,	£18	0	0
Road from Morgan's mill to Big Still Water,	8	0	Ō
Going past Richard Clark's to Digby road,	5	0	0
West line of Thomas O'Connor's farm, east,	10	0	0
From meeting house near Lee's hill towards north range,	3	0	0
Thomas' settlement to Bloomfield,	8	0	0
Tusket road to bend of Sissiboo River,	8	0	0
Tusket road to Colin Porter's,	10	0	Õ
Road and bridge near William Marr's,	10	Ō	Ō
And log up main road, Brier's Island,	10	Ŏ	Ŏ
Open and repair road from Mumford's to Ray's mill,	12	Ŏ	ŏ
Gravel road from J. Vantassel's to Abraham Vantassel's,	8	ŏ	ŏ
	12	ŏ	ŏ
Repair Racket bridge, Road from Nicholas Tebo's corner to Mumford road,	10	ŏ	ŏ
Farm lot No. 6 to cross road at the head of North	10	U	U
	10	Δ	Δ
East Cove, Long Island,	9	0	0
Comeaus' corner to Shook lot, No. 5,		0	0
Edwin Jones' to William Marr's, Bloomfield settlement		0	0
West branch Bear River, from old Micmack to Morgan's mill,	10	0	0
Dick's mill, near first falls, Sissaboo River,	20	0	0
Road leading from Broad Cove road to main post road, through	•	•	~
lands of R. Hutchison, half way,	9	0	0
Road leading from main post road to Broad Cove road, through	•	~	•
lands of B. Hutchison, half way,	9 5 7	0	0
Road by William Lent's to Bay Shore,	5	0	0
Turning off from James Daley's to Lawrence Sturk's,	7	0	0
George Ross' farm, westward,	9	0	0 0
Over-expenditure on Tusket road to the Bend of Sissaboo River,	3	5	0
To repair bridge and road from William Aymar's shop eastward, (Joggin)	12	0	0
From James Langford's, senr., to Tusket road,	10	0	0
Road from Starratt's to Gulliver's Hole,	6	0	0
Sissiboo road, south side, along the west line of town-			
ship to Grand Joggin,	10	0	0
Widow McConnell's to T. Devoult's,	10	0	0
Jedre's corner, Gilbert's Cove, by Thomas Lewis',	15	0	0
North range road eastwardly by John Ward's,	9	0	0
Mellican swamp,	12	0	Ō
Bank at Digby,	33	9	8
Road from Little River to Petite Passage,	12	Ó	Ō
Main road to Plaster Cove,	10		Õ
Road from school house to county line,	10	ŏ	Ŏ
Main road to Josiah Porter's,	10	Õ	Ō
Salmon River road by Alexander Muse's,	-9	Ŏ	Ŏ
Road by Philip Malkahay's,	9	Ŏ	Ŏ
From Philip Malkahay's to Tusket road,	8	Ŏ	Ŏ
Back of Cheticamp's Grant,	ž	Ŏ	
From Cape Cove bridge to the landing,		Ŏ	Ŏ
Charles Mallett's and Boudro line,	7	ŏ	ň
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Main road to Round Hill,	9	ð	Ŏ
Jesse Oak's line,	8	0	Ŏ
Dousett's and Therrio's line,	6	Ð	л И
Road from Oliver Doucett's eastward,	10		÷0
Francis Therrio's road westward,		0	0 0
Road from Batiste Sonia and P. Godet's line to Tusket road,	9	0	0 i0
Therrio's road to Joseph Devoux's,	0	-	Ö m
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	Road from Stephen Sonia's and Maximine Comeau's, Nicholas LeBlanc and Stephen Romain's line, 2nd division,	8	1	
	Nicholas LeBlanc and Stephen Romain's line, 2nd division,	•		
•			0	0
	David Lombard and Celestine Comeau's line, 2nd division,	9 8	0	0
	Eusabe Tebo's road, Comean and Thermic's road, and division		0 0	0
	Comeau and Therrio's road, 2nd division, Comeau's road to P. D. Sonia's road,	12	0	(
	Godet and Sonia's line, 2nd division,	9	ŏ	Ċ
	Road from Lombard's mill to the shore,	7	ŏ	(
	Lombard's and Sonia's line,	8	ŏ	(
	John Sonia's line,	7	ŏ	1
	Joseph S. Sonia's line,	9	ŏ	1
	Joseph M. Comeau's road, eastward, 3rd division,	8	ŏ	
Ĩ	Timothy Sonia's road, eastward, 3rd division,	8	Ŏ	
	Joseph F. Comeau's road,	6	Ŏ	
	Joseph F. Comeau's road to Joseph S. Sonia's road,	7	Ō	
	Eusabe Godet's road,	6	Ò	
	Dousett's road to Eusabe Godet's,	8	Ò	
	Tusine Dugat's and Godet's line,	7	0	
•	Road from Francis LeBlanc's to Montegan River,	10	0	
	Montegan River to Mark Thebido's,	10	0	
	Mark Thebido's to Tusket road,	15	0	
	Bonninfant's road,	8	0	
•	Placide LeBlanc's road,	<b>20</b>	0	
•	Road from Peter Melanson to C. Dugat's,	8	0	
	Main road to Billoux's field,	18	0	
-	Road from Billoux's field to Tusket road,	8	0	
	Holden's to C. P. Godet's,	5	0	
	Charles P. Godet's to Tusket road,	15	0	
	Samuel Smith's to Nowlan's road,	8	0	
	Hill at the meeting house, also Nowlan's road,	<b>20</b>	0	
	New road from Michael Hood's to William Spavil's,	12	0	
	Road from Anslem D. Sonia's to Ambrose Duffee's,	5	0	
	Greffes' road,	8	0	
	Charles F. Comeau's line, 2nd division,	10	0	
	Millidge's line, Peter Therrio's road, westward,	8	0	
	Bear Cove road,	5	0	
	Joseph Temer's road,	7	0	
	Road to the shore by L. Devoux's,	5	0	
	From Francis LeBlanc's to the main road,	8	0	
	Montegan River westward,	9	0	
	Oliver Godet's to Samuel Smith's,	8	0	
	Bonninfant's road to Patrick Thebido's road,	5	0	
•	Joseph M. Comeau's road to Montegan River,	7	0	
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### COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Yarmouth; and the sum of four hundred pounds for the great road service; and the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, special grant, the present session; together with one hundred pounds granted for the county of Yarmouth in 1853, and two hundred pounds granted for the bridge over Tusket River in 1854, and the sum of one hundred and fifty-five pounds fifteen shillings undrawn monies for the county of Yarmouth, be applied as follows:

On the road from David Morricy's to the beach,	£20	0	0
From Willett's to the Barrington road,	12		0
Heaslin's to the Great Pubnico Lake,	30	0	0
On John D'Entremont's road to the wharf,	7	10	0
From D'Eon's to the Point, including repairs to the road at the Dyke,	12	0	0
Louis D'Entremont's to Abbot's Harbor,	10	0	0
D'Eon's to John Spinney's,	15	0	0
Abram Van Emburg's to Charles Goodwin's,	8	0	0
Benjamin D'Entremont's to Lobster Bay,	8 5	0	0
Post road to D'Eon's,	5	0	0
Paul D'Entremont's to the western shore,	5	0	0
J. Amero's to Abbot's Harbor,	5	0	0
Simeon Frost's to Boyd's,		10	0
Head of Apubtic past Joshua Frost's,	40	0	0
To repair the bridge and road to and on Robert's Island,	25	0	0
From James Hobbs' to Forbes,	5	0	0
I. I. Porter's, by the head of Apubtic, to the old meeting house,	20	0	0
Fork road past J. Williams' to Kavanah's,	5	0	0
The old Apubtic road up east side of Eel Lake,	15	0	0
Cyrel Porter's to the head of Apubtic,	8	0	0
The parade to the meeting house above J. Hatfield's,	<b>25</b>	0	0
The meeting house to Kempt, including Kempt bridge, and to pay		-	_
two pounds over-expenditure, 1854,	80	0	0
John Harding's to James Morton's,	10	0	0
Past Reuben Killam's to Mangram's,	5	0	0
J. Grey's over the bridge at Rankin's thence to Joshua Morton's,	10	0	0
N. Churchill's, junr., to Gray's, thence to William Hurlburt's,	15	0	0
To finish the bridge at White's, near Gray's mill,	10	0	0
From Isaac Hatfield's over the Pas de Pra,	15	0	0
Pas de Pra road to John B. Muire's,	8	0	0
Burnett's line to Little River,	5	0	0
Burnett's line past Hemion's to Tusket River,	5	0	0
Crocker's to Burnett's line,	5	0	0
Johnson's to the Wedge Point,	10	0	0
On the west side of Abram's River,	5	0	0
From Elijah Pinkney's to the Sluice Point,	50	0	Ô
The main road to Tusket River, near Vanson Cotreau's,	5	0	0
Peter Doucett's landing,	5	0	0
Fork road to Gridiron Point, across the river near Isaac Hurl-	15	•	^
burt's to the Kempt road,	15	0	0
Kempt road past Titus Hurlburt's to the lake,	5	0	0
Gavel's road past Luke Reo's to Williams' road,	7	10	0
John Bourque's to the head of Eel Lake, thence to the forks, includ-	20	^	Δ
ing for bridge,	50	0	0
Fork bridge to Isaac Millar's,	20	0	0 
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To build a bridge over the creek by Reuben Abbett's,	£40 15	0	0 0
From the sea shore, county line, to the new road turning Cedar Lake, Lake George road to E. Parry's,	15	0 0	Ŏ
Yarmouth line around past Cedar Lake mill to Yarmouth line near B.	20	•	-
Porter's,	15	0	0
The post road towards Sunday Lake,	15	0	0
James Churchill's to the sea shore,	15	0	0
Nathan Rose's to the Ohio road,	10	0	0
Great Lake to town line, near Eben Eldridge's, and to pay 14s. 3d.	20	Δ	Δ
over-expenditure by Charles Crosby's, 1853, William Whitehaurie to Carlos in mill	20 45	0	0
William Whitehouse's to Gardner's mill,	40 5	0 0	0
On the road to Lake Ogden, From Crawler's to the old Kompt road	15	Ő	Ö
From Crawley's to the old Kempt road, Samuel Crosby's towards Hilton's,	30	ŏ	Ŏ
Samuel Crosby's to W. W. Andrew's,	15	ŏ	Ŏ
Samuel Crosby's up east side Salmon River to the road leading to	20	v	Ŭ
Pleasant Valley road,	15	0	0
Pleasant Valley to Reynard's,	20	0	0
Job Reynard's down west side of the river to post road, including the			
bridge at Reynard's Falls,	15	0	0
Wyman's to Mood's, and towards Pleasant Valley, and to pay £1			
16s. 9d. over-expenditure,		10	0
John Scott's to the Tusket road,	10	0	0
Salmon River road to Pilman's mill and bridge,	5	0	0
Pitman's mill to Boyd's,	10	0	0
Thurston's corner to Starr's road,		10	0
Healy's to Wyman's road,	10	0	(
Wyman's to Doucett's,	20 5	0	(
Cranberry head road to the sea shore, past Z. Foot's,	5 7	0 10	$\mathbf{\tilde{c}}$
Across Salt Pond Dyke to Samuel Cann's, Bonn's to the old Kompt read			(
Penal's to the old Kempt road, William Trefry's to Purdy's,	10	0	Č
L. Parry's to Scott's Island,	5	Ŏ	Ò
On the road past L. Parry's,	5		(
From Joseph Durkee's to Dunn's Cove,		10	0
Charles Tedford's to the old Kempt road,	15	0	0
Richard Smith's to Pinkney's Point,	15	0	C
Elias Trask's to Nathaniel Harris',	10		(
The Parade to Healy's road, thence to Healy's and Starr's road,	15		
Thurston's corner towards Pleasant Valley,		10	
E. Harris' to Gegogin Point,	10		
John McCormack's to Joseph Williams',	10		
On the bridge and road to Parfit's,	5 10		(
From S. Hilton's to William Whitehouse's,	10	U	l
W. Whitchouse's to Pleasant Valley bridge, and to pay £5 0s. 10d.	20	0	(
over-expenditure in 1854, Pleasant Valley bridge to David Hibbert's,	15		
David Hibbert's to the county line,	15		
T. Brown's to David Robertson's,	7		
Thurston's to Fool's Cove,	7		
S. Bain's to Ritchie's,	10		
Knowles Crosoy's through new road,	20		
Wyrian's to Fish Point,	5	0	(
Suttie't to McCra's,		0	
McCra's to Beaver River road,	10		
Henry Sanders' to Ohio,	7		
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From A. Goudey's to Gegogin Dyke,	£10	0	6
Zachariah Chipman's to the round school house,	10		Q
Session Hill to Gegogin River,		10	Ū
		0	0
Knowles Crosby's to Hebron corner, Dest B. Senders' on meet side Selmen Piner	10		0
Past R. Sanders' on west side Salmon River,			
Galley's past James Porter's mill and bridge,	5	0	0
Kempt road to Wilson's falls,	-	10	0
Kempt road past J. Hurlburt's mill to the Kempt road,		10	0
Joseph Crosby's past Ellis', on new road to Cedar Lake,	25		0
The Great Lake road through new road to Joseph Crosby's,	15	-	0
On the bridge at Gegogin Dyke,	50	-	0
From Samuel Cann's to Ebenezer Rose's, including alteration at the hill,	25	0	U
Freeman Durkee's across the river towards Nickerson's, including			
repairs to bridge,	10	0	0
On new road from Edward Crowell's to Pleasant Valley bridge,	25	0	0
From Broad Erook to Gowen's, thence to Vickery's corner, including over-			
expenditure, £9 6s. 1d.	20	0	0
Richmond road past D. P. Corning's,	$\overline{12}$		Õ
On the road to William Bain's,			Ŏ
From John Foot's to Zachariah Foot's road,	5		Ŏ
Sollow's road to the breakwater,	5		Ŏ
Old Kempt road up east side Lake George,	15	Ő	Ŏ
Old Izempi 1030 up cast side Haze George,	10	U	U
	£1570	10	0
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GREAT BOADS.			
From Shelburne county line to Carland's, including the bridge at Carland's,	£85	0	0
Carland's to James Frost's,	25	ŏ	Ŏ
To rebuild the bridge over the narrows at Argyle, and the road from James	40	U	v
Frost's to I. I. Porter's,	250	0	0
From I. I. Porter's to Tusket Village,	20	Ő	Ŏ
To build a bridge over the Tusket River and new road connected therewith,	400	0	0
From Beaver Liver to Henry Sanders',	40	0	0
Henry Sanders' to Van Norden's,	30	0	0
Van Norden's, including new road, to Ballam's,	130	0	0
At the disposal of the government, for the road service in the county of		2	~
Yarm uth,	16	5	0
	£2566	15	0

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## COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the cross road service in the county of Shelburne, for the present year, be appropriated as follows:

From post road to Indian Brook,	£14	0	0
Indian Brook to Benjamin Perry's,	14	0	Ó
Benjamin Perry's to widow Littlewood's,	4	0	0
Thence to Black Point,	15	0	Ó
Alexander Greenwood's south line to Tongue's brook,	9	0	Ō
Road near Round Bay bridge to John S. McKenney's,	19	0	Õ
Thomas Perry's to Roseway chapel,	11	0	Ō
Moses Perry's to main road leading to Shelburne,	10	0	Ð
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From Dexter's bridge to Beaver Dam, by Ganning Cove,	£27	0	0
Church hill to post road,		Ó	0
Church hill to William Doane's,		Ŏ	Õ
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Post road to Henry Shoult's,			Ŏ
Round Bay bridge to Thomas K. Perry's,		0	
Post road to John Harris',	22	0	0
John Harris' to Thomas McKay's,	20	0	0
George McKay's to main road leading to Shelburne,		0	0
Main road to Cobscouch mill,	7		0
Michael Davis's to Theophilus Harris',		0	0
Main road to William McKay's,	10	Ģ	0
John Dexter's to foot of Long Lake,	21	Q	0
Post road to John Dexter's,	<b>20</b>	Ö	0
Foot of Long Lake to Robert McKay's,	40		Ō
Robert McKay's to Philip Bowers',		Ŏ	Õ
Widow Duar's to John Dowton's		Ŏ	ŏ
Widow Ryer's to John Dexter's, Shalburga to Sandar Deint	20		
Shelburne to Sandy Point,			0
Sandy Point to William McLane's,	7	0	0
William McLane's to widow Creshrous,	7	0	0
Shelburne to Jordan Ferry,		Q	0
Widow Creshrou's to James McLean's,	7	0	0
Jordan Bay to Lake, £8—thence to Shelburne, £7,	15	0	0
Lock's Island to main road,	5	0	0
James Purney's to Joseph Holden's,	10	0	0
James Purney's to Morvan road,	8		0
James Purney's to William Holden's,		0	Ō
James McLane's to Jordan ferry,	$1\bar{3}$		Ō
Post road to William Nickerson's,	$\overline{16}$		ŏ
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William Nickerson's to Green Harbour, east bridge, Green Horbour, east bridge, to Look's Island, including Ferrington's	10	v	U
Green Harbour, east bridge, to Lock's Island, including Farrington's	25	۵	Δ
hill,		0	0
Joseph Williams' to main road,	7	0	0
Main road near James McKenzie's to John Morrison's,	10	0	
Lock's Island to Thomas Crowell's,	8	0	0
Green Harbour to Richard Wall's,	10	0	0
Freeman Crowell's to Lock's Island,	7	0	0
Richard Wall's to main road leading to Lock's Island,	18	0	0
To pay John Payzant for repairing bridge damaged by freshet,	7	10	0
From Richard Wall's to Little Harbour,	11	0	0
Little Harbour to Jonathan Crag's,		0	0
Little Harbour to William Arnold's,	9 7	0	0
Widow Ringer's to Angus McAdams', in addition to £14 undrawn		-	•
last year,	5	0	0
Sable River to Richard Wall's,	20		ŏ
Wall's hill to Richard Wall's, including Wall's hill,	20		Ő
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Fox Rock to widow Ringer's,			0
Tom Tidney's bridge to Sable River chapel,	13		0
Sable River chapel to Robert Harding's,	16	-	0
Port LeBear to Sable River,	12		0
Lewis' Head breakwater to main road,	<u>9</u>	-	0
Daniel Matthews' to George Wall's,	12		0
John Doll's to main road leading to Shelburne,	10		0
Ragged Island road to Michael Decker's,	6		0
Fox Rock to Little Harbour,	7	10	0
Thomas Cumins' to main road,	5		0
Post road to Samuel McQuhae's,	4	Ø	0
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From post road to Jacob Allen's, in addition to £8 undrawn last year to	014	0	•
repair bridge,	£14	0	0
Alexander Hamilton's up west side Clyde River,	44 10	0 0	0 0
To pay George McKay over-expenditure on bridge,	9	Ŏ	Ŏ
Smoke House point to main road, Take I while to Gune Negro push road in uddition to £7 change of	U	v	Ŭ
John Lyle's to Cape Negro main road, in addition to £7 change of	37	0	0
appropriation from 1854, Clam Creek to post road,	40	Ō	Õ
Chapel to Samuel Smith's,	10	0	0
Samuel Smith's to Elam Thomas',	17	0	0
For Cape Negro Island,	10	0	0
From Josiah Smith's to Skinner's, and to pay Josiah Smith over-expendi-			
ture en bridge, £9 1s. 1 ¹ / ₂ d.,	<b>24</b>	0	0
Skinner's to Patten's, and to pay Nathan Snow over-expenditure			_
£1 2s. 9d.,	20	0	0
Elkana Nickerson's to main road,	_5	0	0
James Suow's to David Smith's, senr.,	14	0	0
School hcuse to John Connell's, Cat Point,	10	0	0
John Connell's to light house, in addition to £22 undrawn in 1853,	8	0	0
Patten's to Birch Hill, inclusive,	23	0	0
Birch Hill to Richard Kenny's,	23 10	0 0	0
Baker's brook to James Coffin's,	15	Ö	0 0
James Coffin's to Hibert's brook,	12	0	0
Court house to Robert Hogg's,	12	Ő	0
Raspberry hill to post read, Nexes Swithing on back line read	10	Ŏ	Ŏ
Moses Smith's on back line road,	19	ŏ	ŏ
Lawrence's to school house, Post road to Elisha Atwood's,	6	Ŏ	Ŏ
Jones' to Osborne Smith's,	5	Ō	Õ
George Wilson's to Sheroe's Island,	5	0	0
Thomas Crowell's to captain John Kendrick's,	15	0	0
Captain John Kendrick's to Atwood's Brook,	12	0	0
Atwood's Brook to Asa Knowles',	8	0	0
Asa Knowles' to Shag Harbor Brook bridge,	12	0	0
David Nickerson's to Richard A. Hopkins', Bear Point,	10	<b>0</b> ¦	0
Joshua Nickerson's to Shag Harbor road,	7	0	0
Doctor's Cove to main road,	5	0	0
Eaton Crowell's to Samuel G. Smith's,	20	0	0
Samuel G. Smith's to Henry Chate's,	10		0
Henry Chute's to Wood's Harbor bridge,	8	0	0
Wood's Harbor bridge to James McCormiskie's,	15		0
Main road to Forbes',	12 9	0 0	0
Malone's to Yarmouth county line,	9 30	0	0 0
Wood's Harbor to west side Ohio,	30 30	Ő	
West side Ohio to David Wilson's,	12		0
William Cunningham's to Stony Island, Stony John d. to John McGray's	49		ŏ
Story Island to John McGray's, John McGray's to Bennou's	20		
John McGray's to Penney's, Penncy's to Felic Crowell's,	$\tilde{12}$		
Pelic Crowell's to Lewis Crowell's,	16		Ŏ
Lewis Crowell's to West Head,			
Main road to Hawk Inlet,	17		Ō
Meeting house to William Cunningham's,	10	0	0
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Fifteen pounds, granted in 1853 on road from Pubnico beach to main road, undrawn, to be expended from James McCormiskie's to Yarmouth county line.

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*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred pounds, granted for the great road service in the county of Shelburne, for the present year, be appropriated as follows:

From Queen's county line to Tom Tidney's bridge,	£27	0	0
Tom Tidney's bridge to David Hamilton's,	<b>25</b>	0	0
David Hamilton's to Jordan bridge,	30	0	0
Jordan bridge to E. Martin's bridge, inclusive,	30	0	0
E. Martin's to Shelburne,	<b>25</b>	0	0
Shelburne to Stephen Acker's,	<b>20</b>	0	0
Stephen Acker's to commencement of alteration on post road,	42	0	0
Commencement of alteration on new line of post road to Barclay's mill,	81	0	0
Barclay's mill to Clyde bridge, inclusive,	5	0	0
Clyde bridge to Boyd's,	15	0	0
Boyd's to grist mill, head of Barrington,	60	0	0
Grist mill to Yarmouth county line,	40	0	0
	£400	0	0

## COUNTY OF QUEEN'S.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and seventeen pounds, granted for the great road service, and that the sum of fifteen hundred and twelve pounds, granted for the roads and bridges generally, in the county of Queen's county, be applied as follows, viz.:

#### GREAT ROAD SERVICE.

From Lunenburg county line to Stephen Parks',	£15	0	0			
Stephen Parks' to Mills Village,	15		Ŏ			
Mills Village to Beach Hill, including hill,	$\overline{45}$		ŏ			
Beach Hill to Herring Cove,	15		ŏ			
Towards building bridge at Herring Cove and repairing road,	35		ŏ			
From Stephen Smith's to William Dean's,	15		ŏ			
	10		Ŏ			
Liverpool to John Payzant's, 1st beach hill,						
John Payzant's to Benjamin Smith's, 2nd beach hill,	10		0			
Benjamin Smith's to Broad River, and to repair bridge,	20		0			
Broad River to Donald Campbell's,	10		0			
Lewis' towards Donald Campbell's,	15		0			
Port Mutton to two mile mark,	10	0	0			
Two mile to Michael Robertson's,	20	0	0			
Michael Robertson's towards Port Jolly, to make alte-			-			
rations round Port Jolly hill,	30		0			
James McDonald's to county line,	30	0	0			
				$\pounds 295$	0	0
Between Cowie's tan yard and Buskirk's,	20	0	0			
Buskirk's and Angus McLeod's shop,	40	0	0			
T. Ford's shop and Whitman Freeman's,	10	0	0			
From Minard's to five mile,	70	0	0			
Five mile to eight mile,	50		0			
Eight mile to Middlefield,	60		Ŏ			
Jabish Morton's to thirteen mile,	10	Ŏ	Õ			
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From Thirteen mile to sixteen mile,	$\pounds 50$	0	0			
Sixteen mile to Bear Trap Hill, including bridge,	25		Ŏ			
Bear Trap bridge to Cameron's mill, including bridge,		0	0			
Verge's to McLeod's,	10	0	0			
Between bridges at Brookfield and repair road at Bryden's,	10		0			
From Bryden's to Hallot Collins',	7	10	0			
Between Hallet Collins' and Luther Ledbetter's, to Atter						
road, Round Hill,	<b>20</b>	0	0			
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From Luther Ledbetter's to county line,	$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 15\end{array}$		0			
Brookfield corner towards Andrew McLeod's, Caledonia corner to county line, and repair bridges,	15 35		0 0			
Caledonia corner towards White Barn,	10		Ŏ			
Thomas Annis' towards George Freeman's,	10		Ŏ			
Brookfield towards school house, Pleasant River,	10		ŏ			
David Freeman's to county line,	10	Ō	Ŏ			
				115	0 0	)
From end of new road, White Point, to Liverpool, for open-						
ing new road,	100	0	0			
Maloman's towards Broad River,	25		0			
Broad River towards Hunt's Point,	25		0			
Port Medway towards Mills Village,	30	0	0			
Port Medway towards Mills Village road, Herring		~	•			
Cove,	45		0			
John Mowser's towards George Conrod's, new road,	45		0			
George Conrod's towards Pudding Pan, new road, Wentzell's mill towards Soloman's,	25 30	0 0	0 0			
Middlefield road to Morton's mill,	30 10	0	0			
Morton's mill to Greenfield,	$\frac{10}{27}$		Ŏ			
Greenfield to Wellington,		Õ	Ŏ			
Chelsea to Wellington,	20		Ŏ			
Salmon River bridge to William Dean's,	30	0	0			
				417 1	0 0	)
CROSS ROADS.						
From cross road, Port Medway, to Blue Berry,	10	0	0			
John Briggin's towards Mills Village,		Ŏ	Ŏ			
Peter Cahoon's down east side Port Medway,		10	0			
School house towards Nathaniel Cahoon's,	7	10	0			
Milton towards Nathan Ellis',		0	0			
Nathan Ellis' to mills, Herring Cove lake,	15		0			
Mrs. E. Freeman's towards Milton bridge,	10		0			
Academy towards Nathan Randall's,		0	0			
William Corcum's towards Ritcey's,		10	0			
Ritcey's towards Herring Cove,	4	10	0	90	0 0	`
From African change tomords Tor's	10	0	0	90	0 (	,
From African chapel towards Tar's, Tar's towards Western Head,		0	0			
Philip Hutman's towards Western Head,		10				
White Point towards Hunt's Point,		0	Ŏ			
Hunt's Point towards Beach Hill,		<b>1</b> 0	Ŏ			
Catherine River towards Port Mutton,	15		Ŏ			
Robertson's to Alexander Cameron's,	5	0	0			
Alexander Cameron's to Angus McIntosh's,	10	0	0			
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From Main road, Port Jolly, to Allan McDonald's, Allan McDonald's to Alexander McDonald's,		10 10				
From post road towards Port Le Bear, to alter road, Watson's to E. Burges',	6	0 0	000	85	0	0
Butler's to Lowe's lake, Caledonia road to Butler's,	10 5		0 0			
Sixteen mile road towards Butler's, to open new road,		Ŏ	ŏ			
Kempt road to Cegamiegua lake,	15	0	0			
On bridge over Smith's Brook to finish bridge and road,		0	0			
From Guzzle mill to Indan Gardens,		0 10	0			
Main road to James Nickerson's, Robert McDonald's, Sandy Bay, towards main road,		10	0 0			
Robert Meroliald's, Salidy Day, towards main road,		10		116	0	0
From Waterloo street to James Goosley's,	7	10	0		•	•
James Goosley's to Matthew Munroe's,		10	0			
Matthew Munroe's to James Purdy's,	-	10	0			
Western Head towards Moose Harbor, to open new road,		0	0			
Ponhook lake towards Mills Village, to open new road, Western Head towards Fenor's, to build bridge and	100	0	0			
repair road,	10	0	0			
John Cashman's to main road, to build bridge,	5		Ŏ			
Building bridge at White Point, and repair road to McQuin's,	12	0	0			
				164	10	0
From Falkland bridge to Greenfield road,	10		0			
John Armstrong's, junr., to main road, Michael McGintr's to main road	5 5	0 0	0 0			
Michael McGinty's to main road, On Mount Merritt road,	10	Ŏ	0			
Bartlet Freeman's farm to Annapolis road, to open	10	v	v			
new road,	15	0	0			
John McBride's to main road,	5	0	0			
Edward Connors' to main road,	_5		0			
Silas Harlow's towards Beaches,		0	0			
Patrick McGinty's towards main road,	5 15	0 0	0 0			
Harmony towards Westfield, to open new road,				85	0	0
From John Key's towards main road,	5	0	0		•	•
Thomas Perrins' to main road,	5	0	0			
Charles Cleary's towards main road,	5	0	0			
James Dowlin's to main road,	555555 5555555555555555555555555555555	0	0			
Richard Maher's towards main road, Themas W. Shaw's towards Caledonia road	9 5	0 0	0 0			
Thomas W. Shay's towards Caledonia road, Augustus Patterson's towards main road,	9 5	0	Ő			
Point Pleasant bridge to Donald McKay's,	š	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Main road to George Minard's,	5		0			
Thomas Boyd's towards main road,	4	17	3			
	<del></del>			49	17	3
OVER-EXPENDITURE.						
$\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{h}}^{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{h}}^{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{h}}^{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{T}_{h$	6	10	0			
This sum to pay John Wolf, for bridge,		12 0	9			
Jabish Morton, over-expenditure,				8	12	9
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#### EXTRA GRANT.

				£1929	0	
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road,	50	0	0			
Falkland bridge towards Bear Falls, to open Ponhook						
road.	50	0	0			
From Bear Falls towards Falkland bridge, to open Ponhook						

### COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand four hundred and fifty pounds, voted for the service of the roads and bridges in the county of Lunenburg, in 1855, be appropriated as follows, viz. :--

To pay members first instalment on £300 borrowed for new road between Bridgewater and Mahone Bay, and one						
year's interest on $\pounds 300$ ; and to pay $\pounds 2$ 6s. 8d. for						
preparing securities for said loan,	$\pounds 120$	6	8			
To pay Christian Ernst, over-expenditure,	8	13	0			
William Kedy, do.	6	9	3			
William Wentzell, do.	5 4	2	0			
Peter Kaulback, do.	4	9	8			
John Crandell, for surveys, ditto,	3	10	0			١.
Nicholas Vienot, over expenditure,	<b>2</b>	5	3			
				150	15	10
To be expended on roads, as follows :						
From Casper Eisenhaur's to Fener's mill,	80	0	0			
Westhaver's corner to Fener's mill,	10	0	0			
Fener's mill to Bridgewater,	10	0	Ō			
Martin's River to Kedy's bridge,	8	0	0			
Kedy's bridge to Mader's bridge,	10	0	0			
Mader's bridge to Martin's brook,	12	0	Ō			
Martin's brook to common road,	17	Ō	Ō			
Steverman's to Lunenburg,	10	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Lunenburg to Jacob Hirtle's,	15	Ŏ	Ō			
				172	0	0
From Jacob Hirtle's to LaHave river,	8	0	0		•	Ŭ
LaHave road to Leonard Beck's,	8	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Leonard Beck's to Spectacle lakes,	8	Ŏ	ŏ			
Spectacle lakes to Charles Rudolf's, including 10s.	•	Ŭ	Ŭ			
over-expenditure to Mr. Wentzell,	10	0	0			
Charles Rudolf's to Bridgewater,	ĩõ	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Steverman's to Leonard Beck's,	5	Ŏ	ŏ			
Mahone Bay to Casper Eisenhaur's,	12	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Charles Rudolf's to James McKeen's,	- <u>-</u> 6	Ŏ	ŏ			
James McKeen's to Park's Creek,	6	ŏ	0			
Leonard Herman's to Goreham's Point,	6	Ŏ	Ŏ			
nontra neiman 5 to Goleham 5 t vint,	0		<u> </u>	79	0	0
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ORDINARY ROADS.

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From bridge to George Smith's,	£5	0	0			
Nicholas Acker's to Jacob Koch's,	7	0	0			
Jacob Koch's to cross roads,	9	0	0			
Cross roads to Elias Ramkey's,	6	0	0			
Rose Bay to Sam Moser's,	10	0	0			
Cross roads to John Lohnes',	5	0	0			
John Lohnes' to John Winters',	5	0	0			
Cross roads to Ritcey's Cove,	5	0	0			
Mrs. Oxner's to Philip Ritcey's,	8	0	0		~	•
				60	0	0
Rose Bay to George Leslie's,	8	0	0			
Ritcey's Cove to Parkes' Creek,	8	0	0			
Parkes' Creek to Casper Wentzell's,	15	0	0			
Post road to Meisinyer's mill,	5	0	0			
Frederick Crouse's,	5	0	0			
Through Centre Range,	5	0	0			
Lunenburg to Blue Rocks,		0	0			
Glebe corner to Heckman's Island,	8	0	Ō			
Matthew Walter's to Silver's bridge,	5	Ŏ	Õ			
matthew Watter's to bliver's bridge,			<u> </u>	69	0	0
Post road to Conrad Meisinyer's,	5	0	0			
LaHave road to James Dauphiney's,	15	Ŏ	ŏ			
	25	Ŏ	ŏ			
LaHave bridge to George Crouse's,	12	ŏ	Ŏ			
George Crouse's to Peter Meisinyer's,	10	Ŏ	ŏ			
Peter Meisinyer's to Wagner's,			0			
Edward Arenberg's to New Germany,	10	0				
Himmelman's corner to Peter Crouse's,	12	0	0			
Peter Crouse's to Snyder's mill-dam,	14	0	0			
Snyder's dam to Peter Hirtle's mills,	12	0	0	115	^	•
				115	0	0
Peter Hirtle's mills to Smith's mill,	14	0	0			
LaHave bridge to Frederick Koch's,	24	0	0			
Frederick Koch's to David Silver's,	10		0			
David Silver's to William Kedy's,	10		0			
William Kedy's to Nelson Chesley's,	15	0	0			
Nelson Chesley's to J. Feindall's mill,	10	0	0			
J. Feindall's mill to George Acker's,	10	0	0			
George Acker's to the county line,	10	0	0			
Main road to James Morton's,	8	0	0			
James Morton's to David Moore's,	10	0	0			
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Varner's mill to West Brook, and to pay Matthew						
Varner $\pounds 2$ for land,	5	0	0			
West Brook bridge to Smith's mill,	8	Ó	0			
North west street to Peter Zwicker's,	8	Ŏ	Ò			
Steverman's to the meeting house, including cross road,	8	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Meeting house to Casper Eisenhaur's,	Š	Ŏ	Ŏ			
	8	ŏ	ŏ			
Casper Eisenhaur's to Mader's mill road,	10	Ŏ				
Mader's mill road to Robart's dam,	20	0				
Robart's mill to Hallimore's bridge,						
Hallimore's bridge to M. Barkhouse's,	15	0	0	00	Δ	۵
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From Jacob Fronk's to Caldwell's,	30	ŏ				
Colville's to Jacob Feindall's,		ŏ	Ŏ			
Colville's to Wm. Nichols',			Ŏ			
Germany road to Cape Marsh,		0				
Cape Marsh to Charles Jodrey's,	8	0	0			
Charles Jodrey's to the bridge,	8	0	0			
Bridge to Henry Foster's,	10	0	0			
Henry Foster's to Bazely's corner,	<b>20</b>	0	0			
On cross road past Paul Chesley's,	5	0	0			
From Frederick Vienot's to Bleistaner's road,	8	0	0			
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Diemon's corner to Daurey's lake,	8	Ŏ	ŏ			
Diemon's corner to Westhaver's,						
Meeting house to Diemon's upper corner,	10	0	0	130	Δ	0
Diamon's company to the most wood most Corner Kaul				190	0	0
Diemon's corner to the post road, past Casper Kaul- back's,	9	0	0			
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Post road to George Barry's,						
George Barry's to George Vienot's mill,		0	0			
George Vienot's mill to John Ramey's,	12	0	0			
John Ramey's to Silver's corner,	8	0	0			
Silver's corner to John Ramey's, junr.,	10	0	0			
John Ramey's, junr., to North River,	8	0	0			
North River to New Germany,	10	0	0			
Silver's corner to Ramey's school house,	8	0	0			
School house to Brown's mill,	8	Ō	Ō			
Benool house to blown's min,				89	0	0
George Mackie's to school house, on new road,	30	0	0			
	8	ŏ	Ŏ			
William Rhodes to Ben Ernst's,						
Henry Weinacht's to LaHave River,	10	0	0			
Weinacht's corner to James Eichel's,	8	0	0			
Trout Hole bridge to Ewalt's mill road and bridge,		0	0			
Ewalt's mill road to P. Vieno's,		12	2			
Jacob Daurey's to the mill road,	7	12	0			
Clear land to Trout Hole bridge,	30	0	0			
	8	Õ	Õ			
Westhaver's corner to George Vienot's,				119	4	2
George Veinot's to North field road,	8	0	0		_	_
Hubley's corner to George Lohnes',	8	Õ	Ŏ			
	8					
George Lohnes' to Broom's corner,		0	0			
Christian Nause's to George Hughes',	10					
George Hughes' to Ramey's corner,	8	0	0			
Conrad Lord's to Oxner's gate,	5	0	0			
Fronk's to Paul Jodney's,	5	0	0			
George Crouse s to Beck's mill,	5 5 5 8	0	0			
Post road to Valentine Westhaver's,	8	Ō	0			
	5	ŏ	Ŏ			
Main road to Michael Daurey's,						
Morton's corner to Delong's,	6	0	0			
George Vienot's mills to James Eichel's road,	8	0	0	04	•	•
Developing compar to Entering Soid-12-		Λ		84	0	0
Bazely's corner to Ephraim Spidel's,	5	0	0			
Martin's River bridge to Daurey's mill,	5	0	0	10	^	^
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#### CHESTER-GREAT ROADS.

To repay advance from the treasury, for repairs of road at						
Gold River,	$\pounds 2$	17	6			
Treasury the amount paid last year on road to	F	^	Δ			
Henry Sweinhammer's, From Halifax county line to George Rafuse's,	5 15	0 0	0 0			
George Rafuse's to Eastern River,		Ŏ	Ŏ			
Eastern River to Chester,		Õ	Ō			
Chester to the Basin,		6	3			
Basin to Gold River,		0	0			
Gold River to Martin's River,		2	6			
Chester to Frank Vaughn's,		0	0			
Frank Vaughn's to Hants county line, Windsor road to Middle River,	60 5	<b>0</b> 0	0 0			
To pay John Millet over-expenditure,		11	0			
	£206	17	3			
ORDINARY BOADS.			•			
From Basin to the Grant,	10	0	0			
Grant to Safferan's,		0	0			
Safferan's to Russell's, Russell's to Sherbrooke church,	40 25	0 0	0 0			
Sherbrooke church to King's county,	45		Ŏ			
Church to George Hiltz's,	15		Ŏ			
Corbin's to Sherbrooke bridge,	20		0			
Sherbrooke bridge to King's county line,	<b>25</b>		0			
Main road to Corbin's lake and outwards,	6		0			
To repair mill road at Sherbrooke,	15		0			
From Little East River to Bowen's,	30		0			
Bowen's to Blandford, County line to William Shotford's	30 20		0 0			
County line to William Shatford's, William Shatford's to North West Cove,	10		0 0			
Gold River bridge to Beach Hill and outwards,	15		Ŏ			
Beach Hill road to Neventell's,	6		Õ			
Windsor road to Canaan,	10		0			
Blandford to Sandy Beaches,	15		0			
Sandy Beaches to North West Cove,	10	0	0			
Unappropriated, at the disposal of the members,	4	2	9	579	Δ	Δ
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NEW DUBLIN-GREAT ROADS.						
To pay Thomas Vogler two over-expenditures in completing						• •
alteration of Conrod's hill, viz. : £50 and £49						
3s. 9d., and one year's interest on $\pounds 50$ , and nine month's interest on $\pounds 40$ 14s. 3d., being						
$\pounds 53$ and $\pounds 42$ 12s. 6d.—In all,	£95	12	6			
To pay John Herman over-expenditure on new road from			•			
Italy to Petit Rivere, £35, and one year's inter-						
est on money borrowed to pay over-expenditure,	37	2	0			
To pay William Newcomb, over-expenditure,	5	19	6			
Edward Smith, do.		17	3			
From Pernette's ferry to John Slayter's,	10	0	0		17	

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From John Slayter's to Petit Rivere bridge,	£10	0	0			
Petite Rivere bridge to Broad Cove,	10		Ŏ			
Broad Cove to Queen's county line,	$\hat{20}$	Ŏ	ŏ			
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ORDINARY ROADS.	£190	11	3			
From Morgan's corner to Wiles' school house, and to pay						
Angus McDonald over-expenditure 21s. 9d.,	10	0	0			-
Wiles' school house to William Newcomb's,	10	0	0			
William Newcomb's to Chelsea road,	20	0	0			
Chelsea road to Queen's county line,	60	0	0			
Pleasant River road to Nineveh,	8	0	0			
Pleasant River road to Butler's road, Chelsea,	10	0	0			
Butler's road to Queen's county line, Chalces to Butler's bound	8 10	0 0	0 0			
Chelsea to Butler's bound, Butler's bound to Tory bridge,	10	0	0			
Pleasant River road to Still Brook, and outwards,	14	Ö	0			
Pleasant River road to Floyd's road,	$\overline{20}$	ŏ	ŏ			
Floyd's road to Lapland mills,	15	Õ	Õ			
Bridgewater to William McKeen's,	20	0	0			
William McKeen's to Pernette's,	10	0	0			
Getson's Cove to Nicholas Oxner's,	20	0	0			
Thomas Smith's to Jacob Ramkey's, and to pay John		~	•			
Publicover £2 8s. over-expenditure,	10	0	0			
Jacob Ramkey's to Petit Rivere bridge,	10	0	0			
William McKeen's to Fancy's mills,	15 10	0	0			
Fancy's mills to Peter Himmelman's, Poter Himmelmen's to John Weinscht's	8	0 0	0 0			
Peter Himmelman's to John Weinacht's, John Weinacht's to Montreal,	8	0	0			
Cotleb Corkum's to Sabblebag hill,	10	Ŏ	Ŏ			
Saddlebag hill to LaHave river,	-0	8	9			
Post road to New Dublin church,	5	Õ	Ŏ			
John Herman's to Petite Rivere,	8	0	0			
Broad Cove, round shore, (new road)	10	0	0			
Daley's corner to Conquer All,	10	0	0			
Crouse Town to John Fronks,	8	0	0			
John Fronk's to Fancy's mills,	8	0	0			
Camperdown to New Italy,	10	0	0			
Bazely's corner to Lutheran church,	5 5	0 0	0 0			
Camperdown road to Green Hill, Eichel's road,			U 	583	0	0
SPECIAL GRANT.						
From Bridgewater to Mill Village,				300	0	0
				£2750	0	0
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## COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine pounds, for the service of the roads and bridges of the county of Colchester, and the further sum of two hundred and filty pounds out of the special grant, and seven hundred and seventy-three pounds of the great road money, be appropriated as follows:

To repay the following advances made by government			
Gay's River bridge, £111 18 0			
Bridge at Middle Branch, North River, 36 13 6			
	148	11	6
To pay J. Annand for expenditure on canal bridge,	15	16	6
W. Ryan and W. Boomer expenditure on bridge in Brookfleld,	15	2	4
Merson, over-expenditure on new line from Gay's River to			
Musquodoboit road,	4	12	0
To repair the road from St. Andrews settlement to Halifax county line, by		_	
J. Best's,	5	0	0
Open any part of the new line from Gay's River to Stewiacke,	10		Ō
New line from Boggs' to Stewiacke, in addition to ten pounds		-	-
undrawn,	10	0	0
Repair the road from Boggs' to Green's creek,	5	Õ	Ŏ
Repair the road from old Halifax road to Sutherland's,	5	ŏ	Ŏ
Main road to St. Andrews river, by Ellis' farm,	5	ŏ	Ŏ
From Middle Stewiacke to Brookfield,		10	ŏ
South branch,	6	0	Ŏ
Fisher's to Lower Stewiacke,	10	Ő	ŏ
Open new line past Middle Stewiacke meeting house,	15		Ŏ
	10		Ŏ
From Middle Stewiacke to Truro,			Ŏ
Kennedy's to South Branch road,	5 5		
Past R. G. Rutherford's to Whidden settlement,	5 5	0	0
Repair the road from Whidden settlement to Greenfield,	-	0	0
Pay A. Fisher expenditure near bridge at Middle Stewiacke,	19	12	6
Thomas Davidson expenditure on new line from Gammell's to Pem-	00		•
broke road,	23		0
Repair the bridge near P. Archibald's,	25	U	0
Open new road in Pembroke, and repair road past Graham's, and to pay	00		~
expenditure on bridge near Logan's,	23		6
Repair the road from S. Kelly's to River bridge,	21	0	0
S. Kennedy's to intervale road, and pay E. Tup-	•	•	•
per $\pounds 2$ 6s. 6d. for over-expenditure on bridge,		6	0
Open road round the hill near J. Archibald's,		0	0
Repair the road from Musquodoboit road to H. Lawson's,	5	0	0
Dunlap's to Musquodoboit,	6	0	0
D. Upham's to A. Fulton's,	5		0
Road from main road towards Dawson's,	4 5	0	0
The road through Miller settlement to county line,	5	0	0
The bridge near John Smith's,	5	0	0
Open new road up South Branch, and to repair cross road past J. Archi-			
bald's,	<b>25</b>	0	0
Repair the road from J. Johnston's past Gammell's mills, and $\pounds 3$ on the			
road towards W. Johnson's,	8	0	0
River bridge in Eastville,	22	0	0
The road from Stewiacke to New Lairig, and to pay $\pounds 4$ 4s. over-			
expenditure,	<b>22</b>	4	0
Road past J. Henry's to Musquodoboit,	5	0	0
Road at the hill near Geffer's mill, and from mill past John			
Geffer's, $\pounds 2$ 10s. on each,	5	0	0
To make new alteration west Macann road,	23	0	0
To repair road from Charles Faulkner's to Edward Faulkner's,	3		0
John Campbell's to William Moore's,	6	0	0
Captain Robert McLellan's to Duncan's mills,	6 3	0	0
Charles Faulkner's to Daniel Morrison's,	3	0	0
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To repair road from Patrick Hill's to Henry Dinsmore's,	£4	0	(
Henry McLaughlan's to Samuel Cochran's,	3		
Henry Dinsmore's to Wm. Young's, half on the part	-	-	-
called Young road,	3	0	0
Samuel Faulkner's to James F. Crowe's,	3	0	
Rock Brook to James F. Crowe's,	3	0	
Samuel J. Fulton's to Little Bass, on the new line,	35	0	0
East Macann road,	3	υ	0
New road round Birch Hill to Neal Campbell's,	29	0	0
William Campbell's to Alexander Morrison's,	3	0	0
Major Field road,	4	0	0
James M. Spencer's to Acadia Mines,	9	0	0
Acadia mines to Wallace road, and to pay P. Smith			
33s. expended in 1854,	9	0	0
Daniel Christie's road, $\pounds 2$ to be expended east of J.			
Peppard's,	3	0	0
James McElman's to William Slack's,	3	0	0
John Dill's to William Slack's,	3	0	0
New alteration at Folly Lake,	30	0	0
Charles Fleming's to Joel Slack's,	3	0	0
Debert River past Daniel Totham's to Joel Slack's,	4	0	0
Crowell's to Joel Slack's,	4	0	0
James McCulloch's to Folly River, and to pay D. V.			
Crow, esquire, £7 expended in 1854,	<b>25</b>	5	2
John Cotnum's road,	3	0	0
John McDormont's to M. Staples'	5	0	0
Robert Eacles' to Robert Fletcher's,	3	0	0
To pay David Fulton, expended in 1854,	17	17	0
To repair road from McNutt's to McCulloch's,	3	0	0
John Fulmer's to Thomas Fulmer's,	3	0	0
Main road past R. Fulmer's to J. Fulmer's,	3	0	0
Economy bridge to Economy point,	3 3 5 3 3 3	0	0
Daniel Morrison's to Edward Morrison's,	5	0	0
New Boston road,	3	0	0
John Morrison's to Indian Point,	3	0	0
To cut down Berry Hill,	6	0	0
To repair road from William Peppard's to John Dill's,	3	0	0
John Dill's to Adam Chisholm's, and to pay J. N.			
Spencer 333. expended in 1854,	6	0	0
To repair cross road from Solomon Slack's past Thomas Fletcher's,	4	0	0
Road from main road to Debert River, past J. McElman's mill,	6	0	0
On Peters' mountain,		0	0
William Gay's road,	4 5 2	0	0
To pay James Mitchell, expended in 1854,		2	0
George Cook, do.	17	8	0
Daniel Chisholm, on Debert bridge,	2	5	0
John Knight, on Portaupique bridge,	2	10	9
Cut down hill at Mrs. Delaney's,	4	0	0
Repair the road from Dickey's mills to R. Stevens',	4	0	0
Widow Carter's to the Cumberland line,	4	0	0
Pay Samuel McLean, money expended from Samuel McLean's to			
Andrew Thompson's,	4	0	0
Repair the road from David Morrison's to new Debert bridge, and to			-
pay Samuel Faulkner 19s. expended in 1854,	3	0	0
Improve the landing at Debert beach, and road thereto,	4	Ō	Ō
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o repair the road from Joshua Corbet's to John Campbell's,	£4	0	Q
Folly bridge to Great Village bridge, and to pay			
R. Corbet £1 4s. for labor on bridge at Mass			
Town, and £2 4s. 3d. for plank for Great			
Village bridge, and covering Folly bridge	38	e	4
in 1854, Mass Town masting house to Jacpan MaKinlay's	50 5	8 0	3
Mass Town meeting house to Jasper McKinlay's, Semuel McKinlay's to McNutt's read	$\frac{3}{20}$		.(
Samuel McKinlay's to McNutt's road, McNutt's road to Folly Hill,	<u> </u>		
Thomas Davison's to Isaac Fulton's,	3		(
Repair Pratt road,	3		(
Carroll road,	3	Ŏ	-
Road damaged by freshet between Salmon River bridge and	•	v	
McCully's shop,	25	0	(
Truro to Harmony, by Wilson's mountain, one half each		•	
side of mountain,	6	0	(
Open road from Thomas Millar's to David Cox's,	3	Õ	ł
Alter and repair Skeed's road,	10	Ō	
Repair road from Truro to Harmony, £7 10s., and from Harmony to-			
wards Stewiacke, £12 10s.	<b>20</b>	0	
Henry Hollingsworth's to S. Henderson's, and to finish			
bridge over Henderson's brook,	7	10	
Open and repair road from W. McCallum's to Harmony,	5	0	
Repair new road from Greenfield to Truro,	10	0	
Old road from Greenfield to Middle Settlement,	5	0	
Road from Upper Brookfield to meeting house,		10	
Meeting house to Daniel Carter's,	6	0	
Main road to John Fisher's,	3	0	
	20	0	
Green's Creek to Black Rock,		10	
Black Rock to Boar's Back,	12	0	
Base line from John Parks' to Shubenacadie,	6	0	
Main road to Burges' mill,	3	0	
Alter and repair shore road from McCurdy's line to Robert Wilson's,	7	10	
Gravel road from Samuel Soley's to Chas. McNutt's, including repairs	-	10	
to bridge,		10	
Repair road from Halifax road to John Gorrey's,	5		
Between Halifax road and William Hingley's,	5	0	
Brookfield, by John Kennedy's,	7 6	10 0	
James Scott's,	5	0	
Andrew Christie's and Pictou road, Build brookwater at Hunor Sulver Picer bridge, and reasin emberiment.	5 7	0	
Build breakwater at Upper Salmon River bridge, and repair embankment,	1	0	
Bridge and repair road between David Hoar's, senr., and David Hoar's, junr.,	10	0	
Repair road between David Hoar's, junr., and John Hoar's,	3	0	
From Samuel McNutt's to David Whippy's, senr.	6	0	
David Whippy's, senr., to Robert McCallum's,	3	ŏ	
Samuel Bartlett's towards North River,	5	Ŏ	
New Pictou road to David Johnson's,	3	Ő	
Andrew Christie's, by Clifford's,	7	Õ	
Old Pictou road to Charles Hall's,	3	Ŏ	
Road from Jacob Lynd's mills to James Johnson's,	4	Ö	
Old Pictou road to McLain's, past Wall's,	537345	Ŏ	
New Pictou road to Fenton Settlement,	5	Ō	
McNutt's mills,		10	
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£8 To repair road from Kemptown to Earltown, Earltown road to Dalhousie Mountain, Finish and repair road past Oliver Blair's towards Earltown, Repair road from Onslow towards Earltown, and to pay Joshua Higgins £3 2s. 7d. David Douglas' to Hugh Dickson's, Earltown road to Thomas McCallum's, Pictou road to Barney Lynd's, Old Tatamagouche road, past W. Smith's, Road from Francis Loraine's to Ephraim Blair's, Meeting house to Crowe's mills, Crowe's mills to Chiganois bridge, Floor Chiganois bridge and raise road beyond, 12 10 Repair road from Ephraim Staple's to McDonald's, 6 10 Front road, New Annan, Build bridge near Hugh Lightbody's, **6 10** Finish bridge at John Higgins', Repair road at Hemlock woods, From Adam McNutt's to R. Brenock's, Earltown road, near N. W. Upham's, towards Tatamagouche road, past James McRae's, Road from Richard Brenock's to Onslow, East Mountain to Tatamagouche road, Onslow town line to McKay's mills, and to pay overexpenditure at North River bridge of £2 0s. 8d. 13 15 The road from Cox's to Kent's, Kent's to Waugh's meeting house, Gavin Currie's bridge, Û Complete breakwater at Lockerby's bridge, Repair road from Murdoch's bridge to Hogan's, Hogan's to Pictou county line, Robert Cutten's to John Clarke's, Clarke's to Cumberland line, Gilmore's to John Clarke's, McIntosh's to James Pugh's, John Millard's to McIntosh's, McIntosh's to McMillan's, Lockerby's bridge to Millard's, and to pay overexpenditure in 1853, New Annan road to Higgins' mill, Pay repairs on road from Millard's to Pictou county line, Repair the road from Buckler's to Point Brule' road, Millard's to Lockerby's, Barrasoi's road, Murdock's to Campbell's mills, Campbell's mills to McDonald's, Camer s to Drysdale's, Pay over-expenditure by John McIntosh, 1 10 John McKay, Adam McNutt, Thomas McCallum, Repair the road from McDonald's to Murray's to McKay's mills, Urquhart's bridge to D. Sutherland's, McDonald's to Ferguson's, To

To repair the road from McBain's to William Hyndman's,	£5	0	0
Hyndman's to Ross',	4	0	0
McKay's mills to widow Ross',	5	0	0
Widow Ross' to Wm. McKay's,	6	0	0
Wm. McKay's to Picton county line,	3	0	0
Wm. McKay's, by McBain's, to Pictou co. line,	3	0	0
Mckay's mills to Pictou county line,	5	0	0
Paul McDonald's to ditio,	4	0	0
Moore's mills to Philip Burke's,	3	0	0
Philip Burke's to Rudes',	3	0	0
Moore's mills to Thomas Watson's,	3	0	0
Pay over-expenditure by Hugh Munro, in 1854,	3	0	0
Repair the road from Tatamagouche to Oliver's bridge,	9	10	0
Oliver's bridge to Robert Bell's,	4	0	0
Robert Bell's to Robert Irving's,	5	0	6
Byers' mill to Andrew Warrick's,	4	0	0
Meeting house to Alexander Langell's,	7	0	0
Bell's bridge to Donald McLeod's,	4	0	0
Donald McLeod's to Cumberland county line,	4 5 3	0	0
James Bell's to Wm. Atcheson's,	3	0	0
James Atcheson's to Alexander Munroe's,	3	0	0
Kennedy's to Rude's,	4	0	0
Byers' mills to Donald McLeod's,	4	0	0
Wilson's bridge to Oliver's school house,	4	Ō	0
Alexander Langell's to Harris',	4	0	0
Alexander Langell's to Cox's,	$\overline{5}$	Ō	Ō
Pay James Urquhart balance of expenditure at Murdock's,	217		2
John Nelson, bridge near his place, on account,	20	0	0
S. Archibald and W. Campbell, balance of expenditure at French		-	-
River bridge,	195	9	1
Repair road from James Thompson's to methodist meeting house,	4	0	0
	£2119	0	0
GREAT ROADS.			
To pay the following advances by government, viz. :			
Expenditure on Onslow bridge,	<b>£</b> 39	1	10
McNutt's Brook, Mass town,	26		0
Main road from Parker's to Truro,	$\overline{25}$		11
Bridges at Salmon River,	119		6
Bridge at Lockerby's,	250		0
To repair road from Halifax county line to Truro, and to pay expenditure		v	-
on bridge, embankments, &c., at Truro, £44 3s.		13	ľ
Truro to Pictou, and to pay A. S. Hingley £3 13s. 4d.			
and other expenditures,	40	5	6
Fall Brook bridge to Cumberland line,	6		Õ
Fall Brook to W. McKim's,	10		ŏ
Pay for expenditure by Cliver Blair on bridge at E. H. Blair's,	15		0 0
Repair road from David Murray's to Adam McNutt's,	20		Ŏ
Adam McNutt's to Conkey's,		·ŏ	Ŏ
		Õ	
Block House Creek to Johnson's Creek, Johnson's Creek to county line,	10	9	2
gounsen a creek to county nuc,			
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## COUNTY OF PICTOU.

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Resolved, That the sum of £2304, granted for the cross roads and bridges in the county of Pictou this year, be appropriated as follows, to wit :

of Pictou this year, be appropriated as follows, to wit:			
To pay over-expenditures in township of Pictou :		_	_
To pay John McKay for bridge and cutting banks at McGill's,	£34		0
John Johnston and William Henry, River John road to the Cape,	10 ]		0
William Sutherland, road from John McPherson's to Ferguson's,			0
Donald McKay, Mill Brook, for diverse repairs, as per account,			9
Alexander McKay and James Fraser, on new line from Lime Rock,	26		0
David Carmichael, on road near Cape John, expended in 1853,	5		0
Donald McDonald, West River, on bridge near Salt Springs,	8		0
Alexander McNaughton,		11	0
Donald McDonald, Cape John,	7	10	0
McNee Falconer,	10	0	0
William Sutherland,	5	0	0
William McKenzie,	5	0	0
Murdoch Sutherland,	10	0	0
Robert Rae,	<b>25</b>	1	4월 0일
John Ross,	10	2	0 <u>į</u>
Peter Stewart,	7	17	ß
John Ross,	35	19	5
James Ross,	5		0
James McWilliam,	11		0
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William Munro, William S. Grubert	4	6	6
William S. Graham, David Correicheol	2	16	6
David Carnichael,	3	17	6
Alexander Rose, Boton Stormont	3		0
Peter Stewart, Thomas MaCaba	1		0
Thomas McCabe, John Suthenland, on read to Bourges' Hill church	$5\overline{5}$	2	0
John Eutherland, on road to Rogers' Hill church,	14	4	6
John Sutherland, Beter Greene und James Murdach, Josh Broom bridge	133	$\overline{4}$	8
Peter Crerar and James Murdoch, Loch Broom bridge, Do. do. do.	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{5}$	01
	11	Ŏ	0
Alexander Sutherland,	10	ŏ	Ŏ
Angus Sutherland,	$\hat{\overline{59}}$	7	$\tilde{2}_{\frac{1}{2}}$
Robert Short,		17	$\bar{6}^{2}$
George Henderson,	-		v
Peter Crerar, £1 15s. 71d.; due Anthony Smith, 15s.; William	6	0	13
Clark, 15s.; William McKay, £2 14s. 6d.	68	8	$0^{12}$
Murdoch McKenzie, bridge at West Branch, River John,	15	0	Ŏ
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## COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand seven hundred and nine pounds, viz., £1869 for cross roads, £640 for great roads, and £200 special grant, for the county of Cumberland, for 1855, be appropriated as follows, viz. :

To repay advances to William Faulkner, £27 19 4			
J. W. King, 6 14 0			
George Mitchell, 83 10 0			
Stevens & Chisholm, 120 0 0			•
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Josiah Ruscoe, 7 10 0			
William Stevens, 15 7 10			
Rufus Thompson, 29 4 9			
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To pay Samuel Betts over-expenditure on Wallace bridge, per account,	1	10	3
John Mooring, for repairing Kerr's bridge,	1	5	0
Benjamin Chapman, repairing bridge on province line,	8	10	0
To repair bridge near Wm. G. Angevine's, and to pay over-expenditure in			
1854, omitted, 37s.,	7	0	0
To repair road from Colchester line, near Dewar's, to Wallace harbour,	50	Ŏ	ŏ
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Forshner's to River Philip, to include bridge at Fille-	40	Δ	^
more's,	40	0	0
Harris Webb's towards Rufus Purdy's, (new line,)	6	0	0
Wm. E. Angevine's, on six mile road, to Wallace har-	-	-	_
bour,	6	5	0
James D. Purdy's to Wesleyan chapel, by Stephen			
Tuttle's,	<b>5</b>	0	0
Widow Webb's, by Moore's, to Elijah Rushton's,	6	0	0
Elijah Rushton's to Isaac Rushton's,	6	0	0
Fillemore's mill to Victoria settlement, including 30s.			-
expended last autumn,	7	0	0
David Teed's, by Palmer's, towards Moses Teed's place,	5	Ŏ	Ŏ
Henry Teed's to Mattatall's lake,	5	Ŏ	Ŏ
John Teed's to Folly Lake,	7	Ŏ	Ő
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Bridge near Angevinc's to Charles Oxley's,		0	0
Samuel Treen's to Malagash Point,	9	0	0
Robert Harrison's to John Brown's, by Graham's,	5	0	0
Pugwash through Gulf Shore settlement,	5	0	0
H. N. Oxley's to Gulf Shore, and down shore to D.			
Robertson's,	6	0	0
Henry Teed's to Wm. E. Angevine's,	7	0	0
Griffin Purdy's, past Ralph's, to J. Teed's,	10	0	0
Jas. D. Purdy's to Stevenson's, Westchester, (new line,)	25	0	0
Hurd's mill to Wm. E. Angevine's, by Kerr's mill,	5	0	0
East branch road on road to Barr's river,	16	0	0
Pugwash to T. Thompon's, by Dewar's,	7	Ŏ	Ŏ
Thomas Thompson's to main road near Fillemore's,	7	ŏ	ŏ
Road leading to Gulf Shore past David Bett's to Bur-	•	v	v
bidge's,	5	0	0
R. McNutt's to River Philip road, by Plaister Creek,	10	Ŏ	ŏ
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To provide model from Deniel Dennets to Standillow 1 and Strength 11			
To repair road from Daniel Dewar's to Six-mile road, past Stevens' mill,	£6	0	Ð
Aden Bebee's to Colchester line, by Higgins',	10	0	0
Strang's clear to Victoria Settlement, past C. Cotter's,	8	0	0
North Shore road, past Smith's, to school house,	7	0	0
Road leading to Cotter's, past J. Montross', to main road,	7	0	0
River Philip road, past Peirs' mill, towards Westchester,	5	0	0
Purdy Betts', past Swallows, to New Annan,		0	0
Levi Stevens' to Peter Angevine's, (new line,)	6	0	0
Alexander McFarlane's to Pugwash, by Gillis',	6	Ô	Õ
James D. Purdy's to George Rushton's,	5	Ō	Õ
Six-mile road to William Hurd's,	7	Õ	Ō
Jacob Betts' to Gehin's,	8	Ŏ	Õ
Gehin's to Victoria Settlement, through Streets' ridge,	8	Ŏ	Õ
Wm. Thompson's, on Lake road, past D. Ross',	5	Ŏ	ŏ
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Horton's, on North Shore road, past McKenzie's,	5	0	0
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John Robertson's to Stevens' mill road,	6	0	0
John Heustis, past Oxley's, to John Brown's,	6	0	0
Wm. Tuttle's to Gulf Shore, past Stevens',	6	0	0
Six-mile road to McLean's, past Colter's,	5	0	0
Forshner's to Pugwash,	10	0	0
Waugh's to Caulfield's, past Miller's,	7	0	0
School house, past McIntosh's, to Dewar's,	5	0	0
Rufus Trueman's to south shore Malagash,	8	0	0
To repair Wallace bridge,	5	0	6
Build bridge at Dougherty's creek, £50 subscription to be expended			
before drawn,	75	0	9
Repair bridge at Kerr's mill,	130	0	6
Near David's, Fox Harbour,	8	0	0
To repair road from Amos Trueman's to Goose River,	50	0	0
Goose River to River Philip bridge, inclusive,	75	0	0
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lip bridge, inclusive,	20	0	Ø
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Bend of main road, above B. Smith's, to Robt. Ripley's,	5	0	0
Cross road past Henry Smith's towards River Philip,	5	0	
Fork Settlement to post road, near H. Logan's,	7	0	
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James Corbett's to Freeman's landing,	15		Ō
Benj. Smith's road, past J. Bigelow's, to River Philip,	7	0	Õ
Salt Springs to River Philip road,	5	Õ	Ō
Mount Pleasant, near Matheson's, to Duck Creck,	5	Ŏ	Ò
Henry Ryan's through Porter Town to post road,	ž	ŏ	ŏ
Bridge near Burns' past Keiver Hunter's,	8	ŏ	ŏ
Charles Reach's past John Black's,	5	Ő	ŏ
John Baird's to Leicester,	5	Ö	Ŏ
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Hugh Logan's past Isaac Logan's to Leicester, Mud Crock to Costa Biver read		0	0
Mud Creek to Goose River road,	10	0	0
J. W. Oxley's, on shore road, to Sydney Chappel's,	5	0	0
Purdy's to Edward Niles',	15	0	0
Goose River road to Leicester road, by Ben Smith's,	10	0	0
Cross road past Daniel Etter's,	_5	0	0
River Philip road to Salt Springs, (new line,)	10	0	0
Colchester linc, by Westchester, to Amherst,	150	0	0
Amherst to Fort Lawrence,	80	0	0
Maccan bridge to River Herbert, (bridge included,)	25	0	0
William Sharp's to James Rogers', round shore,	10	0	0
Grand Marsh to Glennie's Brook,	10	0	0
Ragged Reef to coal mine road,	10	0	0
Lower Cove to coal mine road,	10	0	0
Daniel Dickinson's, on Boar's Back road,	5	Ō	Ō
South Branch, Maccan, to J. Hannah's,		Ō	Õ
Colling wood Oxley's to Sweet's,	8 5 8	Ŏ	Ŏ
John Fage's past Hood Chapman's,	Š	Ŏ	ŏ
Main road to Toney Bay,	5	Ŏ	ŏ
Burns' mill-dam to Chapman's road, (new line,)	15	Ŏ	ŏ
Landing at Minudie ferry, past catholic chapel,	10	Ő	ŏ
Main road near John Bent's, past Casey's, to cut down	10	0	v
hill,	14	п	0
Nappan road, near William Keiver's, past S. Stewart's,	14	10	0
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to coal mine, (new line,)	50	0	0
To repair bridge near Thomas Legan's on main road,	12	0	0
Road from Mud Creek, past Wm. Brownell's, to landing,	5	0	0
Beatie's shop past Stephen Smith's,	5 5	0	0
Bridge over Lepland, on Eddy road, and road,	- D	0	0
Road from David Gildroy's, Maccan Mountains, to Polley's Brook,	8 7 5	0	0
Polley's Brook to River Philip,	- 7	0	0
Road near Shipley's past John Forrest's,	5	0	0
Tait's, River Philip, past captain Handley's, Eel Creek,	5	0	0
George Atkinson's to Lodge's,	4	0	0
Harrington's River to Moose River,	10	0	0 0 0 0
Moose River to old school house, Swan Creek,	10	0	0
Old school house, Swan Creek, to Newcomb's bridge,	30	0	0
School house past Cannore's mills to James York's,	15	0	0
Ramshead river to Ratchford's river,	7		0
Ratchford's river to Hanning's,	10	Õ	ŏ
Hanning's to Spicer's,	10	Ŏ	ŏ
Spicer's to Advocate Harbor,		10	ŏ
Alexander Grant's to Apple river,	10	Õ	ŏ
John Mahoney's towards A. Spicer's, past John Allen's,		10	ŏ
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To repair road from Advocate Harbor to	Cape d'Or, £5 0	0
Joshua Ward's to		
	Leeche's, to Swan Creek, 7 0	
Cranberry lake to		
	se to R. Harrison's, 15 0	
Harrison's to Sand		
	r Woods' mountains, 50	
	Canaan road, past S. Fife's, 7 0	
Half way river on		
	coad past J. Brown's to Dugway, 6 0	
John Lockhart's to		
William Armstrong	's to Lister's, 50	
	John Morris',50's to Lister's,50ent river, east side,50	
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	Caleb Lewis' for alteration, 20 0	-
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# COUNTY OF GUYSBOROUGH.

Resolved, That the sum of four hundred pounds, granted for the service of the great roads in the county of Guysborough for the present year, be applied as follows:

To repair new Eastern road between county line and forks bridge, and to pay over-expenditures to John Hattie, $\pounds 40$ 15s., and to T. Glen-			
cross, £31 19s. 6d.	£96	18	4
Repay government advance to A. Kirk, repairing forks bridge in 1854,		1	8
Repair new Eastern road between forks bridge and cross roads, Country			
Harbor, and to pay over-expenditure by P.Grant in 1853, 5s.,	15	0	0
Road between cross roads, Country Harbor, and Black Brook,	11	0	0
Hurley's and Neal's,	20	0	0
Neal's and bridge at Lawlor's, and to pay over-			
expenditure by D. Kennedy in 1853, 40s.	15	0	0
Repay government advance to D. Lawlor in 1854, for repairing bridge			
over Salmon river,	6	10	0
Repair road between bridge at Lawlor's and J. Cunningham's west line,	10	0	Ó
John Cunningham's west line and tannery road,	10		Ō
On new line from Hartshorne's bars to town line, and to			-
build bridge at Mill Brook,	15	0	0
Rail the road between Mink bridge and Cameron's mill,	15	Ō	Õ
Repair the road between Intervale and Ehler's bridge, and to pay over-		-	-
expenditure on said bridge by R. Dunphy, £1 16s. 5d., and repay			
government advances to Dunphy, Doyle and Aikens, £4 9s.	10	0	0
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To explore and open new line between McNair's Cove and Pirate Cove, Repair road between Ehler's bridge and north end of new line to Guys-	£100	0	0
borough,	10	0	0
Mink bridge and Martin Doyle's,	10	Õ	Ō
Martin Doyle's and county line,	7	10	Õ
Finish section between Goodman's and Miller's Cove, and to pay over- expenditure in 1854, £1 12s. 6d.	10		۰ ۸
expenditure in 1004, c1 125. 04.	10	U	U
	£400	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Guysborough for the present year, be applied as follows:

To build bridge over Muller's Cove, and to open road by Franchville's Point, Repay government advance to D. Seller's, for repairing Salmon river	£25	0	0
bridge in 1854,	12	4	0
Repair road across Guysborough Intervale,	15	0	0
From New Harbor to Denahy's lake,	12	10	0
Larry's river to Denahy's lake,	12	10	0
Larry's river to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Improve road from head of Molasses Harbor to Crow Harbor, on new			
line, and to build bridge on said line,	17	10	0
Build a bridge over S. W. Pond, Crow Harbor,	10	Õ	Ŏ
Rebuild Gallagher's bridge, Salmon river lakes,	10	ŏ	Ŏ
Open and improve road from Lake settlement to Romans' Valley,	10	ŏ	ŏ
Repair road from Romans' Valley to R. Smith's, in back settlement,	5	ŏ	ŏ
Aikens' to Glen's, in addition to £8 granted in 1854,	0	v	v
and wildrawn,	5	0	0
Open new line between Canso and Crow Harbour,	54	4	Ŏ
Pay over-expenditure by James McKenzie, on new road by Mussel	01	3	v
Cove, between Guysborough and Wells' corner,	266	16	3
Angus Kirk over-expenditure in 1854, £17 3s. 43d., near Forks'	200	10	9
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bridge, Tomas Jurlang over even liture in 1854 on Indian Hurbour	11	3	4 <u>1</u>
James Furlong over-expenditure in 1854, on Indian Harbour,	15	٦.	4.7
Lake's road,		14	41
Improve road from Big Falls to Sherbrooke,	20	0	0
Repair road from church at Sherbrooke to Indian Harbour, Lake's road,	15	0	0
Improve road from Sherb. Joke to Ely's Cove,	15	0	0
Ely's Cove to George Hewitt's,	15	0	0
Between St. Mary's and Liscomb cross roads, and to build	90	•	~
bridges on the line,	30	0	0
Liscomb cross roads and Clay Head,	7	10	0
Clay Head and Ecum Secum bridge, and to pay	-	•	•
over-expenditure by T. Smith, £2 1s.,	10	0	0
End of George Hewitt's new road and Wine	-		-
Harbour,	10	0	0
Wine Harbour and Indian Harbour,	10	0	0
Indian Harbour beach and head of lake, on east			
side,	10	0	0
Indian Harbour beach and head of lake, on west			
side, and to pay over-expenditure by W.			
Rude, in 1853, £5,	12		0
To improve road from Holland's Harbour to Indian Harbour,	7	10	0
Erect bridge on Indian River, between Fisherman's and Holland's har-			
bour,	7	10	0
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To p	pay John Sinclair over-expenditure by him in 1854, on new line from			
-	Goshen district to Country Harbor,	<b>£</b> 27	10	0
1	Improve new line of road from McNeal's, (back lands,) to Giant lake,	17	9	0
т	and to pay over-expenditure by H. McNeil, £5 15s. Improve road from Archibald's to Stewart's,	11 10	3 0	8 0
-	On west side Country Harbor,	15		ŏ
	From Stewart's to Isaac's Harbor,	10		Ŏ
	Isaac's Harbor to New Harbor,	10	Ō	0
j I	Pay Thomas McKenzie, 2nd instalment over-expenditure on bridge			
-	over West river, St. Mary's,	100	0	0
ł	Pay Duncan Cameron over-expenditure between county line and cross	r	10	^
C	roads, Juan road from farks by north side Kirk's hill towards school house at	5	10	0
Ľ	Open road from forks by north side Kirk's hill towards school house at end of East river road,	15	0	0
Ŧ	Repay advance $\pounds 25$ , and over-expenditure by Angus Cameron, junr.,	10	U	v
	rebuilding East river bridge in 1854, £30 4s. 9d.	55	4	9
I	Repair road between county line and John Ross', West river,	6	0	0
I	Pay over-expenditure by Isaac McKeen, £22 11s. 9d., and by William			_
т	McKeen, £4 7s. 10d.,	26	19	7
1	Repair the road from cross roads at McKay's to Michael Reddy's, and	94	10	^
	to pay P. Leet for building a bridge in 1854, Mahar's west line to James Hamilton's, on the	21	10	0
	reserve road,	7	10	0
	Broad Cove to Mahar's west line, and to pay	•	20	Ŷ
	Alvarous Atwater £10 5s. 6d., expended			
	in 1854,		10	0
	Arthur O'Neil's to Gut of Canso,	7	10	0
	McColl's ferry to W. Whooton's, and to pay John			
	G. McKeogh over-expenditure in 1854, £7 15s. 10d.	19	10	0
Ŧ	Repair the bridge at Pirate Cove,	30		0
-	Road from McNair's Cove to county line, and to repair	00	v	v
	bridges and pay over-expenditure in 1854, £3,	10	0	0
1	Finish the new road from Narrows bridge to church in Manchester, and			
	to pay Ira Whitman £21 9s., over-expended, 1854,	45	0	0
(	Complete the alteration between Goose Harbor bridge and Glaskey's	90	0	•
T	bridge, on Gut road, Repair the road from Peter Wall's to Half Way Run,	$\frac{20}{7}$	0 10	0
-	Half Way Run to county line,		10	0
1	Pay Wm. O'Neil, for over-expenditure at bridge over Goose Harbor	•	10	v
	river, on the road from Middle Town to Ragged Head,	5	7	0
1	Repair the road from county line to township line, by P. Davis',	5	0	0
	Michael Carpentier's to Morris mill, and from			
	thence to meet Guysborough road, and to	10	•	^
	pay expenditure in 1854, $\pounds 5$ 6s. Boudrot's mill to county line, on read to the shore	10 5	0 0	0
	Boudrot's mill to county line, on road to the shore, Middle Town to Ragged Head,	10	Ŏ	0 0
	Peter Wall's to the shore road in Manchester,	10	ŏ	Ŏ
. ]	Repay M. Maddox, for expenditure made on new line of road leading		•	•
	to McNair's Cove,	15	0	0
•	James McKenzie the sum of £33 16s. 3d., expended by him			
	in 1854, on the new line of road between Tracadie and		10	•
٦	McNair's Cove, Repair the Tracedie road leading to Manahastar		16 10	3 0
J	Repair the Tracadie road leading to Manchester,	1	TO	v

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To repair the road from Styles Hart's to James Marshall's, and to pay John Hadley the sum of £2 2s. 6d., ex-			
pended by him in 1854,	£5	2	5
Wheaton's to W. Callahan's, on bay shore,	10		0
John Campbell's to Marshall's, and to pay the			
sum of $\pounds 9$ 14s., expended by him in 1854,	10	0	0
Open and repair the road from Daniel Porper's bridge to Thos. Phelan's,		0	0
Repair the road from Carey's bridge to Goose Harbor,	10	0	0
Repay Henry Tory the sum expended by him on the cross road in 1854,	6	4	4
Repair the road from Myers' bridge to Goose Harbor bridge,	9	10	0
O'Brien road, between Upper and Lower Gut road,	10	0	0
Road between Robert Anderson's and Joseph Mundell's,			
and to pay over-expenditure, 1854, of $\pounds 9$ 12s. 4½d.	15	0	0
Explore a new line of road from Tracadie to Manchester river,	10		0
Repair the road and bridge from high road to the shore by Geo. Carr's,	10	0	0
This sum towards erection of bridge over Milford Haven river,	200	0	0
	£1561	0	0

## COUNTY OF SYDNEY.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the ordinary road service—and the sum of  $\pounds 400$  for the great roads in the county of Sydney, for the current year, be appropriated as follows, viz. :—

To repay Donald McDonald amount expended in erecting bridge, James'			
River,	$\pounds 52$	19	5
John McDonald amount expended on Mountain road,		<b>1</b> 6	
Donald Campbell and Colin Chisholm, amount expended on road	• •		_
from St. Andrews to Pomket forks,	16	11	3
Hugh McDonold and Donald McDonald, amount expended on road			_
from Archibald Gillis' to Gillis' lake,	14	17	7
James McDonald, amount expended on road from North Lake to			
Alexander McDonald's,	10	0	0
Donald McDonald and Alexander Baxter, amount expended by			
them in rebuilding a bridge over the west river at Adding-			
ton,	83	4	7
Donald Chisholm, amount expended in repairing road Black	_		-
River to county line,	2	4	5
Donald McDonald, amount expended on new bridge at Malcom	-		
McLennan's, Hallowell grant,	7	4	10
Roderick McDonald, amount expended repairing road from old	0	30	^
post road to McDonald's mill,	8	10	U
William Hunter, amount expended by him on read from widow	٦0	^	•
Carroll's through Hallowell grant,	10	0	0
John McMillan, amount expended on road from Andrew Gillis' to	10	1	9
Ohio, The McCilliment emerged of read of Allen Company's	10	Ŧ	4
John McGillivray, amount expended on road at Allan Cameron's	18	15	7
marsh, John Smith amount expended on road from Back settlement,	10	10	•
Knoydart, over the mountain, in 1853,	10	0	0
P. O'Connor, amount expended on road from the chapel shore to	10	v	v
the county line, backlands Tracadie,	13	3	10
the county may backaged tradadio,	-•	J	To

To repay William Boyle amount expended on new line of road from Fraser's grant to Tracadie,	<b>£</b> 7	9	11
Valentine McKenzie and Donald Fraser, amount expended on the main post road from St. Andrews to Hugh McDonald's,	165		
Michael Maddocks amount expended in improving the road on the western end of the road leading to McNair's Cove,	15		0
Michael Maddocks amount expended in improving road from the county line towards Barrio's beach,	5	0	0
John McKinnon amount expended on road between Little River and Pomket forks, I. W. Bitchie, exercise, one third of loop of three hundred rounds	4	12	4
J. W. Ritchie, esquire, one-third of loan of three hundred pounds and interest for one year, borrowed under act of last session for making road from Antigonishe to Sherbrooke,	118	0	0
James Wilkie amount expended on Tow Path canoe landing, R. N. Henry amount expended in securing bridge on road to Big	3	Ŏ	6
Marsh, Donald Chisholm amount expended on road from Archibald Mc-	6	0	0
Donald's to Pomket forks,	139	7	5
To balance at the disposal of government, to be hereafter appropriated,	817		3
	£1561	0	0
GREAT ROAD GRANT.			
To repay Adam McKenzie amount expended by him as supervisor on the	.1.07		•
main post road from Pictou county line to Gut of Canso, Belance at the diagonal of generation to be becauted	£127 272		0
Balance at the disposal of government, to be hereafter appropriated,	414 	*	
	£400	0	0

# COUNTY OF RICHMOND.

*Resolved*, That the respective sums of three hundred and sixty pounds for the great road service, one hundred pounds special grant, and fifteen hundred and sixty-one pounds for the ordinary road and bridge service, granted in aid of the county of Richmond for the year 1855, be appropriated as follows:

#### OVER-EXPENDITURES.

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To pay government this sum, being balance of £112 14s. 7d.,	£12	14	7
Alexander Murcheson,	17	6	4
Ditto,	25	0	0
Donald McRae,	11	1	9
James McKenzie, surveying roads,	34	5	0
James McKenzie, for over-expenditure on Irish Cove			
bridge,	10	7	74
Donald Morrison,	6	1	6
Edward Doyle,	14	0	0
Donald McDougall,	10	0	0
Alexander Chisholm,	5	0	0
Alexander Urquhart,	1	10	0
Angus McDonald,	2	0	0

To pay Murdoch Smith, Donald Ferguson,	£11 1 9 10 0 0	•	. •	
John Morrison,	16 10 0			
Township.—To pay Joseph Martell,	3 16 0			
George Laffert,	1 15 0			
Simon Forgeron,	096			
James Campbell,	<b>45 13 6</b>			
Simon Donovan,	8 12 0			
Miles Denahoe,	5 8 $10\frac{1}{2}$			
Simon Martell,	$0 7 4\frac{1}{2}$			
Ignace Forest,	$5 9 \overline{0}^2$	•		
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Stephen Briand,	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 4 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$			
James Campbell,	400	263	10	9
From Bear Island to Ship Harbor bridge, within county line,	, and building	<u>م</u> ۲	•	~
bridges,		25	0	0
McPherson's to James Proctor's,		12	0	0
Little River to James Proctor's,		12	0	0
Patrick McCarthy's to main post road,		14	0	0
John Proctor's to James Walsh's,		10	0	0
River Inhabitants to Lennox Passage,		10	0	0
River Inhabitants to Kempt road, near McPherson's,		10	0	Ō
River Inhabitants Basin to Kempt road,		ĨŎ	Õ	Ŏ
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Bridge at River Inhabitants to West Bay, new line,	d round hood	10	U	v
To build bridge at Donald McLauchlin's, and repairing roa	iu tounu neau	10	Δ	Δ
West Bay to county line,		10	0	0
From McLauchlin's bridge to Ballam's Beach,		10	0	0
West Bay, cross roads, to Donald Murray's,		8	0	0
To repair Black River bridge,		15	0	0
Build bridge at McPhee's, Black River,		5	0	0
From Black River bridge to William McKenzie's,		14	0	0
William McKenzie's to Donald McKenzie's,		14	0	0
McLean's to St. George's Channel,		10	0	0
Allan Morrison's to Scott's River,		14	0	0
Kempt road, near McPherson's, towards Black River,		10	0	0
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Black River road, new line,		$\overline{10}$	ŏ	ŏ
Grand Ance half way to Black River, new line,		10		÷
Alexander McRae's, Black River, to McLean's bar,			0	0
Allan Morrisson's half way to cross roads,		10	0	0
Cross roads at Strachan's to Allan Morrisson's,		10	0	0
James Pringle's to William Urquhart's,		10	0	0
To build bridge near James Pringle's,		18	0	0
From River Tear bridge to Patrick Kyte's,		10	0	0
Patrick Kyte's to Hugh McDonald's,		10	0	0
River Bourgeois road to Critchel's bridge,		8	0	0
Post road near Madden's to Critchel's bridge,		8	0	0
Shore of River Bourgeois northerly to main post road,		8	0	0
Road from the entrance of River Bourgeois, south side	, to Boyd's,	10	0	0
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Boyd's to head of River Bourgeois,	v Kavananh'a	Ŭ	•	
Handley's store, including the harbor of St. Peter's, by	J Izaranagn o,	10	0	0
to Black Brook,				
Main post road to Black Brook,		10	0	0
Black Brook to main post road, near Power's bridge,		8	0	0
Lynch's river to L'Ardoise road, back settlement,		8	0	0.
Saint Peter's to Cornelius Riely's,		15	0	0
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From Cornelius Riely's to road leading to the chapel,	£15	0	0
L'Ardoise to Salmon river,	8	0	0
Tempe Bonat's to Slenking Ponds,		0	0
Brymer's to Mombourquette's, on post road,	12		0
Urbain Mombourquette's to Alexes Grassie's,		0	0
Alexes Grassie's to William Murphy's,		0	0
William Murphy's to Cape Bouchelotte,	10	Ō	0
The road leading from the main road past John Doyle's to the shore,		-	•
Point Michen,	5	0	0
Cross roads, L'Ardoise, to Point Michen,		Õ	Ō
Old L'Ardoise road to Hugh McLean's,		Ŏ	Õ
Hugh McLean's to McKaskill's,	10		Õ
L'Ardoise road to Alexander Urquhart's, new line,	$\overline{15}$		Õ
Grand River bridge to Loch Lomond settlement,	15	Ŏ	Õ
McCuspick's to Neil Morrisson's,	8	ĭ	6
Neil Morrisson's to Roderick Bethune's,	9	Ō	Õ
Roderick Bethune's to Donald Morrisson's, senr.,	9	ŏ	Ŏ
Donald Morrisson's, senr., to assumed county line,	9	ŏ	Ŏ
Roderick Morrison's, Alexander's son, to Finlay Morrisson's, north sid	_	ŏ	Ŏ
Finlay Morrisson's to the church, north side,	9	Ŏ	Õ
Assumed county line to Kenneth McLeod's,	9 9	ŏ	ŏ
Kenneth McLeod's to McNabb's,	9	Ŏ	ŏ
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Malcolm McKaskill's to widow Shaw's, Widow Shaw's to main road, Bod Jahanda (now line)	10		0
Widow Shaw's to main road, Red Islands, (new line,)	10		Ŏ
Grand River bridge to Ferguson's lake,	10		0
Ferguson's lake to Matheson's, at St. Esprit,	11	0	Ŏ
St. Esprit half way to Flamboise,	11	U	U
Flamboise half way to St. Esprit, in addition to £12 unexpended	70	Δ	•
last year,	10	0	0
Main road at Grand River, east side, to the mill,	10		0
Round Forchu Harbor,	12	0	0
Sydney road to Indian Island,	9	0	0
Shore at L'Ardoise to post road, rear of Brymer's,	8	0	0
Hugh McDonald's towards Morrisson's harbor,	9	0	0
Flamboise to Morrisson's mill,	9	0	0
River Tear bridge towards Pringle's mill,	9	0	0
Alexander Ferguson's to McRae's mill,	. 9	0	0
Bridge near Jeffrey White's, between road and basin,	10	0	0
Kempt road to McRae's mill,	.9	0	0
River Tear bridge towards River Bourgeois,	10		0
This sum towards Little Arichat bridge,	50	0	0
	£1117	A	3
Amount appropriated to Isle Madame,	443	7	9
	<b>£15</b> 61	0	0
GREAT BOADS.	•		
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From Ship Harbor, county of Richmond, to county line,	£200		0
Saint Peter's to the Points, St. George's Channel, new line,	50		0
For Grandique road,	60		
From St. Esprit to Flamboise, new line,	50	0	0
	£360	.0	0
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#### SPECIAL GRANT.

To repay advances made for an over-expenditure on Tom's Brook, building bridge and alteration of road in 1854,	£100	0	0
ISLE MADAME.			
From Grandique road north of Round lake,	7	0	0
Petit DeGrate to Little Ance,	5	Ŏ	Ŏ
Grandique road to Martinique,	8	Ŏ	Ō
Towards the erection of Little Arichat bridge,	60	Ŏ	Ō
From Grandique to and including bridge at Poulamond,	10	Ŏ	Ō
Bridge at Poulamond to Cape LaRonde,	$\overline{12}$	Ŏ	Ō
Cape LaRonde to Rocky Bay, rear of Ponds,	$\overline{12}$	Ō	Ō
Petit Nez to LeCourteur's,	-7	Ŏ	Õ
Arichat, on D'Escouse road, to Loubert's hill,	20	Ō	Ō
To make the road round Loubert's hill,	10	0	0
From Loubert's hill to D'Escouse hill,	40	0	0
To cut D'Escouse hill,	10	0	Õ
From cross roads, rear of Janvrin's, to Bew's,	10	0	Ō
Bew's to Ballam's, at Petit de Grate,	9	0	Ō
On road past Bew's to Boudrot's, Petit de Grate,	10	0	0
From Cape Auget to brook rear of Kavanagh's point,	6	0	0
Brook rear of Kavanagh's point to John Goyetche's,	8	0	0
John Goyetche's round the head of Arichat harbor,	10	0	0
Rocky Bay to D'Escouse, by Doyle's,	10	0	0
Alexander Madden's to Thomas Wood's,	10	0	0
D'Escouse road to Marchand's, Rocky Bay,	6	0	0
Wood's to McNeil's bridge, and repair the same,	10	0	0
On the road north side Petit de Grate harbor,	12	0	0
From Poulamond southerly to D'Escouse road,	7	0	0
Simon Richards' to brook rear of Kavanagh's point,	10	0	0
On the road from Gros Nez to Petit de Grate,	10	0	0
From John Edwards' to D'Escouse road,	5	0	0
On road south side Petit de Grate harbor,	7	0	0
From the chapel at Arichat to Little Arichat bridge,	10	0	0
Little Arichat bridge to Grand Ruisseau bridge,	8	0	0
Road on the north side Grand Ruisseau harbor,	7	0	0
From Babin's hill, on lower road, to Hubert's, and repair bridges,	12	0	0
To repair road at the foot of Maskill's hill,	30	0	0
From the chapel on main road to D'Escouse road,	12	0	0
Wood's pottors on D'Escouse road to LeContenn's	12	Ω	0

Wood's cottage, on D'Escouse road, to LeCouteur's, To make the road on Babin's hill, Repair the cross road near G. E. Jeans', to meet the D'Escouse road,

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### COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-six pounds, granted for the service of the great roads—eighteen hundred and twenty pounds for the service of the cross roads, and one hundred and fifty pounds special grant, in the whole amounting to two thousand five hundred and ninety-six pounds, in the county of Cape Breton, for the year 1855, be applied as follows:— This

This sum being special road grant on main post road between Forks and North Sydney, to be sub-divided,				£150	0	0
To repay Donald McDonald for repairs at Irish				200	v	·
Cove main post road,	11	14	6			
To repay Jas. McKenzie's account, with an equal						
sum from Richmond county, for erecting bridge at Irish Cove,	10	11	71			
On account of expenditure on Little Bras d'Or	10		• 2			
bridge,	<b>5</b> 0	0	0			
At the disposal of government, to alter and repair	~~~~	70	707			
road and bridges, great post road,	553	13	10 <del>1</del>	626	0	0
This sum to repay John Smith for alteration and repairs of				020	U	v
road from Ball's bridge towards East Bay,	15	0	0			
Neil McDonald, from Barrasoit towards George's						
River,	10	0	0			
John McDonald, from upper bridge, Mire', to Sal-	70	^	Δ			
mon River, Bory McDonald, for bridge at George's Piyor	12	0 17	0 2			
Rory McDonald, for bridge at George's River, John McKenzie, on road from Philip Spencer's	90	11	4			
through Backlands,	2	10	0			
Archibald Campbell, from Grand Lake to Bridge-	-		•			
port road,	6	10	6			
J. McDonald, from Glace Bay to Schooner Pond,	5	0	0			
Alexander McPhail, from Schooner Pond to Cow	70	~	•			
Bay, Donald MaNial Mino' Biyon road	10 10		9			
Donald McNiel, Mire' River road, Angus McInnes, from James Campbell's to back	10	0	0			
lands,	2	10	0			
James Spruhan, on Low Point road,		18				
Duncan McPhee, on Low Point road,	0	9				
Arnold Holmes, due on bridge at Cow Bay,	36	0	0			
Roderick McKenzie, repairs of bridge, Forks, Syd-	6	70	0			
ney River, John Levingstone, for bridges, Low Point read	15	10 0	0 0			
John Levingstone, for bridges, Low Point road, Alex'r. Moore, from North Sydney to Rice's mill,						
George's River, Honry Devenant due on Com Par read	5	17	5			
Henry Davenport, amount due on Cow Bay road bridge,	1	0	0			
At the disposal of government, for the service of	-	v	v			
roads and bridges in the township of Sydney,	703	10	0			
				898	17	11
On road from Bennackady Point, including bridge, to Nar-	90	^	•			
rows road, To east side Indian lands,	30 40	0 0	0 0			
From Indian land to Tweednouge,	<b>4</b> 0	ŏ	-			
Grand Narrows to Sunnackady,	30	Ŏ	ŏ			
Sunnackady to Boisdaile,	30	Ō	Ō			
Boisdaile to township line,	30	0	0			
On Morrison's cross road towards East Bay,	10	0	0			
Salmon River,	10	0	0			
On road leading by Gotio's to Beaver's Cove, From East Bay to township line, towards Ball's	15	0	0			
creek,	40	0	0			
East Bay to township line, towards Cox	קר	Δ	Δ			0-
Heath,	25	0	0			On

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On road from East Bay to Boisdaile,	£	E20	0	б			
Boisdaile towards Leitch's Creek,		15	0	0			
Piper's Cove, Narrows,		10	0	0			
From Hadley's to county line, south side Boulard	rie,	15	0	0			
Towards Point Anconi,	·	45	0	0			
Alice bridge (Burke's) to Catalogne,		12	0	0	·		
Catalogne to Main-a-Dieu,		35	0	0			
Catalogue to Louisburg,		35	0	0			
Main-a-Dieu to Lorraine,		15	0	0			
Mire, Gut to Catalogne,		15		0			
Louisburg to Gabarus,		15	0	0			
Round Gabarus Bay,		20	Õ	0			
From Louisburg to John Scott's,		25	Ō	0			
Loch Lomond to Gilles', main post line,		15	Ō	Õ			
Rory Brack's,		15	Ō	Ō			
Salmon River,		15	Ō	Ō			
Salmon River to East Bay,		25	Ō	0			
On cross road, Glengarry, to road from East Bay to Salmo	on						
River,		5	0	0			
2000-0					652	0	0
This sum, balance of £1820, at the disposal of governme	ent for	ser	vice	of			
roads and bridges, county of Cape Breton					269	2	1
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roads, &c., in the county, 1855,		~~-		•-	110	12	4
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Great roads,	£626	0	0				
Special grant,		Ō	0				
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township,	898 1	17 ]	L <b>1</b>				
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#### COUNTY OF INVERNESS.

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Resolved, That the sum of £2112, granted for the road and bridge service in the county of Inverness, and the further sum of £560 granted for the main roads therein, and the sum of £175 granted for the new line from Plaster Cove to Whycocomah, be expended as follows:

#### CROSS ROADS.

From lower bridge, River Inhabitants, to Dowlin's brook, and for over-			
expenditure,	£25	0	0
Dowlin's brook to Archibald Cameron's brook,	15	0	0
Archibald Cameron's brook to upper bridge, River Inhabitants,		Ō	Ō
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From Upper bridge, River Inhabitants, to cross roads, River Dennis, and	010	^	~
to pay over-expenditure, 18s. 3d., Grass reads. Biver Dennis, to Duncer, McLeone's	£12	0	0
Cross roads, River Dennis, to Duncan McIsaac's,	15	0	0
Duncan McIsaac's, rear Interval, to Ronald McEachran's, Ronald McEachran's to Little Judique bridge,	20	0	0
Main road at Judique to Mount Noah,	7	0	0
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Main road at Walker's to River Dennis road,	20 10	0	0 0
John McDonald's, rear Judique, to head of River Inhabitants,	10	0	Ŏ
Graham's at the shore to River Dennis road, and to build bridge,	20	0	Ŏ
Alexander Chisholm's old mill to River Dennis road,	20	0	Ö
Main road at Long Point to the junction of the two lines near Angus		U	U
McDonald's,	10	0	0
Main road at Roderick McNeil's to River Inhabitants,	10	Ö	0 0
Low Point to River Inhabitants,	15	0	Ŏ
Low Point to River Inhabitants, by McInnis' mill,	8	Ŏ	Ŏ
Clough's mill to Long Stretch,	10	ŏ	Ŏ
Plaister Cove to Long Stretch, and for bridges,	15	ŏ	Ŏ
Main road at Donald McCaskill's to cross Long Stretch bridge to main	10	U	v
road, east side,	15	0	0
River Inhabitants to John McArthur's,	10	Ö	Ŏ
John McArthur's to River Dennis bridge,	15	ŏ	ŏ
River Dennis to Big Brook bridge,	10	Õ	Ŏ
Long Stretch road to head of River Inhabitants, west side, (not to be	•	v	Ŭ
laid out till the line is surveyed by F. W. McKenzie,)	15	0	0
Alexander Graham's to Donald McLauchlin's, West Bay,	7	ŏ	ŏ
Head of St. George's Channel to River Inhabitants,	$\dot{20}$	ŏ	ŏ
West Bay to Big Brook, near River Dennis,	7	Ŏ	ŏ
Head of St. George's Channel to Alexander Cameron's brook,	20	Ŏ	Ŏ
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Seely's brook to River Dennis bridge, at Samuel McLean's,	$\overline{20}$	Ŏ	Ŏ
Cross roads, River Dennis, to Whycocomah,	15	Ŏ	Õ
Omen's, River Dennis, to Chisholm's bridge, north side,	10	Ō	Õ
For repairing bridge, River Dennis, at Omen's,	10	Ō	Ō
From Omen's to the road leading to Blue's Cove,	10	0	Õ
Neal McLean's Cove, county line,	10	0	Ō
River Dennis road to Mabou,	10	0	0
Church, Indian rear, to county line at Little Narrows,	35	0	0
Whycocomah by mountain road to Lake Ainslie,	7	0	0
Church, Indian rear, to Blue's Cove,	20	0	0
Indian Mountain to Whycocomah church, when duly established,	5	0	0
Saw mill at Whycocomah to county line, towards Big Narrows,	10	0	0
Murdoch McDonald's brook towards church, Little Narrows,	5	0	0
Indian rear by Campbell's mountain to Mabou,	15	0	0
Indian rear to Turk settlement,	15	0	0
Indian rear to Lake Ainslie,	15	0	0
Indian rear to James Smith's,	20	0	0
James Smith's to widow McKeen's,	15	0	0
John McDonald's, Syke Glen, to Brigan,	5	0	0
Indian rear to Donald McPherson's mountain,	5	0	0
Widow James McKeen's to Allen Campbell's,	15	0	0
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APPENDIX, No. 87.

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Loch Ban to S. W. River, Margaree, Rear Settlement,	6	Õ	Õ
McFarlane's upper bridge to the bridge at chapel, west side,	15	Ŏ	Ŏ
Chapel, east side,	$\tilde{15}$	Õ	Ō
McFarlane's bridge at the chapel to Young's bridge, east side,	$\tilde{20}$	Õ	Õ
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Broad Cove,	15	Ŏ	Õ
Main road at Mowatt's up Big Brook,	10	Õ	Ō
Mouth of Margarec to Big Pond,	35	Ŏ	Õ
Big Pond to Cheticamp chapel,	35	Õ	Ō
Cheticamp chapel to Little River, and round the shore,	10		Ō
Little River at Cheticamp to half way to Grand Antz,	10	Ō	Ŏ
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Mouth of Margaree to chapel, east side of the river,	20	0	Ō
Chapel of Margaree to new bridge,	15	Õ	Ō
Duncan McDonald's to Philips',	10	0	0
Philips' up the north side of the river,	10	0	0
North East Margaree to Big Intervale,	13	0	0
North East Margaree to Big Intervale, east side,	13	0	0
Big Intervale to Cheticamp, new line,	20	0	0
Lake Ainslie to Middle River,	15	0	0
Lake Ainslie to River Johnston,	5	0	0
River Inhabitants up west side,	15	0	0
James Smith's to Ainslie Glen,	7	0	0
Intervale, Judique, to S. W. Mabou,	10	0	0
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Stephen King's towards River Inhabitants,	5	0	0
The bridge at Murray's, S. E. Mabou, to the main road at Murray's,		0	0
To build a bridge near McFarlane's mill, S. W. Margaree,	20	0	0
Complete lower bridge at N. E. Margaree,	5	0	0
	£1887	10	0
For main road from county line of Richmond to county line of Victoria,	500	0	Ŏ
Reserved,	90	ŏ	Ŏ
	£2477	10	0
OVER-EXPENDITURES.			
John McGregor's account,	3	11	6
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Thomas Ethridge and others,	£3	2	9
Upper bridge, N. E. Margaree,	47	15	0
James Doyle, Margaree,	7	16	10
Allan McDonald,	8	8	0
Donald McLellan,	2	15	6
John McLellan, for building at bridge,		10	
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# COUNTY OF VICTORIA.

Resolved, That the sum of £1941, granted for the great and cross road service—also the sum of £175, (special grant,) for the county of Victoria, for the year 1855, be appropriated as follows, viz. :—

This sum to pay over-expenditure in the year 1854, For road from Hume's bridge to Inverness county linc,	£421 40	0 0	0 0
Building a new bridge, Indian Land, Middle River, (special grant,)	175		0
Opening a new road from that bridge to ship yard, Baddeck river,	130		0
New bridge at Mr. Farquharson's, Middle River,	120	Ō	0
Main post road from Roderick Campbell's to upper bridge, Middle		•	
River,	20	0	0
Garloch road,	$\overline{15}$		Ō
Lake Ainslie road,	15	Ŏ	Õ
Road from John McLean's to John McInnes', carpenter, N. E. branch		-	•
Baddeck,	50	0	0
Crowdie's mountain,	15	Ŏ	Ŏ
Joining new line together, St. Ann's Glen, Big Hill,	$\tilde{45}$	Õ	Ŏ
Road from William McDonald's brook to R. Fraser's, South Gut St.		Ŭ	•
Ann's, (new road,)	45	0	0
Donald Smith's to Fergus', south side St. Ann's, (new line,)	60	ŏ	ŏ
Norman McKaskell's to village, do. do.,	30	Ŏ	ŏ
Munro's Point to Simon McKenzie's, north side St. Ann's,	00	, v	v
new road continued,	45	0	0
New bridge, north river St. Ann's, to Mason's,	150		ŏ
Coan Stewart's to ferry, great post road continued,	15	Ŏ	ŏ
Repairing North Gut road, St. Ann's,	20	ŏ	ŏ
Road from Donald McLean's to McPherson's, Boulardrie, great post	20	v	U
road,	60	0	0
Ross' ferry to Kempt Head,	15		Ö
South side Boulardrie to Point Clear,	15	Ŏ	Ŏ.
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For cross road to Corbett's,	£10	0	0
Road from Cape Breton county line, south side Boulardrie,	35	Õ	0
Repairing road from county line, Point A'Conie, to Duffus', Bras d'Or,			0
Bay St. Lawrence road,	10		
North Barrasois, Aspy Bay, Cape North,	10		0
South Barrasois, do. do.	10	Ō	0
Continuation of northern road to Ingonishe,	60	-	0
Building bridges on French and Little Rivers, North Shore,	30	Ō	0
Road from Plaister to Indian Brook, including labour done to bridge on	• • •	Ũ	•
that brook, not paid,	80	0	0
Barasois bridge to Eel Cove,	8	θ	0
John Smith's to Tarbot,	15		0
Slios Brochan, north side Great Bras d'Or,	35	0	0
Chain Point, do. do.	10		
Cross road, Lower Washabuck, towards Grand Narrows,	25		
Road from Grand Narrows to Portage,	30		0
Portage to Grand Narrows,	30		0
Big Washabuck towards Kayen's mountain,	<b>20</b>		0
South side St. Patrick's Channel to Little Narrows,	15		0
Oregon territory to North River, St. Ann's,	4	Ó	
This sum due Alexr. McRae, esquire, on bridge at Middle River,	4	13	
On road from McLeod's Brook to Tarbot,	20	0	0
This sum left at the disposal of the government for contingencies,	138	-	10
	<b>£211</b> 6	0	0
Also this sum unappropriated from 1854, and still undrawn,	36	-	6

# . No. 88.

#### (See page 707.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Wilson, praying that a license should be granted to him and others to enable them to distil spirits for exportation; and also the petition of John Oal, praying that a license should be granted to him for carrying on his distillery for a less period than six months, beg leave to report that they do not deem it expedient at present to recommend to the house the adoption of the prayer of said petitions.

> B. WIER, A. G. ARCHIBALD, D. N. MACQUEEN.

Committee room, March 27, 1855.

#### No. 89.

#### (See page 708.)

The committee appointed to consider the damage done to government house by the fire of the 20th August last, and the repairs necessary to restore the building, and put it in a condition to be re-occupied by the lieutenant governor, beg respectfully to report as follows:— •

That they have visited the building and find that the principal damage occasioned by the fire was to the main building, the wings having escaped with little injury.

The main building was extensively damaged; the whole of the roof was destroyed; the floors, partitions and ceilings of the 3rd story were wholly destroyed; the ceilings and part of the floors of the 2nd story were extensively damaged; and the ceilings of the rooms on the ground floor, and those in the basement, were either destroyed or so damaged as to be incapable of repair.

To restore the building it was necessary to erect a new roof, to slate and copper the same. To restore the partitions and floors of the various rooms injured or destroyed; to rebuild from the ceiling of the 2nd story 7 chimnies, cutting 30 flues or thereabouts, the same being in a most delapidated and dangerous condition, and to cover with paper in part the whole of the walls of the interior.

The roof of the wings is also in a bad state, and the same require to be covered in the same manner as the body of the building.

The drainage of the house is imperfect. Last year, shortly before the fire, the attention of the governor was drawn to the condition of the drains by the board of health, who ordered that the same should be cleaned. To carry out this object, not only must the coverings of the drains be taken off and the drains cleaned out, but the cess pit, which is now within the walls of the building, should be removed to the exterior, and the drains extended to communicate with it.

The necessary repairs have been commenced by the board of works, who have let by tender and contract all that part of it which is capable of measurement or accurate computation.

The expense already incurred by the board amounts to £1595, or thereabouts; a further sum of  $\pm 2250$ , or thereabouts, will be requisite to completely restore the building and fit it again for occupation. It is expected that it will be completed by the middle of July.

Your committee have had under consideration the condition of the outhouses connected with government house, used for the storage of wood and coal, for ashes, and for other necessary uses. They find the same in a most delapidated state, and indeed hardly strong enough to sustain their own weight. To erect a suitable building for these purposes, under one roof, would require an outlay of  $\pounds 600$ ; or thereabouts.

The damage to the furniture of government house was confined mainly to the carpets and fixtures, which were nearly all destroyed, or so damaged as to be comparatively useless.

To restore the furniture destroyed, repair what has been damaged, and refit the house in a style suitable to the building, would require an outlay in all of  $\pounds 1200$ , or thereabouts; and your committee are of opinion that whatever sum shall be appropriated for this purpose shall be placed at the disposal of his excellency the governor, who must be considered the best judge of the articles most needed, and who should be authorized to make selections according to his judgment, within the limits to which the grant is confined.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. ARCHIBALD, chairman. JOHN CREIGHTON, JOHN J. MARSHALL, JOHN ESSON, B. ZWICKER, G. W. MCLELLAN.

Committee room, 26th March, 1855.

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#### No. 90.

# (See page 712.)

The committee to whom was referred the report of commissioners for issuing province notes, &c., beg leave to report as follows:

That it appears by an act relating to the issue of treasury notes, passed in 1846, the governor and council were authorized to appoint three fit and proper persons to be commissioners for issuing the same ; that Messrs. L. Hartshorne, W. A. Black and Chas. Twining were commissioned to carry out the provisions of the act, with the understanding that they were to receive, as far as your committee can learn, half per cent. for signing and dating all amounts issued ; that the report of the commissioners sets forth that they have performed the duty assigned them, and have issued treasury notes to the amount of sixty thousand pounds; that owing to the labour and responsibility attaching to their office, they were compelled to employ a confidential clerk, who faithfully discharged the duties imposed upon him, but that the sum assigned by the legislature has not sufficiently remunerated them, consequently they have not been enabled to pay their clerk such a sum as his services entitle him to. Your committee have also had before them a memorial from Nepean Clarke, esquire, the clerk appointed by said commissioners, and referred to in their report, setting forth the duty he had to perform, extending over a period of eight years, was of a very oncrous and responsible nature, with regard to which your committee beg to state, that, as the commissioners accepted their situation under a full knowledge of the remuncration they were to receive, they should have either tendered their resignation or paid their clerk; but, from the evidence before your committee, and the case made out on the part of Mr. Clarke for services rendered, your committee recommend that the sum of twentyseven pounds and fourteen shillings be paid to Mr. Clarke, which, together with the sum of seventy-two pounds and six shillings, received from the commissioners, amounts to the sum of one hundred pounds, which your committee are of opinion will fairly compensate him for his services.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. WADE, chairman. SAMUEL CHIPMAN, BENJ. SMITH.

Committee room, March 29th, 1855.

#### No. 91.

## (See page 712.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of Joseph McDonald, praying the house to make provision for the expense of witnesses on the part of Alexander McDonald, his brother, who was indicted for the murder of Rebecca Langley, and acquitted on the defence of insanity, and setting forth his poverty and inability to pay the same, and that the party himself had no available property or means to meet said demand, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee, after taking all the circumstances into consideration, recommend the house to grant the sum of eighteen pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence, your committee being of opinion that provision for the payment of the witnesses of an insane person in such circumstances should be provided for by the legislature; and that the humane administration of the law requires such provision to be made.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.

Committee room, 28in March, 1855.

#### No. 92.

# (See page 712.)

The committee on the post office beg leave to report as follows :

The committee have had under consideration several petitions from different parts of the island of Cape Breton, and the counties of Pictou and Sydney, on the subject of mail accommodation and staging between the West River of Pictou and Sydney and Guysborough.

The committee have sought information from the postmaster general and other available sources, and have decided to recommend to the house to make provision for three mails a week between the points named. Your committee have received from the present contractor the annexed offer to perform that service, and have agreed to recommend the acceptance of that offer, reserving to the postmaster general the right of changing the hours of departure and arrival, so as to insure the punctual arrival and departure of the mails at the several termini.

The committee recommend that the postmaster general shall hereafter exercise in his discretion, the right of changing a way office into a post office, and recommend that the several petitions and applications for way offices be referred to him under the terms of the report of last year.

The committee have had also under consideration the subject of the fines imposed on Messrs. Archibald & Stephenson, Messrs. King & Brothers, and H. Hyde, and the report thereon of the postmaster general, which are referred to in the resolution of the house of the 31st March last, and recommend the house either to remit the same or to make a grant to the parties respectively of an amount equivalent thereto.

The committee approve of the change made by the postmaster general as to the time for closing each quarter, which brings the last quarter to terminate on the 31st December instead of the 5th October, as formerly.

The committee are gratified to find, by the report of the postmaster general, that he has "every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the couriers generally have performed their official engagements during the past year, though delays and loss of time on some routes have occasionally taken place, and for which fines have been exacted accordingly," as appears in his report No. 7.

The postmaster general in his report brings to the notice of the legislature the subject "of the carriage of the English mails to and from Canada and New Brunswick through this province, without any, the slightest remuneration being allowed for this service," and recommends "that the provinces of Canada and New Brunswick (Canada especially) be called upon to pay to this province such sum as may be considered fair and reasonable for the safe transit through Nova Scotia of their respective mails to and from England."

Your committee approve of this suggestion of the postmaster general, and recommend the house to adopt it. Your committee are of opinion that were this service not connected with the ordinary mail service to these provinces, the cost to this province for the latter would be materially less, and your committee can discover no good reason why this province should pay for a service of that kind without receiving any corresponding benefit.

The committee recommend the following extra rides :---

Weekly mail from Bridgetown to Lawrencetown, on the south side of the river, not to exceed  $\pounds 7$  10s.

Semi-weekly mail to Hantsport, instead of weekly, as at present.

Weekly mail from Canning or Pero to Scott's Bay, not to exceed  $\pounds 12$ .

Weekly mail from Barrington to Port Latour and Cape Negro, via the West Creek, as recommended by postmaster general.

Semi-weekly mail from Newport corner to Walton, and weekly mail from Kennetcook to Cockmagun.

Extension of mail route from eastern part of Aylesford to western part of Cornwallis, not to exceed £6, pursuant to report of postmaster general. Semi-weekly Semi-weekly mail from Guysborough to Milford, as reported by postmaster general, by competition.

Semi-weekly mail from Londonderry to Five Islands.

Weekly mail from Phinney's to Marshall's Cove, county Annapolis.

Weekly mail from Lawrencetown to LaHave, and branch from Stoddard's to Ross', Sherbrooke.

Extension of mail service from Wood's Harbor to the east side of Pubnico harbor, at John Carland's, pursuant to recommendation of postmaster general.

Postmaster general to make arrangements for conveyance of mails from Pictou to Albion Mines, and to allow the coach to come in by new road to New Glasgow, without calling at the mines, if practicable.

Semi-weekly mail to Gaspereaux, not to exceed  $\pounds 7$  10s., to be continued, and  $\pounds 10$  allowed courier for past services up to the 31st March instant.

Weekly mail from Upper Musquodoboit to way office, cross roads, St. Mary's.

Semi-weekly mail Amherst to Parrsborough, not to exceed £20 additional.

Weekly mail from Ingonishe to Cape North, instead of fortnightly, by competition.

Weekly mail from South Gut, St. Ann's, to English Town, and from St. Ann's to North River bridge; the first to be arranged in connection with route from Baddeck to Ingonishe and Cape North.

Semi-weekly mail Guysborough to Canso the whole year, instead of for eight months, as at present.

Weekly mail from Sydney to Low Point and Lingan mines, and way offices at both places.

Tri-weekly mail Halifax to Brookfield.

Weekly mail from Lower Stewiacke post office to Philips', on the Shubenacadie River, and present route from Truro to Maitland to be extended from Black Rock to Philips', and thence by Old Barns to Truro, pursuant to recommendation of the postmaster general.

In addition to present ride from New Glasgow to Cape George, an extra mail from the former to Barney's River, not to exceed £18.

Weekly mail from way office, Clyde River, past William Greenwood's, to a way office at Alexander Greenwood's, and Abiel Hagar's to William Doane's, Gunning Cove, as recommended by postmaster general.

Courier to go or return by way of the South Branch of Upper Stewiacke, not to exceed £5, as recommended by postmaster general.

Weekly mail from Bridgewater by Dublin shore to Petite River.

Weekly mail from Grand River to Roderick Bethune's, Loch Lomond.

Weekly mail from Middlefield to Bridgewater, not to exceed £15.

Semi-weekly mail Arichat to Little Arichat, not to exceed £5.

Weekly mail Upper Musquodoboit to Cox's, Upper Stewiacke.

Weekly mail Gay's River to Upper Musquodoboit.

Weekly mail Lunenburg to cross roads, LaHave.

An additional mail Clements Port by back road to Bear River.

Semi-weekly mail Newport Corner by the Gore to Maitland.

Courier from New Glasgow to Cape George, to go round by back settlement, Bailey's Brook, not to exceed £5.

Extension of route from Pineo's, on Ward road, to Bishop's at Aylesford, not to exceed £4.

The committee, upon full consideration of the claims of all the postmasters in the province, and assisted by the postmaster general, recommend the salaries of these officers be fixed from the 31st March instant, as follows :---

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Annapolis,	50 0 <b>0</b>
Aylesford,	10  0  0
Bridgewater,	20 0 0
Bridgetown,	40 0 0
Barrington,	30 0 0
Baddeck,	37 0 0
Chester,	20 0 0
Clements Port,	8 0 0
Canso,	15  0  0
Durham,	15  0  0
Digby,	70  0  0
Guysborough,	35 0 0
Hantsport,	12 10 0
Kentville,	100 0 0
Londonderry,	35 0 0
Lawrencetown,	20  0  0
Liverpool,	50 0 0
Lunenburg,	40 0 0
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The committee have considered several complaints against the management of the office at North Sydney, and have ascertained the postmaster resides about fifteen miles from the office, and that it is at present kept in a very inconvenient place. The committee recommend that the office be removed to a proper site, and the officer required to do the duty himself, and in case that be not done that an other officer be appointed.

The committee recommend that a way office be established at Sambro, and that the postmaster establish way offices wherever necessary to carry out the objects in this report, and any others he may think necessary.

The committee cannot favorably recommend the petitions of Donald McLean and Robt. J. Pollock, for return of money alleged to have been abstracted from registered letters, as they conceive it would be improper to establish the principle that parties have any claim on the public revenues for money so lost; nor the petition of the way office keeper at Margaree, for the expense of forwarding letters from his office to the harbor of Margaree, as no authority was given for such service, and the committee consider the expenses unnecessarily incurred; nor for a change of the site of the post office at Tatamagouche, as they do not consider any change at present necessary.

The committee recommend that way office keepers should be allowed a per centage, at the present rate, on all sums collected by them, without the present restriction to sums above eight pounds.

The committee cannot recommend the prayer of the courier to Cow Bay, for increased allowance, as he can terminate the contract by the usual notice of three months, if not satisfied with the present allowance.

The committee recommend the grant of  $\pounds 20$  additional to the courier from Liverpool to Annapolis, to enable him to run a better stage for the accommodation of travellers.

The committee recommend a grant of fifteen pounds to Thomas Bown, esquire, collector at North Sydney, to reimburse him in that amount, surcharged in his account in consequence of the abstraction of that sum from a letter directed by him to the receiver general, when remitting the public money in his hands.

The committee recommend that Charles Archibald, courier from Truro to Amherst, be allowed two hours additional time in going from Truro to Amherst and returning, but not to interfere with the time the mails are now due at Truro from Amherst.

The committee recommend to the favorable consideration of the house the subject of the money order system, and that the house adopt such course as will enable the postmaster general to procure the necessary funds, and make the necessary arrangements for applying the system to Nova Scotia, and extending it to the other provinces, and to England, iffound practicable.

The committee recommend that the discount of five per cent. allowed on postage stamps; be limited to postmasters, including the Halifax office; and that postmasters be permitted to use them instead of the present red paid stamp.

The committee recommend the continuance of the conveyance of the mails from Annapolis and Digby to St. John, provided the same do not cost over four hundred pounds, and that the province of New Brunswick give an equal sum with this province.

The committee recommend that the salaries of Messrs. Hamilton and Passow, of the Halifax office, be raised to  $\pounds 200$  each, from the 31st March instant.

The committee recommend that the postmaster general be requested to provide a map of all the mail routes, with a schedule of distances, for the use of the legislature.

The committee last year recommended a grant of £100 additional to the Messrs. King; for

for running an extra mail from Halifax to Yarmouth, according to a proposal submitted for extending the contract four years from the expiration of the then contract, which the committee recommended to be brought to a close as soon as possible. The recommendation was adopted, but the matter of the extension of the contract was omitted to be set forth in the report. The committee therefore recommend that the same be now adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HENRY, chairman. BENJ. SMITH, S. S. THORNE, ROBT. MURRAY, JOHN CREIGHTON.

Committee room, 28th March, 1855.

Halifax, 24th March, 1855.

I propose to form a company for the establishment of a good line of passenger conveyance from the West River of Pictou to Sydney, Cape Breton, and Guysborough; all the stock to be paid up capital.

On behalf of said company, I hereby offer to convey the mails to and from each of the above named places, three times per week, leaving West River, Guysborough, and Sydney, every alternate (week day) morning at five o'clock, and arriving at each of the above named places every intervening evening at nine o'clock.

The contract to be entered into for five years from the fifth day of July, 1855, and the sum paid for the service eleven hundred and twenty-five pounds per annum.

The contractors to have the right to forward the mails in advance of passengers, in such way as they may think best calculated to ensure punctuality and despatch.

I will undertake also that the company shall be ready to commence the three mails per week on the 5th June next.

I am,

Sir, Your obedient servant,

H. HYDE.

Hon. W. A. HENRY, chairman post office committee.

P. S.—The mails are sometimes detained at Plaister Cove for the branch mails, which should not be the case; they ought to have time enough so as not to detain the main route.

The undersigned members of the post office committee, while generally concurring in the recommendations of the foregoing report—and especially to that part of it which contemplates an increase of mail accommodation from the west river of Pictou to Sydney and Guysboro', do not approve and therefore cannot concur in the plan proposed of carrying out that service by Mr. Hyde, viz. : by an extension of his present contract for a period of five years, with an additional annual grant of £375. They offer no opinion as to whether the sum demanded by Mr. Hyde is reasonable or excessive; but they consider that it would be contrary to principles of sound policy, and exceedingly distasteful to the people of this country, were they to sanction a private bargain, with any individual, for the performance of a public service, running over a period of five years, and involving an expenditure in the whole of £1125 per annum.

The minority are willing to grant such sum as the postmaster general may find necessary to give for an additional mail per week from Pictou to Sydney and Guysboro', to the time

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time when the existing contracts expire, on the 5th July, 1856, at which period the whole service on the great line of postal communications will be again thrown open to public competition.

It would, they conceive, be especially unwise at the present juncture to make any partial arrangement extending over a long period of time, for conveying the mails from Pictou to Sydney, &c. The minority entertain a strong opinion in favor of substituting an evening in place of the present morning dispatch of the mails, three times a week, from the capital on the following lines, at such hours as in the judgment of the postmaster general will best meet the wants of the country.

From Halifax to Amherst,

Do. Pictou, Guysboro' and Sydney,

Do. Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth.

Do. Lunenburg, Shelburne and Yarmouth.

1st.—Because from ten to twelve hours are lost, or five days of the week, under the existing system, between the closing of the mails at eight o'clock in the evening and their dispatch on the following morning, and of not less than from thirty-four to thirty-six hours between the closing of the mails on Saturday evening and their dispatch on Monday morning.

2nd.—Because, while providing for a more rapid transmission of the mails and their uniform despatch on three days of the week on all the great postal lines of the province, they believe that no difficulty will be experienced by the postmaster general in making an arrangement, for a moderate sum, with the proprietors of the passenger coaches for a mail dispatch on the alternate days, as far at least as Pictou in the east, and Kentville in the western part of the province. There is nothing new or startling in the change which the minority propose; the system of evening dispatch was in full operation on the western road to Annapolis for many years, and it was not until June, 1851, that the existing arrangement was made, and up to 11th October of the same year the eastern mails were dispatched at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The undersigned have no fear that the substitution of an evening for a morning dispatch of mails will largely increase the expense, but even if it should, they confidently believe that the amount would soon be made up by the growth of the post office revenue, under increased facilities thereby afforded to the public. One of the committee has received an assurance from a gentleman of character and experience on the subject, who confidently states that a tri-weekly mail dispatched in the evening from Halifax to Amherst and Pictou, would be conveyed for the same sum as was paid for that service prior to the change in October, 1851, and who himself is prepared to perform the service for that amount; and the undersigned have little doubts that similar results would be effected on the western route, were the whole service thrown open to active competition.

But strong as are our views in favor of substituting an evening for a morning dispatch of the mails, they have no desire to press them on the house at the close of its last session, unless the proposition to re-open and extend the contract between the West River of Pictou and Sydney and Guysborough is adopted, in which case a general re-arrangement of our postal system will become necessary. We think it would be more expedient, and on this point we are fortified by the opinion of the post office committee in 1851, that the necessary changes should be made by the next house, and that "all contracts hereafter to be made for mail conveyance should be open to competition, and entered into by the postmaster general for a term of years, say five years for the first contracts and four years subsequently." "By this arrangement the review of the mail contracts will come under consideration the first session of each successive newly elected general assembly."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ANNAND, JOHN C. WADE, G. W. McLELAN,* H. MUNRO.

Committee room, 29th March, 1855.

* With the exception of a third mail to Sydney.

#### No. 93.

# (See page 714.)

The committee on the Halifax court house beg to report that they have examined the plan of the proposed court house, and find that, with the accommodation absolutely required, including two suitable court rooms, it cannot be built of brick at a less sum than  $\pounds 12,000$ . That this sum, which so far exceeds the idea originally entertained by the legislature, would not be diminished, were the court house built of wood, by a larger sum than about  $\pounds 1500$ ; and it would not be reduced more than  $\pounds 1000$  or  $\pounds 1500$  more, were one court room only provided.

Your committee, with a view to the safety of the public records, and to the great convenience, if not the absolute necessity, of having two court rooms, in which criminal and civil trials could be conducted at the same time, are of opinion that it would be better to erect no building at present than to put up a wooden court house, or to forego one of the two court rooms required. But it must not be forgotten that it is indispensable to the comfort and to the transaction of the public business of the legislature, to have the present court room in the province building converted into a library with committee rooms. Some action, therefore, on the part of the legislature is clearly advisable. The acts now in force have granted one-third of  $\pounds 5000$ , but this grant must be increased if a suitable court house is to be built. To assess the county of Halifax for a much larger sum than the present acts authorize, with the impending assessments for railway damages, would be to impose a burthen heavier than the county could bear. Assuming the cost then to be  $\pm 12,000$ , independently of the site, which has been already secured, it has been suggested that one-third of the cost should be granted by the province, one-third assessed on the county of Halifax, and the other third borrowed, and the interest raised as in the case of the court house at Montreal, by a tax upon all writs issued in Halifax, varying from 5s. to 20s., according to the nature of the writ, and the overplus beyond the payment of the interest to form a sinking fund towards the redemption of the debt. Should this plan, which seems to be the only practicable method of attaining the object, be approved of by the house, the committee will report further by bill, with such modifications as may hereafter appear advisable.

WILLIAM YOUNG, chairman.

Committee room, 29th March, 1855.

#### No. 94.

#### (See page 714.)

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of W. H. Keating, and others, holding situations under the government, asking for increase of salary, beg leave to report :

That they recommend the house to grant the sum of thirty-five pounds four shillings and one penny, being the amount of commissions upon monies collected by him in the shape of fees at the provincial secretary's office. They also beg leave to report, with reference to the other applications for increase of salaries, that in considering the whole subject, they do not feel themselves in a position to recommend such increase to any particular applicant or applicants, but would respectfully submit, that, as the prices of the necessaries of life life have greatly increased, and small salaries are no longer of the same avail in providing for the wants of a family—as many private establishments in Halifax have voluntarily raised the wages of persons in their employ—as the government of Canada have made a temporary addition to all salaries below a specified amount, a resolution should be adopted by the house, enabling the executive government to make a moderate addition for the present year to the salaries of such of the clerks in the public departments as in their judgment and discretion ought, under the circumstances of each particulor case, to be allowed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. WIER, SAM'L. CHIPMAN, STEPHEN FULTON, JOHN LOCKE, M. WILKINS.

Halifax, March 29th, 1855.

No. 95.

#### (See page 714.)

At a council holden at Halifax on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1855.

#### PRESENT :

# HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&c. &c. &c.

Read the following extract from the proceedings of the board on the 4th day of Aprilast, which is as follows, viz. :---

"The following allowances are approved for the railway board for the present year: The chairman, seven hundred pounds, per annum; the remaining members, six hundred pounds, per annum, to be divided according to their discretion amongst them."

And the lieutenant governor having been informed that the five commissioners of railways had declined receiving the compensation so awarded to them, as, in their opinion inadequate and insufficient; and a question, as to increased compensation to these last, being under consideration of the board, it is therefore ordered by the lieutenant governor in council, subject to the revision and confirmation of the legislature, that the order of the board first above referred to, so far as it respects compensation to the said five commissioners, be rescined, and that the sum of one thousand pounds, currency, be assigned as the full amount of annual salary or compensation to those five commissioners, from the date of their appointments, to be distributed and apportioned amongst them, relatively to their respective services, in such proportions as the board may decide.

The foregoing is a true extract from the minutes of council.

# LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS, C. C.

No.

# No. 96.

## (See page 716.)

The committee on the petition of Jonathan Elliot and others, of Dartmouth, complaining of the increased charges of the steam boat company, and praying the interposition of your honorable house, beg leave to report:

The committee offer no opinion upon that portion of the law which relates to the regulation of the rates and fares by the justices in session, and they entertain grave doubts whether it would be for the advantage of the petitioners were the law so amended or defined as to remove the doubts which exist as to the right of the sessions to regulate the ticket system.

As respects the late increase in the price of tickets, it is impossible for your committee not to perceive that the advance in the cost of fuel, labour, &c., in all fairness entitled the company to such increase in their income; indeed your committee believe that the objection, generally speaking, arises less from disinclination to pay the augmented charge than from dread of the influence which liability to such fluctuations is likely to exercise on the value of property and stability of rents in Dartmouth. In this view your committee believe that it would be more advantageous, both to the steam boat company and the petitioners, whose interests are to a large extent identified, that the price of tickets should be subjected to as little change as possible, and that such a scale of prices be arranged and adhered to as will not press hardly on the inhabitants of Dartmouth, many of whom have made their homes and established their business in that thriving locality, upon the faith of the ticket system, which, it appears, was established by the company about sixteen years ago.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman. J. W. JOHNSTON, MART. I. WILKINS.

#### No. 97.

#### (See page 723.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of Octavus W. Grindon, a school teacher at Argyle, beg leave to report as follows :---

Your committee have examined into the claim made by petitioner, and find from his petition, and otherwise, that he was employed by school trustees of district No. 10 after new trustees had been appointed by order of the commissioners; that these new trustees would not ratify the agreement, and the petitioner kept the school for six months, and made application to the commissioners for his allowance of provincial grant. The report was signed by the old trustees. The commissioners refused to allow him any share of the grant, as his return was not vouched by the trustees acknowledged by them. Petitioner, however, continued to keep his school for the next six months, and then presented his return to the new trustees, who refused to sign the same. He then forwarded his return, unvouched by any trustees, to the commissioners, who, taking the whole circumstances into consideration, awarded him compensation for the first half year. He now applies to the house to order the commissioners to pay him for the last half year. It appeared in evidence before your committee that no school but petitioner's was kept in the district for the first half year, but that a female school was kept the last term under the authority

authority of the commissioners, and money was awarded the teacher thereof out of the provincial funds. Your committee, taking all these circumstances into consideration, cannot recommend the petition to the favorable notice of the house, further than a recommendation that the matter should be again referred to the commissioners for their re-consider-The law has not only not been complied with by petitioner, but he has appeared to ation. your committee to have acted for the latter six months in opposition to the new and regular trustees, but also to the board of commissioners. Your committee consider it would be a bad precedent for this house to allow the claim of the petitioner, and that it would tend to encourage a spirit of insubordination to the local authorities which would be productive of injurious consequences to the system of education now in existence were such appeals to this house encouraged. Your committee are of opinion that at the end of the first term the petitioner should have made his arrangments with the new trustees, and by yielding to the decision of the commissioners upon that point he might have been enabled, without difficulty, to have received payment for the last six months, for which he is now asking compensation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HENRY, chairman. JESSE SHAW.

Committee room, March 27th, 1855.

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- 34. Of Richard Logue, of Sydney, C. B., for reimbursement of expenses incurred at special sittings of the supreme court, presented, and referred to committee empetition No. 17; who report, 699; see appendix No. 71—part 2.
- 35. Of John H. Tory, of Guysborough, for compensation for less sustained in building a bridge over Milford Haven, presented, and referred to committee on petitien No. 29; who report, 655; see appendix No. 50; grant, 718, 726.
- 36. Of James Jost, of Sydney, C. B., for reimbursement of certain advances in 1851, in connection with Cape Breton road service, presented, motion to refer to select committee negatived, and petition withdrawn, 605, 606.

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- 40. Of Samuel Rigby and others, adjutants of Sydney militia, for compensation for services performed in 1854, presented and referred to committee on militia laws, 609; who report by bill, 628.

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- 41. Of commissioners and contractors of Lake Ainslie bridge, for reimbursement of expenses and loss incurred in erection, presented, and referred to committee on petition No. 29; who report, 655; see appendix No. 50.
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- 44. Of Andrew Barclay, Shelburne, for repeal of alien act, presented, and referred to committee on that subject, 611; who report, 680; see appendix No. 76.
- 45. Of magistrates and others, Arichat, for passage of act securing to the public a landing place used by them, presented and referred to select committee, 611; who report, which is adopted, 642; see appendix No. 35.
- 46. Of Hugh McDonald and others, St. Mary's, for grant to compensate Neill Gunn, for loss sustained in building bridge, presented and referred to committee on petition No. 29; who report, 655; see appendix No. 50.
- 47. Of James Wilson, of Halifax, distiller, for enactment to grant licenses authorizing manufacture of alcohol, for exportation, from molasses in bond, presented, and referred to select committee, 612; who report, 707; see appendix No. 88.
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- 54. Of George Rigby and others, Main-a-dieu, for grant to Edward Kennedy, for his exertions in saving shipwrecked seamen, presented, and referred to select committee, 614; who report, which is referred to supply, 630; see appendix No. 23; grant, 671, 681.
- 55. Of Henrietta Stevens, Pugwash, for compensation for railway surveys made by her late husband, presented, and referred to committee on petition No. 19; who report, which is referred to supply, 636; see appendix No. 27; grant, 671, 681.
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