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PROCLAMATION.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

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. &c.

L. S.

J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS I have thought fit to dissolve the general assembly of this province, which now stands prorogued to Thursday, the tenth day of May next, I do for that purpose publish this proclamation. and accordingly by the presents do dissolve the said general assembly.

And I do hereby notify the members of the legislative council, as well as the representatives of this her majesty's province, severally, as they are returned from the counties and townships, that they are discharged from further attendance in the said general assembly.

And by these presents I further declare, that I have this day given orders to issue writs in due form for calling a new general assembly—which writs will bear teste on this twenty-fifth instant, and be returnable on the twelfth day of June next.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this
25th day of April, A. D. 1855, and in the
18th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



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L. S.

J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS by the writs issued for the general election of members to serve in general assembly, bearing teste on the 24th day of April last, the several sheriffs of the several counties in this province were commanded to summon the persons who should be elected and chosen according to the exigency of said writs, to attend her majesty's service in general assembly, at such time and place as should be notified by proclamation for that purpose :

I do accordingly, by this proclamation, give notice, that I have appointed Thursday, the thirty-first day of January next, at Halifax, for the meeting of the said general assembly, *for the despatch of business* ; and I hereby require the members of the legislative council and the house of assembly, to attend in general assembly on the said day, at Halifax—whereof they, and all others concerned, are desired to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this
24th day of December, A. D. 1855, and in the
19th year of her majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command.

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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Began and holden at Halifax, on THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of JANUARY, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty-six, in the nineteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lady VICTORIA, by the Grace of GOD of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, defender of the faith, and of the United Church of England and Ireland, on Earth the Supreme Head.

His excellency SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT, having by his proclamation dated the 25th day of April, in the year 1855, (hereunto annexed) dissolved the last General Assembly; and having called a new one, and having by his proclamation dated the 24th day of December, 1855, appointed the same to meet at Halifax, on Thursday, this thirty-first day of January, 1856, then to meet for the *despatch of business*. The following are the names of the members returned by the Sheriffs of the several counties within this province, to represent the same in the said general assembly, summoned to meet as before mentioned, viz :

MEMBERS RETURNED BY THE SHERIFFS.

- County of Halifax.*—John Esson, William Annand.
Lunenburg.—Benjamin Rinhard, George Gilderd.
Queens.—John Campbell, Edward D. Davison.
Shelburne.—Cornelius White.
Yarmouth.—Thomas Killam.
Digby.—Francis Bourneuf.
Annapolis.—Hon. James W. Johnston.
Kings.—Caleb R. Bill, William B. Webster.
Cumberland.—Charles Tupper, Alexander McFarlane.
Sydney.—John McKinnon, Hon. William A. Henry, solicitor general.
Guysborough.—Stewart Campbell, John J. Marshall.

List of members returned.

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County of Pictou.—George McKenzie, Alexander C. McDonald.
Colchester.—Adams G. Archibald, Gloud W. McLelan.
Hants.—Ichabod Dimock, Francis R. Parker.
Cape Breton.—Hon. James McLeod.
Richmond.—Thomas H. Fuller.
Inverness.—Hon. William Young, attorney general, Peter Smyth.
Victoria.—Hugh Munro, Charles J. Campbell.

Township of Halifax.—Benjamin Wier, John Tobin.
Lunenburg.—Henry Bailey.
Liverpool.—Matthew McClearn.
Shelburne.—John Locke.
Barrington.—Robert Robertson.
Yarmouth.—Nathan Moses.
Argyle.—John Ryder.
Digby.—John C. Wade.
Clare.—Maturine Robecheau.
Annapolis.—Alfred Whitman.
Granville.—Stephen S. Thornc.
Horton.—Edward L. Brown.
Cornwallis.—Samuel Chipman.
Amherst.—William W. Bent.
Pictou.—Martin J. Wilkins.
Londonderry.—Thomas F. Morrison.
Truro.—Hiram Hyde.
Windsor.—Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, provincial secretary.
Newport.—William Chambers
Falmouth.—Ezra Churchill.
Sydney.—James McKeagney.
Arichat.—Henry Martell.

Commission to ad-
minister oaths to mem-
bers.

In virtue of a commission from his excellency the lieutenant governor to the honorables Hugh Bell, Mather B. Almon, and Edward Kenny—a copy of which is as followeth :—

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

L. S.

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. &c.

TO THE HONORABLES HUGH BELL, MATHER B. ALMON, AND EDWARD KENNY.

Know ye that by virtue of the authority in me vested as lieutenant-governor of the said province, I have constituted and appointed, and do by these presents constitute and appoint you commissioners, either of you, to administer the oath of allegiance to each

each of the persons elected, or who shall be elected, members of the house of assembly of the said province.

Given under my hand and seal at arms, at Halifax, this 24th day of January, in the 19th year of her Majesty's reign.

By his excellency's command,

(Signed)

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

The honorable Hugh Bell, and the honorable Mather B. Almon, and the honorable Edward Kenny, said commissioners, came between one and two of the clock in the afternoon, into the place where the members of the house of assembly usually sit, Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, clerk of the house of assembly, and Alexander James, esquire, clerk assistant, attending in the house; the list of the names of the members returned, as before set forth, for the several counties and townships throughout the province, having been called over by the clerk, the following members appeared, and took and subscribed the oath of allegiance, in the presence of such commissioners, viz :

Commissioners attend and administer oaths

John Esson, William Annand,
Benjamin Rinhard, George Gilderd,
John Campbell, Edward D. Davison,
Cornelius White,
Francis Bourneuf,
Hon. James W. Johnston,
Caleb R. Bill, William B. Webster,
Charles Tupper, Alexander McFarlane,
Hon. William A. Henry, solicitor general,
Stewart Campbell,
Alexander C. McDonald,
Adams G. Archibald, Gloud W. McLelan,
Ichabod Dimock, Francis R. Parker,
Hon. James McLeod,
Thomas H. Fuller,
Hon. William Young, attorney general, Peter Smyth,
Hugh Munro, Charles J. Campbell,
Benjamin Wier, John Tobin.
Henry Bailey,
Matthew McClearn,
John Locke,
Robert Robertson,
John Ryder,
John C. Wade,
Maturine Robecheau,
Alfred Whitman,
Stephen S. Thorne,
Samuel Chipman,
William W. Bent,
Martin J. Wilkins,
Thomas F. Morrison,
Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, provincial secretary.
William Chambers.
James McKeagney,
Henry Martell.

List of member sworn in.

Governor commands attendance of house.

After which, a message was delivered by John James Sawyer, esquire, the gentleman usher of the black rod :

Gentlemen,

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

House attend.

Accordingly the house went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber, when the president of the legislative council said—

*Honorable gentlemen of the legislative council ; and
Gentlemen of the house of assembly ;*

House choose speaker.

I have it in command from his excellency the lieutenant-governor to inform you that he will defer declaring the causes for which he hath convened the general assembly, until the house of assembly have elected a speaker—It is therefore his excellency's pleasure that the house of assembly do repair to the place where they usually sit, and there elect a speaker, and present him here for his excellency's approbation.

And the house having returned,

Speaker chosen.

The honorable attorney general (addressing himself to the clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and than sat down) proposed to the house for their speaker, Stewart Campbell, esquire, and moved "that Stewart Campbell, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker:" which motion was seconded by Samuel Chipman, esquire.

And the question being put by the clerk, it was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, Mr. Stewart Campbell was conducted to the chair by the honorable attorney general and Mr. Chipman.

House attend governor

Mr. Speaker elect, with the house, then went to attend his excellency in the council chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his excellency by the honorable attorney general, who addressed his excellency as followeth :

May it please your excellency ;

Speaker presented and approved of.

The house of assembly, agreeably to your excellency's commands, have proceeded to the choice of a speaker, and have unanimously elected Stewart Campbell, esquire, member for the county of Guysborough, to that office, and by their direction I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your excellency.

After which, his excellency was pleased to say, "I approve of the speaker whom the house of assembly have chosen."

Approval reported.

The house being returned, and Mr. Speaker having taken the chair,

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency in the council chamber, where his excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the house had made of him to be their speaker ; and that he had thereupon addressed his excellency to the following effect :—

May it please your excellency ;

Demand of usual privileges.

Your excellency's ready approval of the choice with which I have been honored by the house, having constituted me, in due form, the speaker of the house of assembly, it has now become my duty, in the name of the representatives of her Majesty's loyal subjects the people of this province, respectfully to demand all their accustomed rights and privileges—that they may have freedom of speech in their debates—that they may be free from arrest during their attendance on parliament—and that I, as their speaker, may have free access to your excellency's person.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker also reported that his excellency in reply said—

Privileges granted.

Mr. Speaker,

I most cheerfully grant your request.

Mr. Speaker then stated that he had deferred making his acknowledgments to the house for the honor done him in his election as speaker, until their return from waiting on his excellency, and begged to address them now as followeth :

Speaker makes acknowledgments

Gentlemen,

Having deferred making my acknowledgments to the house for the honor done me in my re-election as speaker, until after the house had waited upon his excellency, I beg now to address you on the subject, and to offer you my heartfelt thanks for this distinguished mark of your confidence and kindness. Sensible of the great responsibility which must attach to such a position, I shall endeavor to discharge the duties which devolve upon the chair with corresponding fidelity ; and I earnestly hope by a courteous yet firm and impartial course of conduct, and by a vigilant regard for the order, privileges, and dignity of the house, I may succeed in justifying the choice which you have this day been pleased to make.

Mr. Speaker then reported that his excellency had, in the council chamber, 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 copy—which he read to the house, as followeth :

Speech of governor reported.

*Mr. president, and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council ;
Mr. speaker, and gentlemen of the house of assembly ;*

1°. I have great pleasure in meeting you in parliament, and I trust that our united efforts will be successfully directed to the developement of the resources, and the advancement of the prosperity, of this highly favoured colony.

2°. The people of Nova-Scotia, though most deeply interested in the existing conflict, are permitted by the gracious dispensation of providence, quietly to pursue their industrial occupations, far from the scene, and exempt from the burthens, of a protracted war, which the arms of their fellow subjects, and of their brave allies, sustain, with distinguished valour and fortitude.

Mr. speaker, and gentlemen of the house of assembly ;

3°. The accounts for the past, and the estimates for the current year, shall be submitted without delay.

*Mr. president, and honourable gentlemen of the legislative council ;
Mr. speaker, and gentlemen of the house of assembly ;*

4°. Our especial gratitude, as a people, is due to the Almighty for our exemption from pestilence during the year that has past.

5°. To that source we must also gratefully ascribe the success which, in the last season, has attended the industry of the husbandman, and rewarded the toils of the fisherman.

6°. The revenue, though somewhat diminished in productiveness, when compared with that of the preceding year, as was anticipated, from the reduction of duties, and the first effects of suddenly expanded commercial freedom, is nevertheless, amply sufficient to meet all the demands upon it, and affords satisfactory evidence of the increased energies, and growing prosperity, of the people.

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7°. The Normal school—opened at Truro during the past autumn, under circumstances most auspicious—is now in efficient operation.

8°. A measure, having for its object the improvement of the general educational condition of the country, will be submitted for your consideration.

9°. Our railway system is progressing favorably, and I trust that, when the accounts of the expenditure, and liabilities, connected with it, are laid before you, the utmost prudence and economy will be found to have been observed by those to whom the legislature has entrusted the conduct of this important branch of the public service.

10°. The reports and accounts respecting St. Peter's canal, and the Lunatic asylum, when submitted to you, will show that those public works have advanced satisfactorily during the past season.

11°. On the subject of the mines and minerals, in connexion with the claims of the general mining association, an opinion of the imperial law officers of the crown, and a correspondence with the colonial secretary, will be laid before you, which will doubtless engage your most earnest attention.

12°. A measure will be submitted to you, founded on the example of the mother country, and on our own local experience, for facilitating the collection, and improving the administration of the revenue.

13°. The substitution of a simpler and more economical process for revesting forfeited lands in the crown, in place of the existing system, will be proposed to you by my government.

14°. The selections of stock which I have made, in accordance with the desire expressed in the closing session of the last parliament, will, I trust, commend themselves to your approval.

15°. I venture to indulge a confident expectation that the further promotion of agriculture, in its various relations will, in the present session, command the interest of the representatives of a people thoroughly capable of appreciating the importance of that great object.

16°. Some modification of the existing laws for protection of the river fisheries appears to me imperatively called for; and I trust that your local experience will suggest such improvement of them as will ensure the attainment of the purpose for which they were enacted.

17°. You will be gratified, I am sure, to learn that I have resumed the occupation of government house, seriously injured by the late fire, but renovated and refurnished in a style that bespeaks your munificence, whilst it demands my grateful acknowledgments.

Choice of officers.

The house then proceeded to the choice of officers; and Alexander James, esquire, and Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, having been severally proposed to fill the office of clerk, the house proceeded to ballot therefor;

Ballot for clerk.

And Mr. James having a majority of votes,

Mr. James chosen.

Resolved, That Alexander James, esquire, be clerk of this house.

And he took the oath of office accordingly.

Ballot for clerk assistant.

The house then proceeded to the choice of a clerk assistant; and Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, and James G. Tobin, esquire, having been proposed to fill the office, and the house balloting thereon, Mr. Tobin was found to have a majority of votes.

Mr. Tobin chosen.

Resolved, That James G. Tobin, esquire, be the clerk assistant of this house.

Mr. Grassie chosen serjeant at arms.

George R. Grassie, esquire, was then proposed to fill the office of serjeant-at-arms; and thereupon,

Resolved, That George R. Grassie, esquire, be the serjeant-at-arms of this house.

Ballot for assistant serjeant-at-arms.

The ballot was then taken for an assistant serjeant-at-arms, Mr. Philip Brown, and Mr. Edward Joyce, being severally proposed for that office; and thereupon, Mr. Joyce having a majority of votes,

Mr. Joyce chosen.

Resolved, That Mr. Edward Joyce, be the assistant serjeant-at arms of this house.

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The Rev. John T. Twining, D. D. and the Rev. James C. Cochran, A. M. having been severally proposed to fill the office of chaplain of the house; and the house proceeding to ballot thereon, the Reverend Doctor Twining was found to have a majority of votes; and thereupon,

Ballot for chaplain.

Resolved, That the Reverend John T. Twining, D. D. be the chaplain of this house.

Dr. Twining chosen.

It was then proposed that Mr. John Fitzgerald be the messenger and door-keeper of this house; and thereupon,

J. Fitzgerald chosen as messenger.

Resolved, That Mr. John Fitzgerald be the messenger and door-keeper of this house.

The clerk assistant being in attendance, took the usual oath of office.

Clerk assistant sworn in.

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

Address moved.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

Address.

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., &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 this present parliament.

2°. We shall rejoice if the hope expressed by your excellency that our united efforts may tend to develop the resources and advance the prosperity of this highly favored colony, shall be happily realized.

3°. In common with your excellency, we feel deeply grateful to the Almighty for the tranquillity which prevails throughout the province, whilst we admire the valor and fortitude with which our fellow subjects and our allies sustain the existing war.

4°. Our fervent gratitude as a people is most justly due for the divine favor manifested during the last year in our exemption from pestilence, and in the successful results of the labours of the farmer and of the fisherman.

5°. We are pleased to learn that the revenue though somewhat less in amount than that of the preceding year, is yet sufficient to meet all our engagements, and affords evidence of the increasing energies and prosperity of the people.

6°. The intelligence which your excellency has communicated of the auspicious opening and the efficient operation of the Normal school, has been received by us with great satisfaction.

7°. The promised measures having for their several objects,—the advancement of education—the more easy and efficient administration of the revenue—and the introduction of a process for investing forfeited lands in the crown simpler and less expensive than the existing system—will alike receive our attentive consideration.

8°. We shall examine the respective accounts and reports connected with the railway system, St. Peter's canal, and the Lunatic asylum, when submitted, in the hope of their disclosing such evidence of the management, progress, and condition of those works, as will confirm the favorable opinions which your excellency has expressed in relation to them.

9°. The subject of the mines and minerals to which your excellency has adverted, will not fail to command our serious attention.

10°. We thank your excellency for the promptitude, and, so far as our information extends,

extends, we commend the judgment with which your excellency has been pleased to select stock for the province, in compliance with the wishes of the last parliament.

11°. Your excellency may be assured that an object so important as the advancement of agriculture, in its various relations, will not be lost sight of in the present session, by the representatives of the people.

12°. Recognizing the expediency of protecting the river fisheries by prudent legislation, we shall review the laws on that subject, with a view to such amendment as our local knowledge and experience may suggest.

13°. That your excellency has resumed the occupation of government house, under circumstances which promote the convenience and comfort of your excellency and your family, we have learned with much satisfaction.

Address seconded.

Which being seconded,

Made order of day for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the address be postponed until to-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Four members sworn in.

Thomas Killam, esquire, member for the county of Yarmouth, John McKinnon, esq., member for the county of Sydney, George McKenzie, esquire, member for the county of Pictou, and Nathan Moses, esquire, member for the township of Yarmouth, respectively took the oath of allegiance, before the honorables Hugh Bell and Edward Kenny, commissioners authorised to administer the same, and their seats as such members.

Resolution as to franking.

The honorable Attorney General moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the privilege of franking letters of members of this house during the present session, be the same as last session.

Which being seconded,

Amendment proposed.

Mr. Whitman moved the following resolution in amendment thereto.

Resolved, That the members of this house be permitted to send and receive their letters during the time the house is in session, free of postage; and that the postmaster general be requested to keep an account of the same, and this house will provide for the payment thereof during the present session.

Amendment passed.

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

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered accordingly.

Address considered.

Pursuant to order the house proceeded to the consideration of the address proposed and moved yesterday in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant-governor.

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

Passed.

Resolved, That the address do pass.

To be engrossed and presented to lieutenant governor.

Ordered, That the address be engrossed.

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

Committee on privileges.

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Resolved, That a standing committee on privileges be appointed.

Ordered, That the hon. the attorney general, the hon. Mr. Johnston, the hon. solicitor general, Mr. Tupper, Mr. Wier, Mr. John Campbell, and Mr. Wade, be a committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Annand,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the subject of the reporting of the debates and proceedings of the house during the present session.

Ordered, That Mr. Annand, the hon solicitor general, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Wilkins, be a committee for that purpose.

Appointment to receive address.

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

SATURDAY, 2d FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The honorable the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint this day at twelve of the clock, at government house, to receive the house with their address in answer to the speech at the opening session.

At twelve of the clock Mr. Speaker and the house went up to government house to attend his excellency the lieutenant-governor with the address of the house, in answer to the speech of his excellency at the opening of the session.

House wait on governor with address.

And being returned,

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

Governor's answer reported.

Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen of the house of assembly ;

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

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

Resolved, That the resolution passed by the house yesterday, as to franking, be rescinded, for the purpose of returning to the system heretofore pursued by the house.

Motion to rescind resolution as to franking privilege.

Which proposed resolution being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

Negated on division.

John J. Marshall, esquire, one of the members for the county of Guysborough, took the oath of allegiance before the honorable Hugh Bell, one of the commissioners authorised to administer the same, and took his seat as such member.

J.J. Marshall sworn in.

Ordered, That Mr. McKenzie have leave of absence, on urgent private business, until after Thursday next.

Leave of absence.

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.

Committee to prepare lists of standing committees.

Ordered, That the hon. attorney general, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Archibald, Mr. McClearn, Mr. Chipman, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Davison, be a committee for that purpose.

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house,

Public accounts presented.

The account current of the honorable receiver general, of all moneys paid into, and moneys paid from, the provincial treasury, during the year ending 31st December, 1855.

(See appendix No. 1.)

Also, a detailed statement, certified by the hon. financial secretary, of the amounts

paid from the treasury on account of the different public services of the province during the same year.

(See appendix No. 2.)

Also, an account, certified by the hon. receiver general, of the moneys received into, and paid from, the Treasury, on account of the provincial railways, during the same year.

(See appendix No. 3.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

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

MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAVERS.

- Report of lists of committees— The hon. attorney general reported from the select committee appointed to prepare lists of members 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 follows, viz :
- Agriculture. Agriculture.—Hon. attorney general, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Bill, Mr. Parker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Robecheau, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bailey.
- Fisheries. Fisheries.—Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Martell, Mr. Tobin, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Rinhard, Mr. Symth, Mr. Bailey.
- Trade and manufactures. Trade and manufactures.—Mr. Wier, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Killam, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLelan, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Mr. McLearn.
- Post office. Post office.—Hon. solicitor general, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Annand, Mr. Munro, Mr. Thorne, Mr. McLelan, Mr. White.
- Public accounts. Public accounts.—Mr. Esson, Mr. Killam, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Locke, Mr. White.
- Education. Education.—Hon. attorney general, hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. provincial secretary, Mr. Brown, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Tupper, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Webster, Mr. Hyde.
- Mines and minerals. Mines and minerals.—Mr. Archibald, hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. attorney general, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Webster.
- Navigation securities. Navigation securities.—Mr. Chipman, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Wade, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Moses, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Bent.
- Penitentiary. Penitentiary.—Mr. Roberston, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Chambers.
- Transient paupers. Transient paupers.—Mr. Tupper, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Symth, Mr. Bill, Mr. McLearn.
- Sick immigrants' expenses. Sick immigrants.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Gilderd, hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. Tobin, Mr. J. Campbell.
- Indian affairs. Indian affairs.—Mr. Whitman, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Webster, Mr. Davison, Mr. Parker, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Martell.
- Printing. Printing.—Mr. Locke, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Moses, Mr. Robertson.
- Road compensation. Road damages.—Mr. Annand, Mr. Munro, Mr. Rinhard, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Bent.
- Private bills— Private bills.—Mr. Wade, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Killam. Poors'

Poors' Asylum.—Mr. Munro, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Davison, Mr. Robecheau, Mr. Gilderd.

Poors' asylum

Expiring Laws.—Hon. Mr. McLeod, hon. solicitor general, Mr. Locke.

Expiring laws

On motion of Mr. Annand,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the construction and expenditure of the railway, with full power to send for persons and papers, and to report from time to time to this house.

Committee on railroad affairs

Ordered, That it be referred to the select committee appointed to prepare lists of standing committees on general subjects, to prepare a list of the committee, and report to the house.

Referred to select committee to prepare list

The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Municipal government of counties amend't. bill

A petition of Charles F. Harrington, of Arichat, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, setting forth that petitioner was a candidate for the representation of such county at the general election held on the twenty-second day of May last past, together with Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, having been duly nominated at the sheriff's court previously held for that purpose; that petitioner is prepared to prove that a large number of persons, to the number of seventeen or upwards, entitled to vote at such election, at the poll held at L'Ardoise, in one of the districts of said county, and who intended to vote for petitioner at such polling place, were attacked by considerable numbers of the partizans of the said T. H. Fuller, who were armed with cudgels and fire-arms, and were by them beaten and intimidated, and forcibly prevented from going to said polling place to vote for petitioner, whereby their votes were lost to petitioner; that many other qualified voters who intended to vote for petitioner at such polling place were, by the partizans of said Thomas H. Fuller, prevented by violence and intimidation from voting for petitioner; that three persons, duly qualified, who voted for petitioner at such polling place, were attacked by the same parties, and seriously beaten; that owing to such violence and threats petitioner's representative and clerk at such polling place were deterred from performing their duty or voting for petitioner from fear of personal violence; that petitioner's representative was obliged from such fear of violence to abandon the hustings, after having repeatedly in vain demanded the interference of the presiding officer to preserve peace and order, and that in consequence thereof a large number of persons unqualified to vote were enabled to vote for said Thomas H. Fuller; and that, but for the premises, petitioner would have been duly elected by a large majority of votes, but that said Thomas H. Fuller instead thereof had a majority of nine over petitioner, as declared at the return day, that petitioner protested on said return day against such return, for the causes above mentioned, and demanded a court to be held for the investigation of votes polled in the wrong district, which court was accordingly held, but that the sheriff allowed unnecessary delays in conducting the business thereof to the prejudice of petitioner, and unwarrantably expunged votes of petitioner without regular investigation, and committed other illegal acts, and exhibited evident partiality toward the said Thomas H. Fuller, being his son, in consequence whereof petitioner, after remonstrating and protesting against such delays and other proceedings, was compelled to withdraw from said court; whereupon, said sheriff, without notice to petitioner, struck out in the absence of petitioner, several votes for petitioner, and finally returned the said Thomas H. Fuller duly elected by a majority of thirty-one votes; that said sheriff during the election manifested extreme partiality towards said Thomas H. Fuller, to the prejudice of petitioner, in appointing known partizans of said Thomas H. Fuller as his presiding officers in every district, and in his decisions in said court; that the poll books were defective; that the proceedings of several of the presiding officers were illegal; that Thomas H. Fuller furnished and permitted

Petition of Charles F. Harrington against return of Thomas H. Fuller for Richmond

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the free use of rum and other intoxicating liquors at L'Ardoise, and in other districts, to and by his voters; that petitioner's voters were coerced and prevented from voting by conspiracy, and that there were false votes on the poll books; against which unlawful proceedings petitioner and his friends protested at the said sheriff's court, on the thirtieth day of May last; and the petitioner claimed that he was of right duly elected the member for said county, and prayed that the house would take the premises into consideration, and appoint a committee to enquire into and report upon the same.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Time for considering

On motion, *resolved*, that this house will, on Friday next, the eight day of February instant, at twelve of the clock, take into consideration such petition complaining of an undue election of Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, for the county of Richmond.

Notices sent

MEMORANDUM.—In pursuance of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, the notice thereby directed was given to the petitioner and the sitting member.

Petition of Hypolite Marmand against return of Henry Martell for Arichat

A petition of Hypolite Marmand of the township of Arichat, in the county of Richmond, esquire, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, setting forth that petitioner was a candidate at the late general election held on the twenty-second day of May last past, with Henry Martell, for the representation of the township of Arichat, in the county of Richmond, having been duly nominated as such at the sheriff's court, held on the fifteenth day of the same month; that a sheriff's court was held on the twenty-fourth day of May, and the votes were then cast up, and a majority of twenty-four votes for petitioner declared by the sheriff John Fuller, esquire; that objections having been made that persons had voted in the wrong districts, the names of eleven persons mentioned in the petition were wrongfully expunged on the ground that they did not reside within district number one, or any other district in said township; the sheriff knowing that said persons were domiciled and resident in district number one of said township, and that they had always voted and were entitled to vote in said district; that the names of four persons who had voted for said Henry Martell residing on Janvrin's Island, although declared by the sheriff to be within district number one, were not expunged but were counted in favor of said Henry Martell; that the sheriff improperly expunged the name of Donald Campbell, and refused the evidence of Charles F. Harrington in support of his vote on improper and insufficient grounds; that the sheriff also improperly expunged the votes of six persons named in the petition, who resided in district number two in said township, and were entitled to vote there, and also the names of James McLellan and William Britton, duly qualified, who had specially returned their names on the poll-book being entitled to vote; that the sheriff presided in district number one, and improperly refused to record the vote of Henry Marchant who was qualified and offered to vote there, and told him that he could only vote in district number two, whereupon said Henry Marchant voted in district number two, and the sheriff expunged his name on the ground that he ought to have voted in district number one; and also illegally expunged the votes of divers other persons, and declared the said Henry Martell to be duly elected; and that in consequence of such acts of the sheriff the electors of such township were disfranchised, and debarred from exercising their constitutional rights; and prayed that a committee be appointed to try the merits of the election and the right of petitioner to his seat as member for the township; and that the return of the sheriff be declared void and petitioner declared duly elected, and permitted to take his seat, and that petitioner may have such other relief as the house may see fit.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Time for considering

On motion, *resolved*, That this house will, on Saturday next, the ninth day of February instant,

instant, at twelve of the clock, take into consideration such petition complaining of an undue election of Henry Martell, esquire, for the township of Arichat.

MEMORANDUM.—In pursuance of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, the notice thereby Notices sent
directed was given to the petitioner and the sitting member.

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

TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the clerk do acquaint the council that this house have appointed a committee for the purpose of examining the public accounts jointly with a committee of the legislative council, and inform them of the names of such committee. Order to acquaint council with appointment of committee of public accounts

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

Message from council announcing committee on public accounts

The council have appointed Mr. Brown, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, to be a committee to join a committee of this honorable house to examine the public accounts.

Ezra Churchill, esquire, member for the township of Falmouth, took the oath of allegiance before the honorables Hugh Bell, Mather B. Almon, and Edward Kenny, the commissioners appointed to administer the same, and his seat as such member. Mr. Churchill sworn in for Falmouth

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house— Correspondence as to railway loan

Copies of correspondence relating to the mission of the hon. Mr. Howe to England, on the subject of a loan for the purpose of constructing the railway.

(See appendix No. 4—part 1.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

Also, copies of certain despatches and correspondence relating to government lands required for railway purposes. Papers respecting government lands required for railway

(See appendix No. 4—part 2.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Also, copies of certain despatches relating to the confirmation of the acts passed in the session of 1855. Despatches confirming acts of 1855

(See appendix No. 5.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Also, the annual statement of the accounts of the electric telegraph company for the year 1855. Electric telegraph company's accounts

(See appendix No. 6.)

Ordered, That the same do lie upon the table.

Also, the report of the postmaster general for the year ending 30th September, 1855, together with various returns and accounts referred to in the schedule annexed thereto ; and such report was read by the clerk. Postmaster general's report and accounts

For

For report, schedule, and accounts No. 1 and 2,

See appendix No. 7—parts 1, 2, and 3.)

Referred to post office committee

Ordered, That the report and other papers therein referred to, be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Despatches as to allowance to retired customs officers

Also, a despatch from the colonial secretary on the subject of the retired allowances granted to imperial customs officers.

(See appendix No. 8.)

Ordered, That the despatch do lie upon the table.

Public accounts referred to committee

Ordered, That the public accounts laid on the table by the hon. attorney general on Saturday last, be referred to the committee on public accounts.

Report from committee on reporting

Mr. Annand reported from the committee on reporting and publishing the debates and proceedings of the house; and he read the report in his place, and delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 9—part 1.)

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

Petition of M. Robertson

A petition of Michael Robertson, of Port Jolly, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for a remuneration as a way office keeper.

Referred to post office committee

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

Petition of George Merry

A petition of George Merry, of Brookfield, was also presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for aid to enable him to keep a house of entertainment for travellers on the road between Brookfield and Albany.

Laid on table

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Petition of overseers, Annapolis

A petition of the overseers of the poor for district number one, in the township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying remuneration for supporting a transient pauper.

Referred to transient pauper committee

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

Appointment of sheriffs, amndt. bill

Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs"; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition of Abner Fulton and others

A petition of Abner Fulton and others, was presented by Mr. McLelan and read, praying for the establishment of a way office in Upper Economy, in the county of Colchester.

Referred to post office committee

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

Petition of Ward Neely and others

A petition of Ward Neely and others, inhabitants of Wilmot, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnson and read, praying for the erection of a light house at Margaretville pier, in said county.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Statute labor committee

On motion of Mr. Chambers,
Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and revise the laws relating to statute labor, and the expenditure of public money on the roads.

Ordered, That Mr. Chambers, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Webster, Mr. Robertson, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Gilderd, compose such committee.

Petition of J. McKinnon

A petition of John McKinnon, senior, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for remuneration for medicines supplied to sick Indians, and for aid to enable him to continue to supply them with medicine.

Referred to committee on Indian affairs

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

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A petition of John Pitts, mail carrier from Sydney to Mire, Cape Breton, was also presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for an increase of remuneration.

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

Petition of John Pitts
Referred to post office committee

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

WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A petition of John Lockhart of Newport, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying for a return of duties paid on carding machinery imported.

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

Petition of John Lockhart
Referred to committee on trade and manufactures

A petition of Alexander Grant, of the East River, Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for a return of duties on machinery imported.

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

Petition of Alexander Grant
Referred to committee on trade and manufactures

A petition of John Carland of Pubnico, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for remuneration as a way office keeper.

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

Petition of John Carland
Referred to post office committee

A petition of George H. Decker and others, of Little Harbor and Ragged Islands, was presented by Mr. Locke and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

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

Petition of G. H. Decker and others
Referred to post office committee

A petition of the overseers of the poor of the first section of Pictou township, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a return of expenses incurred in support of transient paupers.

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

Petition of overseers, 1st section, Pictou
Referred to committee on transient paupers

A petition of Henry Thurston of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for a return of expenses incurred in providing for shipwrecked passengers.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on expenses of sick immigrants.

Petition of H. Thurston
Referred to committee on expenses of sick immigrants

A petition of James Cassidy, of the Magdalen Islands, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for aid in conveying the mails between Pictou and the Magdalen Islands.

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

Petition of James Cassidy
Referred to committee on navigation securities

A petition of Doctor Henrie Shaw, of Kentville, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying remuneration for attendance and medicine furnished to sick Indians.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on indian affairs.

Petition of Doctor Shaw
Referred to Indian committee

A petition of Donald Ross, of Blue Mountains, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for aid in supporting three deaf and dumb children. And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved,* that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the deaf, dumb, and blind, within the province.

Ordered, That Mr. Webster, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Dimock, be a committee for that purpose.

Petition of Donald Ross

Committee on deaf, dumb and blind

Ordered, That the foregoing petition of Donald Ross, be referred to such committee.

Petition referred

A petition of Doctor Zebra Crocker, of Brookfield, in Queens' County, was presented by Mr. McClearn and read, praying for remuneration for attendance on sick Indians.

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

Petition of Doctor Z. Crocker
Referred to committee on Indian affairs

A petition of Richard Mulhall and others, inhabitants of Liverpool, in Queens' County, was also presented by Mr. McClearn and read, praying for the passing of an act to enable

Petition of R. Mulhall and others, for act to drain a post bog enable

enable them to drain a peat bog in the neighborhood of Liverpool, being public property.

Leave to bring in a bill

Ordered, That the petition do lie upon the table, and that Mr. McClearn have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Committee on jury law

On motion of Mr. Webster,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the fees payable to petit and coroner's juries, and also to consider amendments to the present laws relating to juries, and to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Tupper, Mr. Webster, the hon. solicitor general, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. McKeagney, be a committee for such purpose.

Petition of Mary Flinn

A petition of Mary Flinn, of New Glasgow, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald, praying for a return of moneys deposited in the provincial savings' bank by petitioner's late father, in the year 1846, upon an irregular receipt whereby the money had been lost.

Referred to select com.

Ordered, that the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Killam, to examine and report upon.

Lunenburg sessions bill

Mr. Bailey, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to alter the time of holding the sessions at Lunenburg; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition of Asaph Bent and others

A petition of Asaph Bent and others, of Wilmot, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

Referred to post office committee

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

Petition of N. Parker and others

A petition of Nathaniel Parker and others, of Nictaux, in the county of Annapolis, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying for aid to a house of entertainment on the road between Nictaux and Liverpool.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Petition of B. K. Dodge

A petition of Benjamin K. Dodge, of Bridgewater, in the county of Annapolis, was also presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying for remuneration for vaccinating poor persons.

Referred to select committee

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Webster, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Churchill, to examine and report thereon.

Petition of John Ross

A petition of John Ross, of Boulardrie, in Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Munro, and read, praying for increased aid to a ferry.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition of Malcolm McLean

A petition of Malcolm McLean, of Washabah, in the county of Victoria, was also presented by Mr. Munro, and read, praying for aid to a ferry.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition of Donald McLean

A petition of Donald McLean, of St. Ann's, in the county of Victoria, was also presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for aid to a ferry.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition of W. Kidston

A petition of William Kidston, of Victoria county, was also presented by Mr. Munro, praying for aid to enable him to extend and improve a steam saw mill at Baddeck, in said county.

Referred to committee on trade

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

Petition of George Connelly

A petition of George Connelly, of Middle River, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for aid to enable him to perfect his manufactory of edge tools.

Ordered,

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

Referred to committee on trade

A petition of Alpheus Jones, principal deputy surveyor for the county of Digby was presented by Mr. Wade and read, stating that he had forwarded certain moneys received by him for crown lands to the surveyor general through the post office, that the letter containing such money did not reach its destination and cannot be found, and praying that the parties who had paid such money to him might receive their grants of land without repayment of the money.

Petition of Alpheus Jones

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Whitman, Mr. Killam and Mr. Locke to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of the western baptist association of Nova Scotia, was presented by Mr. Moses and read, setting forth the evils of the liquor traffic, and praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law introduced last session.

Petition of western baptist association

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of a number of the inhabitants of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying for the erection of a light house at the western entrance of the harbor of Barrington.

Petition for light house at Barrington

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Barrington, was also presented by Mr. Robinson and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.

Petition overseers, Barrington

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the subject of transient pauper expenses.

Referred to committee on transient paupers

A petition of Robert Trotter, of Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for aid to enable him to improve his cloth manufactory at Antigonishe.

Petition of R. Trotter

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

Referred to committee on trade

The hon. attorney general, from the select committee appointed to prepare lists of standing committees, reported the following list of members to serve on the committee on the construction and expenditure of railroads, viz :—Mr. Wier, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Wade, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Bent, and Mr. Davison.

Report of list of railroad committee

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, That such list be agreed to, and that the several members therein named do compose such committee.

List agreed to

A petition of Robert A. Logan and others, of Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying a return of duties paid on an improved thrashing machine imported.

Petition of R.A. Logan and others

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

Referred to committee on trade

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certain despatches and correspondence relating to the issue of a new copper coinage for this province, and the same were read by the clerk.

Despatches as to copper coinage

(See appendix No. 11.)

Ordered, That the papers do lie on the table.

A petition of Andrew Thomson, of Five Islands, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for a return of light duties paid on a vessel wrecked on her first voyage, and also return of excise duties paid on the equipments of such vessel.

Petition of A. Thomson

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

Referred to committee on trade

- Petition of A. McConnell and others A petition of Alexander McConnell and others, of western Cornwallis, in Kings' county, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying for aid in erecting an additional pier at the Ogilvie breakwater.
 Referred to committee on nav. securities *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Committee on Militia law On motion of Mr. Archibald,
Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the subject of the militia laws.
Ordered, That Mr. Marshall, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Chipman, Mr. White, and Mr. Wier, compose such committee.
- Petition of inhabitants of Port Hood A petition of several inhabitants of Port Hood, in the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for a grant to aid them in preserving and extending the harbor of Port Hood.
 Referred to committee on nav. securities *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition of Isaac McLeod A petition of Isaac McLeod, of Broad Cove, Inverness, was also presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying that the sum of fifty pounds granted last year for a public slip at Broad Cove, Inverness, may be appropriated to a public slip at Margaree Island in said county; and also for an additional grant thereto.
 Referred to committee on nav. securities *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Leave of absence *Ordered*, That Mr. Chipman have leave of absence until after Monday next, upon urgent private business.
- Municipal corporation amndt. bill read 2d time The bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties was read a second time.
 Bill committed *Ordered*, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.
- Petition of John McGregor A petition of John McGregor, of Inverness, was also presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for aid to an oat mill.
 Referred to committee on agriculture *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on agriculture.

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

THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Petition of Stephen D'Entremont A petition of Stephen D'Entremont, of Pubnico, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for remuneration for expenses incurred in taking care of an Indian during his last illness.
 Referred to committee on Indian affairs *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of Rev. H. D. Deblois A petition of the reverend Henry D. Deblois, a commissioner of schools for the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying to be reimbursed a sum of money, part of the county school money, abstracted from his trunk, where it had been placed for safe keeping.
 Referred to committee on education *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition of John Givan and others A petition of John Givan and others, proprietors of the Givan wharf, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for an act to continue and amend their act of incorporation.
 Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Bill have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Petition of C. W. Barteaux and others A petition from Charles W. Barteaux and others, committee of the Givan wharf company, was also presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for grant in aid of that breakwater.
 Referred to committee on nav. securities *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

- A petition of the reverend S. T. Rand of Hantsport in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying for a grant to Newel Jeddore, a sick indian. Petition of rev. S. T. Rand
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on indian affairs. Referred to committee on Indian affairs
- A petition of the overseers of the poor, for district number one, of the township of Weymouth, was presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense incurred by them in supporting a transient pauper. Petition of overseers, Weymouth
- Ordered,* that the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. Referred to committee on transient paupers
- A petition of Ambrose Bourneuf, collector of colonial duties at Clare, was presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in collecting duties. Petition of Ambrose Bourneuf
- Ordered,* that the same be referred to the hon. solicitor general, Mr. McKeagney and Mr. Morrison, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- A petition of Susan Kelly, of Halifax, widow, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying for a continuance of aid in supporting and educating a deaf and dumb child. Petition of Susan Kelly
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, and blind. Referred to committee on deaf, dumb and blind
- A petition of Wheeler Minard, of Harmony, in the county of Queens', was presented by Mr. Davison and read, stating that he had obtained a grant of land, which had been previously granted to another person, and that in consequence thereof, he had been involved in litigation, and suffered loss and injury, which he prayed might be reimbursed to him. Petition of W. Minard
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to Mr. Wier, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. C. J. Campbell, to examine and report thereon. Referred to sel. com.
- A petition of John McKenzie and others, inhabitants of the Gulf Shore, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. Solicitor General and read, praying for a grant to aid in repairing Arisaig pier. Petition of J. McKenzie and others
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee upon navigation securities. Referred to committee on navigation securities
- A petition of George Bingay, esquire, coroner, of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses connected with the discharge of his duties. Petition of George Bingay
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee above appointed to consider the petition of Ambrose Bourneuf. Referred to committee on petition of Ambrose Bourneuf
- A petition of Doctor Joseph Elmsley, of Baddeck, was presented by Mr. Charles J. Campbell and read, praying to be remunerated for attendance upon sick Indians. Petition of Dr. Emsley
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Referred to Indian committee
- A petition of George Ryarson and others, inhabitants of Clements, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for an alteration in the township line. Petition as to Clement township line
- Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.
- A petition of Peter Colp, of Western Head, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. J. Campbell and read, praying to be reimbursed the sum of ten pounds expended by him in building a bridge by direction of the members for the county, under the circumstances mentioned in the petition. Petition of Peter Colp
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the hon. solicitor general, Mr. Tupper, and Mr. Killam, to examine and report thereon. Referred to sel. com.
- Mr. Fuller, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to legalise the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Juries in Cape Breton and Richmond bill

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

FRIDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Edward L. Brown
sworn in

Edward L. Brown, esquire, member for the township of Horton, took the oath of allegiance before the honorable Hugh Bell, and the hon. Mather B. Almon, commissioners authorised to administer the same, and his seat as such member.

Consideration of petition
against Richmond
election

At twelve of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the petition of Charles F. Harrington against the election and return of Mr Fuller, the sitting member for the county of Richmond) the sergeant at arms was directed to go into the places adjacent, and require immediate attendance of the members on the business of the house, who having reported that he had done so, the house was counted, and forty-seven members being present, (exclusive of Mr. Speaker, and Mr. Fuller, the sitting member), and all other previous measures prescribed by chapter 9 of the revised statutes—"of controverted elections" having been taken, and the sitting member, and counsel for the petitioner, being in attendance at the bar of the house, the doors of the house were locked, and the order of the day for taking into consideration the petition complaining of an undue election for the county of Richmond, was read—whereupon the house proceeded to ballot for a select committee to try the merits of the election and return of Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, the sitting member for the county of Richmond, in the manner prescribed by said chapter, when the following names of fifteen persons present (and not appearing to be under the disqualifications mentioned in said chapter) were drawn, viz :—Mr. Dimock, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Ryder, the hon. solicitor general, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Killam, Mr. Bent, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Moses, Mr. Churchill, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Webster, Mr. Annand; and thereupon lists of the fifteen members so chosen by ballot, were given to the counsel of the petitioners, and to the sitting member, who then withdrew with the clerk assistant, in order to reduce the same pursuant to said chapter, and the doors were then unlocked.

Return of Richmond
election committee

The clerk assistant delivered to the house the names of the seven members remaining, after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the election of Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, for the county of Richmond, had been reduced according to law, by the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the seven members so delivered in being read, are as follow, viz :—Mr. Dimock, Mr. Bent, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Churchill, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Webster—who, thereupon, were duly sworn by the clerk at the table of the house "well and truly to try the matter of the petition referred to them, and a true judgment to give according to the evidence."

Order for meeting of
committee

Ordered, That the committee so formed do meet on Wednesday next, the thirteenth day of February instant, at ten of the clock, in the committee room of this house, usually called the supreme court, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the election and return of Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, for the county of Richmond.

Sheriff's proceedings
Richmond and Arichat
election laid before
house

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a return from the sheriff of Richmond, of the proceedings had before him, and his assistants, at a court held by him in relation to the late election for the county of Richmond, and the township of Arichat, in said county, sent to the house according to law.

Referred with petition
to committee

Ordered, That so much of said papers as refers to the election of the county of Richmond, together with the petition of Charles F. Harrington, complaining of an undue election and return of Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, for such county, be referred to the committee chosen and sworn as above, to try the merits of such election.

Petition of inhabitants
of New Tuskot

A petition of certain inhabitants of New Tuskot, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

Referred to post office
committee

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

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- A petition of Robert and Alexander Fraser, of Middle River, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for aid to a cloth factory, at Middle River, in such county. Petition of R. and A. Fraser
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to committee on trade
- A petition of certain inhabitants of Mills Village, in the county of Queens', was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying for the passing of an act in relation to improvements of the navigation of Port Medway river. Petition of inhabitants of Mills Village
- Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.
- A petition of John L. Brown, of Horton, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for a return of duties paid by him on molasses, subsequently exported. Petition of John L. Brown
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to committee on trade and manufactures
- A petition of James Harding, of Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Locke, and read, stating that petitioner and his son had been arrested and conveyed to Guysborough, upon a criminal charge whereof they were acquitted, and praying that he might be reimbursed his expenses and loss of time incurred, in consequence of such proceedings; and thereupon, Petition of James Harding
- Ordered,* That Mr. Locke have leave to withdraw the petition. Leave to withdraw petition
- The hon. the provincial secretary by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the annual report and accounts of the poor asylum at Halifax, for the past year. Poor Asylum account and reports
- (See appendix No. 10.)
- Ordered,* That the papers be referred to the committee on the subject of the poor asylum. Referred to poor asylum committee
- The hon. the attorney general by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, a report of the commissioners of the railway, and also a report prepared by the chief engineer of the railway—such reports containing information as to the construction, cost, condition, and prospects of the works under their management, with a statement of the returns from the portion of the work already completed. Railway commissioners report
- (See appendix No. 4—part 3.)
- Ordered,* That the papers be referred to the committee on the construction and expenses of the railroad. Referred to committee on railroad
- Ordered,* That the despatches and correspondence presented to the house on Tuesday, the 5th instant, on the subject of the railway, be referred to the same committee. Despatches referred to same committee
- A petition of John Gully, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a grant to aid him in educating a deaf and dumb child. Petition of John Gully
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the subject of the deaf, dumb, and blind. Referred to committee on deaf, dumb and blind
- A petition of Kenneth Matheson, ferryman at Big Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell and read, praying for an increased grant to such ferry. Petition of Kenneth Matheson
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition of C. Lordly and others, inhabitants of Turn's Bay, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying for an increase of mail communication. Petition of C. Lordly and others
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to post office committee
- A petition of James Wilson, of Halifax, distiller, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, setting forth that in consequence of his exertions the system of collecting the duties on spirits manufactured within the province had been greatly improved, and the revenue protected from extensive frauds; that in consequence of his paying duties on the spirits manufactured by him which were evaded by others, he had become embarrassed, and a Petition of Jas. Wilson
- judgment

judgment had been entered against him at the suit of the crown, for duties due by him on spirits distilled at his manufactory, which he was unable to pay; and praying that in consideration of his services, such judgment be released, and a grant of money made to him.

Referred to select committee

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Killam, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Wilkins, to examine and report thereon.

Petition of Donald McDonald

A petition of Donald McDonald, of Mabou, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. attorney general and read, praying for a grant in aid of his cloth and other manufactories at Mabou.

Referred to committee on trade

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

Petition of overseers, Albion Mines

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the Albion Mines district in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McKenzie and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the maintenance of a transient pauper.

Referred to transient pauper committee

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

Free church college incorporation bill

Mr. Munro, pursuant to leave given presented to the house a bill to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia; 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 eleven of the clock.

SATURDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Arichat township election com. drawn.

At twelve of the clock, (being the time appointed for considering the petition of Hypolite Marmaud, against the election and return of Mr. Martell, the sitting member for the township of Arichat,) the sergeant at arms was directed to go to the places adjacent, and require the immediate attendance of the members on the business of the house, and he having returned, and reported that he had so done, the house was counted, and fifty members being present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker and Mr. Martell, the sitting member; and all other previous measures prescribed by chapter 9 of the revised statutes having been taken, and the sitting member and the counsel for petitioner being in attendance at the bar of the house, the doors of the house were locked, and the order of the day for taking into consideration the petition complaining of an undue election for the township of Arichat was read; whereupon the house proceeded to ballot for a select committee to try the merits of the election and return of Henry Martell, the sitting member for the township of Arichat, in the manner prescribed by such chapter, when the following names of fifteen persons present, and not appearing to be under the disqualifications mentioned in such chapter, were drawn, viz:—Mr. Robecheau, Mr. Munro, Mr. Borneuf, Mr. Charles J. Campbell, Mr. Bill, Mr. Davison, Mc. McClearn, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Morrison, the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Esson, Mr. Thorne, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Smythe, the hon. the attorney general; and thereupon the doors of the house were unlocked, and lists of the fifteen members were given to each party, who then retired with the clerk assistant, in order to reduce the same pursuant to law.

Statement of net return of railway

The hon. attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house—

A return of the proceeds arising from traffic on the railway for six months, and the expenses connected therewith.

(See appendix No. 4—part 4.)

Referred to railway committee

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses and construction of the railway.

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The clerk assistant delivered to the house the names of the seven members remaining after the number drawn by ballot this day, in regard to the election for the township of Arichat, had been reduced according to law, by the parties alternately striking off names therefrom; and the names of the members so delivered in being read, are as follows, viz:—Mr. Munro, Mr. Charles J. Campbell, Mr. Davison, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Morrison, the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Esson, who, thereupon, were duly sworn by the clerk at the table of the house, well and truly to try the matter of the petition referred to them, and a true judgment to give according to the evidence.

Return of committee struck on Arichat election petition

Ordered, That the committee so formed do meet on Thursday next, the fourteenth day of February instant, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in the committee room of this house, usually called the supreme court room, for the purpose of hearing and determining the merits of the election and return of Henry Martell, esquire, for the township of Arichat.

Meeting of committee

Ordered, That the petition of Hypolite Marraud, complaining of an undue return and election of the said Henry Martell, and also so much of the papers returned by the sheriff of Richmond, and presented to the house yesterday, as refers to said election, be referred to such committee.

Petition and return referred

A petition of certain inhabitants of New Harbor, county of Guysborough, was presented to the house by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

Petition of inhabitants of New Harbor

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of the inhabitants of White Head, in the same county, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for the establishment of a way office at White Head.

Petition of inhabitants of White Head

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of certain inhabitants of Molasses Harbour, in the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for a grant for a ferry.

Petition of inhabitants of Molasses Harbour for ferry

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of Styles Hart, clerk of the peace at Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for remuneration for services connected with laying out portions of the main post road.

Petition of Styles Hart

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition of Desire Purrier and others, was also presented to the house by Mr. Marshall and read, praying the house to pass a grant in favor of Andrew and John Flike, of St. Mary's, in the county of Guysborough, to reward them for their gallant conduct in saving the lives of petitioners by rescuing them from a wrecked vessel.

Petition of Desire Purrier and others

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. McClearn, Mr. Killam, and the hon. the solicitor general, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of the general sessions of the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining several convicted criminals in the jail of said county, and also the expense of arresting them, and other expenses connected therewith.

Petition of sessions of Guysborough

Ordered, That the same be referred to the hon. Mr. Johnston, the hon. the solicitor general, and Mr. Moses, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select committee

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certain correspondence relating to the mines and minerals of this province.

Correspondence as to mines and minerals

(See appendix No. 11.)

Ordered, That such papers be referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

Referred to mines and minerals committee

A petition of Simon Fraser, of Middle River, Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and

Petition of S. Fraser and

- and read, praying for a grant to compensate him for the loss of a horse killed by being driven against the electric telegraph wires.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Wier, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Whitman, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select committee
- Petitions of overseers, Aylesford
 Two petitions from the overseers of the poor, Aylesford, were presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining transient paupers.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Referred to transient pauper committee
- Petition for sale of Indian reserved lands
 A petition of certain inhabitants of Whyecomah, was presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying for the passing of an act to authorise the sale of a portion of the lands reserved for the use of the Indians at that place.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Referred to committee on Indian affairs
- Petition for prohibitory liquor law
 A petition of the Central Baptist association of this province, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of D. Urquhart
 A petition of Donald Urquhart was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying to be remunerated for a survey connected with the railroad in 1847.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Locke, and Mr. McKenzie, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select committee
- Petition of W.C. Eaton and others
 A petition of William C. Eaton, and other militia officers, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for a return of the fees paid by them on receiving their commissions.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the militia law.
- Referred to committee on militia law
- Petition of J. Ross, postmaster
 A petition of John Ross, postmaster, Truro, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for an increase in his salary.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to post office committee
- Petition of James M. Ferguson
 A petition of James M. Ferguson, mail carrier between Pictou and Amherst, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred by him in conveying the mails across River Philip.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to committee on post office affairs
- Petition of G. W. Freeman
 A petition of G. W. Freeman, of Amherst, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for an alteration in the law respecting patents.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of Philip Fancy
 A petition of Philip Fancy, of Pleasant River, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for an alteration of the post office arrangements at that place.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to post office committee
- Petition of W. Kynock
 A petition of the administrators of William Kynock, of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell and read, praying for compensation for injury done to the land of the intestate, at Baddeck, by running a road through the same.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on road damages.
- Referred to committee on road damages
- Petitions of C. H. Harrington and E. P. Archibald
 Two petitions from Clement H. Harrington, and E. P. Archibald of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for compensation for supplies and advances made by them respectively, to parties employed in the road service in Cape Breton, in 1850 and 1851.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. C. J. Campbell, Mr. Munro, and Mr. Kil-lam, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select committee

<p>A petition of John G. Balcomb, of Clements, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of a prosecution against him for trespassing on land supposed to be crown land, by the authority of the county surveyor.</p>	<p>Petition of John G. Balcomb</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on the subject of the petition of Wheeler Minard.</p>	<p>Referred to select com. on W. Minard's petition</p>
<p>A petition of Malcolm McDonald, ferryman of the Strait of Canso, was presented by Mr. Smith and read, praying for increase of remuneration.</p>	<p>Petition of M. McDonald</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on nav. securities</p>
<p>The petition of James Munn, of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for remuneration for carrying the mails between Sydney and North Sydney.</p>	<p>Petition of Jas. Munn</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.</p>	<p>Referred to post office committee</p>
<p>A petition of James Matheson and others, of the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying that a pension be granted to Thomas Battersley, in consideration of his long and faithful services as a mail-carrier; and, also a petition of the inhabitants of Boulardrie Island in Cape Breton, upon the same subject.</p>	<p>Petitions of G. Matheson and others</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the said petitions be referred to the committee on Post office affairs.</p>	<p>Referred to post office committee</p>
<p>A petition of Henry W. Johnson, grammar school teacher, at Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying to be paid one-half year's allowance as such teacher, under the circumstances mentioned in the petition.</p>	<p>Petition of Henry W. Johnston</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on education.</p>	<p>Referred to education committee</p>
<p>A petition of James Fraser, and others, of New Glasgow, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McKenzie and read, praying for a return of duties paid on a fire engine imported.</p>	<p>Petition of Jas. Fraser and others</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on trade</p>
<p>A petition of Robert Martin, of Sydney, Cape Breton, postmaster, was presented by the hon. Mr. McLeod and read, praying for an increase of remuneration for his services.</p>	<p>Petition of Robt Martin</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on post office affairs</p>
<p>A petition of Thomas Walsh, of North Sydney, was also presented by the hon. Mr. McLeod and read, praying for remuneration for attendance and necessaries supplied to a transient pauper.</p>	<p>Petition of Thos Walsh</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on transient paupers</p>
<p>A petition of Murdoch McLeod, of Aspy Bay, in Victoria county, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for aid to an oat mill.</p>	<p>Petition of Murdoch McLeod</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on agriculture.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on agriculture</p>
<p>A petition of the overseers of the poor for the first section of the township of Egerton, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McKenzie and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in maintaining a transient pauper.</p>	<p>Petition of overseers Egerton</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on transient paupers</p>
<p>A petition of Thomas Killam, of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for a return of duties paid by him on the materials of a vessel wrecked near Boston, and imported into Yarmouth, where the vessel was owned; and also praying a return of light duties paid on the same vessel, having been lost on her first voyage.</p>	<p>Petition of Thos Killam</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on trade</p>
<p>A petition of Eldridge G. Fuller of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying to be paid a balance alleged to be due to him for books supplied to the library of the legislative assembly.</p>	<p>Petition of E. G. Fuller</p>

- Referred to select com. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the hon. Mr. Johnston, the hon. the attorney general, and Mr. Killam, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition of overseers of St. Andrew's A petition of the overseers of the poor for Saint Andrew's, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in supporting transient paupers.
- Referred to committee on transient poor *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
- Petition of inhabitants of Ohio settlement A petition of the inhabitants of the Ohio settlement, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
- Referred to committee on post office affairs *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition of inhabitants of Tracadie A petition of certain inhabitants of Tracadie, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for the passing of an act to divide the township of Tracadie.
- Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of Ranald McDonald A petition of Ranald McDonald, of Beaver Meadow, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for aid to an oat mill.
- Referred to committee on agriculture *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.
- Petition of J. K. Wilson A petition of Doctor J. K. Wilson, of Barrington, in the county of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying for remuneration for professional attendance and medicines supplied to sick Indians.
- Referred to committee on Indian affairs *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Bill public lands Lunenburg Mr. Bailey, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of school trustees, Antigonishe A petition from the trustees of the grammar school, and the trustees of the female school at Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying that such schools together may be constituted an academy, and receive the allowance of one hundred pounds usually granted to county academies.
- Referred to committee on education *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition of J. Campbell A petition of James Campbell, of Londonderry, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Morrison and read, stating that he had been unjustly indicted for obstructing the highway, and had been acquitted thereof, and praying to be reimbursed the expense of such prosecution.
- And thereupon,
On motion, *resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider the subject of amendments to the criminal law of this province.
- Committee on amendment to crim. law *Ordered*, That the hon. the attorney general, the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Gilderd, and Mr. Morrison, be a committee for that purpose.
- Petition of J. Campbell referred *Ordered*, That the foregoing petition of James Campbell be referred to such committee.
- On motion of the hon. the solicitor general,
Committee on crown lands *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration subjects connected with the crown lands of this province.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Locke, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Bailey, be such committee.
- Petition of A. Campbell A petition of Alexander Campbell, county surveyor for Annapolis, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for an increase of salary, on account of a large increase in the duties of his office, arising from recent legislation.
- Referred to committee on crown lands *Ordered*, That such petition be referred to the above committee on the subject of the crown lands.

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.

Petition of H. P. Hill

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

Referred to committee on post office

A petition of John Murphy, deputy surveyor for the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for remuneration for services performed in 1853, by order of the government.

Petition of J Murphy

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the crown lands.

Referred to committee on crown lands

A petition of the said John Murphy, was also presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying to be remunerated for a survey of the lands reserved for Indians in the county of Inverness, in 1852, by order of the government.

Petition of J. Murphy

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

Referred to committee on Indian affairs

Ordered, That the house do, on Thursday next, the fourteenth instant, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider the propriety of introducing into the province the system of voting by ballot in the election of representatives to serve in the general assembly.

Order of day Thursday next

On motion of Mr. Whitman, *resolved,* that the editors of newspapers may have accommodation in the speaker's gallery, to report the debates, under the direction of the speaker.

Resolution as to gallery

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

MONDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A petition of James Muir, and others, and also a petition of Robert Quinlan, and others, of Shelburne, were respectfully presented by Mr. Locke and read, praying for a grant to aid them in removing obstructions from the Roseway river, in the county of Shelburne.

Petition as to improving Roseway river

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of Alexander McRae, of Toney river, in the township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for a grant in aid of an oat mill.

Petition of A. McRae

Ordered, That the same be sent to the committee on agriculture.

Referred to committee on agriculture

A petition of Daniel Dimock, and other inhabitants of the township of Chester, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying that such township may be constituted a separate district for county purposes.

Petition of D. Dimock and others

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition of Charles and Joseph Pernette, was also presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for an increase of remuneration as ferrymen at LaHave river.

Petition of C. & J. Pernette

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of Messrs. King and brothers, of Halifax, mail contractors, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for remuneration for conveying the English mail from Halifax to St. John, New Brunswick, during the last summer.

Petition of Messrs. King & brothers

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

Referred to committee on post office

A petition of Sabine Foster and others; also, a petition of Ebenezer Rider and others; also, a petition of John Bourque and others; and also, a petition of Nelson S. Ryder and others, all of the township of Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, were severally presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying that the township of Argyle may be constituted a separate district for county purposes, and that the act for the municipal government of counties may be restricted from extending to such district.

Petition from Argyle for separate district

- Leave to bring in bill** *Ordered*, That the said petitions do lie on the table, and that Mr. Wade have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Petition of trustees of school at Bridgetown** A petition of the trustees of the grammar school at Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying that the teacher of that school may be allowed his portion of the educational grant for that county for the past year, alleged to be improperly withheld from him by the commissioners.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of overseers Liverpool** A petition of the overseers of the poor for the district of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Referred to committee on transient paupers**
- Petitions of W. McKeen, A. McLean, and A. Campbell** A petition of the honorable William McKeen ; also, a petition of Alexander McLean; also, a petition of Alexander Campbell, were presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying compensation for injury done to their respective lands, by running through them the main post road from Port Hood to Margaree, in the county of Inverness.
Ordered, That the several petitions be referred to the committee on the crown lands.
- Referred to crown land committee**
- Petition from Hants for prohibitory law** A petition of certain male inhabitants of the county of Hants ; and also a petition of certain female inhabitants of the same county, were severally presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law.
Ordered, That such petitions do lie on the table.
- Petition from New Annan** A petition of certain inhabitants of New Annan in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to post office committee**
- Petition of Michael Cody** A petition of Michael Cody, mail-carrier, between Walton and Martin's, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying for a grant to compensate him for serious injury sustained by him in the performance of his duties.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Fuller, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Wier, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select committee**
- Petition as to statute labor law** A petition of the inhabitants of the Eastern Passage and Cow Bay, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an amendment in the statute labor laws.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the statute labor laws.
- Referred to statute labor committee**
- Petition of Oliver Brennan** A petition of Oliver Brennan, of the city of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a grant in consideration of numerous services gratuitously performed on behalf the poor for many years past, by the performance of surgical operations.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Parker, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select com.**
- Petition from bank of N. S.** Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to continue and further alter the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition from Charles Boudreau** A petition of Charles Boudreau, and other inhabitants of St. Mary's, in the township of Clare, county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant for a breakwater at Cape Saint Mary's.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities**
- Petition of Jas. Lovett** A petition of James Lovett, of Saint Mary's Bay, in the county of Digby, was also

also presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant in consequence of his barn being destroyed by fire.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Messrs. Campbell & Co., of Donald Morrison, and of Donald McLean, merchants, in the town of Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell and read, setting forth that the water lots adjoining their respective premises, and on which they had erected improvements, had been improperly granted William Kidston, and praying the house to investigate the circumstances, and grant them relief.

Petition as to grants at Baddeck

Ordered, That that the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Chambers, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of Roderick Henderson, of Sutherland's river, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the establishment of a way office at that place.

Petition of R. Henderson

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of John McPherson and others, of Fisher's grant, county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a grant to aid them in repairing and extending the ferry wharf at that place.

Petition for wharf at Fisher's grant

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. White and read, praying for a grant to aid them in removing obstructions in the Jordan river, in that county.

Petitions as to obstructions in Jordan river

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of Angus McKinnon, of Arichat, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for a grant to compensate him for assisting several transient paupers.

Petition of Angus McKinnon

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

Referred to committee on transient paupers

A petition of Thomas D. Henderson, postmaster at Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for increased remuneration in consequence of a large increase in the duties of his office.

Petition of T. D. Henderson

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

Referred to post office committee

Mr. Whitman, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

School districts Annapolis bill

A petition of Lewis Knaut, postmaster at Mahone Bay, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Bailey and read, stating that his duties had increased, and praying an increase of salary.

Petition of L. Knaut

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

Referred to committee on post office affairs

A petition of the executive committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist education society, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, setting forth that Acadia college at Horton and the academy in connexion therewith, are in a highly efficient condition, and praying for a grant in aid of such academy.

Petition of Baptist education society

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

Referred to committee on education

A petition of Matthew Sproule, of the West River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a grant to compensate him for a loss sustained in the erection of a bridge.

Petition of M. Sproule

Ordered, That the petition be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Killam, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

- Committee on bill** On motion, the house resolved itself into 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 the bill committed to them.
- Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Tender for reporting debates** Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a tender of Richard Nugent, of Halifax, printer, for the reporting and publishing of the debates and proceedings of the house, furnished to the clerk by the said Richard Nugent, in accordance with the report of the committee on that subject : which having been read,
- Resolution thereon** On motion, *resolved*, that such tender be accepted, and that the clerk be instructed to prepare and execute on behalf of the house, a contract with the said Richard Nugent, for one year, in accordance therewith.

(For tender and contract

See appendix No. 9—part 2.)

- Pilotage bill** Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house, a bill to amend chapter 15 of the statutes of 1855, and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition from Ship Harbor** A petition of the inhabitants of Ship Harbor, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
Referred to committee on post office affairs *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition from Musquodoboit** A petition of the inhabitants of Middle Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
Referred to post office committee *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition of H. A. Gladwin and others** A petition of Henry A. Gladwin, and others, of Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax ; also, a petition of John A. McKeen, and other inhabitants of the counties of Halifax, Sydney, and Guysborough, were also severally presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a grant to John Nelson, to enable him to keep a house of entertainment, on the road between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's.
Referred to select committee *Ordered*, That such petitions be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Whitman, to examine and report thereon.
Ordered, That the petitions of George Merry, Nathaniel Parker and others, be referred to the same committee, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition of G. Merry and N. Parker** *Referred to sel. com.*
- Petition to divide county of Halifax** A petition of Isaac McCurdy, and other inhabitants of Middle Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a division of the county of Halifax.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition for school assessments** A petition of A. A. Braden, and other inhabitants of Middle Musquodoboit, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying the house to pass an act for the support of common schools by assessment.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Referred to committee on education**
- Petition of overseers Clements** A petition of Peter Boice and others, overseers of the poor for the township of Clements, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for a return of expenses incurred in supporting a transient pauper.
Ordered,

- Ordered*, that the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. Referred to committee on transient poor
- A petition of John Harris and others, was also presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for a grant in aid of the Le Quille mills in the county of Annapolis. Petition of John Harris and others
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to committee on trade and manuf.
- A petition of Jonathan Elliott of Dartmouth, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, stating that he had received a grant of land which he subsequently ascertained had been granted to another person, and praying compensation. Petition of J. Elliott
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the crown land department. Referred to committee on crown lands
- A petition of John McGuire, of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for compensation for a loss sustained by him on contract for repairing a street in the city of Halifax. Petition of J. McGuire
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to Mr. Tobin, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Brown, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select committee
- A petition of Edward Dillon, of Guysborough, in the county of Guysborough; also, a petition of Robert M. Cutler, of the same place, were severally presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for compensation for damage done to their respective lands, by running a road through the same. Petitions of E. Dillon and R. M. Cutler
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on road damages. Referred to committee on road damages
- A petition of R. M. Cutler, of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for an increase of salary in consequence of an increase of the duties of his office. Petition of R. M. Cutler
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to post office committee
- A petition of Thomas H. Patterson, and other inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying that the act for the municipal government of counties may be extended to that county. Petition of inhabitants of Guysborough for municipal corporation
- Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.
- A petition of Amos Scaman, of Minudie, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for aid in erecting a breakwater at Lower cove, in that township. Petition of A. Scaman
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee upon navigation securities. Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition of William H. Harris, deputy sheriff of the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for an alteration in the fees payable to sheriffs. Petition as to sheriffs' fees
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Killam, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Marshall, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select committee
- The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a report and estimate by William Anderson, respecting the construction of a portion of the Harvey or Eastern shore road. Estimate of eastern shore road
- Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.
- The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorise a sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Presbyterian church Windsor bill
- The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine, and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Windsor fire engine bill
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for the eastern district of the township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a return of expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper. Petition of overseers Granville
- Ordered*,

- A petition of James Churchill, and other inhabitants of New Glasgow, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a grant to aid them in deepening the channel of the east river of Pictou, and removing obstructions therefrom. Petition from inhabitants of New Glasgow
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Moses, and Mr. Munro, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- A petition of Doctor Samuel Muir, of Truro, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for compensation for professional services to sick Indians. Petition of Dr. Muir
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Referred to com. on Indian affairs
- A petition of William Holdsworth, postmaster, at Lower Stewiacke, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for an increase of salary. Petition of W. Holdsworth
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to committee on post office
- A petition of Edward Kent, of Tatamagouche, in the county of Colchester, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying compensation for the expenses of an unjust prosecution against him for acts done in the discharge of his duties as a constable. Petition of E. Kent
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to Mr. McDonald, Mr. Tupper, and Mr. Wilkins, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- The hon. the solicitor general, 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 1856. Estimates 1856
- (See appendix No 13.)
- Ordered*, That the estimate do lie on the table.
- On motion of the hon. solicitor general,
- Resolved*, That a supply be granted to her majesty. Supply granted
- Ordered*, That the estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province be referred to the committee of supply. Estimates referred
- Ordered*, That the house do, on Friday next, the fifteenth instant, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the supply granted to her majesty. Order of day for supply
- A petition of James B. Hadley, of Medford, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for compensation for conveying the mails between McNair's cove and Ship harbor, at the Strait of Canso. Petition of J. B. Hadley
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to post office committee
- A petition of certain inhabitants of McNair's cove and Pirate harbor, at the Strait of Canso, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for the establishment of a post office at McNair's cove. Petition of inhabitants McNair's cove
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to committee on post office
- A petition of A. Fraser and others, inhabitants of McNair's cove, in the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for aid to an additional ferry across the Strait of Canso. Petition of A. Fraser and others
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition from the Guysborough agricultural society, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for a return of duties on agricultural implements imported. Petition Guysborough agricultural society
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to committee on trade
- A petition of Thomas O'Hairn, of Marie Joseph, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for remuneration as a way office-keeper. Petition of T. O. Hairn
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to post office committee
- Mr. Munro, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Church Bras D'or incorporation bill

- Petition for ferry at Bras d'Or
Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition of James Fraser and others, of Boulardrie Island, was also presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for the establishment of a ferry at Little Bras d'Or.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition for ferry at Great Bras d'Or
Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition of Murdoch McNeil, of Boulardrie Island, was also presented by Mr. Munro, and read, praying for the establishment of a ferry across the Great Bras d'Or.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition of Margaretville company.
Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition of the Margaretville pier company, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying for aid to extend their breakwater at Margaretville.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition South Baptist meeting house incorp.
Leave for bill
- A petition of the proprietors of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot, was also presented by the hon Mr. Johnston and read, praying for an act of incorporation of their trustees.
Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table, and that the hon. Mr. Johnston have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
And thereupon,
- Bill presented thereon and read
- The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of John H. Potter
Referred to com. on petition of W. Minard
- A petition of John H. Potter, of Clements, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for compensation for land laid out to him by the county surveyor, of which he was dispossessed by a prior claimant.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the petition of Wheeler Minard.
- Petition of overseers Annapolis
Referred to committee on transient paupers
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for the second district of the township of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Petition of J. M. Caldwell
Referred to committee on trade
- A petition of J. M. Caldwell and Albert Chaise, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for a return of duties on a quantity of hay imported from New Brunswick.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Petition of W. Foster, Aylesford
Referred to post office committee
- A petition of Willis Foster, way office keeper at Aylesford, in the county of King's, was also presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for an increase of remuneration.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition for packet Port Hood
Referred to committee on nav. securities
- Three petitions from inhabitants of the county of Inverness, were presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying for a grant to Alexander Gillics to aid him in running a packet between Port Hood and Halifax.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition of A. Conner
Referred to committee on petition of Campbell & Co. and others
- A petition of Alexander Conner, of Sheet harbor, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying compensation for land granted to him, but which had previously been granted to another person.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition of Campbell & Co. and others.
- Petition of Ann Connor
Referred to committee on road damages
- A petition of Ann Connor, of the city of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying for compensation for injury done to her land by running a road through it.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on road damages.
- Petition of Ann Fitchet
- A petition of Ann Fitchet, of Fort Laurence, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for compensation for injury done to her land by running a road through it.
Ordered,

<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on road damages.	Referred to committee on road damages
A petition of certain inhabitants of Amherst, in the county of Cumberland, was also presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting a public wharf at Fort Laurence, in that county.	Petition for wharf at Amherst.
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of Thomas Robson, of Sackville, in the province of New Brunswick, was also presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for a grant in consideration of his having invented a fog bell.	Petition of T. Robson
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of certain inhabitants of the counties of Cape Breton and Victoria, was presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell and read, praying for the erection of a light house at the mouth of the Great Bras d'Or.	Petition for light house at Great Bras d'Or
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee upon navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of certain inhabitants of Clare, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting an addition to the wharf at Belleveau's cove, in that county.	Petition for Breakwater at Belleveau's cove
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of Augustin Melancon, and other inhabitants of Clare, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant in aid of the breakwater at Gros Coque, in that county.	Petition for Breakwater at Gros Coque
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of Mondce Melancon, and other inhabitants of Church Point, in the township of Clare, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant to aid them in improving the breakwater at Whale cove, in that county.	Petition for Breakwater at church point
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Clare, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in maintaining sick Indians.	Petition of overseers Clare
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.	Referred to Indian com.
A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant to aid them in removing obstructions from the west branch of Bear river.	Petition to improve Bear river
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities
A petition of Thomas Spurr, postmaster at Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for increase of remuneration on account of an increase in the duties of his office.	Petition of T. Spurr
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Referred to post office committee
A petition of John McLeod, and other inhabitants of New Larig, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for compensation for portions of their land taken for a new line of road.	Petition of J. McLeod
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on road damages.	Referred to committee on road damages
A petition of William Chappell, of Bay Verte, master mariner, was presented by Mr. Bent and read, praying for aid in running a packet between Bay Verte and Charlotte-town, Prince Edward's Island.	Petition of Wm. Chappell
<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Referred to committee on nav. securities.
A petition of Mathurine LeBlanc and others, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for the establishment of a way office at Belleveau's cove, in the county of Digby.	Petition of M. LeBlanc
<i>Ordered</i> ,	Ordered,

- Referred to post office committee
Petition for Breakwater at Montagon
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities
Petition of W. Dunbar
A petition of William Dunbar, of Lake Ainslie, in the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for a grant in aid of his fulling and dyeing mill at that place.
- Referred to committee on trade
Petition of Mary McIsaac
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of H. Crowell
A petition of Heman Crowell, of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for a return of duties on a steam engine imported.
- Referred to committee on trade
Petition for prohibitory law
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Referred to committee on trade
Petition of Jas. D. Van Buskirk
A petition of certain male inhabitants of Aylesford, in the county of King's; also a petition of certain female inhabitants of the same township, were severally presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law.
- Referred to post office committee
Petition of Dr. Jeans
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of T. Cullen
A petition of James D. Van Buskirk, postmaster at Aylesford, in the county of King's, was also presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for an increase of remuneration.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of T. E. Jeans
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of T. E. Jeans
A petition of Doctor Thomas E. Jeans, of Sydney mines, county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance and surgical aid rendered by him to a transient pauper.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of H. Grantmire
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of T. E. Jeans
A petition of Thomas Cullen, of North Bar, in the county of Cape Breton, was also presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying remuneration for supporting a transient pauper.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of T. E. Jeans
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers.
- Referred to committee on transient poor
Petition of H. Grantmire
A petition of Thomas E. Jeans, of Sydney mines, was also presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying compensation for professional services to George Fanning, a transient pauper.
- Referred to committee on education
Bill to naturalize A. White
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers.
- Referred to committee on education
Bill to naturalize A. White
A petition of Henry Grantmire, of the North-west Arm, in the township of Sydney, county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, setting forth that petitioner was appointed a trustee of the school in that settlement,—that relying on an assessment which was made for the support of the school, petitioner had incurred pecuniary responsibility to the teacher,—that the assessment having proved to be irregular, the money could not be collected, and petitioner was sued upon his contract and committed to jail, and was ultimately obliged to pay the debt and costs, and praying the house to grant him compensation therefor.
- Referred to committee on education
Bill to naturalize A. White
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Referred to committee on education
Bill to naturalize A. White
Mr. Killam, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house, a bill to naturalize Andrew C. White; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to divide the eastern school district of the county of Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to divide the Eastern Halifax school district

On motion, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to revise the general rules respecting the practice of the house, and to report generally on the transaction of the business of the house.

Resolution as to practice and business of the house

Ordered, That the hon. the attorney general, the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Killam, the hon. solicitor general, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. White, do compose the committee for that purpose.

Committee appointed

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

WEDNESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Patrick Christopher, of the township of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for compensation for services rendered by him to the late James Turnbull, esquire, under the circumstances mentioned in the petition.

Petition of P. Christopher

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Fuller, Mr. C. J. Campbell, and Mr. McKeagney, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of Joseph R. Hea, teacher of a seminary at Lower Horton, in the county of King's, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for a grant in aid of his institution in addition to the county grammar school allowance.

Petition of J. R. Hea

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

Referred to committee on education

A petition of Augustus Brown, and other inhabitants of Lower Horton, was also presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for aid the erection of a bridge over Soldier's creek.

Petition of A. Brown and others

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of Messieurs Eaton and Rockwell, of Wolfville, in the county of King's, was also presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for a return of duties on machinery imported by them, and also praying for a grant to aid them in replacing their furniture manufactory destroyed by fire.

Petition of Eaton and Rockwell

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

Referred to committee on trade

A petition of the commissioners of schools for the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying that the undrawn grammar school allowance for such county, be appropriated to the establishment of an efficient classical institution at Bridgetown, in that county.

Petition of School commissioners Annapolis

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

Referred to committee on education

A petition of Hiram Marshall, and other inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying for the establishment of a way office at Paradise lane, in said county.

Petition of H. Marshall and others

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of James S. Young, mail-carrier between Digby and Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for remuneration for extra services.

Petition of J. S. Young

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of certain inhabitants of Brier Island, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for the passing of an act to enable them to lay out their highways of a less width than that now authorized by law.

Petition as to width of roads

Ordered,

- Leave for Bill *Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Wade have leave to bring a bill in accordance with the prayer of such petition.
- Petition as to Digby slip A petition of James Annand, and other inhabitants of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant in aid of the public slip at Digby.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Free church at Whyecomah, incorp. bill The honorable the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Indian rear, at Whyecomah; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Port Hood harbor bill The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, also 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.
- Petition for infant school A petition of the ladies, managers of the infant school at Halifax, was presented by Wier and read, praying for a continuation of the grant in aid of that institution.
- Referred to committee on education *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition for visiting dispensary A petition of the governors of the Halifax visiting dispensary, was also presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for an additional grant in aid of the funds of that institution.
- Referred to select com. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Tupper, and Mr. Webster, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition for house of refuge A petition of the society for the support of the house of refuge in Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for a grant in aid of that institution.
- Referred to committee *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to consider the foregoing petition of the governors of the Halifax visiting dispensary.
- Petition of overseers, Egerton A petition of the overseers of the poor for the fourth district of the township of Egerton, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.
- Referred to committee on transient poor *Ordered*, that the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Petition of S. Murphy A petition of Samuel Murphy, surveyor of shipping for the port of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for an increase in the fees allowed to surveyors of shipping.
- Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of inhabitants of Pictou A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for a grant to John McLean, to aid him in erecting an establishment for the manufacture of bone dust for agricultural purposes.
- Referred to com. on agriculture *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on agriculture.
- Petition of J. Grant A petition of James Grant, was also presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying to be reimbursed the amount of loss sustained by him in performing a contract on the railroad.
- And thereupon,
Motion for select com. Mr. Wilkins moved that the petition be referred to a select committee, to examine and report thereon: which being seconded,
- Motion to withdraw carried on division Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment, that the petition be withdrawn: which, being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative; and accordingly,
Ordered, That the petition be withdrawn.
- Petition of W. Heard and others A petition of William Heard; and also a petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Pictou, were also severally presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying the house to pass a grant to aid the said William Heard in running a steam packet between Pictou and Prince Edward Island.

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

On motion of Mr. Wade,

Resolved, That the time for the reception of private and local bills and petitions for money or relief, be extended until Saturday the sixteenth day of February instant, inclusive.

Time for receiving pe-
titions enlarged

Petitions of William Amund, William A. Penney, James Gossip, James Barnes, James Bowes and Son, and English and Blackadar, all of Halifax, printers, were respectively presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a return of duties paid on printing paper and materials imported by them respectively.

Petitions for return of
duties on printing ma-
terials

Ordered, That such several petitions be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

Referred to committee
on trade

Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Water company bill

A petition of certain inhabitants of the city of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying that the name of the city of "Halifax" may be altered to "Chebucto."

Petition to change
name of Halifax

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Esson have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer of such petition.

Leave for bill

A petition of certain inhabitants of Onslow, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for the passing of an act to permit the use of an unoccupied school house in Onslow, as a town hall.

Petition from Onslow
as to school house

Ordered, That such petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Archibald have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Leave for bill

A petition of certain inhabitants of Onslow was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for an act to legalize the use of a copy of the original plan of the township in evidence.

Petitions as to plan of
Onslow

Ordered, That such petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Archibald have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Leave for bill

A petition of Donald Robertson of New Annan, in the county of Colchester, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for aid to his fulling and carding mill at that place.

Petition of D. Robert-
son

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

Referred to committee
on trade

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relative to a town house at Onslow; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Onslow school house
bill

A petition of Joseph Dickson of Truro, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in supporting a transient pauper.

Petition of J. Dickson

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

Referred to committee
on transient poor

A petition of Charles B. Archibald, of Truro, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying compensation for extra services in carrying the English mails between Truro and Amherst; and also additional remuneration for performance of his duties as a mail contractor.

Petition of C. B. Archi-
bald

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

Referred to post office
committee

A petition of the proprietors of the Eastern stage line, was also presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for a continuance of their present contract for carrying the mails, and also compensation for extra services.

Petition proprietors of
Eastern stage

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

Referred to post office
committee

- Petition of J. Neville
 Referred to post office committee
 A petition of James Neville, mail-carrier between Halifax and Sambro, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying for an increase of remuneration.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition of J. Borden and others
 Referred to post office committee
 A petition of Jonathan Borden, and other inhabitants of King's county, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for an increase of mail communication.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition for breakwater at Cheverie
 Referred to committee on navigation securities
 A petition of certain inhabitants of Cheverie, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting a breakwater at that place.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Onslow records bill
 Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- New Caledonia lodge incorporation bill
 Mr. McDonald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate "New Caledonia lodge," Pictou; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition from Pictou for liquor law
 A petition of certain male inhabitants of the county of Pictou; also a petition of certain female inhabitants of the same county, were also severally presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of Dr. Johnson
 Referred to committee on transient poor
 A petition of Doctor George M. Johnson, of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for compensation for professional services to a transient pauper.
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Petition of D. Matheson
 Referred to militia committee
 A petition of David Matheson, of West river, of the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying to be reimbursed fees paid by him and others, officers of the second battalion, first regiment of the Pictou militia on receiving their commissions.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the militia law.
- Petition of trustees Pictou academy
 Referred to committee on education
 A petition of the trustees of the Pictou Academy, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a continuance of the grant in aid of that institution.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition of W. H. Waddell
 Referred to committee on education
 A petition of William H. Waddell, grammar school teacher in the county of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying compensation for loss sustained by him in his contract for erecting the Normal academy at Truro, on the ground that the plan of the building was altered and rendered more expensive after the making of his contract.
 And thereupon,
 Mr. McDonald moved that the petition be referred to the committee upon education: which being seconded,
 Mr. McLellan, moved by way of amendment, that the petition be withdrawn: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative; and accordingly,
Ordered, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition of overseers, Pictou
 A petition of the overseers of the poor for the second section of the township of Pictou, was also presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in maintaining transient paupers.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. Referred to committee on transient poor

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Windsor, was presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in supporting a transient pauper. Petition of overseers Windsor

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. Referred to committee on transient poor

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house an account of the queen's printer, for printing performed for the various public departments.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a statement of the financial condition of the Wesleyan academy at Sackville. Statement as to Wesleyan academy

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

A petition of Simon D'Entremont, of Pubnico, in the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for a grant to aid in replacing buoys at the entrance of Pubnico harbor. Petition for buoys at Pubnico harbour

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of certain inhabitants of Walton and its vicinity; also a petition of certain inhabitants of Upper Kempt, in the county of Hants, were severally presented by Mr. Parker and read, praying the house to pass an act to equalize the representation of the county of Hants. Petition as to representation of Hants county Electoral districts

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorise the alteration of certain electoral districts, and the addition of one electoral district in the county of Guysborough; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Guysboro' bill

A petition of Jacob P. Miller, of Halifax, late superintendent of provincial light houses, was also presented by Mr. Marshall, complaining that he had been unjustly dismissed from said office, and praying for an enquiry into the causes of his dismissal. Petition of J. P. Miller

And thereupon,

Mr. Marshall moved that the petition be referred to a select committee to examine and report thereon. Motion for sel. com.

Which being seconded,

After some time being occupied in debate thereon,

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

Mr. Webster, Chairman of the Richmond election committee, by direction of the committee, moved that they have the leave of the house to adjourn over until Thursday the twenty-first instant, at eleven of the clock: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house. Richmond election com. adjourned

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

 THURSDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Petition for incorporation Milton railroad co.** A petition of certain inhabitants of Queen's county, was presented by Mr. McClearn and read, praying for an act to incorporate the Milton railroad company.
- Leave for bill** *Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. McClearn have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof;
- Bill presented** And thereupon, Mr. McClearn, pursuant to leave, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Milton railroad company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of E. B. Nichols** A petition of the reverend E. B. Nichols, was also presented by Mr. McClearn and read, praying to be reimbursed for the expense incurred in the interment of a transient pauper.
- Referred to committee on transient poor** *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers.
- Petition as to nets of fishermen** A petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Liverpool, in Queen's county, was also presented by Mr. McClearn and read, praying for legislation to protect the nets of fishermen from injury by coasting vessels.
- Leave for bill** *Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. McClearn have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Petition of Judge Haliburton** A petition of the honorable Thomas Chandler Haliburton, judge of the supreme court, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying to be permitted to retire from the bench upon the pension which he enjoyed as a retired judge of the court of common pleas, prior to his appointment as a judge of the supreme court.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition of R. Logue** A petition of Richard Logue, praying to be compensated for board and lodging supplied by him to the jury empanelled to try Nicholas H. Martin, at Sydney, Cape Breton, during the trial of the cause by order of the presiding judge; also complaining of having been unjustly dismissed by order of the government from his late office of deputy sheriff and jailor for the county of Cape Breton, and praying enquiry and compensation.
- Referred to select com.** *Ordered*, That the same be referred to Mr. Tobin, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Wier, Mr. McKeagney, and Mr. Chambers, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition for electoral district Annapolis** A petition of certain inhabitants of Kempt, and other settlements in the southern part of the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying for the establishment of a new polling district in that county.
- Leave for bill** *Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and that the hon. Mr. Johnston have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer of such petition.
- Bill presented** And thereupon, The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to set off an additional electoral district in the county of Annapolis; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition for incorp. Margaretville pier company** The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition as to statute labor** A petition of the reverend J. M. Crump, D. D. and other inhabitants of Wolfville, in the county of King's, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying that students in institutions of learning, may be exempted from statute labor on the highways.
- Referred to statute labor committee** *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on statute labor.

Mr. Chambers, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Newport hall company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bill to incorp. Newport Hall company

A petition of Ezekiel N. Masters and others; also, a petition of Shubael Parker and others; also, a petition of Francis Salter and others; also, a petition of A. Liswell and others, of Hants county, were severally presented by Mr. Chambers and read, praying for the equalization of the representation of the county of Hants.

Petitions to equalize representation of Hants

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition of Doctors William Denison, and S. M. Weeks, of Newport, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Chambers and read, praying to be reimbursed for attendance on a sick Indian.

Petition of Doctors Weeks and Denison

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

Referred to Indian com.

A further petition of the said Doctors Denison and Weeks, was also presented by Mr. Chambers and read, praying to be remunerated for professional services to transient paupers.

Petition of Doctors Denison and Weeks

Ordered, that the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.

Referred to committee on transient poor

A petition of Doctor William Denison, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying to be reimbursed for professional services to colored persons, being transient paupers.

Petition of Doctor W. Denison

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

Referred to committee on transient poor

A petition of the trustees of the Union meeting house at Mahone Bay, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for an act of incorporation.

Petition for incorp. meeting house at Mahone bay

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Gilderd have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Leave for bill

The hon. the solicitor general, chairman of the Arichat election committee, by direction of the committee, moved that they have the leave of the house to adjourn over until Friday, the twenty-second instant, at eleven of the clock: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Arichat election com. adjourned

A petition of Richard Nugent, of Halifax, printer, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying a return of duties paid on printing paper imported.

Petition of R. Nugent

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

Referred to committee on trade

A petition of Charles Henry Carman, a clerk in the crown land office, was also presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Petition of A. H. Carman

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition of Charles Blanchard, sheriff of the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Hyde and read, praying for an alteration in the fees payable to sheriffs.

Petition of C. Blanchard

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to examine and report upon the petition of William H. Harris.

Referred to committee on petition of W. H. Harris

A petition of certain freeholders and inhabitants of Onslow, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Morrison and read, praying for the passing of an act to vest the church and glebe lands in this province in trustees, for educational or other general purposes.

Petition of inhabitants Onslow as to church lands

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Annand, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Dimock, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of Amos Seaman, of Minudie, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Bent and read, praying for an alteration in postal arrangements at that place.

Petition of A. Seaman

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

Mr. Referred to committee on post office

- Pictou court house bill Mr. McDonald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 56 of the act 18th Victoria, entitled an act 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 for mun. corp. act from Pictou A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying that the act for the municipal government of counties may be extended to that county, as soon as the inhabitants should express their desire therefor, as provided by the act.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Maitland road bill Mr. Parker, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for the making of a road from Maitland to the great eastern road; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of F. Ettinger and others A petition of John E. Ettinger, and other inhabitants of Hants, was also presented by Mr. Parker and read, praying for the passing of an act to equalize the representation of the county of Hants.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Debate on petition of J. P. Miller order of day to-morrow On motion, *resolved*, that the house do, to-morrow, resume the consideration of the motion to refer the petition of Jacob P. Miller to a select committee, to examine and report thereon.

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

FRIDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Petition from Maitland and Short Beach A petition of certain inhabitants of Maitland and Short Beach, in the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to post office committee
- Petition as to Cornwallis bridge A petition of certain inhabitants of King's county, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for a grant to convert the Cornwallis bridge into a draw bridge, and for legislation thereon.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Webster have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Leave for bill
- Petition from Douglas A petition of Daniel Thompson, way office keeper, of Douglas, was presented by Mr. Parker and read, praying for an increase of remuneration.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to post office committee
- Petition of Canada creek pier company A petition of Canada creek pier company, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for a grant in aid of their breakwater.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities.
- Petition of C. R. Prescott and others A petition of the honorable C. R. Prescott and others, of Cornwallis, in the county of King's, was also presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for a grant in aid of an embankment at Cornwallis.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities
- Petition of inhabitants of Cornwallis A petition of certain inhabitants of Cornwallis, was also presented by Mr. Bill, and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting a pier at Woodworth's bay, in Cornwallis.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of Alexander McKay, hotel keeper, Truro, was presented by Mr. Wilkins, and read, stating that the grand jury and sessions of the county of Colchester had refused to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and praying to be reimbursed the sum of ten pounds and costs, imposed upon him for selling liquor without license. Petition of A. McKay

And thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins moved that the petition be referred to a select committee to examine and report thereon : which being seconded, Motion for select com.

Mr. Morrison moved, by way of amendment, that the petition be withdrawn. Amendment to withdraw

And the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, 15 ; against it, Carried on division

13. So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That the petition be withdrawn.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a general abstract of duties collected at the different ports for the year 1855. Trade returns

(See appendix No 14.)

Also, an abstract of dutiable articles imported into this province the same year.

(See appendix No. 15.)

Also, a comparative statement of duties collected at the different ports of the province in the year 1854 and 1855.

(See appendix No. 16.)

Also, a comparative statement of the articles imported, and duties collected thereon, in the same years.

(See appendix No. 17.)

Also, a comparative statement of the gross amount of light duties collected in the same years.

(See appendix No. 18.)

And the same having been read by the clerk,

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

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certain correspondence relating to a claim of Messrs. T. & L. Piers, for damage done to their mill on Bedford basin, by an obstruction of the navigation occasioned by the railway : which being read by the clerk, Correspondence as to T & L. Piers' claim

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on railroad affairs. Referred to railroad committee

The hon. the provincial secretary by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a copy of a despatch from the right honorable H. Labouchere, secretary of state for the colonies, to the lieutenant-governor, on the subject of the fisheries. Despatch as to fisheries

(See appendix No. 19—part 1.)

And the same having been read by the clerk,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on fisheries. Referred to committee on fisheries

A petition of William Curry and others, of Windsor, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying for a return of duties on steam machinery imported by them. Petition of W. Curry and others

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

Petition of P. S. Burnham

A petition of P. S. Burnham and T. Lynch, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying compensation for injury done to their mill near Windsor, by the railroad.

Referred to committee on railroad affairs

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on railroad affairs.

Petition for light house Cumberland

A petition of certain inhabitants of Cumberland, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying for the erection of a light house at Cape Tormentine, and the construction of fog bells in the vicinity of the Cape.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition of postmaster at Windsor

A petition of P. S. Burnham, postmaster at Windsor, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to committee on post office

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

Petition for grant and bill for Oak point pier company

A petition of certain inhabitants of King's county, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting a pier at Oak point, in the township of Cornwallis; and also for an act of incorporation for a company to erect such pier.

Referred to committee on nav. securities and leave for bill

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities, and that Mr. Chipman have leave to bring in a bill to incorporate such company.

Petition of T. J. Cann

A petition of Thomas J. Cann, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for a grant in aid of a ferry between Sydney and the North Bar, in the county of Cape Breton.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition of H. Chute

A petition of Hanley Chute, and other inhabitants of Granville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a grant in aid of the breakwater at Chute's cove.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition of E.H. Foster

A petition of Edward H. Foster, seizing officer at Bridgetown, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying compensation for his services in that capacity.

Referred to committee on trade

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

Petition as to clearing out Lequille river

A petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for a grant to aid them in rendering the Lequille river navigable, for the purpose of conveying logs and lumber.

Referred to committee on nav. securities

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

Petition to incorporate township of Clements

A petition of certain electors of the township of Clements, in the county of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for the passing of an act to incorporate that township.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Petition of postmaster Amherst

A petition of J. C. Chipman, postmaster at Amherst, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to committee on post office

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

Fire engine Pugwash bill

Mr. McFarlane, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition for mail extension Cumberland

A petition of certain inhabitants of Fox harbor, Wallace bay, and the Gulf shore, in the county of Cumberland, was also presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying additional postal accommodation.

Referred to committee on post office

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

- A petition of Donald McKay, teacher of the grammar school at Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was also presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying to be allowed a balance of the grammar school allowance for that county, remaining undrawn.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education. Petition of D. McKay
Referred to committee on education
- A petition of the inhabitants of Shinimecas, in the county of Cumberland, was also presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Petition for way office Cumberland
Referred to post office committee
- A petition of A. J. Ritchie, of Halifax, printer, was presented by Mr. Annand, and read, praying for a return of duties paid by him on printing materials imported.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Petition of A. J. Ritchie
Referred to committee on trade
- Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Union bank of Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Union bank incorporation bill
- Mr. Wier reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Wheeler Minard, John G. Balcomb, and John H. Potter, respectively; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on petition of W. Minard and others
- (See appendix No. 20.)
- Ordered,* That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant be referred to committee of supply. Referred to com. supply
- A petition of certain shipwrights of the township of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying that artificers employed in the construction of vessels may be allowed a lien upon vessels on which they have been employed, for the balance of wages due them.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Killam, and Mr. McKenzie, to examine and report thereon. Petition of shipwrights Digby
Referred to select com.
- A petition of R. H. Willoughby, of Halifax, printer, was presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying for a return of duty on printing materials imported.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Petition of R. H. Willoughby
Referred to committee on trade
- A petition of the inhabitants of Marshalltown, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an increase of mail accommodation.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Petition inhabitants of Marshalltown
Referred to committee on post office
- A petition of certain inhabitants of Digby neck, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant to aid them in the erection of a mill for grinding barley and oats.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on agriculture. Petition from Digby neck
Referred to committee on agriculture
- A petition of John K. Mayo, and other inhabitants of Weymouth, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant to aid them in removing obstructions from the Sissiboo river.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Petition of J. K. Mayo and others
Referred to committee on nav. securities
- A petition of certain inhabitants of Hillsburgh, in the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an increase of mail accommodation.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Petition of inhabitants of Hillsburgh
Referred to committee on post office
- A petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Hillsburg, in the county of Digby, and Clements, in the county of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read,

praying

praying for a grant to aid them in improving the navigation of Bear river, and the erection of a public wharf.

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

Petition of J. Barnaby

A petition of John Barnaby, of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for further aid to enable him to educate a deaf and dumb child.

Referred to committee
on deaf, dumb and blind

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb and blind.

Petition of inhabitants
of Digby

A petition of certain inhabitants of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying that the chief inspectors of fish may be appointed by the sessions in each county.

Referred to committee
on fisheries

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

Petition for ferry at
Hantsport

A petition of the inhabitants of Hantsport, in the county of Hants; also, a petition of the inhabitants of Kempt, in the same county, were severally presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying for the establishment of a ferry.

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

Petition as to Chesley
abiteau

A petition of Charles Hill, and other inhabitants of Granville, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying the house to repeal the act relating to the Chesley abiteau.

Petition against Ches-
ley abiteau

A petition of Thomas W. Chesley and others; also a petition of Gilbert Fowler and others, were severally presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying the house not to repeal the act relating to the Chesley abiteau.

Referred to select com.

Ordered, That the three foregoing petitions be referred to Mr. Ryder, Mr. Bill, and Mr. Bent, to examine and report thereon.

Petition of postmaster
Port Hood

A petition of G. D. Freeman, postmaster at Port Hood; also a petition of James G. McKeen, postmaster at Plaister cove, in the county of Inverness, were presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying for an increase of their respective salaries.

Referred to committee
on post office

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

Petition for aid to
blind person

A petition of John McDonald, of Low point, in the county of Inverness, was also presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying for aid to enable him to proceed to the United States to undergo an operation for the recovery of his sight.

Referred to committee
on deaf, dumb and blind

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb and blind.

Halifax survey bill

Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city; also a bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city; also a bill to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; and such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax sidewalks bill

Halifax streets bill

Petition for light house
Cape Tormentine

A petition of certain inhabitants of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for the establishment of a light house and fog bell at Cape Tormentine.

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

Petition for wharf at
St. Peter's

A petition of Maurice Kavanagh and others, inhabitants of St. Peter's, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting a public wharf.

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

Petition of D. McRae

A petition of Donald McRae, of Black river, in the township of Richmond, was also presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for a grant to aid him in repairing a grist mill.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

- A petition of certain inhabitants of Milton, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for the passing of an act concerning the marking of logs in certain rivers in the county of Queen's. Petition of inhabitants of Milton
- Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Campbell have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Leave for bill
- And thereupon,
- Mr. John Campbell, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill concerning the marking of logs in certain rivers in the county of Queen's; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bill as to marking logs
- A petition of merchants, and other inhabitants of Liverpool, was also presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for the passing of an act to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company; and also praying for a grant in aid of a marine slip or railway at Liverpool. Pet. for Liverpool mar. railway bill and for a grant
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities, and that Mr. J. Campbell have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Referred to committee on nav. securities
Leave for bill
- A petition of the trustees of the Wesleyan academy at Sackville, was also presented by Mr. J. Campbell and read, praying for the continuance of the grant to that institution. Petition for grant to Sackville academy
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on education. Referred to committee on education
- A petition of the proprietors of the "Provincial Wesleyan," was also presented by Mr. J. Campbell and read, praying for a return of duties on printing paper imported by them. Petition of proprietors of Provincial Wesleyan
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to committee on trade
- A petition of certain inhabitants of Port Hood, in the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for an alteration in the mail arrangements at that place. Petition of inhabitants of Port Hood
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to committee on post office
- A petition of Ebenezer Caldwell, overseer of the poor for the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying reimbursement of moneys expended to procure medical attendance and other necessaries for sick Indians. Petition of E. Caldwell
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Referred to com. on Indian affairs
- Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of Burns' free church, in the county of Sydney; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Burns' free church incorporation bill
- Mr. Gilderd, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of Union meeting house at Mahone Bay; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Union meeting house incorporation bill
- A petition of Eldridge G. Fuller, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying the house to provide for the purchase, for agricultural purposes, of a quantity of agricultural implements imported by him for the purposes of the industrial exhibition. Petition of E. G. Fuller
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on agriculture. Referred to committee on agriculture
- A petition of Doctor James Forbes, of Liverpool, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying to be remunerated for services to sick Indians. Petition of Dr Forbes
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Referred to committee on Indian affairs
- A petition of Jane Boyle, of Liverpool, was also presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying to be remunerated for attendance on a sick seaman. Petition of Jane Doyle
- Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of sick immigrants. Referred to sick immigrant committee

- Account sales of stud horses** The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house account sales of the several stud horses imported in the year 1854, and sold pursuant to the directions of the committee on agriculture for that year : which being read by the clerk,
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on agriculture.
- Referred to committee on agriculture**
- Memorial of R. Gibbon** The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a memorial of Richard Gibbon, junior, to the lieutenant-governor, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred by him as sheriff of the county of Cape Breton, connected with the trial of Nicholas H. Martin.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition of Richard Logue.
- Referred to committee**
- Returns of expenditure for colored population Halifax** The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a return of the expenditure of moneys voted last year to aid the colored population of the county of Halifax in procuring seed : which being read,
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of A. Graves** A petition of Albert Graves, of Liverpool, mail contractor, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying for a return of duties on coaches imported by him.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Referred to committee on trade**
- Petition for grant to St. Francis Xavier's college** A petition of the president and trustees of St. Francis Xavier's college at Antigonishe, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for a grant to aid them in procuring philosophical apparatus for that institution.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on education.
- Referred to committee on education**
- Petition of inhabitants of Tracadie** A petition of the inhabitants of Tracadie, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for an extension of mail accommodation.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to committee on post office**
- Petition for aid to Grandique ferry** A petition of Alexander McPherson, of Grand Anse, in the county of Richmond, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying increased remuneration for conveying the mails over the Grandique ferry.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities**
- Petition of inhabitants of Tracadie** A petition of certain inhabitants of Tracadie, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for a further grant to aid them in improving the navigation of the harbor at that place.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities**
- Pet. to establish township of Morristown** The hon. the solicitor general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to establish the township of Morristown, in the county of Sydney ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of overseers St. Andrew** A petition of the overseers of the poor of Saint Andrew's, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Referred to committee on transient poor**
- Petition of E. Forrestall** A petition of Edmund Forrestall, ferryman at the Strait of Canso, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for increased remuneration.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to committee on nav. securities**
- Committee on bills** On motion, the house resolved itself into committee on bills.
Mr. Speaker left the chair.
Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported that they had considered the bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties, and had directed him to recommend the house to refer such bill to a select committee to examine and report upon.

Report to send municipal corporation bill to select committee

Ordered, That the report of the committee be received and adopted.

Ordered, That Mr. Chambers have leave of absence until after Tuesday next, the 19th instant, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

A petition of numerous inhabitants of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for a change in the mode of electing certain officers of the city, and also for a division of the civil and police departments, and the appointment of a stipendiary magistrate.

Petition of inhabitants of city of Halifax

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A petition of C. B. Marshall, mail-carrier between Molasses harbor and Crow harbor, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Petition of C. B. Marshall

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

Referred to committee on post office

A petition of the inhabitants of Cole harbor, in the county of Guysborough, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for aid to a ferry.

Petition for ferry at Cole harbor

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities

A petition of James B. Hadley, of McNair's cove, at the Strait of Canso, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying compensation for trouble and expense incurred by him in arresting criminals who had escaped from jail.

Petition of J. B. Hadley

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the petition of the sessions of Guysborough on the same subject.

Referred to committee on pet. of Guysborough sessions

A petition of L. P. W. DesBrisay, of Richibucto, in the province of New Brunswick, proprietor of the steam packet Lady LeMarchant, was also presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for a grant to aid him in continuing the service of such steamer as a packet between Pictou, Charlottetown, Bedeque, and Shediac.

Petition of L. P. W. DesBrisay

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Killam, and Mr. McKenzie, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of John Northrup, and the hon. Richard A. McHefey, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying compensation for loss and disappointment, occasioned to them by the refusal of the government to grant them a tract of land on the railroad to Windsor, after an order of survey had been issued, and the deposit paid thereon.

Petition of Messrs. Northrup & McHefey

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on crown lands.

Referred to committee on crown lands

A petition of Daniel Gallagher, of Halifax, an aged teacher, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an annual allowance in consideration of his past services as a teacher.

Petition of D. Gallagher

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

Referred to committee on education

A petition of John H. Crosskill, of Halifax, printer, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a return of duties on printing paper imported by him.

Petition of J. H. Crosskill

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

Referred to committee on trade

- Petition of inhabitants Sackville and Bedford basin** A petition of William Evens, and other inhabitants of Sackville and Bedford basin, in the county of Halifax, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, stating that the present road between Sackville and Halifax, had been rendered inconvenient and dangerous by the railroad, and praying for a special grant to aid them in opening a new line of road.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on railroad affairs.
- Referred to committee on railroad**
- Petition of N. Clarke** A petition of Nepean Clark, of Halifax, esquire, was also presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying compensation for services rendered by him as clerk to the commissioners for issuing treasury notes.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Wade, Mr. Brown, and Mr. McDonald, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select com.**
- Petition of M. Curry** A petition of Mark Curry, of Windsor, merchant, was presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in prosecuting a criminal to conviction.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the subject of the amendment of the criminal law.
- Referred to criminal law committee**
- List of Annapolis school commissioners** The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a list of the names of the commissioners of schools for Annapolis county; and also several accounts of expenditure incurred in erecting the bridge at River Philip: which being read
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.
- Petition of overseers Windsor** A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Windsor, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
- Referred to committee on transient poor**
- Petition of C. B. Bowman** A petition of C. B. Bowman, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying to be exempted from any assessment that may be made under the act to enable the inhabitants of Windsor to procure a fire engine.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Esson, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Churchill, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select com.**
- Petition of inhabitants of Tusket** A petition of the inhabitants of Tusket, in the township of Argyle, was also presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying an alteration in the mail arrangements of that place.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to committee on post office**
- Petition of inhabitants of Richmond** A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying that vessels owned in this province may be exempted from pilotage fees on entering the harbors of Pictou and Sydney.
Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Killam, Mr. McKenzie, and Mr. Martell, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select com.**
- Granville assessment bill** Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to assess the township of Granville; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of inhabitants of Digby neck** A petition of certain inhabitants of Digby neck, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying that James H. Timpany, a mail-carrier at that place, may receive a grant to compensate him for the loss of his horse, accidentally killed.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to committee on post office**
- Petition of Gammel and Tupper** A petition of Messrs. Gammel and Tupper, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying for a return of duties on agricultural implements imported by them during the past year.

Ordered,

- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to committee on trade
- A petition of Alexander Munro, of the province of New Brunswick, was also presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying the house to encourage the circulation of a work published by him, entitled "New Brunswick, with a brief outline of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island." Petition of A. Munro
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on education. Referred to committee on education
- The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house returns shewing the condition and finances of the Pictou academy for the past year: which being read, Pictou academy returns
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on education. Referred to committee on education
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses incurred by them in supporting transient paupers. Petition of overseers Horton
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. Referred to committee on transient poor
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Annapolis, district No. 1, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying the house not to make any alteration in the township line. Petition of overseers Annapolis
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to Mr. Morrison, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Moses, to examine and report thereon. Referred to sel. com.
- Ordered*, That the petition of George Ryarson and others, presented by Mr. Whitman on the seventh instant, be referred to the same committee. Pet. of G. Ryarson and others referred
- A petition of Edward Jennings and John Slayter, physicians, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying the house to pass an act to impose a tax on shipping, for the purpose of providing hospital accommodation for seamen at Halifax. Petition for hospital at Halifax
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petition on behalf of the Halifax visiting dispensary. Referred to committee on dispensary
- A petition of Peter Boidet and others, of the county of Richmond; also a petition of Norman McDonald and others, of the same county, were severally presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for certain alterations in the electoral districts in that county. Petition as to electoral districts Richmond
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Marshall have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Leave for bill
- A petition of Peter Piers, a blind colored man, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying a grant to enable him to acquire a trade for his support. Petition of P. Piers
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb and blind. Referred to committee on deaf, dumb and blind
- Mr. McFarlane, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Wallace church incorporation bill
- A petition of certain inhabitants of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying for an increase of mail accommodation. Petition of inhabitants of Barrington
- Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs. Referred to committee on post office
- A petition of Doctor T. O. Geddes, of Barrington, in the county of Shelburne; also a petition of the overseers of the township of Shelburne, were severally presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying recompense for services and expenditures on account of transient paupers. Petition of Dr. Geddes
- Ordered*, That such petitions be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. Referred to committee on transient poor
- A petition of the proprietors of the Christian Messenger, newspaper, was presented Pet. of proprietors of Christian Messenger

by Mr. Robertson and read, praying for a return of duties paid by them on printing paper imported.

Referred to committee on trade

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

Hon. S. Chipman appointed financial secretary

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, informed the house that the honorable Samuel Chipman, a member of this house, had been appointed to, and accepted the office of, financial secretary of this province.

And thereupon,

Speaker informs house he will apply for writ

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house that he would require that a writ be issued in the usual form for the election of a member to serve in the stead of the honorable Samuel Chipman, whose seat in the house has become vacant, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Unanimous resolution to present sword to General Williams.

On motion of the hon. attorney general,

Resolved unanimously, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectfully requested to expend one hundred and fifty guineas in the purchase of a sword to be presented to General Williams, as a mark of the high esteem in which his character as a man and a soldier, and more especially his heroic courage and constancy in the defence of Kars, are held by the legislature of this his native province; and this house will provide for the same during its present session.

Order to be sent to council

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

Railroad balance sheet and accounts

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a balance sheet showing the amount received by the board of railway commissioners from the treasury, and disbursed within the year 1855, 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.

(See appendix No. 4—part 4.)

Referred to committee on public accounts

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

Petition of J. Publicover

A petition of John Publicover, and other inhabitants of New Dublin, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Rinhard and read, praying for legislation to prevent injury to the fisheries by the use of bag nets.

Referred to committee on fisheries

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

Petition to equalize representation of Queen's

A petition of certain inhabitants of the northern district of Queen's county, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying for an act to equalize the representation of Queen's county.

Leave for bill

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Davison have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Bill presented

And thereupon, Mr. Davison, pursuant to such leave given, presented to the house a bill to equalize the representation of Queen's county; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition for division of school districts Queen's

Mr. Davison also, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. of W. H. Sargent

A petition of William H. Sargent, of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was also presented by Mr. Davison and read, stating that he is a foreigner, who has resided five years and upwards in the province, and praying an act to naturalize him as a British subject.

Leave for bill

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and that Mr. Davison have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

A petition of Cobliel Groad, an Indian, residing in Queen's county, was also presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying for a grant to aid him in erecting a frame dwelling house on his land at Ponhook, in such county.

Petition of C. Groad.

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

Referred to committee
Indian affairs

A petition of Jabez Morton, and other inhabitants of the county of Queen's, was also presented by Mr. Davison, praying for compensation for attendance and expense incurred on account of a transient pauper.

Petition of J. Morton
and others

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

Referred to committee
on transient poor

A petition of Colin Yorke Campbell, commander in the royal navy, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying a reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in conducting proceedings in the court of vice admiralty against vessels seized for the violation of the fishery laws.

Petition of C. Y. Campbell

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition of certain inhabitants of Port Hood, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying for a grant to aid them in improving and preserving the harbor at that place.

Pet. as to Port Hood
harbor

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

A petition of the hon. James Boyle Uniacke, commissioner of crown lands, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, complaining of the diminution of his salary by the legislature, and praying to be allowed the salary which he enjoyed previous to the last session of the legislature.

Petition of hon. J. B.
Uniacke

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the crown lands.

Referred to committee
on crown lands

A petition of the inhabitants of Little Tracadie, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for a grant to aid them in improving the harbor at that place.

Petition of inhabitants
of Little Tracadie

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

A petition of the inhabitants of Little river, in the county of Sydney, was also presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for a grant to aid them in erecting a public pier at that place.

Petition of inhabitants
of Little river

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

A petition of the overseers of the poor for section No. 5, of the township of Egerton, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.

Petition of overseers
Egerton

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.

Referred to committee
on transient poor

A petition of James Purcell, and other inhabitants of Ship harbor, at the Strait of Canso, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for aid to a ferry between that place and McNair's cove.

Petition of J. Purcell
and others

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

A petition of the Free church presbytery of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law.

Pet. of Free church
Pictou, for liquor law

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Mr. McDonald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to enable the inhabitants of the towns of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the repairing of the streets; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pictou Streets bill

Oak Point pier comp.
incorporation bill

Mr. Bill, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Oak point pier company, at Cornwallis; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

WooJworth's brook
comp. incorp. bill

Mr. Bill, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Ira Woodworth brook pier company at Cornwallis; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions from Pictou
for liquor law.

A petition of certain male inhabitants of the county of Pictou; also a petition of certain female inhabitants of the same county, were severally presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the house to pass the prohibitory liquor law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Petition from Hall's
harbour pier comp.

A petition of the Halls' harbor pier company, and of certain inhabitants of Cornwallis, was also presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for a grant to aid them in improving the pier at that place.

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

Petition of Peter Le-
Lacheur

A petition of Peter Le Lacheur, of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying a return of light duties paid on a vessel lost on her first voyage.

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

Referred to committee
on trade

Petition of N. B. Mar-
tin

A petition of Nicholas H. Martin, of Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying to be reimbursed sundry expenses incurred by him on account of his late trial, and the detention consequent thereon.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of Richard Logue.

Referred to committee

Petition of W. Elliot

A petition of William Elliot, of Boston, merchant, was presented by the honorable Mr. Johnston and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of a suit against him in the court of vice admiralty, for an alleged violation of the fishery laws by the schooner Creole.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Liverpool mar. railway
co. incorporation bill

Mr. John Campbell, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report from com. on
W. Minard's petition

Mr. Whitman reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Alpheus Jones; 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. 21.)

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

Petition of Messrs.
Campbell and Smyth

A petition of C. J. Campbell and Peter Smyth, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying for a grant to aid in establishing a ferry at the northern entrance of the Strait of Canso.

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

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

Committee on municipi-
pal incorporation bill

On motion of the hon. Mr. Johnston,
Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report upon the bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties, pursuant to the report of the committee on bills.

Committee

Ordered, That the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Brown, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Annand, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Killam, and Mr. Marshall, be such committee.

Mr.

Mr. C. J. Campbell, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter the harbor master's fees in the harbor of Sydney, Cape Breton; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Harbor masters fees, Sydney, bill

Ordered, That Mr. Gilderd have leave of absence until after Thursday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

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

MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a report of the Commissioners of the Saint Peter's canal, of their proceedings during the past year, with an account of the receipts and expenditures connected therewith; and the same were read by the clerk.

St. Peter's canal report

(See appendix No. 22.)

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

Referred to com. on public accounts

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a return, by the reverend D. Geary, of the expenditure of monies placed at his disposal for the benefit of Indians at Clare; and the same was read by the clerk.

Return of Indian expenditure

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

Referred to committee on Indian affairs

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a petition of the governor and keepers of the provincial penitentiary for an increase of their respective salaries; and the same was read by the clerk.

Salaries of officers of penitentiary

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

Referred to committee on penitentiary

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a memorial of William Young and Thomas Donohoe, of Bay St. Lawrence, in the county of Victoria, complaining that they had been appointed assessors of poor and county rates—a duty, which, from their ignorance, they were totally inadequate to perform, and that they had been fined for not performing the duties by law required from assessors, and praying for enquiry and redress; and the same was read by the clerk.

Memorial of W. Young and T. Donohoe

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. McLelan, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Marshall, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a circular from the colonial office at Downing street, respecting the annual returns of provincial trade and navigation; and the same was read by the clerk.

Circular as to trade returns

(See appendix No. 23.)

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

Referred to committee on trade

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a circular from the colonial office, dated 26th June, 1855, on the subject of the postage of newspapers forwarded to British colonies; and also a circular from the colonial office dated 7th August, 1855, on the subject of the postage on books so transmitted; and the same were read by the clerk.

Circulars as to postage on books and newspapers

(See appendix No. 24—parts 1 and 2.)

Referred to committee
on post office

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

Correspondence as to
inter-colonial trade

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a correspondence between the colonial secretary of Prince Edward Island and the provincial secretary of this province, on the subject of reciprocal free trade between the two provinces; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 25.)

Referred to committee
on trade

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

Circular as to penny
postage

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a circular from the colonial office, dated 12th April, 1855, on the subject of the penny postage; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 24—part 3.)

Referred to committee
on post office

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

Circular as to passen-
ger act

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house two circulars from the colonial office, dated respectively 20th September, 1855, and 23rd January, 1856, on the subject of the imperial passengers act of 1856, accompanied by a copy of such act, and a printed abstract thereof; and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 26.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Petition of E. Leonard

A petition of Edward Leonard, of Digby, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying to be compensated for erecting and conducting a signal staff at the entrance of the harbor of Digby for the public benefit.

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

Circular as to light
houses

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a circular from the colonial office on the subject of the colonial light houses, together with the recent imperial act on that subject, and other documents connected therewith; and the same were read by the clerk.

(See appendix No 27.)

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

Correspondence as to
Charlottetown steamer

The hon. Mr. Locke, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certain correspondence between the lieutenant-governors of this province, of New Brunswick, and of Prince Edward Island, respectively, on the subject of steam communication between Pictou, Charlottetown, and Shediac; and the same having been read by the clerk,

Referred to committee
on nav. securities

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

(See appendix No. 28—part 1.)

Railroad Windsor to
Digby incorporation
bill

On motion, *ordered*, That the hon. Mr. Johnston have leave to introduce a bill to incorporate a company to construct a line of railway from Windsor to Digby.

Committee of supply

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Sixty-four resolutions
reported

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had come to sixty-four resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered them 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.

The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :—

- 1°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the speaker of the house of assembly, in full for his salary as speaker for the present year. £200 speaker of assembly
- 2°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of the house assembly, for his services for the same year. £200 clerk of assembly
- 3°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the chaplain of the house of assembly, for his services during the present session. £25 chaplain of assembly
- 4°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk assistant of the house of assembly, for his services during the present session. £100 clerk assistant of assembly
- 5°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the serjeant at arms of the house of assembly, for his services for the present session. £50 serjeant at arms
- 6°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to the assistant serjeant-at-arms of the house of assembly, for his services for the present session. £30 assistant serjeant at arms
- 7°. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty pounds be granted and paid to the messenger of the governor and the executive and legislative councils, for his services for the present year. £40 messenger of governor and councils
- 8°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to John Fitzgerald, for his services as messenger to the house of assembly, during the present session. £30 John Fitzgerald
- 9°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of the board of revenue, for his services during the present year. £100 clerk of board of Revenue
- 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 unemployed, and at the rate of five shillings a day to temporary waiters. Seizing officers and waiters, 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 gauger, weigher, and proof officer, for the port of Halifax. £300 gauger
- 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. £60 keeper of assembly
- 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. £400 Sable Island
- 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 Canso, under the regulations of the sessions for the counties of Guysborough and Richmond—to be paid on the certificate of such sessions that the packets 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. £50 packet Guysboro'
- 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 £20 scow, Douglas

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.

£20 ferrymen, Shuben-
acadie

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 upon the certificate of the general or special sessions of each county respectively that such ferry has been duly attended, and proper boats procured and used.

£20 J. & C. Pernette

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.

£10 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.

£10 Alex. McGuire

19°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Alexander McGuire, or such other persons as shall run a ferry boat or scow between Carter's landing, on the western side of the Strait 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.

£10 A. McPherson

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 Strait 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.

£20 ferry at Port
L'Herbert

21°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to such two persons as shall respectively keep up a ferry at the mouth of the harbor of Port L'Herbert, provided a 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.

£10 D. McPhee

22°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, to enable 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 justices of the peace for the county of Cape Breton, that he has faithfully discharged the duties assigned him by the sessions.

£15 W. Cunningham
and J. Knowles

23°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted to William Cunningham and 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 Shelburne, that such boats have been properly kept and run under their regulations.

£15 ferry Amherst

24°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted to aid in maintaining a ferry during the present year between Amherst and Minudie—such ferry to be under the regulations 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.

£20 ferry Judique

25°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two licensed ferrymen 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 paid to the ferrymen at Sheet Harbor, and the mouth of the North-west Arm, in the county of Halifax. £20 ferries Halifax county
- 27°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds each be granted to such two persons, one 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. £10 ferry at Liscomb's harbor
- 28°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to John Leary, the ferryman at Basin Gut, Sambro, in the county of Halifax. £5 J Leary
- 29°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each, be granted to the two ferrymen at 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. £20 ferrymen Big harbor
- 30°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Charles Smith, to enable him to keep a ferry over Necum Teuch River, eastern shore, in the county of Halifax. £7 10s. C. Smith
- 31°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted to aid in establishing a ferry during the present year over Liscomb's Harbor, opposite the highway at Clay 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 conducted to their satisfaction. £7 10s. ferry at Liscomb's harbor
- 32°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Bear River. £5 ferryman Bear River
- 33°. *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 Parrsborough packet
- 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. £25 W. Chappel
- 35°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted to such person as shall run a suitable steamboat between Halifax and St. John's, 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. £375 Newfoundland steamer
- 36°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds each be granted to two ferrymen, one on each side of the Petite Passage; and five pounds each to the ferrymen 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. £10 ferry Grand and Petite passage
- 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 Lingan
- 38°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at St. Ann's Harbor, in the county of Victoria. £5 ferryman St. Ann's
- 39°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Margaree River, in the county of Inverness. £5 ferry Margaree

- £4 ferry Grand Narrows 40°. *Resolved*, That the sum of four pounds each be granted and paid to the ferrymen 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 paid to the ferryman between the North Bar and the town of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton.
- £7 10s. ferry Great Bras d'Or 42°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to the ferryman at the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or, in the county of Victoria.
- £5 ferry Pugwash 43°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid in aid of the ferry across Pugwash harbor.
- £30 scow at McMillan's point 44°. *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 of the county of Inverness.
- £10 ferry Milford 45°. *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.
- £10 ferry St. Mary's river 46°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds ten shillings be granted and paid to the two ferrymen at Saint Mary's River, Guysborough.
- £7 10s ferry Ingonish 47°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds ten shillings be granted and paid in aid of the ferry across the entrance of Southern Bay, Ingonish, Victoria.
- £5 ferry Mire river 48°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at the Gut of Mire River, in Cape Breton county.
- £10 ferry Little Bras d'Or 49°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at the Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton.
- £5 ferry Sydney river 50°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Sydney River, Cape Breton.
- £6 ferry Tusket 51°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three pounds each be granted and paid to the two ferrymen at Tusket, in the county of Yarmouth.
- £5 ferry Pubnico 52°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Pubnico Harbor, Yarmouth.
- £8 ferry Ship Harbor 53°. *Resolved*, That the sum of eight pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at the mouth of Ship Harbor, Halifax.
- £10 ferry Jordan river 54°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds each be granted and paid to the two ferrymen on each side of the Jordan River, Shelburne county.
- £25 poor asylum school 55°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the commissioners of the poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the school in the poor asylum for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that establishment.
- £300 Indians 56°. *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 stg. clerk of crown 57°. *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 past year.

- 58°. *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 this province for more effectually protecting the revenues; provided no such officer shall receive more than fifteen pounds. £200 seizing officers
- 59°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds each be granted and paid to the two chairmen of bills and supply, for their services for the present session. £40 chairmen of committees
- 60°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirteen pounds be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, esquire, sergeant at arms to the house of assembly, in addition to his salary for the present session. £13 G. R. Grassie
- 61°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor to purchase seed for distribution among the colored population in the counties of Hants, Queen's, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne, Digby, King's, and Cumberland, to the amount of ten pounds in each county. £100 col'd. population
- 62°. *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, as circumstances may require. £100 col'd. population Halifax
- 63°. *Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred and sixty pounds, sterling, be granted for the salaries of the clerks in the provincial secretary's office for the present year, to be appropriated and applied by the provincial secretary. £460 stg. clerks secretary's office
- 64°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds, sterling, be granted for stationery and other contingencies for the provincial secretary's office for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next session of the general assembly. £100 stg. stationery secretary's office
- The several resolutions were then upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the house. Resolutions agreed to
- Mr. McLelan moved that the house do come to the following resolution:—
Resolved, That two additional members be added to the committee of this house on post office affairs: Resolution to add to post office committee
- Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, seven; against it, twenty-eight. So it passed in the negative. Lost on division
- Mr. Brown reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Matthew Sproul; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on petition of M. Sproul

(See appendix No. 29.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted. Report adopted

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

TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The council have unanimously agreed to the resolution of this honorable house requesting his excellency the lieutenant-governor to apply the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas to purchase a sword to be presented to General Williams.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Resolution to purchase sword for Gen Williams

Mr.

Report on petition of L. P. W. DesBrisay. Mr. Wilkins reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of L. P. W. DesBrisay; 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. 28—part 2.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Petition for light house St. Ann's. A petition of certain inhabitants of Saint Ann's, in the county of Victoria and the adjoining settlements, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for the erection of a light house in that vicinity.

Referred to committee on nav. securities. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Petition for landing at Bird Islands. A petition of the inhabitants of Saint Ann's, was also by special leave, presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for a grant to aid them in constructing a public landing at the Bird Islands, for the benefit of the fishery at that place.

Referred to committee on nav. securities. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Petition for mail extension St. Ann's. A petition of the inhabitants of Saint Ann's, the North shore, and English town, was also by special leave, presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

Referred to committee on post office. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Petition as to Gabarus harbor. A petition of certain merchants, coasters, and fishermen of Gabarus bay, in the island of Cape Breton, was, by special leave, presented by the hon. Mr. McLeod and read, praying for a grant to aid them in removing a bar at the mouth of the harbor at that place.

Referred to committee on nav. securities. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

Petition of A. R. LeCain. A petition of Andrew R. LeCain, and other inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for the passing of an act to amend the law relating to trespasses on wilderness lands.

Referred to select com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Killam, to examine and report thereon.

Printing accounts presented. The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the account of Richard Nugent for printing performed for the house during the past year, pursuant to his contract therefor; also the account of the Queen's printer of printing performed by him for the public departments during the past year.

Referred to printing committee. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on public printing.

Petition of H. Ingraham. A petition of Hezekiah Ingraham, of north east branch of Margaree river; also a petition of Moses and John McDonald, of Margaree, in the county of Inverness, were, by special leave, presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying grants in aid of their respective out mills.

Referred to committee on agriculture. *Ordered*, That such petitions be referred to the committee on agriculture.

Petition of inhabitants of Judique. A petition of certain inhabitants of Judique, in the county of Inverness, was also by special leave presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for an alteration in the way office at that place.

Referred to committee on post office. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Petition of J. McLeod. A petition of John McLeod, way office keeper at the River Inhabitants, was also by special leave, presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to committee on post office. *Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Resolution to dismiss pet. of J. P. Miller. The hon. the attorney general moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petition of Jacob P. Miller, presented on Wednesday the thirteenth day of February instant, be dismissed.

Mr.

Mr. Marshall thereupon asked the leave of the house to withdraw such petition: which being agreed to by the house,

Ordered, That Mr. Marshall have leave to withdraw such petition.

Petition withdrawn

The hon. Mr. Wier, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the quarterly accounts of the commissioner of crown lands for the past year.

Crown land office accounts

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the crown lands.

Referred to crown land committee

(See appendix No. 30.)

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

WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Webster, Chairman of the Richmond election committee, moved that they have the leave of the house to adjourn over until Tuesday the 26th instant, at ten of the clock: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Richmond election com. adjourned

The hon. the solicitor general, chairman of the Arichat election committee, moved that they have the leave of the house to adjourn over until Tuesday the 26th instant, at twelve of the clock: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Arichat election com. adjourned

Then the house adjourned until Monday the twenty-fifth day of February, instant, at twelve of the clock.

MONDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1856.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

The clerk acquainted the house that Mr. Speaker had desired him to state to the house that, from indisposition, he was at present unable to attend the house, but hoped in a few days to resume his duty as speaker.

Clerk informs the house of Speaker's illness

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow, at half-past two of the clock, to communicate to the house his excellency's pleasure in reference to the election of one of the members of the house to act as speaker until the present speaker shall be able to perform his duties.

Time appointed for receiving governor's instructions as to temporary speaker

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this house do stand adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock: which being seconded and put by the clerk, was agreed to by the house.

Resolution to adjourn

And accordingly,

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

TUESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1856.

The house met pursuant to adjournment.

Message from governor

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

Gentlemen,

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

House attend
Governor in council
chamber

Accordingly the members of the house went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber, where the president of the legislative council said—

Gentlemen of the house of assembly ;

Governor commands
house to choose tem-
porary speaker

His excellency the lieutenant-governor has been informed that the speaker of the house of assembly is at present unable, from indisposition, to discharge the duties of his office, and it is therefore his excellency's pleasure that the house of assembly do now return to their own chamber, and elect one of the members of that house to act as speaker, until the present speaker shall be able to resume his duties, and present him here for his excellency's approbation.

Mr. Wade chosen as
temporary speaker

And the house having returned,

Mr. Bailey, (addressing himself to the clerk, who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down) proposed to the house for their speaker, until the present speaker should be able to resume his duties, John C. Wade, esquire, and moved "that John C. Wade, esquire, do take the chair of this house as speaker, until the present speaker shall be able to resume the duties of the office:" which motion was seconded by Mr. Tobin, and the question thereon having been put by the clerk, it was resolved in the affirmative.

House attend governor

Mr. Speaker elect, with the house, then went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber, when Mr. Speaker elect was presented to his excellency by the hon. the provincial secretary, who addressed his excellency as follows :

May it please your excellency ;

Speaker presented

The house of assembly, agreeably to your excellency's command, have proceeded to the choice of a temporary speaker, until the present speaker shall be enabled to resume his duties, and have elected John C. Wade, esquire, member for the township of Digby, to act as speaker ; and by their direction I beg leave to present him for the approbation of your excellency.

Governor approves of
speaker

After which, his excellency was pleased to say—" I approve of the temporary speaker whom the house of assembly have chosen."

Speaker takes the chair

The house having returned,

Mr. Speaker was conducted to the chair by the hon. the attorney general, and the hon. the provincial secretary.

Speaker reports gover-
nor's approval

Mr. Speaker reported that the house had attended his excellency, and that his excellency had been pleased to approve of the choice the house had made of him to be their speaker, during the inability of the speaker to attend the house, and that he had thereupon addressed his excellency to the following effect :

May it please your excellency ;

And grant of usual pri-
vileges

The choice which the house of assembly have made of me to act as their speaker, until the present speaker shall be able to resume his duties, having been approved of by your excellency ; and your excellency having been pleased at the opening of the present session, to grant the usual rights and privileges of the house of assembly, it only remains for

for me to solicit from your excellency the most favorable construction of all my acts, as such acting speaker, while I continue to hold office.

Mr. Speaker also reported that his excellency in reply said—

Mr. Speaker,

I most cheerfully grant your request.

Mr. Speaker then stated that he had deferred making his acknowledgments to the house until their return from waiting on his excellency, and expressed his high gratification at the honor which the house had been pleased to confer upon him in electing him to act as their speaker, during the inability of their speaker to attend the house, in consequence of his indisposition.

Speaker makes acknowledgments

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter and amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes—"of patents for useful inventions"; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Patent law amendment bill

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of George Merry and others, and of John Nelson and others, for aid to their respective houses of entertainment, with other petitions on the same subject; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on pet. of G. Merry and J. Nelson

(See appendix No. 31.)

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

Referred to committee of supply

Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 2, of the revised statutes—"of executive and legislative disabilities"; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Disabilities amendment bill

Mr. Annand also, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 10 of the revised statutes—"of vacating seats"; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Vacating seats amendment bill

A petition of certain merchants, ship owners, and others interested in the trade of the port of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the house not to make any alteration in the law in relation to the remuneration of pilots at that port.

Petition against pilotage amendment bill

Ordered, That the same be referred to the select committee appointed to consider the petition of certain of the inhabitants of the county of Richmond upon the same subject.

Referred to committee

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house returns of the inspectors of pickled fish for the various counties, for the year 1855, with an abstract thereof; and the same were read by the clerk.

Petition of fish inspectors

(For abstract—See appendix No. 19—part 2.)

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

Referred to committee on fisheries

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house lists of persons returned for appointment as sheriffs for the different counties since 31st March, 1848; and the same were read by the clerk.

Lists of persons returned for sheriffs

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house copies of certain despatches and correspondence on the subject of the mines and minerals of this province; and the same were read by the clerk.

Mines and minerals correspondence

(See appendix No. 11—part 2.)

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

Referred to committee on mines and minerals

Mr.

Milton railroad company incorp. bill

Mr. McClearn, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Milton railroad company ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Committee of house on vote by ballot

On motion of Mr. McLelan, the house resolved itself into a committee on the general state of the province, to consider the propriety of introducing into the province the system of voting by ballot in the election of representatives to serve in the general assembly.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Progress reported

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of the business referred to them.

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

WEDNESDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Petition of S. Murphy Referred to committee

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Murphy on the subject of increased remuneration to surveyors of shipping, be referred to the select committee appointed to consider the petitions of William H. Harris and others, on the subject of sheriffs' fees.

Claims for land damages

The hon. Mr. Locke, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certain agreements and claims filed in the provincial secretary's office, for damage done to the lands of individuals by the construction of the main road through such lands ; and the same were read by the clerk.

Referred to committee on road damages

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

Report from Antigonish college

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a report by the president of St. Francis Xavier's college, of the state of that institution ;—also a return by the commissioners of the Normal school of the amount expended by them in the erecting and furnishing of the building at Truro ; and the same were respectively read by the clerk.

Referred to education committee

Ordered, That such report and return be referred to the committee on education.

Returns from crown land office

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house a report and tabular statement prepared by the commissioner of crown lands of the work done in his department in the year 1855 ; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 30—part 2.)

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on the crown lands.

Printing accounts

The hon. Mr. Locke, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the accounts received at the provincial secretary's office for advertising, and other services for the public departments for the year 1855 ; and the same were read by the clerk.

Referred to printing committee

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

Papers as to meridian lines

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a communication from colonel J. J. Abert, of the corps of typographical engineers at Washington, in answer to enquiries on the subject of the ascertaining and marking of meridian lines in this province ; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 32.)

Also, two publications from the bureau of topographical engineers at Washington, on the subject of surveying, geodesy, and practical astronomy.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A further petition from the inhabitants of the counties of Cape Breton and Victoria, was presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell and read, praying for the erection of a light house at the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or.

Petition for light house at Bras d'Or

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

Referred to committee on nav. securities.

A petition of certain inhabitants of Stewiacke, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Annand and read, praying the house to order a survey of a proposed route for the railway to Pictou, through the valley of the Stewiacke river, with a view to ascertain whether that route be not preferable to others already surveyed.

Pet. for railway survey in Stewiacke valley

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

Referred to railway committee

Ordered, That Mr. McDonald be added to the committee on private bills.

Mr. McDonald added to private bills com.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :

Bills read 2d time

A bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg.

Lunenburg sessions

A bill to incorporate the college and academy of the Free church of Nova Scotia.

Free church college incorporation bill

A bill to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor.

Meetinghouse Windsor

A bill to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine.

Fire engine Windsor

A bill to enable the township of Argyle to hold general sessions of the peace.

Argyle sessions

A bill for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company.

Halifax water company bill.

A bill to set off an additional electoral district in the county of Annapolis.

Annapolis electoral district bill

A bill in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company.

Margaretville company amendment

A bill to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine.

Fire engine Pugwash

A bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church in the county of Sydney, and

Burns' Free church

A bill to establish the township of Morrissetown in the county of Sydney.

Township of Morrissetown

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

Referred to private bills committee

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz:

Temperance petitions

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Horton, by Mr. Brown.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Hants, by Mr. Dimock.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Lower Horton, in the county of Kings, by Mr. Webster.

A petition of the inhabitants of Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, by Mr. C. J. Campbell.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Hants, by Mr. Chambers.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Hillsburgh, in the county of Digby, by Mr. Robecheau.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Hants, by the hon. the provincial secretary.

And such petitions were severally read, 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.

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

 THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Petitions as to representation of Hants.

A petition of the inhabitants of Noel, in the county of Hants; also two petitions from the inhabitants of the eastern section of the county of Hants, were severally presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying for the passing of an act to equalize the representation of the county of Hants.

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

Petitions for Prohibitory liquor law

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :—

Six petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Queen's, by Mr. John Campbell.

A petition from the inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, by Mr. Tupper.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Cape Breton, by Mr. McKeagney, and

A petition from the inhabitants of the county of Shelburne, by Mr. White.

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.

Petitions as to inspection of fish

The following petitions were severally presented by Mr. Marshall and read, viz :

A petition of Robert C. Grant, and other inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, praying for the repeal of the law for the inspection of pickled fish, and the substitution of local inspectors, to be appointed by the sessions, and that the former inspection law may be re-enacted.

A petition of James A. Tory, and other inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, praying for several alterations in the laws relating to the inspection of pickled fish; and

A petition of A. W. Whitman, and other inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, praying for a reduction in the fees payable to inspectors of pickled fish.

Ordered, That the several petitions be referred to the committee on the fisheries.

Petition as to Morristown bill

A petition of certain magistrates, and other inhabitants of the township of Dorchester, was presented by the hon. the solicitor general and read, praying the house not to pass the act to establish the township of Morristown.

Referred to committee on private bills

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

Pet. against Granville assessment bill

A petition of Joseph Wheelock, and other inhabitants of the township of Granville, containing a statement of the accounts between that township and James Delap, and claiming a balance to be due from him to the township, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to assess the township of Granville.

Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.

Resolution for committee on elective council

Mr. Tupper moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the house do now resolve itself into a committee on the general state of the province, to consider the propriety of applying the principle of election to the legislative council : which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,

Adjournment moved

On motion of Mr. Marshall,

Resolved, That this house do now adjourn.

And accordingly,

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

FRIDAY, 29th FEBRUARY, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Digby, praying that artizans employed in the construction of vessels, may be allowed a lien upon vessels upon which they have been employed, for their wages; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of shipwrights

(See appendix No. 33.)

And thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins moved "that such report be received and adopted": which he seconded, The hon. Mr. Johnston moved in amendment thereto, the following resolution:

Motion to receive and adopt

Resolved, That such report do lie on the table for the further consideration of the house: which being seconded, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, seventeen; against it, eighteen.

Amendment moved and lost on division

So it passed in the negative.

The resolution that the report be received and adopted was then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirty; against it, eleven.

Report adopted on division

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That such report be received and adopted.

Mr. Ryder reported from the committee to whom were referred the petition of Charles Hill and others, praying for the repeal of the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau, and the petitions of Thomas W. Chesley and others, praying that such act be not repealed; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition as to Chesley aboiteau

(See appendix No. 34.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Adopted

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certified copies, transmitted by the colonial secretary, of certain documents relating to the mines and minerals of this province, for the purpose of obtaining the assent thereto of the legislature of this province, viz:

Copies mining association conveyances

A surrender from Christopher Pearse and others to her majesty, dated 22nd January, 1856, of the lease of the mines of this province, granted to his royal highness the late duke of York.

Letters patent from her majesty, to Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, esquires, dated 23rd January, 1856, granting a lease of the mines of this province; and

An under lease from Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, esquires. to the general mining association, dated 24th January, 1856, of the mines and minerals of this province.

And the same having been severally read by the clerk,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee upon mines and minerals.

Referred to mines and minerals committee

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house the account current of the board of works for the year 1855; and the same was read by the clerk.

Board of works

(See appendix No. 35.)

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

Referred to committee on public accounts

Report of central board
of agriculture

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house the report and accounts of the central board of agriculture for the year 1855 ; and the same were read by the clerk.

(For report—See appendix No. 36—part 1.)

Referred to committee
on agriculture

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

Provincial customs bill

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for the management of the provincial customs ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Liquor law petitions

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :
The petition of the delegates of the temperance convention assembled in Halifax, by Mr. Morrison.

Three petitions from the female inhabitants of the county of Hants ; and two petitions from the male inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Parker.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the township of Kempt, in the same county, by Mr. Parker.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Lunenburg, by Mr. Bailey.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to enact a law for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Resolution for committee
on elective council

Mr. McFarlane moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That this house do now resolve itself into a committee upon the general state of the province, to take into consideration the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council ; which being seconded, and a debate ensuing thereon, after some time spent thereon,

The hon. the attorney general moved that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow ; and the same was agreed to by the house.

Debate adjourned

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

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

SATURDAY, 1st MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Richmond poll books

Mr. Speaker laid before the house the poll books used in the late election for the county of Richmond, and township of Arichat respectively, transmitted to him by the sheriff of the county of Richmond.

Referred to election
committee

Ordered, That so much of the said poll books as refers to the election for the county of Richmond, be referred to the committee appointed to try the merits of that election upon the petition of Charles F. Harrington ; and that so much of such poll books as refers to the election for the township of Arichat, be referred to the committee appointed to try the merits of that election on the petition of Hypolite Marraud.

Addition to committee
on Maguire's petition

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins be added to the committee appointed to examine and report upon the petition of John Maguire.

Addition to navigation
sec. com.

Ordered, That Mr. Bill be added to the committee on navigation securities.

Railway plan and estimate

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a communication from the chairman of the railway board,

board, accompanied by a plan of a proposed extension of the railway from the depot at Richmond, to North street, in the city of Halifax, and an estimate of the expense of constructing the same; and the same were read by the clerk.

Ordered, That such papers be referred to the committee on railway affairs.

Referred to railway committee

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved unanimously, That Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, late clerk of this house, be admitted to a seat below the gallery of the house during the progress of the debates.

Resolution to admit Mr. Twining to lobby

Ordered, That the clerk do acquaint Mr. Twining with the foregoing resolution.

Order thereon

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz:

Bills read 2d time—

A bill to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.

Juries, Cape Breton

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot.

South Baptist meeting house incorporation

A bill to provide for a town hall at Onslow.

Town hall, Onslow

A bill to incorporate New Caledonia lodge, Pictou.

New Caledonia lodge incorporation

A bill to enable the inhabitants of the towns of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing streets and sewers.

Pictou streets

A bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city.

Halifax survey

A bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city; and

Halifax sidewalks

A bill to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.

Halifax streets

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

Referred to private Bills committee

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for the better encouragement of education; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Education bill

A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying for legislation to prevent the destruction of sheep by dogs, in the Island of Cape Breton.

Petition as to destruction of sheep by dogs

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. McKeagney, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. Martell, to examine and report by bill or otherwise, upon the general subject of the destruction of sheep by dogs.

Referred to committee

Mr. Morrison, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Intoxicating liquors bill

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz:

Temperance petitions

A petition from the inhabitants of Mabou and its vicinity, in the county of Inverness, by the hon. the attorney general.

A petition of certain inhabitants of Colchester, by Mr. Morrison.

Two petitions from the male inhabitants of the county of Shelburne; and

Three petitions from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. White.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass an act to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

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

On motion,

The bill for the management of the provincial customs, was read a second time.

Provincial customs bill, read 2d time

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the hon. the attorney general, Mr. Esson, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Killam, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Martell, and Mr. McClearn, to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise.

Referred to committee

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg; the bill for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company; the bill to set

Private bills reported

off an additional electoral district within the county of Annapolis ; and the bill to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine ; and had directed him to report such several bills without any amendment ; and that they had also considered the bill to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor, 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.

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

Report on petition of S. Fraser The hon. Mr. Wier, from the committee appointed to consider the petition of Simon Fraser, for compensation for the loss of a horse killed by coming in contact with the telegraph wires, reported that the committee cannot, under the circumstances of the case, recommend the house to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

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

Report of committee on deaf, dumb and blind Mr. McDonald reported from the committee on the subject of 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.

(See appendix No. 37.)

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

Peat bog Liverpool bill Mr. McClearn, pursuant to leave previously given, presented to the house a bill to authorize the draining of a peat bog near the town of Liverpool ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Order of Day. The order of the day being read,

Debate resumed The house resumed the adjourned debate on the resolution that the house resolve itself into a committee to consider the subject of an elective legislative council ; and after some time spent in such debate,

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

Arichat election committee *Ordered*, That the Arichat election committee be authorised to procure the services of an additional clerk to attend upon that committee.

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

MONDAY, 3d MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Petitions for liquor law

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :
 Five petitions from male inhabitants of the county of Kings, and
 Two petitions from female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Webster.
 One petition from the male inhabitants of the county of Colchester ; and a petition from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Hyde.

Four petitions from the male inhabitants of the county of Lunenburg, and a petition from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Rinhard.

A petition of the inhabitants of Lochaber Lake, in the counties of Sydney and Guysborough, and

A petition from the inhabitants of Saint Mary's, in the county of Guysborough, by Mr. McDonald.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the act to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That such several petition do lie on the table.

The

The bill to authorize the draining of a peat bog, near the town of Liverpool, was read a second time.

Bill read 2d time, Liverpool peat bog

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

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

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 the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg; the bill for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company; the bill to set off an additional electoral district within the county of Annapolis; the bill to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine, severally without amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor, and had made an amendment thereto; and he delivered the several bills together with the amendment to the last mentioned bill in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

Private bill committee report

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

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

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to consider the petition of Mary Flinn; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of Mary Flinn

(See appendix No. 38.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Adopted

The hon. the solicitor general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the annual return of the condition of Saint Mary's College, in Halifax; and the same was read by the clerk.

St. Mary's college return

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

Referred to committee on education

The order of the day being read,

Order of day

The house proceeded to the further consideration of the resolution that the house resolve itself into committee to consider the propriety of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council; and the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such resolution be agreed to by the house,

Mr. Killam, by way of amendment thereto, moved the following resolution:—

Amendment moved

“Whereas, on Saturday last, the leader of the government in this house, made a formal exposition of the principles on which the present government was conducted, and therein expressly declared he would neither announce nor denounce the principle that “to the victors belong the spoil.”

Mr. Killam's resolution

Therefore resolved, That this house recognizes the prerogative and power of the crown administered by the provincial government, yet feels bound to declare that government is instituted for the general prosperity, and rejects the principle that in the administration of government patronage, officers not parliamentary, nor connected with the necessary conduct of government, should be removed from office on account of their political opinions, or for the purpose of rewarding party adherents.

Also resolved, That we believe that the true interpretation of responsible government means to carry out the well understood wishes of the people, as expressed through their representatives.”

Which amendment being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent therein,

Debate adjourned

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

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

Tuesday,

PRAYERS.

Report on R. Logue's
petition

Mr. Tobin reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Logue, and also the petitions of other parties referred to the same committee; 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. 39.)

Referred to supply

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

Report on J. Maguire's
petition

Mr. Tobin also reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of John Maguire; 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. 40.)

Referred to supply

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

Petition of A. McPherson
referred to nav.
securities

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander McPherson, presented on the fifteenth day of February last, and referred to the committee on navigation securities, be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Petitions from Doctor
Geddes and overseers
Shelburne, referred to
Indian committee

Ordered, That the respective petitions of Doctor T. O. Geddes, and of the overseers of the poor for the township of Shelburne, referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses, on the sixteenth day of February instant, be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.

Leave to present peti-
tion refused

Mr. Wilkins moved for special leave to present a petition of Mary Woods, of Grandique, in the county of Richmond, praying for aid to a ferry at that place: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative.

J. H. Crosskill's ac-
count

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house an amended account of John H. Crosskill, for printing performed for the public departments.

Referred to committee
on printing

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

Report on C. B. Bow-
man's petition

Mr. Esson, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of C. B. Bowman, to be exempted from the operation of the bill to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine, reported certain amendments to such bill; which he read in his place, and then delivered such amendments in at the clerk's table, where they were again read.

Referred to committee
on private bills

Ordered, That such amendments be referred to the committee on private bills, to be considered along with such bill, already referred to that committee.

Committee on repairs
and furniture of go-
vernment house

On motion of the hon. the solicitor general,

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to examine and report upon the expense of repairs and furniture provided at government house, and to consider what further repairs and furniture are still required.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Brown, Mr. Esson, and Mr. McLellan, do compose such committee.

Petition of J. Munro
presented on special
leave

Mr. Archibald moved for special leave to present a petition from John Munro, of Tatamagouche, in the county of Colchester, praying for compensation for a road constructed by him at Tatamagouche in 1841, under the circumstances mentioned in his petition, and for which he had received no remuneration: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon,

Such petition was presented by Mr. Archibald and read.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the same be referred to Mr. Robertson, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. Dimock, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Donald Urquhart; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on D. Urquhart's petition

(See appendix No. 41.)

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

A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for alterations in the law relating to assessments for poor and county rates. Petition for alteration in assessment law

Ordered, That such petition do lie on the table.

The hon. Mr. Wier, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house a memorial from the inland navigation company to his excellency, praying to be relieved from the restrictions contained in the deed to them from the provincial government, which tend to prevent their borrowing money on the security of their works, already in an advanced state of forwardness, for the completion thereof, and also praying for further aid to such undertaking; and the same was read by the clerk. Memorial of inland navigation com

(See appendix No. 42—part 1.)

Ordered, That such memorial be referred to Mr. McDonald, Mr. Marshall, the hon. Mr. Locke, Mr. McClearn, and Mr. Esson, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select committee

The hon. the attorney general, from the committee appointed to revise the rules of the house, and report upon the transaction of the general business of the house, reported in part, the following resolution, which they recommended for adoption by the house: Report in part from committee on practice of the house

Resolved, That in consequence of the increased business of the house, and for the purpose of expediting the business thereof, it is expedient that an additional clerk be appointed, whose duty it shall be to attend to the drafting of the bills and assist in performing the general business of the house. Resolution to appoint clerk of bills

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general moved that such resolution do pass, and that the house do proceed to the election of such officer, in accordance with such resolution: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house. House proceed to appoint clerk

The hon. the attorney general then moved, that Henry C. D. Twining, esquire, be clerk of the bills to this house; which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house. Mr. Twining chosen

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond; the bill to enable the inhabitants of Windsor to procure a fire engine, with the amendments proposed thereto by the select committee on the petition of C. B. Bowman; the bill to provide for a town hall at Onslow; the bill to incorporate New Caledonia lodge, Pictou; the bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city; the bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city; the bill to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; and the bill to enable the inhabitants of the towns of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing streets and sewers, and had directed him to report such bills to the house severally without any amendment; and that they had also considered the bill to authorize the draining of a peat bog near the town of Liverpool, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment 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. Private bills reported
Cape Breton juries
Windsor fire engine
Town hall, Onslow
New Caledonia lodge
Halifax survey
Halifax side walks
Halifax streets
Pictou streets
Draining peat bog, Liverpool

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

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- Clerk of bills sworn in The clerk of the bills being in attendance took the usual oath of office.
- Evidence amndt. bill Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill further to amend the law of evidence ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition for aid to Bear River bridge Two petitions from the inhabitants of the county of Sydney, were severally presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a grant to aid them in the erection of a bridge across Bear River, in that county, on the main post road to Yarmouth.
Ordered, That such petitions do lie on the table.
- Currency bill The hon. the solicitor general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to regulate the currency ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Report as to revenue boat, Sydney The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a communication from C. E. Leonard, esquire, collector of customs at Sydney, Cape Breton, respecting the employment and efficiency of the revenue boat at that port.
Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Referred to committee on trade
Petitions for liquor law The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :
A petition of male inhabitants of the city of Halifax, and
A petition of the female inhabitants of the city of Halifax, by Mr. Tobin.
A petition of the inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, by Mr. Marshall.
A petition from the male inhabitants of Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax ; and
Two petitions from the female inhabitants of Musquodoboit, by Mr. Dimock.
A petition from the male inhabitants of the county of King's ; and
A petition from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Bill.
A petition from the male inhabitants of the county of Colchester ; and
A petition from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Archibald ; and
A petition of the female inhabitants of the county of Colchester, by Mr. Hyde.
And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the act to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.
Ordered, That such several petitions do lie on the table.
- Order of day The order of the day being read,
The house resumed the adjourned debate on the resolution that the house do resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council, and the amendment moved by Mr. Killam thereto ; and after some time spent therein,
- Debate adjourned *Ordered,* That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.
Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Order of day The order of the day being read,
Debate resumed The house resumed the adjourned debate on the resolution that the house resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council, and the amendment proposed thereto.
And after some time spent in such debate,
Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the clock.
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Thursday,

 THURSDAY, 6th MARCH, 1856.

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Carmichael and others, for a grant to aid them in deeping the channel and improving the navigation of the East river of Pictou; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read,

Report on petition to improve East river, Pictou

(See appendix No. 43.)

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

Mr. McClearn reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Desire Purrier and others, for a gratuity to Andrew and John Flakes, for their gallant conduct in rescuing the crew of a wrecked vessel; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on petition of D. Purrier and others

(See appendix No. 44.)

Ordered, That such report do lie on the table.

The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter and amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes—"of the probate court"; and the same was read a first time.

Probate amndt. bill

Ordered, That the same be referred to the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. McClearn, and the hon. the solicitor general, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

Referred to select com

A petition of the trustees of the grammar school at St. Andrew's, in the county of Sydney, and other inhabitants of that township, was presented by Mr. McKinnon and read, praying the house not to grant the prayer of the petition of the trustees of the grammar school of the female school respectively at Antigonishe, for the institution of a county academy at Antigonishe.

Petition of trustees of St. Andrew's grammar school

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

Referred to committee on education

An engrossed bill for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company, was read a third time.

Bills read 3d time—Halifax water comp'y.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company.

An engrossed bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg, was read a third time.

Lunenburg sessions

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg.

An engrossed bill to set off an additional electoral district in the county of Annapolis, was read a third time.

Annapolis electoral district

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to set off an additional electoral district within the county of Annapolis.

An engrossed bill to authorise the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor, was read a third time.

Presbyterian meeting house Windsor

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorise the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor.

An engrossed bill to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine, was read a third time.

Fire engine, Pugwash

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine.

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

Sent to Council

The

Petitions for liquor law

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :
A petition from male and female inhabitants of the county of Colchester, by Mr. McLelan.

A petition from the male inhabitants of the county of King's; and

A petition from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. Brown.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

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

Supervisors of roads report

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the reports of the supervisors of the main post roads for the past year; and the same was read by the clerk.

(*See appendix No. 45.*)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Fish wardens' reports

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, also presented to the house reports from the several wardens of the river fisheries for the year 1855; and the same were read by the clerk.

(*See appendix No. 19—part 3.*)

Referred to committee on fisheries

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

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Council's investment bill

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds—to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Read 1st time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Order of day

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the resolution that the house resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council, and the resolutions in amendment thereto moved by Mr. Killam, on the third day of March instant; and after some time spent in such debate, the question was propounded from the chair that such resolutions in amendment be agreed to.

Amendment put and lost

Which being put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty-one, against it twenty-eight.

For the amendment.

Mr. Hyde,	Mr. McFarlane,
“ Whitman,	“ Killam,
“ Ryder,	“ Churchill,
“ Wilkins,	“ McKinnon,
“ McKeagney,	“ McClearn,
“ Tipper,	“ White,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	“ Bill,
Mr. Thorne,	“ J. Campbell,
“ Brown,	“ Moses,
“ C. J. Campbell,	“ Marshall.
“ Bent,	

Against the amendment.

Mr. Bailey,	Mr. Tobin,
“ Gilderd,	“ Esson,
“ Fuller,	“ Bourneuf,
“ Martell,	“ Chambers,
“ Robertson,	“ Archibald,
“ McLelan,	“ Dimock,
Hon. Prov. Secretary,	“ Annand,
Mr. Rinhard,	Hon. Atty. General,
Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. Morrison,
Hon. Sol. General,	“ Smyth,
Mr. Munro,	“ Davison,
“ McKenzie,	“ Robecheau,
“ Parker,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
“ McDonald,	Mr. Webster,

So it passed in the negative.

Mr.

Mr. McDonald then moved, by way of amendment, the following resolution :

“ *Whereas*, the debate on the resolution moved on the twenty-ninth day of February last, has extended to a general enquiry into the principles and policy of the present administration, and the question of an elective legislative council though apparently raised has not in fact come into discussion.

“ *And whereas*, the question mainly raised by the discussion before the house touches the policy of removing from subordinate offices persons who have given political opposition to the government ; and whereas the propriety of any such removal must depend chiefly upon the circumstances of each individual case, and this house has confidence that the present government will exercise the power in accordance with the best interests of the country.

“ *Therefore resolved*, That this house do now resolve itself into the committee on supply.”

Which amendment being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,

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

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

2nd amendment moved

Debate adjourned

FRIDAY, 7th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wilkins reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of William H. Harris and Charles Blanchard respectively, on the subject of sheriffs' fees ; and also the petition of Samuel Murphy, on the subject of fees to registrars of shipping ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on sheriffs' and registrars of shipping fees

(See appendix No. 46.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

And thereupon,

Mr. Wilkins, in pursuance of such report, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—“ of costs and fees” ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Committee rep. bill

On motion of Mr. Wilkins,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report upon the bill relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg.

Select committee on Lunenburg public lands bill

Ordered, That Mr. Wade, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Killam, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. McDonald, do compose such committee.

Ordered, That the bill relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, be referred to such committee to examine and report thereon, with amendments, or otherwise.

Bill referred to committee

And thereupon, a petition of the rector and churchwardens of Saint John's church at Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, claiming to be entitled by grant and long possession to a portion of such public lands, and praying the house not to pass such bill to their detriment.

With petition against the bill

Ordered, That the petition be referred to the above named committee to examine and report thereon.

Mr. McDonald reported from the committee on private bills, that they had considered the bill in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company ; the bill to establish the township of Morrystown ; and the bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church, in the county of Sydney, and had directed him

Private bills reported—Margaretville pier company Township of Morrystown Burns' free church

to report such bills severally to the house without amendment ; and he delivered such several bills in at the clerk's table.

Bills committed

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

Applications for licence to open mines

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a return of the several applications made to the provincial government for licence to open mines not worked by the general mining association, in this province, during the last eighteen months, together with copies of the notices published in the Royal Gazette, in consequence of such applications, and copies of certain communications from the agents of the general mining association in relation thereto ; and the same were severally read by the clerk.

Referred to committee on mines and minerals

Ordered, That the same be referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

Petitions for liquor law

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz: Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Shelburne, by Mr. Robertson.

A petition from certain inhabitants of Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax, by Mr. Esson.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Aylesford, in the county of King's, by Mr. Bill.

A petition from certain inhabitants of the county of King's, by Mr. Bill.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Westport, in the county of Digby, by Mr. Morrison.

A petition of certain inhabitants of the county of Colchester, by Mr. McLelan ; and

A petition from the male and female inhabitants of the eastern portion of the county of Halifax, by Mr. Annand.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That such petitions 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Committee report bills

Cape Breton Juries

Windsor fire engine

New Caledonia lodge

Burns' church incorp.

Township of Morrissetown

Peat bog Liverpool

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the bill to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond ; the bill to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine ; the bill to incorporate New Caledonia lodge, Pictou ; the bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church, in the county of Sydney ; and the bill to establish the township of Morrissetown, in the county of Sydney ; and had directed him to report such bills severally without amendment ; and that they had also gone through the bill to authorize the draining of a peat bog near the town of Liverpool, and had made an amendment thereto—which amendment 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 an amendment be engrossed.

Contingencies of public offices

The hon. Mr. Locke, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house certain accounts for contingencies furnished to the provincial secretary's office during the year 1855 ; and the same were read by the clerk,

And thereupon, on motion of the hon. Mr. Locke,

Select committee appointed

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the contingencies of the public departments.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. McDonald, and Marshall, do compose such committee.

Accounts referred

Ordered, That the accounts be referred to such committee.

The

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the consideration of the resolution that the house do resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council, and the amendment thereto moved yesterday by Mr. McDonald; and after some time spent in debate thereon,

Order of day
Debate resumed

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

and adjourned

Ordered, That Mr. Webster have leave of absence until after Tuesday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

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

SATURDAY, 8th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill respecting the board of health at Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax board of health bill

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a supplementary report of the board of works, relative to the insufficient and unwholesome condition of the drains and sewers connected with the provincial building at Halifax; and the same was read by the clerk.

Report as to drains of province building

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Mr. C. J. Campbell reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of E. P. Archibald and Clement H. Harrington; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petitions of Archibald and Harrington

(See appendix No. 47.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz: Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Yarmouth, by Mr. Moses.

Petitions for liquor law

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Upper Stewiacke, in the county of Colchester, by Mr. Archibald.

A petition from the male and female inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, by Mr. White.

Two petitions from the male inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, and two petitions from the female inhabitants of the same county, by Mr. McFarlane; and

A petition of the inhabitants of the county of Cape Breton, by Mr. McKeagney.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the resolution that the house do now resolve itself into a committee to consider the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council, and the amendment thereto moved by Mr. McDonald; and after some time spent in such debate,

Order of day
Debate resumed

Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

And adjourned

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

Monday,

 MONDAY, 10th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker Campbell resumes the chair Stewart Campbell, esquire, speaker of the house, have recovered from his indisposition so as to enable him to resume the performance of his duties, took the chair of the house as speaker.

Message from council A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :
Mr. Speaker,

Council's practice act amendment bill The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act—to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Bills passed by council Electoral district Annapolis Meeting house, Windsor Sessions Lunenburg The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to set off an additional electoral district within the county of Annapolis ; the bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor ; and the bill, entitled, an act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg, severally without amendment.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Council's practice bill read 1st time The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Report on practice of the house The hon. the attorney general reported from the committee to whom were referred the rules relating to the practice of the house, with a view to the amendment thereof ; 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. 48.)

Ordered, That such report do lie on the table for the further consideration of the house.

Brier Island road bill Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petitions against Annapolis school district bill A petition of the inhabitants of Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis.
A petition of the inhabitants of Wilmot, in the same county ; and
A petition from the board of school commissioners for the same county,
Were severally presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts.
Ordered, That such petitions do lie on the table.

Petition against Bear River bridge A petition of A. Hardwick, and certain other inhabitants of the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house not to permit the obstruction of the navigation of Bear River, in that county, by the erection of a bridge below the present bridge.

Petition for Bear River bridge A petition of Jacob Roop, and other inhabitants of the county of Digby, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant to aid in the erection of the bridge mentioned in the foregoing petition.
Ordered, That the two foregoing petitions do lie on the table.

Petition of James Delap A petition of James Delap, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house to pass the bill to assess the township of Granville.
Ordered, That such petition do lie on the table.

Petition from Argyle A petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying that the township of Argyle may be erected into a separate district for local purposes ; and also that such township may be exempted from the provisions of the act for the municipal government of counties.
Ordered, That the same do lie upon the table. A

A petition from certain inhabitants of the township of Clements, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house not pass any bill to incorporate such township.

Petition from Clements

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition of the commissioners of schools for the county of Annapolis, was also presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house to reject the claim of William Shipley, a teacher at Bridgetown, to be allowed a portion of the grammar school money for that county.

Petition against W. Shipley's claim

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

Referred to com. on education

On motion of Mr. Archibald, *resolved,* that a committee be appointed to consider the state of the law in reference to assessments of poor and county rates, and report by bill or otherwise.

Committee on assessment-law

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Killam, Mr. Whitman, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Bill, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Tupper, do compose such committee.

The following bills were read a second time :

Bills read 2nd time

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie.

Bras d'or church incorporation bill

A bill to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence.

Onslow records bill

A bill to incorporate the Newport Brooklyn hall company.

Newport hall company bill

A bill to amend chapter 56 of the act 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.

Pictou court-house bill

A bill to incorporate the trustees of Union meeting house at Mahone Bay.

Mahone bay meeting house bill

A bill to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace.

Wallace church bill

A bill to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis.

Oak point pier Comp'y bill

A bill to incorporate the Ira Woodworth creek pier company at Cornwallis ; and

Woodworth creek pier company bill

A bill to alter the harbor master's fees in the harbor of Sydney, Cape Breton.

Harbor master Sydney bill

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

Refer'd to private bills committee

The following bills were also read a second time :

Bills read 2nd time

A bill to incorporate the Union bank of Halifax.

Union bank Hx. incor. bill

A bill to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof ; and

N. S. Bank bill

A bill to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—"of costs and fees."

Sheriffs' fees bill

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

Refer'd to com. on bills

A petition of certain inhabitants of Halifax, Dartmouth, and the vicinity, was by special leave, presented by the hon. the provincial secretary and read, praying for a grant to aid in opening a new line of road from Dartmouth to the railway station at Sackville.

Petition for Dartmouth and Sackville road

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A petition from the inhabitants of the Strait of Canso, in Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McLelan and read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Petitions for liquor law

A petition from the male inhabitants in the county of King's ; and

A petition from the female inhabitants of the same county, were severally presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the three last mentioned petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house, a bill for the relief of persons engaged in the fisheries ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Fishermen's relief bill

The order of the day being read,

Order of day

The house resumed the consideration of the resolution that the house do now resolve itself

itself into a committee to consider the expediency of applying the principle of election to the appointment of members of the legislative council, and the amendment thereto proposed by Mr. McDonald, on the sixth day of March instant; and the question was propounded from the chair that such amendment do pass:

Question put
Amendment carried

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

For the amendment.

Mr. Robecheau,
" Robertson,
" Davison,
" Martell,
" Parker,
" Fuller,
" Bailey,
" Munro,
Hon. Mr. Wier,
Mr. McKenzie,
" Gilderd,
Hon. Mr. Locke,
Mr. McDonald,
" Tobin,

Mr. McLelan,
" Bourneuf,
Hon. Atty. General,
Mr. Chambers,
" Morrison,
" Dimock,
" Esson,
Hon. Prov. Secretary,
Mr. Wade,
Hon. Sol. General,
Mr. Archibald,
" Smyth,
" Annand.

Against the amendment.

Mr. J. Campbell,
" McKinnon,
" Hyde,
" Marshall,
" White,
" C. J. Campbell,
" Bent,
" Tupper,
" Moses,
" Churchill,
" Ryder,
Mr. Bill,
" Killam,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,
Mr. McClearn,
" Wilkins,
" McFarlane,
" Brown,
" McKeagney,
" Whitman,
" Thorne.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon, pursuant to such amendment,

The house 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 that the committee had made some progress in the consideration of the supply, and asked leave to sit again—to which the house agreed.

Committee of supply
pro forma

Evidence bill read 2nd
time

The bill further to amend the law of evidence, was read a second time.

And thereupon,

And referred to select
committee

Ordered, That the bill be referred to Mr. Archibald, the Hon. Mr. Johnston, and Mr. McDonald, to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise.

Bills read 3rd time
New Caledonia lodge

An engrossed bill to incorporate New Caledonia lodge, Pictou, was read a third time.

Resolved; That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate New Caledonia lodge, Pictou.

Windsor fire engine
bill

An engrossed bill to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine.

Liverpool peat bog bill

An engrossed bill to authorize the draining of a peat bog near the town of Liverpool, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize the draining of a peat bog near the town of Liverpool.

Cape Breton and Rich-
mond juries bill

An engrossed bill to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.

Burns' Free church bill
Sent to council

An engrossed bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church, in the county of Sydney, was read a third time. *Resolved*,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church, in the county of Sydney.

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

On motion, the house resolved itself into committee on bills. 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 provide for a Town hall in Onslow, and the bill to enable the inhabitants of the town of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing streets and sewers; and had directed him to report those bills to the house severally, without amendment, and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table. Bills reported
Town-hall Onslow
Pictou and New Glasgow streets

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed.

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

TUESDAY, 11th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia; the bill to enable the township of Argyle to hold general sessions of the peace; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot; the bill to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence; the bill to incorporate the Newport Brooklyn hall company; the bill to amend chapter 56 of the act 18th Victoria, entitled, "an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house at Pictou"; the bill to incorporate the trustees of Union meeting house at Mahone Bay; the bill to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace; the bill to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis; the bill to incorporate the Ira Woodworth creek pier company at Cornwallis; and the bill to alter the harbor master's fees in the harbor of Sydney; and had directed him to report such bills severally, without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table. Private bills committee report—
Free church college academy
Argyle sessions
South Baptist meeting house
Onslow records
Newport hall

Pictou court house
Mahone bay meeting house
Wallace church
Oak point pier comp'y
Woodworth creek pier comp'y
Harbor master's fees at Sydney

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

Mr. McDonald, also reported from the same committee that they had considered the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, and had directed him to recommend to the house that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until this day three months; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table. Bras d'Or church incorporation bill

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be deferred until this day three months. Deferred three months

Mr. Marshall, from the committee on the militia law, reported a bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, which he presented to the house; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Report from militia committee
Bill to continue and amend militia law

A petition from the male and female inhabitants of Onslow, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Morrison; and Petitions for liquor law

A petition of certain other inhabitants of the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Hyde.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That such petitions do lie on the table. The

Truro academy return

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the return of the condition of the Truro academy during the past year; and the same was read by the clerk.

Referred to education committee

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

Patent law amendmt. bill read 2d time and committed

The bill to alter and amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes—"of patents for useful inventions," was read a second time.

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

Granville assessment bill read 2d time

The bill to assess the township of Granville, was read a second time.

And thereupon,

Motion to commit

Mr. Wade moved that the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Amendment to hear council thereon

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved by way of amendment the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill touching the claim of James Delap, on certain contracts formerly entered into by him, having been petitioned against by parties liable to be affected in their own pockets by its operation, it is just that they should be heard before this house decides on the question; and therefore that the parties interested be respectively heard by counsel at the bar of the house.

Negatived on division

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

For the amendment.

Mr. Marshall,
 " Tupper,
 " Wilkins,
 " McClearn,
 " J. Campbell,
 " McKeagney,
 " White,
 " Moses,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Thorne,
 " Hyde,
 " Brown,
 " Whitman,
 " Ryder.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Killam,	Mr. McLelan,
" Churchill,	" Dimock,
" Bent,	" Smyth,
" Rinhard,	" Wade,
" McKinnon,	" McDonald,
" McKenzie,	" Tobin,
" Esson,	" Bourneuf,
" Parker,	Hon. Prov. Secretary,
" McFarlane,	Mr. Morrison,
" Archibald,	" Robecheau,
" Bailey,	" Davison,
" Gilderd,	" Fuller,
" Robertson,	" Martell,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Annand,
Hon. Mr. Wier,	" Hon. Sol. General,
Hon. Att'y General	Mr. Munro.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion to defer

Mr. Thorne then moved by way of amendment to the original motion, that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until this day three months; which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, seventeen; against it, twenty-seven.

For the amendment.

Mr. Killam,
 " Tupper,
 " Wilkins,
 " McClearn,
 " J. Campbell,
 " McKeagney,
 " White,
 " Bent,
 " Churchill,
 " McFarlane,
 " Moses,
 " Marshall,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Thorne,
 " Brown,
 " Whitman,
 " Ryder.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Rinhard,
 " McKinnon,
 " McKenzie,
 " Esson,
 " Parker,
 " Gilderd,
 " Bailey,
 " Archibald,
 " Robertson,
 Hon. Mr. Locke,
 Hon. Mr. Wier,
 Hon. Att'y General
 Mr. Dimock,
 " Smyth,
 " Wade,
 " McDonald,
 " Tobin,
 Mr. Bourneuf,
 Hon. Prov. Secretary,
 Mr. Morrison,
 " Robecheau,
 " Davison,
 " Fuller,
 " Martell,
 " Annand,
 Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. Munro.

So it passed in the negative.

The question as originally proposed being then put, passed in the affirmative.
 And accordingly,

Bill committed

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

The Hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave previously given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Western railway of Nova Scotia; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time;

Western railway bill

And thereupon,

The Hon. Mr. Johnston moved the following resolutions.

Resolutions thereon

Resolved, That this house will encourage the formation, by a company with private funds, of a railroad from Windsor to Digby, in the following manner, viz :

First—By the passage of an act of incorporation, with the ordinary privileges, provisions and guards.

Second—By guaranteeing to the stockholders for a period of 20 years an interest of 5 per cent on the capital stock expended, provided that interest shall not be paid on a greater sum in the whole than £400,000 sterling.

Third—The payment of the provincial guarantee to commence as soon as £20,000 shall have been expended in the formation of the road, in a satisfactory manner.

Fourth—The nett gains of the road to be applied to reduce the guarantee *pro tanto* or extinguish it, as they accrue; and the guarantee will cease when the nett profits of the railroad, after a limited portion of them has been carried to a deterioration fund, shall exceed 5 per cent.

Fifth—When the nett return exceeds per cent the excess shall be divided—one moiety to the provincial government towards payment of interest advanced, and the other moiety to be added to the dividend—the government charge to cease when the interest advances are entirely paid.

Sixth—The government to be clothed with adequate supervision as regards the character of the work and its progress.

Seventh—The work to commence within from the passage of this act, and to be completed within years afterwards—due security over the works and materials to be provided, for the provincial advances, in case of failure or undue delay.

Which being seconded,

Ordered, That such resolutions do lie on the table for the further consideration of the house.

Order of day for liquor law

Ordered, That the house do, on Saturday next, proceed to the consideration of the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

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

WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Report on petition of R. James

Mr. Wilkins, from the committee on the petition of Richard James, on the subject of assessments for local purposes, reported by bill ; and thereupon presented to the house,

Support of poor bill

A bill to amend chapter S9 of the revised 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.

Liquor law petitions

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :

A petition from female inhabitants of the county of King's, by Mr. Webster.

A petition from the male and female inhabitants of Dartmouth, in the county of Halifax, by Mr. Esson.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Colchester, by Mr. Parker.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

Bills read 2d time

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :

To naturalize A. C. White

A bill to naturalize Andrew C. White.

Halifax school district

A bill to divide the eastern school district of the county of Halifax ; and

And Port Hood harbor Committed

A bill for improving the harbor of Port Hood.

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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported—

Bank of N. S.

Argyle township

South Baptist church

Naturalization Port Hood harbor Onslow records

Margaretville pier company Newport hall comp'y.

Court house, Pictou.

Mahone Bay church

Granville assessment

Wallace church Oak point pier comp'y Woodworth creek pier comp'y Sheriffs' fees

Union bank

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill, to continue and further alter the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof ; the bill to enable the township of Argyle to hold general sessions ; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot ; the bill to naturalize Andrew C. White ; the bill for improving the harbor of Port Hood ; the bill to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence ; the bill in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company ; the bill to incorporate the Newport hall company ; the bill to amend chapter 56 of the act 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou ; the bill to incorporate the trustees of Union meeting house at Mahone Bay ; the bill to assess the township of Granville ; the bill to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace ; the bill to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis ; the bill to incorporate the Ira Woodworth brook pier company at Cornwallis ; and the bill to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—"of costs and fees"; and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house without amendment ; and that they had also gone through the bill to incorporate the Union bank at Halifax, 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.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

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

Message from council

The council have agreed to sixty-four resolutions for granting various sums of money for the public service, viz :

64 Money resolutions
agreed to

1°	£200	0	0	Speaker of assembly.
2°	200	0	0	Clerk, assembly.
3°	25	0	0	Chaplain, assembly.
4°	100	0	0	Clerk assistant assembly.
5°	50	0	0	Serjeant-at-arms, assembly.
6°	30	0	0	Assistant serjeant-at-arms, assembly.
7°	40	0	0	Messenger of governor and council.
8°	30	0	0	John Fitzgerald.
9°	100	0	0	Clerk, board of revenue.
10°				Usual allowance to seizing officers and waiters.
11°	300	0	0	Guager, weigher and proof officer.
12°	60	0	0	Keeper of assembly room.
13°	400	0	0	Sable Island establishment.
14°	50	0	0	Guysborough packet.
15°	20	0	0	scow at Douglas.
16°	20	0	0	ferrymen, Shubenacadie.
17°	20	0	0	J. & C. Pernette, ferry, Lahave.
18°	10	0	0	ferry Sable River, Shelburne.
19°	10	0	0	ferry, Strait of Canso.
20°	10	0	0	ferry, Strait of Canso.
21°	10	0	0	ferry, Port LeHebert.
22°	10	0	0	ferry, Low-point.
23°	15	0	0	ferry, Cape Sable Island.
24°	15	0	0	ferry, Amherst.
25°	20	0	0	ferry, Grandique.
26°	20	0	0	ferries, Halifax county.
27°	10	0	0	ferry, Liscomb's harbor,
28°	5	0	0	ferry, Sambro.
29°	20	0	0	ferry, Big harbor, Victoria.
30°	7	10	0	ferry, Necum Teuch.
31°	7	10	0	ferry, Liscomb's harbor.
32°	5	0	0	ferry, Bear River,
33°	25	0	0	Parrsborough packet.
34°	25	0	0	Bay Verte packet.
35°	375	0	0	Newfoundland steamer.
36°	20	0	0	ferries, Grand and Petit passage.
37°	5	0	0	ferry, Lingan.
38°	5	0	0	ferry, St. Ann's.
39°	5	0	0	ferry, Margaree.
40°	8	0	0	ferry, Grand Narrows.
41°	5	0	0	ferry, North bar, Cape Breton.
42°	7	10	0	ferry, Great Bras d'Or.
43°	5	0	0	ferry, Pugwash.
44°	30	0	0	scow at McMillan's point.
45°	10	0	0	ferry, Milford, Guysborough.
46°	10	0	0	ferry, St. Mary's River.
47°	7	10	0	ferry, Ingonish, Victoria.
48°	5	0	0	ferry, Mire River, Cape Breton.
49°	10	0	0	ferry, Little Bras d'Or.

50°	£5	0	0	ferry, Sydney River.
51°	6	0	0	ferry, Tusket.
52°	5	0	0	ferry, Pubnico.
53°	8	0	0	ferry, Ship Harbor, Halifax county.
54°	10	0	0	ferry, Jordan River.
55°	25	0	0	Poors' asylum school.
56°	300	0	0	Indians.
57°	80	0	0	sterling, clerk of the crown.
58°	200	0	0	Seizing officers.
59°	40	0	0	Chairmen of committees.
60°	13	0	0	G. R. Grassie.
61°	100	0	0	Colored population, counties.
62°	100	0	0	Colored population, Halifax.
63°	460	0	0	sterling, clerks, secretary's office.
64°	100	0	0	sterling, contingencies, secretary's office.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Liverpool marine railway company incorporation

Mr. John Campbell, pursuant to leave previously given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Return of road advances, Cumberland

The honorable the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a return of advances made for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Cumberland during the year 1855, and the names of parties upon whose recommendation such advances were made; and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Committee on public accounts report

Mr. Esson 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 the various appendices thereto annexed; and an abstract of payments made by the receiver general on account of road advances from 1st January, 1855, to 6th March, 1856.

(See appendix No. 49.)

Received and adopted

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Savings' bank bill

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings' bank.

And also,

Province notes bill

A bill for the further increase of treasury notes.

And such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Rules of the house considered

On motion of the hon. the attorney general, the house then entered upon the consideration of the amended rules for the regulation of the practice of the house, reported by the committee to whom that subject was referred; and after some time spent in the consideration thereof,

Postponed until to-morrow

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

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

THURSDAY, 13th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Petitions for liquor law

The following petitions were presented by the undermentioned members, viz:
Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, by Mr. Thorne.

Two

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Granville, in the same county, by Mr. Thorne.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of King's, by Mr. Bill; and

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of the county of Cape Breton, by Mr. McKeagney.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That such petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of James W. Cornwell, and other inhabitants of the township of Granville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to assess such township for the amount of James Delap's claim.

Ordered, That such petition do lie on the table.

Petition against Granville assessment bill

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :

A bill to amend chapter 15 of the statutes of 1855.

A bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia.

A bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings' bank.

A bill for a further issue of treasury notes.

A bill for the relief of persons engaged in the fisheries.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds; and

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act.

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

Bills read 2d time
 Pilotage amendment
 Militia amendment
 Deposits Savings' bank
 Treasury notes
 Relief of fishermen
 Council's investment of trust funds
 Council's new practice act amendment
 Committed

The following bills were also severally read a second time, viz :

A bill concerning the marking of logs.

A bill respecting the board of health at Halifax; and

A bill relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby.

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

Bills read second time
 Marking of logs
 Board of health, Halifax
 Roads at Brier Island
 Referred to committee on private bills
 Evidence amendment act reported,

Mr. Archibald, from the committee to whom was referred the bill further to amend the law of evidence, reported that they had examined 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.

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

and committed

An engrossed bill to provide for a town hall in Onslow, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for a town hall in Onslow.

Bills read third time
 Onslow hall

An engrossed bill to naturalize Andrew C. White and others, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and William G. Armstrong.

Naturalization

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 56 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 56 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.

Court house, Pictou

An engrossed bill to enable the inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing streets and sewers, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable the inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing of streets and sewers.

Pictou streets

Newport hall company An engrossed bill to incorporate the Newport hall company, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate Newport Brooklyn hall company.

Sheriffs' fees A bill to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—"of costs and fees," was read a third time; and the usual motion being propounded from the chair that such bill do finally pass,

Motion to defer Mr. Gilderd moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until this day three months.

Lost on division Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, seven; against it, twenty-eight.

For the amendment.

Mr. Brown,
 " Bill,
 " Gilderd,
 " Webster,
 " Dimock,
 " Tupper,
 " Thorne.

Against the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Locke,	Mr. McClearn,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hyde,	" Marshall,	" Morrison,
" Wade,	" Killam,	" Bourneuf,
" Wilkins,	" Robertson,	" Archibald,
" Smyth,	" Esson,	" Fuller,
" Bent,	" McDonald,	" Annand.
" McKeagney,	" Davison,	" Whitman,
" C. J. Campbell,	" Churchill,	Hon. Atty. General,
" Martell,	" Robecheau,	
" Ryder,	" Moses,	

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That such bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—"of costs and fees."

Bills sent to council

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

Statute labor resolution from committee

Mr. Chambers from the committee on the statute labor laws, reported in part that the committee had agreed to recommend to the house the adoption of the following resolution—which he read in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this house, a bill on the subject of highway labor, based partly on a poll tax, and 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.

Carried on division

And thereupon, Mr. Chambers moved that such resolution do pass: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon; there appeared for the resolution, thirty-three; against it, eight.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Resolution as to reporting debates

Mr. Whitman moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That in consequence of the imperfect manner in which the debates of this house are reported, it is the opinion of this house that the contractor be notified that his contract henceforth is null and void: which being seconded,

Amendment moved

Mr. Wade 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 following words:

"That the committee on reporting be instructed to confer with the contractor for publishing the debates of the house on the subject of the deficiency in the performance of his contract, before proceeding further in relation thereto:"

Which amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, eighteen; against it, eleven.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the consideration of the amended rules for the regulation of the practice of the house, reported from the committee on that subject; and the same having been again read,

On motion of the hon. the solicitor general,

Resolved, That the amended rules of the house, as reported by the committee on that subject, be adopted and printed in the appendix to the journal.

For the rules as adopted

(See appendix No. 48.)

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

FRIDAY, 14th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The hon. the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the report of the provincial superintendent of education on the state of education in the province, and of his proceedings during the past year.

(See appendix No. 50—part 1.)

Also, a report from the superintendent of education of an examination made by him of the schools at the Cross roads and River John respectively, in the county of Pictou, pursuant to the direction of the committee on education for 1855.

Ordered, That such reports be referred to the committee on education.

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a despatch from the colonial secretary to his excellency, dated the twenty-second day of February last, on the subject of the mines and minerals of this province.

(See appendix No. 11—part 3.)

Ordered, That the despatch be referred to the committee on mines and minerals.

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the act to authorize 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.

Mr. Whitman, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children"; and the same 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 have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate New Caledonia lodge, Pictou; the bill entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Bruns' Free church in the county of Sydney; the bill entitled, an act to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond; and the bill entitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine, severally without amendment.

They have agreed to the bill entitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine, with an amendment—to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Order of day

Amended rules of the house considered

And adopted

Report of superintendent of education

Report on cross roads school

Referred to committee on education

Mines and minerals despatch

Referred to committee

Railway loan amendment bill

Bastardy law amendment bill

Message from council

Bills agreed to without amendment
New Caledonia lodge
Burns' free church incorporation
Juries Cape Breton
Windsor fire engine and

Pugwash fire engine bill with amendment

- Amendment agreed to The amendment proposed by the council to the bill entitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine, 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 acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendment.
- 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.
- Bills reported
 Pilotage amendment
 Council's practice act amendment The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the bill to amend chapter 15 of the statutes of 1855, and the council's bill, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act; and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house, without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.
Ordered, That the bills be engrossed.
- Leave of absence *Ordered*, That Mr. Parker have leave of absence until Monday next, inclusive, on urgent private business.
- Leave of absence to
 serjeant-at-arms *Ordered*, That the serjeant-at-arms have leave of absence until Monday next, inclusive, on account of sickness in his family.
- Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Setting of nets at Li-
 verpool—bill Mr. McClearn, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Bills read 3rd time
 Argyle sessions An engrossed bill to enable the township of Argyle to hold general sessions of the peace, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to regulate the holding of Sessions in the township of Argyle.
- Fort Hood harbor An engrossed bill for improving the harbor of Port Hood, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for improving the harbor of Port Hood.
- Onslow Records A bill to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence.
- Mahone Bay meeting
 house A bill to incorporate the trustees of Union meeting house congregation at Mahone Bay, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Union meeting house congregation at Mahone Bay.
- Oak point pier comp'y. A bill to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis, was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis.
- Ira Woodworth pier
 company A bill to incorporate the Ira Woodworth creek pier company at Cornwallis, was read a third time.
Resolved,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Ira Woodworth creek pier company, at Cornwallis.

The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz: Petitions for liquor law
 A petition of the Grand division of the Sons of Temperance, in the province of Nova Scotia, by the hon. Mr. Johnston.

Two petitions from the male and female inhabitants respectively, of Clements, in the county of Annapolis, by Mr. Whitman.

Four petitions from male and female inhabitants respectively, of Nictaux and Wilmot, in the county of Annapolis, by the hon. Mr. Johnston.

Five petitions from male and female inhabitants of the county of Digby, by the hon. Mr. Johnston; and

A petition from male and female inhabitants of Weymouth, in the county of Digby, by Mr. Robecheau.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That such petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. Archibald, from the committee on the subject of assessments for local purposes, reported by bill; and thereupon presented to the house, Assessment report by bill

A bill to establish a more equal and just system of assessments; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Read 1st time

On motion of the hon. Mr. Johnston,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to examine the petitions which have been presented to the house during the present session, on the subject of the bill to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. Committee on liquor law petitions

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison, Mr. McLelan, Mr. J. Campbell, the hon. the solicitor general, and Mr. Moses, do compose such committee.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz:

A bill to amend the act to authorize a loan for the construction of railways within this province; and Bills read 2nd time
Railway loan amendment

A bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children." Bastardly law amendment

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

A bill to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company, was also read a second time. Liverpool marine railway company

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

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the house do, on Tuesday next, proceed to the consideration of the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. Order of day postponed

On motion of the hon. Mr. Johnston,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to consider the expediency of making alterations in the periods now fixed by law for holding the sittings of the supreme court at Halifax, and on the different circuits. Committee on circuits of supreme court

Ordered, That the hon. Mr. Johnston, the hon. attorney general, Mr. McFarlane, the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Bill, do compose such committee.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report two resolutions
viz:

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress, and had come to two 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:

£32000. ordinary road
service

£10,000, great roads

£80 18 s to R. Logue
and others

1° *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-two thousand pounds be granted for the ordinary road and bridge service for the present year; and a further sum of ten thousand pounds for the great road service for the same year.

2° *Resolved*, That the sum of eighty pounds eighteen shillings and ninepence be granted, to be distributed as follows:—the sum of forty-one pounds and ten shillings to Richard Logue, late deputy sheriff and jailor of the county of Cape Breton, for expenses incurred during the trial and confinement of Nicholas H. Martin; thirty-two pounds and ten shillings to Nicholas H. Martin for expenses incurred by him during such trial and confinement; and six pounds eighteen shillings and ninepence to Richard Gibbons, sheriff of said county, for expenses connected with the imprisonment of the said Nicholas H. Martin, pursuant to the report of the committee with reference thereto.

Resolutions agreed to

The resolutions having been severally read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon, respectively, agreed to by the house.

And sent to council

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

Report from commit-
tee on trespass law

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew R. LeCain, and other inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, praying for an alteration in the law relating to trespasses on wilderness lands, for the better protection thereof; 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. 51.)

Report adopted

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Resolutions as to rail-
way, Windsor to Digby

On motion, the house proceeded to the consideration of the resolutions moved by the hon. Mr. Johnston, on Tuesday, the 11th instant, on the subject of the proposed formation of a company to construct a line of railroad from Windsor to Digby; and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

Debate adjourned

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until Monday next.

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

MONDAY, 17th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Report of printing
committee

The hon. Mr. Locke reported from the committee on public printing; 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. 52.)

Adopted and referred
to supply

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

Execution of deeds
amendment bill

Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house the following bills, viz:
A bill to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women;"
and,

A bill to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes—"of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands." Registry of deeds amendt. bill

And such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The hon. Samuel Chipman, financial secretary, returned duly elected as member for the township of Cornwallis, took the oath of allegiance before the hon. Hugh Bell, a commissioner authorized to administer the same, and his seat as such member. Financial secretary sworn in

On motion of Mr. Webster,

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectfully requested to give the necessary orders for procuring from the several sheriffs in this province, a return under oath, of the emoluments of their respective offices for the present year, specifying the amounts received for each service,—to be laid before the legislature during the next session. Resolution as to return of sheriffs' fees

An engrossed bill to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova-Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof, was read a third time. Bills read 3d time—N. S. bank amndt.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof.

An engrossed bill in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company, was read a third time. Margaretville comp'y. amndt.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the "Union bank of Halifax" was read a third time. Union bank incorporation

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the "Union bank of Halifax."

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace, was read a third time. St Matthew's church at Wallace incorp.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace.

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

A bill to establish a more just and equal system of assessment, was read a second time. Assessment bill read 2d time and committed

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

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby; and the bill to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company; and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table. Private bills committee report
Brier Island roads bill
Liverpool marine railway bill

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

Mr. Brown, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to establish the sale by weight, of potatoes, green crops, and coals; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Sale by weight bill

A petition of male and female inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall; and, Liquor law petitions

A petition of the inhabitants of the county of King's, was presented by the hon. the financial secretary.

And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the petitions be referred to the committee appointed yesterday to examine and report upon the petitions presented during the present session upon that subject. Referred to com-

Ordered, That the several other petitions on that subject, presented to the house during the present session, be referred to the same committee. Other petitions referred

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 committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of bills committed.
- Message from council** A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :
Mr. Speaker,
- Halifax water com'py. bill agreed to** The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company, without any amendment.
And then the messenger withdrew.
- Order of day** The order of the day being read,
Debate further adj'd. *Ordered*, That the adjourned debate on the resolutions named by the hon. Mr. Johnston, on Tuesday, the 11th day of March instant, relative to the proposed establishment of a company to construct a line of railway from Windsor to Digby, be further adjourned until to-morrow.
- Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Petition from Argyle** A petition of certain inhabitants of Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for the passing of an act to enable that township to hold sessions ; and also that the act for the municipal government of counties may be repealed in so far as respects that township.
Ordered, That the petition do lie on the table.
And thereupon,
- Bill respecting township of Argyle** Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave previously given, presented to the house a bill concerning the township of Argyle ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Report of committee on navigation securities** Mr. Whitman 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. 53.)
- Received and referred to supply** *Ordered*, That the petition be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.
- Petitions for liquor law** The following petitions were severally presented by the undermentioned members, viz :
Six petitions from male and female inhabitants of the county of Colchester, by Mr. McLelan ; and
A petition from inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, by Mr. Tupper ;
And such petitions were severally read, praying the house to pass the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.
- Referred to committee** *Ordered*, That the petitions be referred to the committee on the subject of petitions respecting the act for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.
- Report of sick immigrant committee** Mr. Brown reported from the committee on the expenses of sick immigrants ; 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. 54.)
- Referred to supply** *Ordered*, That the report be received, and referred to the committee of supply.

Mr.

Mr. Morrison reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions presented to the house, during the present session, on the subject of the passing of a law to restrict the sale and use of intoxicating liquors; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on petitions for liquor law

(See appendix No. 55.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Adopted

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine, as now amended.

Pugwash fire engine bill

The council have also agreed to two resolutions of this honorable house, granting sums of money, viz:

And 2 money resolutions, passed

1°. £42000 0 0 Ordinary and great road service.

2°. 80 18 9 Richard Logue and others.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The order of the day being read,

Order of day

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

Intoxicating liquor bill read 2d time

And thereupon,

Mr. Morrison moved that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole house:

Motion to commit

Which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

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

Debate adjourned

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolutions respecting the proposed line of railway from Windsor to Digby, be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Railway debate further adjourned

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

WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from council

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to naturalize Andrew C. White, Wm. H. Sargent, and Wm. G. Armstrong; the bill, entitled, an act to provide for a town hall at Onslow; the bill, entitled, an act to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate Newport Brooklyn hall company; the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 56 of 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Union meeting house congregation at Mahone Bay; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Ira Woodworth Creek pier company at Cornwallis; the bill, entitled, an act to authorize the draining of a peat bog, near the town of Liverpool; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—"of costs and fees," severally without amendment.

Bills agreed to
Naturalization
Onslow town house
Onslow records
Newport hall company
Pictou court house
Mahone Bay meeting house
Oak point pier comp'y
Ira Woodworth creek pier company
Liverpool peat bog
Sheriffs' fees

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes—"of the probate court," and the acts in amendment thereof; and a bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company—to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Bills from council
Probate amendment
Acadian iron and steel company

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes—"of the probate court" and the acts in amendment thereof, was read a first time.

Council's probate bill read 1st time

Ordered,

Referred to com.

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the committee on the subject of amendments to the probate law, appointed on the sixth instant, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

Councils Acadian iron and steel company amendment bill read 1st time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Preservation of Pheasants bill

The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for the preservation of Pheasants ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Bills read 2d time

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :

Milton railroad incorporation
Lunenburg school dist.
Setting of nets at Liverpool
Argyle township
Committed

A bill to incorporate the Milton railroad company.

A bill concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg.

A bill to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool ; and,

A bill concerning the township of Argyle.

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

Order of day

The order of the day being read,

Debate on liquor bill resumed

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the question, that the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house ; and the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole house ;

Amendment to defer

Mr. McFarlane moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session :

Lost on division

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

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Bent,
Mr. Wilkins,	Hon. Atty. General,	“ White,	“ J. Campbell,
“ Bailey,	“ Smyth,	“ Hyde,	“ Lelan,
“ Fuller,	“ McKenzie,	“ Webster,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
“ McKinnon,	“ Tobin,	Mr. Thorne,	Mr. C. J. Campbell,
“ Martell,	“ Esson,	“ Tupper,	“ Brown,
“ Gilderd,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	“ Marshall,	“ McDonald,
Mr. Rinhard,	“ Annand,	“ Parker,	“ Dimock,
Hon. Prov. Secretary,	Hon. Sol. General	“ Bill,	“ Morrison,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Bourneuf.	“ Moses,	“ Churchill,
“ Robecheau,		“ Archibald,	“ Whitman,
		“ McKeagney,	“ Chambers,
		“ Killam,	Hon. Fin. Secretary.
		“ McClearn,	

So it passed in the negative.

Bill committed on division

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

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Ryder,	Mr. McLelan,	Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Bourneuf,
" Hyde,	" McClearn,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	" Farlane,
" White,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Martell,	" Robecheau,
" Tupper,	Mr. McKenzie,	" Wilkins,	Hon. Atty. General,
" Thorne,	" C. J. Campbell,	" Bailey,	Mr. Smyth,
" Marshall,	" McDonald,	" Fuller,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
" Webster,	" Killam,	" Gilderd,	Mr. Tobin,
" Archibald,	" Brown,	" Rinhard,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Parker,	" Morrison,	Hon. Prov. Sec'y	Mr. Annand,
" Bill,	" Whitman,	" Robertson,	" Esson,
" Moses,	" Churchill,		
" McKeagney,	" Chambers,		
" Bent,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,		
" J. Campbell,			

So it passed in the affirmative;

And thereupon,

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

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolutions respecting the construction of a line of railway from Windsor to Digby, be further adjourned until to-morrow. Railway debate ad-
journed

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

THURSDAY, 20th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The hon. the solicitor general moved that the vote of the house passed yesterday negating the amendment moved by Mr. McFarlane, that the further consideration of the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, be deferred until next session, be rescinded: Motion to rescind vote
against deferring liquor
law

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-five. Lost on division

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Hon. Mr. Wier,	Hon. Sol. General,	Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Robecheau,	" J. Campbell,	" McLelan,
" Gilderd,	" Wade,	" Killam,	" Whitman,
" Robertson,	" Martell,	" McClearn,	" Bill,
" Davison,	" Smyth,	" Marshall,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
" Fuller,	" Bourneuf,	" Hyde,	Mr. McDonald,
" Wilkins,	" Annand,	" Bent,	" Thorne,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Tobin,	" White,	" Dimock,
Mr. Bailey,	" Esson.	" C. J. Campbell,	" Morrison,
Hon. Pro. Secretary,		" Tupper,	" McFarlane,
Mr. Rinhard,		" Churchill,	" Brown,
" Munro,		" Parker,	" McKeagney.
Hon. Att. General,		" Archibald,	

So it passed in the negative.

The hon. the solicitor general then moved that the vote of the house passed yesterday, that the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors be committed to a committee of the whole house, be rescinded; which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-three; against it, twenty-four. Motion to rescind
Committal of liquor
law

For

For the motion.

Hon. Mr. Locke, Mr. Tobin,
 Hon. Mr. Wier, Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Dimock,
 " Gilderd, Hon. Att. General,
 " Martell, Mr. Rinhard,
 " Robertson, " Robecheau,
 " Davison, " Annand,
 " Fuller, " Wade,
 " Wilkins, " Smyth,
 " Munro, " Bourneuf,
 " Bailey, " Esson,
 Hon. Pro. Secretary,

Against the motion.

Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Ryder,
 " Killam, " Tupper,
 " McClearn, " Whitman,
 " Marshall, " Bill,
 " White, " Parker,
 " Bent, " McDonald,
 " Hyde, " Thorne,
 " C. J. Campbell, " McFarlane,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston, " Morrison,
 Mr. Churchill, " Archibald,
 " Moses, " Brown,
 " McLelan, " McKeagney.

So it passed in the negative.

Message from council

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Bills agreed to—Port Hood harbor Pictou streets

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for improving the harbor of Port Hood ; the bill, entitled, an act to enable the inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing streets and sewers ; and the bill, entitled an act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace, severally without any amendments.

St. Matthew's church incorporation

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof, with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Council's amendment to N. S. bank bill

And then the messenger withdrew.

Agreed to

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof, were read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house ; and thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to.

And sent to council

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

Subdivision of road monies

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

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

For the county of	Ordinary service.	Great roads.	
Halifax,	£2355.	£1213.	
Pictou,	2304.	640.	
Inverness,	2112.	560.	
Hants,	1920.	933.	
Lunenburg,	1920.	530.	
Colchester,	1869.	773.	
Cumberland,	1869.	640.	
Cape Breton,	1820.	626.	
Kings,	1728.	476.	
Annapolis,	1664.	476.	
Yarmouth,	1561.	400.	
Shelburne,	1561.	400.	
Digby,	1561.	476.	
Sydney,	1561.	400.	
Richmond,	1561.	360.	For

For the county of	Ordinary service.	Great roads.
Victoria,	1561.	380.
Guysborough,	1561.	400.
Queen's,	1512.	317.

Ordered, That the severel members from the respective counties do prepare and present to the house on or before Thursday, the twenty-seventh day of March, instant, scales of sub-division of the road money allotted to each county, out of the sum of thirty-two thousand pounds granted for the ordinary road and bridge service, and also out of the sum of ten thousand pounds granted for the great road service. Order of day for road scales

Ordered, That the several ordinary petitions for aid to roads and bridges, presented during 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. Road petition referred

(For a list of such petitions
See appendix No. 56.)

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolutions respecting the construction of a line of railway from Windsor to Digby, be further adjourned until Monday next. Railway debate adjourned

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter received by him from the honorable the president of the legislative council, dated this day, transmitting an enclosed resolution of the council, and requesting to be informed when the funeral of the late honorable James McLeod will take place. Letter from president of council as to hon. J. McLeod's funeral

The resolution of the council was then read, and is as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
20th March, 1856.

Resolved unanimously, That this house will attend the funeral of the late James McLeod, esquire, late the representative of the county of Cape Breton in general assembly ; and that the president of this house be requested to communicate the foregoing resolution to the speaker of the house of assembly. Council's resolution to attend funeral

Ordered, That such letter and resolution do lie on the table, and that Mr. Speaker be requested to communicate to the honorable the president of the legislative council, that the funeral of the late honorable James McLeod, will take place from Saint Mary's cathedral, on Saturday next, at two of the clock ; Speaker requested to communicate

And thereupon, on motion of the honorable the attorney general,

Resolved unanimously, That the house do attend the funeral of the late honorable James McLeod, and, as a mark of respect to his memory, that the house do adjourn until Monday next, at ten of the clock. Resolution to adjourn and attend funeral

And accordingly,

The house adjourned until Monday next, at ten of the clock.

MONDAY, 24th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

On motion, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the erection of a court house at Halifax, and the appropriation of the rooms now occupied for that purpose, for the transaction of the business of this house. Committee on Halifax court house

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Killam, Mr. Annand, Mr. Tupper, and Mr. McDonald, be committee for that purpose.

Ordered, That the hon. attorney general, and the hon. Mr. Johnston, be added to the committee on the subject of amendments to the jury law. Jury law committee increased

- Penitentiary report Mr. Robertson reported from the committee on the subject of the provincial penitentiary ; 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. 57.)
- Read and referred to supply *Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.
- Message from council A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :
Mr. Speaker,
- Union bank bill agreed to The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Union bank of Halifax, without any amendment.
And then the messenger withdrew.
- Report on John Munroe's petition Mr. Robertson reported from the committee appointed to consider the petition of John Munro, for compensation for constructing a road at Tatamagouche ; 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. 58.)
- Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted.
- Preservation of road bill Mr. Whitman, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—" of the preservation of roads ;" and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Committee on reporting debates in subsequent sessions On motion of Mr. Tupper,
Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to make arrangements for the publication of reports of the debates and proceedings of this house during the next session, or during the remaining sessions of the present general assembly, as may in the opinion of the committee be most expedient, and report to the house during the present session.
Ordered, That Mr. Tupper, Mr. Munro, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Killam, and Mr. Annand, be a committee for that purpose.
- Poor asylum report Mr. Munro reported from the committee on the subject of the poors' asylum at Halifax; 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. 59.)
- Referred to supply *Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof, as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply.
- Trade committee report Mr. Wier reported from the committee on trade and manufactures ; 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. 60.)
- Referred to supply *Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.
- Private bills committee Report 6 bills, viz.,
Milton railroad
Marking of logs
Lunenburg school district
Setting of nets
Argyle township
Board of health
Bills committed
Bill read 2d time
- Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to incorporate the Milton railroad company ; the bill concerning the marking of logs ; the bill concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg ; the bill to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool ; the bill concerning the township of Argyle ; and the bill respecting the board of health at Halifax, without amendment ; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.
- Ordered*, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
- The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :

A bill to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women."
 A bill to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes—"of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands;" and

Execution of deeds
 Registry of deeds

A bill for the preservation of pheasants.

Preservation of pheasants

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

Bills committed

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :

Bills read 2d time

A bill to alter the representation of Queen's county ; and,

Representation of Queen's county
 Acadian mining company

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company.

Referred to private bills committee

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

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act, was read a third time ;

Council's practice act read 3d time

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such bill be agreed to.

Agreed to

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bill.

And sent to council

Mr. McDonald reported from the committee on the petition of Edward Kent ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on E. Kent's petition

(See appendix No. 61.)

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

Referred to supply

Mr. McDonald also reported from the committee on the petition of the Inland navigation company ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of Inland navigation company

(See appendix No. 62.)

And thereupon,

Mr. McDonald moved that such report be received and adopted, and that such part thereof as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply :

Adopted, and referred to supply on division

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

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Wilkins, Mr. McDonald,
 " Hyde, Hon. Atty. General,
 " Marshall, Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 " J. Campbell, Mr. Tobin,
 " McKinnon, " Tupper,
 " Bailey, " McFarlane,
 " Bent, " Whitman,
 " Brown, " Parker,
 " White, " Esson,
 Hon. Prov. Sec'y. Hon. Mr. Wier,
 Mr. Bill, Hon. Mr. Locke.
 " McClearn,

Mr. Ryder, Mr. Robertson,
 " Wade, " Bourneuf,
 " Thorne, " Dimock,
 " Moses, " Smyth,
 " Killam, " Robecheau,
 " Gilderd, Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 " Webster, Mr. Martell.
 " McLelan,
 " McKenzie,
 " Morrison,

So it passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon,

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Whitman reported 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.

Indian affairs report

See

(See appendix No. 63.)

- Referred to supply *Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.
- Committee on pilotage report by bill Mr. Killam reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of certain inhabitants of Arichat; and also the petitions of certain merchants and other inhabitants of Pictou, on the subject of pilotage fees, by bill;
- Pilotage amendment bill And thereupon, he presented to the house a bill to alter and 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.
- Railway assessment bill The hon. the provincial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorize assessments for railway damages.
- Physic and surgery bill Mr. Webster, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes—"of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery;" and,
- Expenditure on roads Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—"of the expenditure of monies on the roads."
- Read 1st time And such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- The bill for the better encouragement of education was read a second time; and thereupon,
- Resolution as to education bill The hon. attorney general moved the following resolution:
Whereas, the principle of assessment is the only permanent foundation for the common school education of the country, and as this principle is the leading feature of the measure now under consideration, and the details may be modified and improved;
Resolved therefore, That the bill, entitled, an act for the better encouragement of education, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to consider the same, and report thereon, by a short day:
- Passed on division Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, thirty-seven; against it, nine.
- | <i>For the resolution.</i> | | <i>Against the resolution.</i> | |
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| Mr. McDonald, | Mr. Bill, | Mr. Chambers, | Mr. Rinhard, |
| " Killam, | Hon. Mr. Johnston, | " Thorne, | " J. Campbell, |
| " Hyde, | Mr. McClearn, | Hon. Sol. General, | " Bailey, |
| " Brown, | " Gilderd, | Mr. Annand, | " Webster, |
| " Robertson, | " Marshall, | " Whitman, | " C. J. Campbell, |
| " Archibald, | " Bent, | " Wade, | " Ryder, |
| " McFarlane, | Hon. Mr. Locke, | Hon. Pro. Secretary, | " Bourneuf, |
| " Moses, | Mr. White, | Mr. Martell, | " Smyth, |
| " Esson, | " McLelan, | Hon. Mr. Wier, | " Robecheau. |
| " Tobin, | " Wilkins, | Hon. Fin. Secretary, | |
| " McKenzie, | " Tupper, | Mr. Dimock. | |
| " Munro, | Hon. Att. General, | | |
| " Parker, | Mr. Morrison. | | |
- So it passed in the affirmative.

Order of day postponed

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the resolutions respecting the construction of a line of railway from Windsor to Digby, be further adjourned until to-morrow.

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

TUESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company, without any amendment.

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society—to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honourable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

The following bills were read a second time, viz :

A bill to establish the sale by weight of potatoes, green crops and coals; and

A bill to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—“ of the preservation of roads.”

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

Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for the retirement of Thomas C. Haliburton, one of the puisne judges of the supreme court; and,

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the act concerning the registry of ships.

And such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On motion, the house 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 some progress in the consideration of the business referred to them, and had come to six 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 ways and means—to which the house agreed.

The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :

1°. Resolved, That 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, 1857, with such exceptions as may hereafter be determined on.

2°. Resolved, That the articles hay and straw, be admitted free of duty.

3°. Resolved, That engravings be admitted duty free; that upper leather pay an *ad-valorem* duty of ten per cent in place of the present specific duty; that machinery of all kinds, of copper or iron for mills, steam boats and manufactories, and sheathing of muntz metal, pay a duty of two and a half per cent; and that fine biscuit and bread, including crackers and cakes, pay a duty of three shillings and four pence per hundred weight—but that ship and pilot bread be admitted duty free.

4°. Resolved, That the duties for the support of light houses remain the same for the year ending 1st April, 1857, as they have been during the past year.

5°. Resolved, That the duties imposed upon licences 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.

Message

Margaretville pier company amendment bill agreed to

Council's Horticultural society's bill

Read 1st time

Bills read 2d time

Sale of potatoes, &c., by weight
Preservation of roads

Bills committed

Judge Haliburton's pension bill

Registry of ships bill

Read 2d time

Committee of way and means

Report six resolutions

Leave to sit again

Resolutions read and passed

Hay and straw admitted duty free

Engravings duty free

Upper leather ten per cent. duty

Machinery 2½ per cent. duty

Duty on fine biscuit

Ship and pilot bread duty free

Light house duties

License duties

Distilleries

6°. *Resolved*, That the system of licensing distilleries for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, in force during the past year, be continued for the present year.

The resolutions being read a second time, were then upon the question put thereon, severally agreed to by the house.

Committee to prepare bills

Ordered, That the hon. the financial secretary, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Tupper, be a committee to prepare and report revenue bills, in accordance with the above resolutions.

Order of day—railway resolutions

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the resolutions moved by the hon. Mr. Johnston, respecting the formation of a company to construct a line of railway from Windsor to Digby; and after some time spent in the consideration thereof,

Amendment moved

Mr. Webster moved that such resolutions be amended, by leaving out all the words of the proposed resolutions, except the word "*resolved*,"—and before such word "*resolved*" inserting the words following, viz

"Whereas the present railway liabilities of the province amount to as large a sum as it is prudent to incur; and to assume a further liability of £25,000 a year, until it shall be ascertained to what extent the railways now in course of construction will be remunerative, would in our opinion be unwise; and whereas, it will be the anxious desire of this house, so soon as it is practicable, to extend the railway westward from Windsor, and to connect the western counties, in one unbroken line, with the main trunk."

And after such word "*resolved*," to substitute the following, viz :

"Therefore, that the further consideration of such resolutions be postponed until the line to Windsor shall have been opened, and its capabilities tested by experience, and the actual returns therefrom :"

And passed on division

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

*For the amendment.**Against the amendment.*

Mr. Rinhard,	Mr. Moses,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. J. Campbell,
" Munro,	" Robecheau,	Mr. Smyth,	" White,
" Gilderd,	" Martell,	" Chambers,	" Bill,
" McDonald,	" Tobin,	" Annand,	" Bourneuf,
" Bent,	" McKenzie,	" Archibald,	" Brown,
" Marshall,	" McLelan,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
" McClearn,	Hon. Att. General,	Mr. Esson,	Mr. Thorne,
" Parker,	Mr. Webster,	" Wade,	" Whitman,
Mr. McKinnon,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Dimock,	" Ryder,
" C. J. Campbell,	Mr. Tupper,	" Morrison.	" Hyde.
" Bailey,	" Killam,		
" McFarlane,	" Robertson,		

So it passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Brown's resolution as to western railway

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

Resolved, That as soon as the railway shall be completed from Halifax to Windsor and Truro, it shall be extended simultaneously, mile for mile, eastwardly, towards Pictou, and westwardly towards Digby.

Lost on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, nine; against it, twenty-eight.

For

For the resolution.

Against the resolution.

Mr. McClearn,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. Robecheau,	Mr. Webster,
“ J. Campbell,	Mr. Parker,	“ Bailey,	“ Chambers,
“ White,	“ Wilkins,	“ Wade,	Hon. Att. General,
“ Moses,	“ Marshall,	“ Fuller,	Mr. Annand,
“ Whitman,	“ McKinnon,	“ Bourneuf,	“ Morrison,
“ Thorne,	“ McDonald,	“ Robertson,	“ Dimock,
“ Brown,	“ Martell,	“ McKenzie,	“ Archibald,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	“ C. J. Campbell,	“ McLelan,	“ Tobin.
Mr. Killam.	“ Gilderd,	“ Tupper,	
	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	“ Esson,	

So it passed in the negative.

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

WEDNESDAY, 26th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

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

Message

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof, as now amended.

N.S. bank bill agreed to

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district; and a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Halifax mechanics' library—to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Council's Argyle district bill

And the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district; and,

The engrossed bill from the council to incorporate the Halifax mechanics' library; were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Mr. Marshall reported in part from the committee on the fisheries, by bill ;
And thereupon,

Fishery com. report in part by bill

Mr. Marshall presented to the house a bill to amend the act 18th Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

To amendment inspection act

A petition of certain male and female inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying the house to pass the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors.

Petition for liquor law

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The hon. Mr. Johnston reported by bill from the committee appointed to consider and report respecting the propriety of effecting alterations in the times for holding the sittings of the supreme court ;

Supreme court sittings com. report by bill

And thereupon,

The hon. Mr. Johnston presented to the house a bill to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—“ of the supreme court and its officers ; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.

To alter time of sittings

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

Read 1st and 2d time and committed

Granville assessment
bill read 3d time

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 pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence.

Amendment moved to
defer bill

The hon. Mr. Johnston, moved by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution with reference to such bill :

Resolved, That this bill is objectionable for the following, among other reasons :

1. It creates, by arbitrary legislation, a power under which a large sum of money may be taken from the inhabitants of Granville, and given to Mr. Delap and his lawyers, for costs incurred in an unsuccessful litigation prosecuted by him, although it is not pretended that the inhabitants of Granville are now, or ever were, under any responsibility to pay that money.

2°. It renders, after the expiration of several years, the *present* inhabitants of Granville liable under four separate and distinct contracts, made respectively for the support of the poor, in four several years, commencing as long since as 1849, whereas by law each contract was alone chargeable upon the inhabitants in each year, for whom the services were performed.

3°. It subjects to arbitration questions on existing contracts, which the ordinary legal tribunals are competent to decide.

4°. As respects the nomination of arbitrators, while no check is afforded against the appointment, by Mr. Delap, of a partial or improper arbitrator, and a power is conferred on the provincial government in the nomination of the third arbitrator, which it ought not to possess in a matter merely private, the selection for the inhabitants of Granville is to be made by parties appointed for different objects, and having small interest in the matter.

5°. The inconveniences attendant on now prosecuting separate actions against the different overseers, which have been urged as reasons in excuse for this bill, Mr. Delap might have prevented by enforcing a settlement soon after the end of each year, had he seen it for his interest to do so.

6°. Reasons drawn from inconvenience are dangerous excuses for personal, partizan, and *ex post facto* legislation ; and they are especially inconsistent where the inconveniences have, as in the present case, grown out of delays which might been avoided by the party complaining.

7°. This bill is arbitrary and unjust, because at the instance of one party to existing contracts, it creates responsibilities that before had no existence, alters the rights and remedies resulting from those contracts, and exclude their investigation in the ordinary tribunals of justice, notwithstanding that against this invasion of private rights, parties subjected to the operation of the bill, have presented to this house their petition and earnest remonstrance, and notwithstanding that the claim asserted on one side has been met by denial on the other.

8°. The bill affords a precedent—flexible and of varied, extensive, and dangerous application ; and the aggression which it makes on acknowledged rules of legislation, hitherto considered as of fundamental importance, demands the more serious reflection, and the more earnest opposition from the fact that the bill has received in this house the undivided support of the government, and has been sustained by the votes of every one of their adherents.

And therefore, *resolved*, that the further consideration of this bill be deferred to this day three months :

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

Amendment lost on
division

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Killam,
 " J. Campbell,
 " McClearn,
 " Ryder,
 " Churchill,
 " Wilkins,
 " Marshall,
 " Bill,
 " Moses,
 " Tupper,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Thorne,
 " McFarlane,
 " Brown,
 " Whitman.

Mr. Esson,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,
Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. McLelan,
Mr. Martell,	Hon. Att. General,
" Fuller,	Mr. Dimock,
" Bailey,	" Bourneuf,
" Munro,	" Morrison.
" Robertson,	" Robecheau,
" Gilderd,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Parker,	Mr. Smyth,
" Webster,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
" McKenzie,	Mr. Annand,
" Rinhard,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
" Tobin,	Mr. Archibald,
" Chambers,	" Wade.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Wade then moved that the bill be amended, by leaving out in the second clause of the bill, the following words, " the governor in council," and inserting instead thereof, the following words, " a judge of the supreme court". Bill amended

Which amendment being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the bill be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the bill as amended do pass, and that the title be, an act to assess the township of Granville. Passed, and

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

Ordered, That the following members be a committee to consider and report upon the bill for the better encouragement of education, pursuant to the resolution on that subject, passed by the house on Monday last, viz : Committee on education bill

Mr. Annand, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Tupper, Mr. McDonald, the hon. the solicitor general, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Fuller, the hon. the attorney general, Mr. Munro, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Bill, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Wade, Mr. Killam, Mr. White, Mr. J. Campbell, and Mr. Gilderd.

Mr. Rinhard, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Bridgewater bridge loan bill

The hon. the financial secretary reported from the committee on the revenue laws; and thereupon, presented to the house, Revenue laws Committee report 4 bills

A bill to continue and amend the laws imposing customs' duties.

A bill to continue the law imposing light house duties.

A bill to continue the license laws; and,

A bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries.

And such bills were severally read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time. Read 1st and 2nd time

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. 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 divide the Eastern school district of the county of Halifax; the bill to incorporate the Milton railroad company; the bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a Report 12 bills, viz.,
School district, Halifax
Milton railroad comp'y
Halifax survey

<p>Halifax streets Halifax board of health Savings' bank Treasury notes Railway debentures Customs' duties Light duties License duties Distilleries</p>	<p>general survey of the city; the bill to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; the bill respecting the board of health at Halifax; the bill to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings' bank; the bill for a further issue of Treasury notes; the bill to amend the act to authorise a loan for the construction of railways within this province; the bill to continue and amend the laws imposing customs' duties; the bill to continue the law imposing light house duties; the bill to continue the license laws; and the bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries; and had directed him to report such bills, severally, to the house, without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.</p>
<p>Order to engross</p>	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the bills be engrossed.</p>
<p>Bills read 2nd time Railway damages assessment Physic and surgery</p>	<p>The following bills were read a second time, viz : A bill to authorise assessments for railway damages. A bill to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes—"of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery;" and, A bill to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—"of the expenditure of monies on the roads."</p>
<p>Road expenditure</p>	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.</p>
<p>Bills committed</p>	<p>The following bills were also read a second time, viz : A bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts; and The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society.</p>
<p>Bills read 2nd time Annapolis school dist. Horticultural society</p>	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That such bills be referred to the committee on private bills.</p>
<p>Referred to private bills committee</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Committee on bills</p>	<p>The chairman reported from the committee that they had had under consideration the bill for restricting the sale and use of intoxicating liquors, and had directed him to recommend the house to come to a resolution in relation thereto; and he delivered the bill with the resolution in at the clerk's table, where such resolution was read, and is as follows :</p> <p>Whereas, an act containing similar provisions to those in the bill now under consideration, came into operation in the province of New Brunswick, on the first day of January last, and the success or failure of the experiment tried in that province, will exercise a large influence on public opinion among our own constituents, and it is therefore prudent to suspend the further action of this house until the beginning of the next session :</p> <p><i>Resolved therefore</i>, that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed accordingly, until the next session of assembly.</p> <p>And thereupon, The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the report of the committee be not received by the house, but that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house :</p> <p>Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-two; against it, twenty-eight.</p>
<p>Report resolution to defer restrictive liquor law</p>	
<p>Motion not to receive report</p>	
<p>Lost on division</p>	

For the motion.

Mr. Hyde,	Mr. McDonald,
" J. Campbell,	" Marshall,
" Bent,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
" Archibald,	" McLelan,
" Churchill,	" Thorne,
" Ryder,	" McClearn,
" C. J. Campbell,	" White,
" Tupper,	" Morrison,
" McKeagney,	" Killam,
" Bill,	" Whitman,
" Brown,	" Moses.

Against the motion.

Mr. Wilkins,	Mr. Robertson,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	" McKinnon,
Mr. Esson,	" Bailey,
" Martell,	Hon. Prov. Sec'y.
" Wade,	Mr. Rinhard,
" McKenzie,	" Webster,
" Tobin,	Hon. Atty. General,
" Parker,	Hon. Mr. Wier,
" Munro,	Mr. Bourneuf,
" Fuller,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Smyth,	Mr. Robecheau,
" Davison,	" Annand,
" Dimock,	" Chambers,
" Gilderd,	Hon. Fin. Secretary.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Tobin then moved, that the resolution reported by the committee in relation to the bill for restricting the use of intoxicating liquors, be agreed to by the house; which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-seven; against it, twenty-two.

For the motion.

Mr. Gilderd,	Mr. McKinnon,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Bailey,
Mr. Esson,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,
" Martell,	Mr. Rinhard,
" Wade,	" Webster,
" McKenzie,	Hon. Att. General,
" Tobin,	Hon. Mr. Wier,
" Parker,	Mr. Bourneuf,
" Munro,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Fuller,	Mr. Robecheau,
" Smyth,	" Annand,
" Davison,	" Chambers,
" Dimock,	Hon. Fin. Secretary.
" Robertson,	

Against the motion.

Mr. Hyde,	Mr. McLelan,
" J. Campbell,	" Thorne,
" Bent,	Mr. McClearn,
" Archibald,	" White,
" Churchill,	" Morrison,
" Ryder,	" Killam,
" C. J. Campbell,	" Whitman,
" Tupper,	" Moses.
" McKeagney,	
" Bill,	
" Brown,	
" McDonald,	
" Marshall,	
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session.

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

THURSDAY, 27th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The following bills were read a second time, viz :

A bill to alter and amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—' of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters."

A bill to amend the act concerning the registry of ships; and,

Bills read a 2d time
Pilotage

Registry of ships

Council's Argyle district	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district.
Committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That such bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Private bills reported Acadian iron comp'ny	Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company; and had directed him to report the same to the house without amendment; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table; And thereupon, Such bill was read a second time, and considered by the house.
Agreed to	<i>Resolved</i> , That the bill be agreed to by the house.
And sent to council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.
Report as to Clements line	Mr. Morrison reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Clements, praying for a change in the township line, and the several petitions against such change; 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. 64.)
Received and adopted	<i>Ordered</i> , That the report be received and adopted.
Com 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.
Reports Halifax sidewalks Lunenburg school districts Harbor master's fees, Sydney Patents Militia Council's Argyle district	The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city; the bill concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg; the bill to alter the harbor master's fees in the harbor of Sydney, Cape Breton; the bill to alter and amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes—"of patents for useful inventions;" the bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia; and the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district; and had directed him to report those bills severally to the house without amendment; that they had also gone through the bill to alter and amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—"of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters;" and the bill to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—"of the supreme court and its officers; and had made amendments to such bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills; and that they had also considered the bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children; and had directed him to recommend the house to refer the same to a select committee, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the two bills reported with amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were respectively read.
Pilotage	<i>Ordered</i> , That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.
Terms of sup court	<i>Ordered</i> , That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.
Bastardy amendment	<i>Ordered</i> , That the bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children", be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Whitman, to examine and report thereon with amendments or otherwise.
Bastardy amendt bill referred to select committee	
Lunenburg public com report amendments	Mr. Wade, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, 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 clerk's table, where the amendments were read.

The bill was then read a second time with the amendments.

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

Bill committed

Mr. Marshall reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Messrs. Campbell & Co. of Baddeck, John Young of Lingan, and Alexander Conner of Sheet Harbor (respectively), complaining of improper grants of crown land; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petitions of Campbell & Co and others

(See appendix No. 65.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.

Received and referred to supply

The hon. the financial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorize a provincial loan; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.

Provincial Loan bill

Read 1st and 2d time

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

And committed

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, further reported that they had considered the bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts; and the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society, severally without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Private bills reported

Annapolis school district

Horticultural society

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

Bills committed

The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Colp; and he read the report in his place, and then he delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of P. Colp

(See appendix No. 66.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Adopted

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Tuesday next.

Order of day postponed

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

FRIDAY, 28th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to divide the Eastern school district of the county of Halifax, was read a third time.

Bills read 3d time
Halifax school districts

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to divide the Eastern school district of the county of Halifax.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Milton railroad company, was read a third time.

Milton railroad company

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Milton railroad company.

An engrossed bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city, was read a third time.

Halifax survey

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city.

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

Savings' bank

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

An

No. 104 of grant for the year 1852	£10	0	0
130 " "	15	2	9
132 " 1853	10	0	0
142 " "	6	0	0
144 " "	5	7	3
81 " 1854	5	0	0
104 " "	5	0	0
124 " "	10	0	0
130 " "	5	4	9
138 " "	5	0	0
140 " "	10	0	0
143 " "	10	0	0
154 " "	5	0	0
158 " "	5	0	0
160 " "	30	0	0
" " "	2	17	3
55 " 1855	1	9	8
64 " "	0	3	0
69 " "	5	0	0
78 " "	5	0	0
129 " "	7	10	0
134 " "	7	0	0
135 " "	8	0	0
143 " "	5	0	0
145 " "	7	10	0
149 " "	2	9	11

£188 14 7

Amounting in all to one hundred and eighty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, granted for the road and bridge service in the county of Cumberland, in the years 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855, and remaining undrawn, be added to the common road grant for the present year, and re-appropriated in the scale of sub-division for such county.

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

An engrossed bill to authorize a provisional loan, was read a third time.

Provincial loan bill
read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize a provincial loan.

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

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and amend the laws 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 laws ; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the law to regulate distilleries ; and the bill, entitled, an act to authorize a provincial loan, severally without amendment. Revenue bills
Provincial loan bill

The council have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—"of the supreme court and its officers," with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. Supreme court bill

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

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

And com appointed

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Webster, be a committee to manage such conference.

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Committee Report

Mr. Archibald reported that the managers had been at the conference, and the committee of council had thereat handed to the committee of this house, the following written paper, viz :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
28th March, 1856.

Resolution of council as to repair of provincial building

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with the house of assembly, by committee, on the general state of the province, and that the committee of this house do communicate to the committee of the house of assembly, that it is the opinion of this house that certain repairs and alterations are required for ventilating, heating, and draining the provincial building, and for its security—

First—That an efficient supply of water and water pipes in connection with the water closets are required.

Second—An efficient and safe mode of heating and ventilating the building.

Third—An efficient and thorough drainage, and an efficient enquiry into the state of the sewerage in connection with the streets in its vicinity.

Fourth—A thorough inspection of the several apartments, floors, &c. of the building.

Fifth—the removal of the court house, and the formation of a legislative library in the room now occupied as a court house.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON, C. L. C.

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

Council's amendments to sup court bill agreed to

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—“ of the supreme court and its officers”, were read a first, and *nem. con.* 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 acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

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

SATURDAY, 29th MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Great road R. John to Amherst bill

Mr. McFarlane, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to extend the provisions of 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.

Change of appropriation Queen's county

On motion of Mr. J. Campbell,

Resolved, That the following sums of undrawn road monies for the county of Queen's county, viz :—

Sundries,	1853,	£3 7 9
James Purdy,	1854,	0 12 3
Thomas Leslie,	1855,	0 2 0
Simeon Hunt,	do.	5 0 0
Barnabas Freeman,	do.	15 0 0
John Armstrong,	do.	5 0 0

£29 2 0

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be applied for the road and bridge service generally for the year, in the county of Queen's county.

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

The hon. the solicitor general, chairman of the Arichat township election committee, reported finally from such committee; 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:

Arichat election committee report

The committee drawn, struck and sworn, to try the merits of the petition of Hypolite Marmaud, against the election and return of Henry Martell, esquire, sitting member for the township of Arichat, have agreed to report and do report as follows, viz: that Henry Martell, esquire, has been duly elected and returned to represent that township; and also that the petition referred to the committee was not frivolous or vexatious, nor was the opposition thereto frivolous or vexatious.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.

Committee room, March 28th, 1856.

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table, and be entered on the journals of the house.

Mr. Webster, chairman of the Richmond county election committee, reported finally from such committee; 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:

Richmond election committee report

The committee drawn, struck and sworn, to try the merits of the petition of Charles F. Harrington, against the election and return of Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, sitting member for the county of Richmond, have agreed to report, and do report as follows:

That the committee having heard the evidence adduced, as well on the part of the petitioner as on the part of the sitting member, have finally determined, and do accordingly report, that Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, was duly elected and returned a member of the county of Richmond.

And the committee have further determined, and report, that the petition of the said Charles F. Harrington, so referred to them, did not appear to be frivolous or vexatious, and that the opposition thereto did not appear to be frivolous or vexatious.

W. B. WEBSTER, chairman.

Committee room, 29th March, 1856.

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table, and be entered on the journals of the house.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to authorize a loan for the construction of railways within this province; the bill, entitled, an act to divide the Eastern school district of the county of Halifax; and the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Milton railroad company, without any amendments.

The council have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—"of the supreme court, and its officers," as now amended.

And then the messenger withdrew.

An engrossed bill to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city, was read a third time.

Message

Council agree to bills
viz
Survey
Railway loan amendment
Halifax school district
Milton Railroad and

Sup court bill

Bill read 3d time
Halifax sidewalks

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city.

An engrossed bill to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, was read a third time.

Halifax streets

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.

Township of Morris town

An engrossed bill to establish the township of Morrystown, in the county of Sydney, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to establish the township of Morrystown, in the county of Sydney.

Lunenburg school districts

An engrossed bill concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg.

Harbor master Sydney

An engrossed bill to alter the harbor masters' fees in the harbor of Sydney, Cape Breton, was read a third time.

Title altered

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter the harbor masters' fees in the harbor of Sydney, Cape Breton.

Halifax board of health

An engrossed bill respecting the board of health at Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act respecting the board of health at Halifax.

Militia amendment

An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, was read a 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 bills to the council, and desire their concurrence.

Council's Argyle district

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

Resolution as to municipal incorporation

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the house do come to the following resolutions :

Resolved, That municipal incorporations are necessary for the just and efficient operation of the system of self government adopted in this province, and for securing and promoting the most essential interests of the people ; and therefore,

Resolved, That it is incumbent on this house, without delay, to pass an act applicable to, and immediately operative throughout the whole province, by which there shall be conferred on the people in each county, by means of municipal incorporations, the power, the privilege, and the duty of governing the affairs of their own counties and townships, and electing the requisite municipal officers :

Which being seconded,

Amendment moved.

Mr. McLelan moved that such resolutions be amended, by omitting therefrom all the words except the word "resolved," and before such word "resolved," inserting the following words :

"Whereas, much of the local business now required to be done by this assembly and the court of sessions could be more advantageously done by the people at home, therefore."

And after the word, "resolved" substituting the following words :

"That an act of municipal incorporation be passed as soon as convenient, on such principles as will enable the inhabitants of polling districts, who shall think fit, to elect a certain number of persons as aldermen to meet and do the local business belonging to the district ; the chairmen from the several polling districts in a county to meet at the county court house, and transact the county business, so that the full benefit of self-government may be obtained with the least possible expense."

And

And such amendment being seconded,

Mr. Archibald moved that the same be amended, by omitting all the words except the word "resolved", and substituting after the word "resolved" the following words :

"That this house recognizes the soundness of the policy of applying to the management of county and township affairs, the principle of municipal incorporation, but considering the great diversity of opinion prevailing on the subject in different sections of the province ; and that the expression of public sentiment at the late elections has been to a large extent modified by the optional feature of the bills that have already passed,

Resolved therefore, That the house would not at present feel justified in passing any bill on this subject which removes from the people of each county the power to accept or reject it.

And such last mentioned amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twenty-five ; against it, twenty-six. Second amendment moved
And lost on division

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Rinhard,	Hon. Sol. General,	Mr. Hyde,	Mr. Annand,
" Martell,	Mr. Davison,	" C. J. Campbell,	" McClearn,
" Fuller,	" Dimock,	" Marshall,	" White,
" Bailey,	" Robecheau.	" Thorne,	" Tobin,
" McKenzie,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	" Bent,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,
" Gilderd,	Mr. Bourneuf,	" McKinnon,	" McLelan,
" Chambers,	" Ryder,	" Churchill,	" McFarlane,
" Webster,	" Smyth,	" J. Campbell,	" Wade,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	" McKeagney,	" Wilkins,	" Moses,
Mr. Parker,	" Archibald,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	" Bill,
" Robertson,	" Morrison,	Mr. Tupper,	" Whitman,
Hon. Att. General,	" Munro.	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	" Killam,
Mr. McDonald,		Mr. Brown,	" Esson.

So it passed in the negative.

The first amendment moved by Mr. McLelan, to the original resolution being then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, ten ; against it, forty-one. First amendment lost
on division

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Rinhard,	Mr. Hyde,	Mr. Brown,	Mr. Dimock,
" Martell,	" C. J. Campbell,	" McClearn,	" Moses,
" Fuller,	" Parker,	" White,	" Bourneuf,
" Bailey,	" Marshall,	" Tobin,	" Whitman,
" McKenzie,	" Thorne,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,	" Killam,
" Gilderd,	" Bent,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Esson,
" Chambers,	" McKinnon,	Mr. Robertson,	" Morrison.
" Webster,	" Churchill,	" McFarlane,	" Annand,
" McLelan,	" J. Campbell,	Hon. Att. General,	" Smyth,
" Wade.	" Wilkins,	Mr. Robecheau,	" Davison,
	Hon. Mr. Wier,	Hon. Sol. General,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
	Mr. Tupper,	Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Archibald,
	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	" McDonald,	" Bill.
	Mr. Munro,	" Keagney,	

So it passed in the negative.

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

For

For the resolution.

Mr. Hyde,
 " Bent,
 " Wilkins,
 " J. Campbell,
 " McKinnon,
 Hon. Mr. Wier,
 Mr. Churchill,
 " Thorne,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. C. J. Campbell,
 " Marshall,
 " Tupper,
 " White,
 Hon. Prov. Sec'y.

Against the resolution.

Mr. Munro,
 " Fuller,
 " Rinhard,
 " Parker,
 " Martell,
 " Bailey,
 " McKenzie,
 " Gilderd,
 " Chambers,
 " Webster,
 " McLelan,
 Hon. Mr. Locke,
 Mr. Robertson,
 " Archibald,

Hon. Atty. General,
 Mr. Ryder,
 " McDonald,
 " Robecheau,
 Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. Dimock,
 " Bourneuf,
 " McKeagney,
 " Davison,
 Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 Mr. Wade,
 " Morrison,
 " Smyth.

So it passed in the negative.

Sable River road bill

The hon. Mr. Locke, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne.

Preservation of moose bill, and

Mr. Annand, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—" of the preservation of useful birds and animals ; and,

Annapolis & Liverpool road bill

Mr. Whitman, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool.

And such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Private bills committee report
Representation of Queens' bill

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to alter the representation of Queen's county, and had directed him to report the same to the house without amendment ; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Bill committed

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

Change of appropriation, Annapolis

On motion of Mr. Whitman,

Resolved, That the following sums of undrawn road moneys for the county of Annapolis, viz :

No. 74	in	1854	£2	2	2
147	"	"	1	1	3
24	"	"	0	1	6
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			£3	4	11

Be appropriated this year by members of the county for the repair of the road at the point in Annapolis town.

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

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

Monday,

 MONDAY, 31st MARCH, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A message from his excellency the lieutenant-governor, by the gentleman usher of the black rod : Message from governor

Mr Speaker,

His excellency the lieutenant-governor commands this honorable house to attend his excellency immediately in the council chamber. House attend

And accordingly,

Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council chamber, when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to thirty-eight bills, entitled, as follows : 38 bills assented to

An act to amend the new practice act.

An act to amend the act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company.

An act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district.

An act to set off an additional electoral district within the county of Annapolis.

An act to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor.

An act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg.

An act to incorporate the New Caledonia lodge, Pictou.

An act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church, in the county of Sydney.

An act to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.

An act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine.

An act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—"of the supreme court and its officers."

An act for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company.

An act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine.

An act to naturalize Andrew C. White, William H. Sargent, and Wm. L. Armstrong.

An act to incorporate the Ira Woodworth creek pier company at Cornwallis.

An act to incorporate the Oak point pier company at Cornwallis.

An act to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence.

An act to incorporate the Union meeting house congregation at Mahone Bay.

An act to authorise the draining of a peat bog, near the town of Liverpool.

An act to amend chapter 56 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.

An act to incorporate Newport Brooklyn hall company.

An act to amend chapter 154 of the revised statutes—"of costs and fees."

An act to provide for a Town hall in Onslow.

An act to incorporate the trustees of St. Matthew's church, at Wallace.

An act to enable the inhabitants of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for the making and repairing streets and sewers.

An act for improving the harbor of Port Hood.

An act to incorporate the Union bank of Halifax.

An act in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company.

An act to continue and further amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof.

An act to continue and amend the laws imposing customs' duties.

An act to continue the law to regulate distilleries.

An act to continue the law imposing light house duties.

An act to continue the license laws.

An act to authorize a provincial loan.

An act to alter and amend the act 17th Victoria, chapter 2, entitled, an act to authorize a loan for the construction of railways within this province.

An act to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city.

An

An act to divide the Eastern school district of the county of Halifax.
An act to incorporate the Milton railroad company.

Change of appropriation, Pictou

On motion of Mr. McDonald,

Resolved, That the following sums remaining undrawn of the road moneys for the county of Pictou, be added to the general grant of this session for cross roads, and be re-appropriated by the members for the county and township of Pictou, viz :

No. 134	1854, D. McKay,	£2 19 3
89	do. 3s. No. 158, 11s.	0 14 0
17	1855,	0 12 7
23	do.	3 17 6
26	do.	0 13 0
28	do.	1 0 0
32	do.	1 0 0
48	do.	1 8 5
51	do.	1 0 0
68	do.	0 2 0
73	do.	0 2 9
		£13 9 6

And that the sum of one hundred pounds voted at the last session of the legislature for ballasting and making embankments for Barney's River bridge, be appropriated towards the payment of the instalment now payable on the sum borrowed for the erection of such bridge.

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

Committee on agriculture report

The hon. the attorney general 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. 67.)

Received and referred to supply

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money be referred to the committee of supply.

Message from council

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Absconding debtor law amendment bill

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—"of suits against absconding debtors"—to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Read 1st time, and

The above mentioned engrossed bill from the council was then read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time;

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Referred to select com.

Resolved, That such bill be referred to a select committee, to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. McDonald, be a committee for such purpose.

Crown land committee report

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on 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. 68.)

Received

Ordered, That such report be received, and do lie on the table for the further consideration of the house.

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

Whereas, the canal property at Dartmouth and Shubenacadie is calculated by some to be worth in a few years one hundred thousand pounds, by others not so much; but is admitted on all hands to be of great value. And whereas, about the year 1853, a company of gentlemen proposed to open up the canal to a certain extent, in consideration of which, this house passed an act in that year authorizing the government to convey the property to the company for a sum not exceeding £5,000, with the understanding that a clause was to be inserted in the conveyance, that in case the canal was not completed or not kept in operation, the property was to revert to the province; and such conveyance was made, and the sum of £2,000 paid by such company to the province.—And whereas, by a report of a committee, adopted hastily a few days since, by this house, not only is the £2,000 to be returned, but the clause in the conveyance shall be made null and void; thereby passing over the entire property to the company to convert into private use, to do as they please, without any restraint whatever from the province; which course could not be justified on any sound principle of legislation.

Resolution as to inland navigation company

Therefore resolved, as the opinion of this house, that in place of carrying out the recommendation of the committee, there shall be lent to the company on the security of the canal property, the sum of £2,000, to enable the company to complete the canal—to be repaid to the province out of the net income from the canal, after all the stockholders shall have received six per cent, on their paid up stock, or be credited by the province, in case the property is given up by the company.

Which resolution being seconded,

The hon. Mr. Wier moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the house do now resolve itself into the committee of supply, for the purpose of passing the grant referred to in the foregoing resolution; and such amendment being seconded and put, passed in the affirmative.

Amendment carried
Committee of supply

And thereupon,

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 they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered the resolution in at the clerk's table.

Resolution reported

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.

Ordered, That the resolution reported by the committee be read to-morrow.

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

TUESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Ryder,

Resolved, That the sum of forty pounds thirteen shillings, viz:

Change of appropriation for Yarmouth

No. 35	Leon Porter,	£1	8	0
51 ^A .	David Sanders,	23	0	0
121		16	5	0
		<hr/>		
		£40	13	0

And remaining undrawn in the Treasury, be granted and applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of Yarmouth for the present year.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Locke,

Resolved,

Shelburne

Resolved, That the following sums granted for the road service in the county of Shelburne, viz :

Sundries,	1853,	£0 12 4
No. 99.	1854,	1 6 9
A. Hamilton,	do.	7 13 6
No. 59 & 106.	do.	0 14 6
39	1855,	8 0 0
43	do.	0 5 0
72	do.	0 3 9
73	do.	0 2 5
76	do.	0 6 8
88	do.	0 9 11
93	do.	0 4 6
Unappropriated,		5 0 0

£24 19 4

And remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the scale of the general road and bridge service in the county of Shelburne, for the present year.

On motion of Mr. Wade,

And Digby

Resolved, That the following sums granted for the road service in the county of Digby, viz :—

No. 95	in	1850, balance undrawn,	£6 1 6
69	in	1853, ditto	10 0 0
Sundries,			0 15 0
17	in	1854, ditto	2 0 0
31	in	do. ditto	0 3 0
63	in	do. ditto	0 4 0
93	in	do. ditto	5 0 0
25	in	1855, ditto	0 7 6
53	in	do. ditto	8 0 0
55	in	do. ditto	12 0 0
173	in	do. ditto	1 0 0

£45 11 0

And remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the scale of the general road and bridge service in the county of Digby, for the present year.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the three foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence.

Bills read 2nd time
Mechanics' library

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Halifax Mechanics' library, was read, a second time, and considered by the house.

Agreed to

Resolved, That the bill be agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

The following bills were severally read a second time :

Fish inspection

A bill to amend the act 18 Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish.

Road expenditure

A bill to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes—" of laying out certain great roads."

Preservation of animals

A bill to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—" of the preservation of useful birds and animals."

Committed

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

Indian rear church

The following bills were also severally read a second time :

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Indian rear, at Whyccomah.

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A bill to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg.
A bill for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne.

Bridgewater bridge
Sable River road

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

Referred to committee on private bills

Mr. Brown reported from the committee appointed to consider the petitions on behalf of the House of Refuge, and the public dispensaries; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Dispensary and House of Refuge com. report

(See appendix No. 69.)

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

Received

The hon. Mr. Johnston, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for the municipal government of townships; and the same read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Municipal township bill

The hon. Mr. Johnston, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties, 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.

Municipal counties bill

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

Bill recommitted

Mr. Fuller reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Cody, for compensation for injuries sustained by him in performing his duty as a mail carrier; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of Michael Cody

(See appendix No. 70.)

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

Referred to supply

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from council

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for a further issue of Treasury notes; and the bill, entitled, an act to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings' bank.

Bills agreed to Treasury Notes, and Savings' bank

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the Centreville Hall company—to which they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Council's Centreville Hall company

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the Centreville Hall company, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Read first time

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

Inland navigation company resolution

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand pounds paid by the Inland navigation company for the property on which their works are constructed, be re-granted to them, upon condition that they shall give satisfactory security to the government that such sum, as well as any further sum that may be produced by, or borrowed upon the security of the property, shall be expended *bona fide* in carrying on the work as it now stands, and not in meeting any liabilities now incurred, or refunding any past expenditure.

And such resolution being again read, and the question put, that the same be agreed to by the house.

The hon. the provincial secretary, moved by way of amendment thereto, the following resolution :

Amendment moved

Whereas it is expedient that the concessions mentioned in this report, should not be made to the said company, until proper security be given that the public purpose for which the same has been incorporated, shall be prosecuted to its final accomplishment in good faith, and with all possible despatch :

Resolved therefore, That this report be not received, but that it be referred back to the committee of supply, in order that the resolution therein referred to, be so modified as to provide that the said sum of two thousand pounds shall not be paid, and that the said proviso or condition for reinvesting the province with the land, &c., contained in the deed executed to the said company by the provincial government, shall not be released until satisfactory security shall have been obtained by the latter for the effectuation of the following objects, in addition to those mentioned in the said reported resolution, that is to say :

First—That the said work shall be prosecuted and completed with all reasonable despatch ; and,

Secondly—That the said company shall not alienate, or in any manner change the lands, and lands covered with water, locks and other works and appurtenances conveyed to them by the said deed, otherwise than to such extent, and on such terms and conditions, with a view to the promotion of the public interests, in relation to the said work, as shall be first approved of by his excellency the lieutenant-governor in council :

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

Amendment lost on division

For the amendment.

Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Moses,
“ Rinhard,	“ McLelan,
“ McKinnon,	“ Morrison,
“ Munro,	“ Webster,
“ Bailey,	“ Fuller,
“ Robertson,	“ Annand,
“ C. J. Campbell,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,
“ McKenzie,	Hon. Sol. General,
“ Wade,	Mr. Bourneuf,
“ Gilderd,	“ Smyth.
“ Chambers,	
“ Dimock,	
“ Killam,	

Against the amendment.

Mr. J. Campbell,	Mr. Whitman,
“ Bent,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
“ White,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
“ Churchill,	Mr. Davison,
“ Thorne,	“ Wilkins,
Hon. Mr. Wier,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. Esson,
“ Hyde;	Hon. Att. General,
“ McClearn,	Mr. Martell,
“ Bill,	“ Marshall,
“ Parker,	“ McKeagney,
“ Tobin,	“ Archibald,
“ McDonald,	“ Brown.

So it passed in the negative.

Original resolution passed

The original resolution as reported from the committee of supply, being then put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-seven ; against it, twenty-two.

For the resolution,

Mr. J. Campbell,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
“ Bent,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
“ White,	Mr. Wilkins,
“ McDonald,	“ Esson,
“ Churchill,	“ Marshall,
“ Thorne,	“ Davison,
Hon. Mr. Wier,	“ Whitman,
“ McFarlane,	Hon. Sol. General,
“ Hyde,	Hon. Att. General,
“ Bill,	Mr. McKeagney,
“ McClearn,	“ Martell,
“ Parker,	“ Brown,
“ Tobin,	“ Archibald.
Hon. Mr. Locke,	

Against the resolution.

Mr. Ryder,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,
“ McKinnon,	Mr. McLelan,
“ Munro,	“ Morrison,
“ Rinhard,	“ Killam,
“ C. J. Campbell,	“ Bourneuf,
“ Wade,	“ Annand,
“ Bailey,	“ Smyth,
“ Gilderd,	“ Fuller.
“ Robertson,	
“ Dimock,	
“ Moses,	
“ McKenzie,	
“ Chambers,	
“ Webster,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

On

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 made some progress in the consideration of the supply. Committee of supply

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. Report progress

Ordered, That Mr. Chambers have leave of absence until Saturday next, inclusive, on urgent private business. Leave of absence

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY, 2d APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The hon. the attorney general moved that the resolution passed by the house yesterday in relation to the Inland navigation company, be read.

Order of day postponed
2d resolution as to in-
land navigation comp'y

And the same was read accordingly ;

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general moved that the house do come to the following resolution in addition thereto :

Resolved, That in transferring the said property to the company free of the present restrictions, the executive government shall insert such guards and provisions as will effectually prevent the proceeds or value thereof from being applied, under any circumstances whatsoever, to the private use of any of the shareholders of the company—such guards and provisions, however, not to apply when the canal shall be completed and opened :

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

So it passed in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council, along with the resolution in relation to the Inland navigation company passed yesterday, and desire their concurrence. And sent to council

The hon. the attorney general, from the committee to whom was referred the bill for the management of the provincial customs, reported in part from that committee, that they had examined 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 with the amendments in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read. Provincial customs' bill reported from sel. committee

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

The hon. the attorney general further reported from the same committee, that they had directed him to report to the house a bill on the subject of the introduction of immigrants into this province. Immigrants bill

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general presented to the house a bill to repeal chapter 59 of revised statutes—" of immigrants."

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to amend the jury law. Jury law amendment

Mr.

- Melford bridge Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for re-building Melford bridge, over the West River of Pictou ; and,
- Licences Mr. Wilkins, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to authorize the granting of licences in certain cases.
- Read 1st time And such bills were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Bastardy law amend't bill reported Mr. Whitman, reported from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children," that they considered the bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill ; and he delivered the bill with the amendment in at the clerk's table, where the amendment was read.
- And committed *Ordered*, That the bill, with the amendment, be again committed to a committee of the whole house.
- Sheriff's bill The bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs", was read a second time ;
- Motion to commit And thereupon,
Mr. Annand moved that the same be committed to a committee of the whole house : which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,
- Debate adjourned *Ordered*, That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
- The order of the day being read,
Ordered, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.
- Ordered*, That Mr. Marshall have leave of absence, on or after Monday next, on urgent private business.

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

THURSDAY, 3d APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

- Railway regulation bill Read 1st and 2d time The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill for the regulation of railways ; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.
- And committed *Ordered*, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.
- Mines and minerals bill The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill for giving effect to an arrangement entered into by, or on behalf of her most gracious majesty, and the legal personal representatives of his late royal highness, Frederick, duke of York and Albany, and the general mining association, concerning the mines in Nova Scotia ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Municipal township's bill read 2d time The bill for the municipal government of townships, was read a second time.
Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.
- Council's Centreville hall bill read 2d time The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Centreville Hall company ; was read a second time, and considered by the house.
- And agreed to *Resolved*, That the bill do pass.
Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.
- Committee on bills On motion, the house resolved itself into the 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 for the management of the provincial customs, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment; and that they had also gone through the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act facilitate the investment of trust and other funds; the bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg; and the bill to establish the sale by weight of potatoes, green crops and coals, and had made amendments thereto, 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.

Bills reported
Provincial customs'

Council's investment
Lunenburg public lands
Sale by weight

Ordered, That the bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the amendments to the council's engrossed bill to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds be engrossed.

Ordered, That the two other bills reported with amendments be engrossed with the amendments.

Mr. Bill, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapters 76 and 80 of the acts 18th Victoria; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pier companies bill

On motion of the hon the attorney general,

Ordered, That no bill, except those reported by committees, or founded on reports of committees, be received by this house after Saturday, the fifth day of April instant.

Order as to admission of bills

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from council

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter the harbor master's fees in the harbor of Sydney; the bill, entitled, an act to continue and amend the laws relating to the militia; and the bill, entitled, an act to establish the township of Morris-town, in the county of Sydney, without any amendments.

Bills agreed to
Harbor master, Sydney
Militia law
Morristown township

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds, was read a third time, with the amendments made thereto.

Bills read 3d time
Council's investment
And amendments

Resolved, That such bill be agreed to, and do pass this house with such amendments.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto, with such amendments.

An engrossed bill for the management of the provincial customs, was read a third time.

Provincial customs

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend the laws relating to the customs.

Title altered

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot, was read a third time.

South Baptist meeting house

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—"of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," was read a third time; and the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence:

Pilotage

Mr. Wilkins moved, that such bill be amended, by leaving out all the clauses thereof except the first clause.

Amendment moved

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

And lost on division

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That such bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—"of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," and the act of 1855 in amendment thereof.

Title altered

An

Patent law

An engrossed bill to alter and amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes—"of patents for useful inventions," was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes—"of patents for useful inventions."

Bill sent to council

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

Change of appropriation

On motion of the hon. the financial secretary,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred and two pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence, viz :

		CORNWALLIS.			
No. 199.	Balance unappropriated, 1853,			£3	0 0
104.	Samuel Beckwith, balance 1854,			3	0 0
				<hr/>	
		AYLESEORD,		£6	0 0
120.	S. Selfredge,	1852,		£5	0 0
	unappropriated,	1854,		15	0 0
116.	Thomas Farnsworth,			20	0 0
118.	Alpheus Dalmera,			7	0 0
123.	William Creig, to Falls,			6	0 0
144.	Beniah Spinney,			5	0 0
	unappropriated balance, 1854,			12	1 3
	do. do. "			26	18 3
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				96	19 6
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				£102	19 6

and remaining undrawn in the treasury, be granted and applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of King's for the present year.

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

Message

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Investment bill amendments agreed to

The council have agreed to the amendments proposed by this honorable house to the bill, entitled, an act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds, severally without amendment.

And then the messenger withdrew.

And thereupon,

Bill finally passed

Resolved, That such bill do finally pass, as now amended.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

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 progress

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress in the consideration of the supply.

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.

Report of committee on education

The hon. the attorney general reported from the committee on education ; 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 do lie on the table.

The

The orders of the day being read,

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs", be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Ordered, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.

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

Order of day postponed

FRIDAY, 4th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Indian Rear, at Whycocomah; the bill to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg; the bill for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne; and the bill for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool, severally without amendment; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

Private bills reported
Indian rear church
bridgewater bridge
Sable river road
Annapolis and Liverpool road

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

Bills committed

An engrossed bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, was read a third time.

Bills read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg.

Lunenburg public lands

An engrossed bill to establish the sale by weight, of potatoes, green crops, and coals, was read a third time.

Sale by weight

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to establish the sale by weight, of vegetables, and coals.

Title altered

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

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

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 equalize the representation of Queen's county; the bill to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company; the bill to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women"; the bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts; and the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments; that they had also considered the bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children," and had directed him to recommend the house to defer the further consideration thereof for three months; and that they had gone through the bill to establish a more equal and just system of assessment; the bill for the municipal government of townships; the bill concerning the marking of logs in certain rivers in the county of Queen's; the bill to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—"of the expenditure of money upon the roads"; and the bill for the regulation of railways, 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 last mentioned bills respectively, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bills reported
Representation, Queen's
Liverpool marine railway
Deeds by married women
Annapolis school districts
Horticultural society
Bastardy amendment

Assessments
Municipal townships
Marking of logs
Expenditure road money
Regulation of railways

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendment, except the Annapolis school district bill, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

Ordered,

Bastardy amendment
bill deferred

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill to amend chapter 91 of the revised statutes—"of the maintenance of bastard children," be deferred until this day three months.

Annapolis school dis-
trict bill re-committed
on division

Mr. Thorne moved that the bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts, be again committed to a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of amending the third clause thereof, by fixing the localities of the several grammar schools instead of leaving their localities at the discretion of the board of commissioners :

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen ; against it, eleven.

So it passed in the affirmative ;

And accordingly,

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

Horticultural society
bill read 3d time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society, was read a third time ;

And thereupon,

And agreed to

On motion, *resolved*, that such bill be agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

Clerk of crown bill

Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16th Victoria ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Transient pauper com-
report

Mr. Tupper reported from the committee on the expenses of transient paupers ; 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. 72.)

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

Pier companies bill

The bill to amend chapters 76 and 80 of the acts 18th Victoria, was read a second time.

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

Criminal law com.
report

The hon. the attorney general reported from the committee to whom were referred certain petitions on the subject of amendments to the criminal law ; 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. 73.)

Received and supply

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money be referred to the committee of supply.

Jury law com. report
bill

Mr. Tupper reported from the committee on the subject of amendments to the jury law, by bill.

And thereupon, he presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 136 of the revised statute—"of juries"; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

New Glasgow road bill

Mr. McDonald, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Change of appropria-
tion

On motion of Mr. Esson,

Resolved, That the following sums granted for roads and bridges in the county of Halifax, and remaining undrawn, be applied in improving the Guysborough road between Upper Musquodoboit and Wallace bridge, on the Saint Mary's river, viz :

No.

No. 7	J. Drysdale,	£0	16	4
10	A. Houblie,	0	1	6
31	J. Drysdale,	0	0	3
39	B. Umlah,	5	0	0
42	W. Shea,	0	0	3
44	P. Fink,	3	0	0
56	Contingencies,	0	8	9
59	James Myers,	20	0	0
66	John Leslie,	0	2	0
81	P. Moser,	10	0	0
84	W. Anderson,	5	0	0
88	do.	5	16	3
94	L. M. Quaine,	5	10	0
135	C. Hamilton,	12	10	0
137	Contingencies,	4	4	10
		<hr/>		
		£72	10	2

On motion of Mr. Fuller,

Resolved, That the sum of eight-one pounds and four pence, undrawn from the last year's division of road 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.

Change of appropriation

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to examine and report upon the contingent expenses of this house.

Contingency com.

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Marshall, be a committee for that purpose.

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

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill concerning the marking of logs in certain rivers in the county of Queen's, was read a third time.

Bills read 3d time
Marking logs

Resolved, That such bill do pass, and that the title be, an act concerning the marking of logs in the county of Queen's.

Title altered

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Liverpool-marine railway company, was read a third time.

Liverpool marine railway company

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women," was read a third time.

Deeds by married women

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women."

An engrossed bill for the regulation of railways, was read a third time.

Regulation of railways

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the regulation of railways.

The following bills were severally read a second time.
 Melford bridge A bill to provide for rebuilding Melford bridge, over the West River of Pictou ; and
 New Glasgow road A bill to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's.
 Referred to committee on private bills *Ordered*, That such bills be referred to the committee on private bills.

The following bills were also read a second time :
 Bills read 2d time The council's engrossed bill to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—"of suits
 Absconding debtors against absent or absconding debtors."
 Immigrants The bill to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes—"of immigrants."
 Jury law The bill to amend the jury law ; and
 Licences The bill to authorize the granting of licenses in certain cases.
 Bills committed *Ordered*, That the bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Change of appropriation, Guysborough
 On motion of Mr. Marshall,
Resolved, That the sum of thirty-six pounds nineteen shillings and five pence, viz :

No. 36	1852	£1 0 0
Sundries,	1853	1 8 0
No. 76	1854	5 0 0
82		5 0 0
30	1s 5d. }	0 9 5
35	8s. }	
6	1855	2 0 0
30		0 4 0
31		4 0 0
32		0 2 0
42		10 0 0
69		7 10 0
81		0 6 0
		£36 19 5

And remaining undrawn in the treasury, be granted and applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of Guysborough, for the present year.

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

Report on petition of B. K. Dodge

Mr. Webster reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin K. Dodge ; 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. 74.)

Laid on table *Ordered*, That the report do lie on the table.

Message from council A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :
 Mr. Speaker,

Customs' regulation The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend and alter the laws relating to the customs ; the bill, entitled, an act concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg ; and the bill, entitled, an act to assess the township of Granville.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Report on petitions of A Bourneuf and others

The hon. the solicitor general, reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of Ambrose Bourneuf and George Bingay ; 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. 75.)

Ordered,

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

Mr. Fuller reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Christopher; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on petition of P. Christopher

(See appendix No. 76.)

And thereupon,

Mr. McLelan moved that such report be not received.

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, thirty. Referred to supply on division

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

On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply. Com. 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 made further progress in the consideration of the supply, and had come to thirty-one resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table. Committee report 31 resolutions, viz:

The chairman also acquainted the house, that he was directed by the committee to move 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:

1°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred pounds of the sum of five hundred and sixty-four pounds ten shillings and seven pence, advanced to the county of Yarmouth, in 1855, be allowed to remain over until 1857, and be not chargeable to the road grant of that county, during the present session, but be repaid out of the grant of next year. £300 Yarmouth road advance

2°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one pound per day be granted and paid to every member of the house of assembly, for his actual attendance in general assembly, for the present session, to be paid on the certificate of the speaker, also the travelling fees as heretofore. Assembly's pay

3°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one pound per day be granted and paid to each member of the legislative council, for his actual attendance in parliament, with the same travelling fees as are received by members of the assembly. Council's pay

4°. *Resolved*, That the sum of sixty-seven pounds ten shillings and ten pence be granted and paid to the overseers of the poor for the township of Clare, pursuant to their petition, in such behalf, referred to the committee on Indian affairs. £67 10s 10d overseers, Clare

5°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three pounds six shillings and seven pence be granted and paid to the overseers of the poor for the township of Shelburne, for supplies to poor Indians. £3 6s 7d overseers Shelburne

6°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted in aid of the ferry across Wallace River, in the county of Cumberland. £10 Wallace ferry

7°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the serjeant-at-arms, being a further addition to his salary, and ten pounds to John Fitzgerald, messenger, in addition to his salary, for the present year. £25 serjeant-at-arms and messenger

8°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended on surveying a new line of road from the Dalhousie road in the county of Annapolis, near the junction of the Morse road southerly to Northfield, in Queen's county, near the head of the Port Medway River, as recommended in the report on the state of waste lands, presented to the house in 1854. £75 Annapolis survey

9°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal £75 Port Hood harbor

disposal of the governor, to aid in improving the beach on the western side of the harbor at Port Hood, as soon as it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the governor in council, that the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, including the above sum; and a further sum of seventy-five pounds to be raised by the inhabitants, has been expended in the work, so that the whole expenditure thereon shall be one hundred and fifty pounds.

£25 each Chancery bill commissioners

10°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds each, be granted and paid to the commissioners who prepared the bill for the abolition of the court of chancery, and the transference of equity jurisdiction to the supreme court.

£50 bankruptcy bill commissioners

11°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the commissioners who lately prepared the bankruptcy act, under commission from the lieutenant-governor.

£500 bridge, Truro

12°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds be granted and paid towards the Board Landing bridge at Truro, in pursuance of the resolution of last session, granting the same upon conditions that have been complied with.

£100 travelling fees members of govt.

13°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the travelling charges of the members of the government non-resident in Halifax, when summoned during the recess to attend meetings of council—to be computed at the same rate as is allowed members of the house of assembly.

£200 clerk of bills

14°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of bills to this house for his services during the present session.

£50 seminary school

15°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid in aid of the training and model school of the Colonial Church and School society.

£100 Barnaby's cove pier

16°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted to aid in building a breakwater at Barnaby's Mill Cove, Cornwallis, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities for session of 1855.

£50 temporary speaker

17°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to John C. Wade, esquire, member for the county of Digby, for his services as temporary speaker during a part of the present session.

£500 stg. hon J. Howe

18°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds, sterling, be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be presented to the honorable Joseph Howe, as a public acknowledgment of the high estimation in which the services of that gentleman, in the conduct and completion of the arrangements lately made by him in London, in respect of the sale of provincial debentures, are held by the legislature of this his native country.

£50 Amherst seminary

19°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the managers of the Amherst female seminary, to aid them in conducting that institution.

£9 4s 6d survey at Barney's river

20°. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine pounds four shillings and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the lieutenant-governor, to reimburse expenses incurred by Samuel Archibald, in laying off the road at Barney's River, on the main road between Antigonishe and Pictou.

£60 importation of pheasants

21°. *Resolved*, That the sum of sixty pounds be placed at the disposal of the lieutenant-governor, to enable his excellency to defray the expense of pheasants imported for propagation, and to enable him to procure eggs for the same purpose.

£200 Welsford and Parker monument

22°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of a monument to be erected by private subscription, to the memory of the late Major Welsford and Captain Parker, who gallantly fell in the assault on Sebastopol, and to whom as Nova Scotians this tribute is due.

£100 clerk's assembly

23°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds each, be granted and paid to the clerk and clerk assistant of the house of assembly, for their extra services during the present session.

£50 Halifax dispensary

24°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the honorable 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.

25°. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine hundred pounds be placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds each, for their services during the present year, to the controllers at the different ports, and such further sum as shall be required to pay at the same rate such other controllers as may be appointed during the present year. £200 comptrollers at outports

26°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the governor and trustees 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. £100 Visiting dispensary

27°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the managers of the House of Refuge to assist them in carrying out their humane intentions, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject. £50 House of Refuge

28. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds per annum, be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in providing for the reporting and publication of the decisions of the supreme court. £100 decisions supreme court

29°. *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 the court for the present year. £10 stg. crier vice admiralty court

30°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid 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, in order to enable him to procure further assistance. £10 E. Crowell

31°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid to William Goodwin and Noah Goodwin, resident upon Mud Island, county of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient boats, and otherwise render assistance to shipwrecked mariners—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions that the boats are provided and kept, and the duty performed. £20 W. & N. Goodwin

The resolutions except the seventh, eighteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-eighth, and twenty-ninth, being read a second time, were then upon the question put thereon respectively, agreed to by the house.

The seventh resolution for granting twenty-five pounds to George R. Grassie, esquire, sergeant-at-arms; and ten pounds to John Fitzgerald the messenger of the house, as additional remuneration for their respective services during the present session, being read a second time. Motion not to receive seventh resolution lost on division

Mr. McLelan 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 resolution was then upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

The eighteenth resolution, granting five hundred pounds, sterling, to the hon. Joseph Howe, as an acknowledgment of his services in negotiating the railway loan, being read a second time, and the question put thereon, that the same do pass, there appeared for the resolution, thirty-four; against it, thirteen. Eighteenth resolution carried on division

For the resolution.

Against the resolution.

Mr. Hyde,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. Esson,
“ Marshall,	Hon. Att. General,	“ Munro,
“ J. Campbell,	Mr. McFarlane,	“ Annand,
“ Gilderd,	“ McClearn,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
“ Bailey,	Mr. Dimock,	“ Davison,
“ McKinnon,	“ Whitman,	“ Martell,
“ McKenzie,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,	“ Smyth,
“ Rinhard,	Mr. Webster,	“ McLelan,
“ White,	“ Bourneuf,	
“ Wade,	“ Archibald,	
“ McDonald,	“ Fuller,	
“ Chambers,	Hon. Sol. General,	
“ Tobin,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	

Mr. Moses,
“ Bent,
“ Thorne,
“ Bill,
“ C. J. Campbell,
“ Wilkins,
Mr. Robertson,
“ Tupper,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,
Mr. Ryder,
“ Killam,
“ Robecheau,
“ Brown.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The

Nineteenth resolution
lost on division

The nineteenth resolution, for granting fifty pounds to the Amherst Female seminary, being read a second time, and the question put thereon, that the same do pass; there appeared for the resolution, twenty-four; against it, twenty-four.

For the resolution.

Against the resolution.

Mr. Hyde,	Mr. Tupper,	Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Martell,
“ Marshall,	“ Tobin,	“ Bailey,	“ Ryder,
“ Bent,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	“ Gilderd,	“ Smyth,
“ J. Campbell,	Mr. McFarlane,	“ Chambers,	“ Fuller,
“ Moses,	“ McClearn,	“ Rinhard,	“ Davison,
“ McKenzie,	“ Whitman,	“ Webster,	“ Munro,
“ Thorne,	“ McKeagney,	“ Robertson,	“ Robecheau,
“ Wilkins,	“ Killam,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
“ C. J. Campbell,	“ Wade,	Mr. McLelan,	Mr. Annand,
“ White,	“ Brown,	Hon. Atty. General,	Hon. Prov. Sec'y.
“ Bill,	“ Archibald,	Mr. Bourneuf,	Mr. Esson,
“ McDonald,	Hon. Sol. General.	“ Dimock,	Hon. Fin. Secretary.

Whereupon,

Speaker's casting vote

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the resolution.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion not receive
twenty-first resolution
lost on division

The twenty-first resolution for granting sixty pounds to defray the expense of introducing pheasants into the province, being read a second time.

Mr. Ryder moved that such resolution be not received: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, fourteen; against it, twenty-nine.

So it passed in the negative.

And resolution passed
on division

And thereupon,

The hon. the provincial secretary moved that the resolution do pass; which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-eight; against it, fifteen.

For the resolution.

Against the resolution.

Mr. McDonald,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,	Mr. Moses,
“ McKinnon,	Mr. McLelan,	“ Churchill,
“ J. Campbell,	“ Archibald,	“ McKenzie,
“ Wilkins,	“ Webster,	“ Bailey,
“ Hyde,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	“ Thorne,
“ Wade,	Mr. Robecheau,	“ White,
“ Rinhard,	“ Dimock,	“ Tobin,
“ C. J. Campbell,	Hon. Sol. General,	“ McClearn,
“ Bill,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	“ Chambers,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. Annand,	“ Whitman,
Mr. Robertson,	“ Davison,	“ Bourneuf,
“ Tupper	“ Smyth.	“ Ryder,
Hon. Att. General,		“ Brown,
Mr. Esson,		“ Killam,
“ McFarlane,		“ Fuller.

So it passed in the affirmative.

22nd resolution not
received on division

The twenty-second resolution for granting two hundred pounds towards defraying the expense of erecting a monument to the memory of major Welsford, and captain Parker, having been read a second time.

Mr.

Mr. McLelan moved that such resolution be not received : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-eight; against it, seventeen.

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Brown,	Mr. Ryder,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Archibald,
“ McKinnon,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	“ J. Campbell,	“ Esson,
“ Moses,	Mr. Killam,	“ Churchill,	Hon. Sol. General,
“ McKenzie,	“ Dimock,	“ Bill,	Mr. Marshall.
“ Rinhard,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	“ Thorne,	
“ Gilderd,	Mr. Martell,	“ White,	
“ C. J. Campbell,	“ Robecheau,	“ Bent,	
“ Tobin,	“ Smyth,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,	
“ Robertson,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	Mr. Tupper,	
“ Bouurnef,	Mr. McDonald,	“ McClearn,	
Hon. Att. General,	“ Munro,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,	
Mr. Chambers,	“ Davison,	Mr. McFarlane,	
“ McLelan,	“ Fuller,	“ Whitman,	
“ Webster,	“ Bailey.		

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That such resolution by not received by the house.

The twenty-eighth resolution, granting one hundred pounds for reporting decisions of the supreme court, having been read a second time.

Motion not to receive twenty-eighth resolution lost on division

Mr. Tobin moved that such resolution be not received : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen ; against it, twenty.

So it passed in the negative.

The original resolution was then upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

The twenty-ninth resolution for granting ten pounds, sterling, to the crier of the court of vice admiralty having been read a second time, and the question put thereon, that the same do pass, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-two ; against it, seventeen.

Twenty-ninth resolution carried on division

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Resolution sent to council

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

Resolved, That if it shall be made to appear to the house at its next session, that the sum of four hundred pounds has been raised or secured towards the purchase of Cornwallis toll bridge, and the members of the county of King's shall in the next session of this house, appropriate a further sum of four hundred pounds out of the road vote to the same purpose, then this house will appropriate a like sum of four hundred pounds to enable the sessions of the county of King's to purchase the Cornwallis bridge from the company now owning the same ; provided that such bridge shall be free of toll or charge to the public, as soon as the bridge shall be put in an efficient state of repair :

Resolution as to Cornwallis bridge

Which resolution being seconded, and the question put thereon that the same do pass, was agreed to by the house.

On motion of Mr. Rinhard,

Resolved, That the sum of thirty pounds six shillings of undrawn road moneys for the county of Lunenburg, viz :

Change of appropriation

No. 109.	Jacob Will,	1854,	£10	0	0
168.	Leonard's Wambolt's balance,		2	0	0
177.	John Frank's balance,		1	15	0
	Sundries,		0	8	3
41.	Edward Dimock,	1855,	12	0	0
143.	unappropriated,		4	2	9
			£30	6	0

and remaining undrawn in the treasury be applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of Lunenburg, for the present year.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence.

Orders of day postponed

The orders of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the adjourned debate on the bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs," be further adjourned until Tuesday next.

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

MONDAY, 7th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Motion to rescind vote as to Amherst seminary, passed on division

Mr. Tupper moved that the vote of the house passed on Saturday, negating the nineteenth resolution reported from the committee of supply, for granting fifty pounds to the Female seminary at Amherst, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-four; against it, eighteen.

So it passed in the affirmative;

And accordingly,

Ordered, That such vote be rescinded.

And thereupon,

And grant passed

Mr. Tupper moved that the original resolution, as reported by the committee do pass: which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Motion to rescind vote as to law reports, lost on division

Mr. McLelan moved that the twenty-eighth resolution of Saturday last, granting one hundred pounds for preparing and publishing the decisions of the supreme court, be rescinded: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen; against it, twenty.

So it passed in the negative.

Resolution sent to council

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence.

Queen's county representation bill read 2d time

An engrossed bill to alter the representation of Queen's county, was read a third time.

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence,

Amendment moved to defer bill

Mr. McClearn moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution with reference to such bill:

Whereas, the electors in the township of Liverpool have now the privilege of giving three votes for members of assembly, and this bill reduces that privilege to two votes, without increasing the number of votes which the electors in the Northern district have now the privilege to give: And whereas, the petition in favor of the measure has comparatively few signatures,

Resolved,

Resolved therefore, That this bill be deferred to the next session, until the electors of the township of Liverpool have had an opportunity to express their opinions on this question :

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

Resolution lost on division

For the resolution.

Against the resolution.

Mr. Bent,
 " McFarlane,
 " Killam,
 " J. Campbell,
 " White,
 " Bill,
 " Thorne,
 " Moses,
 " Bourneuf,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Brown,
 " Whitman,
 " Ryder,
 " Wilkins,
 " McClearn.

Mr. Gilderd,
 " Munro,
 " Martell,
 " Tobin,
 Hon. Prov. Sec'y.
 Mr. Bailey,
 " Fuller,
 " Rinhard,
 " McDonald,
 " Chambers,
 " McKenzie,
 " McKinnon,
 " Tupper,
 " Archibald,
 " Robertson,
 Hon. Mr. Wier,

Mr. Churchill,
 " Annand,
 " Dimock,
 " Morrison,
 Hon. Atty. General,
 Mr. Webster,
 " McLelan,
 " Davison,
 Hon. Mr. Locke,
 Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 Mr. Robecheau,
 " Smyth,
 " Wade,
 Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. Esson.

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter the representation of Queen's county.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—" of the expenditure of moneys on the roads," was read a third time.

Road expenditure bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—" of the expenditure of moneys on the roads."

An engrossed bill for the municipal government of townships, was read a third time.

Municipal township bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the municipal government of townships.

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

Bills sent to council

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That the sum of five pounds, number 188, appropriated to the road from the Bluff shore road to the light house in King's county in 1853, and undrawn, be appropriated to the road from Long Island to James N. Crane's.

Change of appropriation, King's

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

The bill to authorize the alteration of certain electoral districts, and the addition of one electoral district in the county of Guysborough, was read a second time.

Guysborough electoral districts bill read 2d time, and Referred to committee on private bills

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

The following bills were also read a second time.

Bills read 2d time and committed, viz : Clerk of crown Juries

A bill to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16 Victoria, and

A bill to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—" of juries."

Ordered, That such 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported

Municipal counties

amendment

Brier Island roads

Bridgewater bridge

River John road

Sable River road

Annapolis and Liver-

pool road

Immigrants and Pier

companies

Whycocomah church

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties; the bill relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby; the bill to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg; the bill to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes—"of laying out certain great roads"; the bill for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne; the bill for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool; the bill to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes—"of immigrants"; the bill to amend chapters 76 and 80 of the acts 18 Victoria, and had directed him to report the same to the house, severally, without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Indian Rear, at Whycocomah, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill: and he delivered the bill together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

Statute labor amndt.

bill

Mr. McLelan reported from the committee on statute labor, by bill;

And thereupon, he presented to the house 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.

Member added to con-

tingency committee

Ordered, That Mr. Wilkins be added to the committee on the contingencies of the house.

Leave of absence

Ordered, That Mr. Bent and Mr. Brown have leave of absence after to-morrow, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Hyde, and Mr. C. J. Campbell, have leave of absence after Thursday next, on urgent private business.

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

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Change of appropria-

tion, Victoria

On motion of Mr. Munro,

Resolved, That the sum of forty-two pounds one shilling and two pence, undrawn from last year's division of road money for the county of Victoria, viz:

No. 4	1854	£10	0	0
26	1855	10	0	0
44	"	4	0	0
48	"	18	1	2
		£42	1	2

be added to the grant for the road and bridge service of that county, and be appropriated in the road scale for the present year.

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

Bills read 3d time

Whycocomah church

An engrossed bill, to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Indian Rear, at Whycocomah, was read a third time. Resolved.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of McLean's Free church at Indian Rear, in the county of Inverness. Title altered

An engrossed bill to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg, was read a third time. Bridgewater bridge

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg.

An engrossed bill to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes—“of laying out certain great roads,” was read a third time. Great roads at River John

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes—“of laying out certain great roads.”

An engrossed bill for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne, was read a third time. Sable River road

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne.

An engrossed bill for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool, was read a third time. Annapolis and Liverpool road

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool,

An engrossed bill to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes—“of immigrants,” was read a third time. Immigrants

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes—“of immigrants.”

An engrossed bill to amend chapters 76 and 80 of the acts of 18th Victoria, was read a third time. Pier companies

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapters 76 and 80 of the acts of 18th Victoria.

Mr. Chambers, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter and further 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. Statute labor amend bill

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the bill be printed for circulation by the members for the several counties. Order to print bill

Mr. Ryder 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 of fishery com.

(See appendix No. 77.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. Wade reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nepean Clarke; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on petition of N. Clarke

(See appendix No. 78.)

And thereupon,

Mr. Churchill moved that such report be not received: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, fifteen. Not received on division

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Ordered, That such report be not received by the house.

Adjourned debate on
sheriffs' bill

The order of the day being read,
The house resumed the consideration of the bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs".

Bill committed on di-
vision

And the question being propounded from the chair, that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole house; and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty; against it, seventeen.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

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

Resolution to postpone
education bill

The hon. the attorney general moved that the house do come to the following resolution:
Whereas, the bill, entitled, "an act for the better encouragement of education," having been considered by a select committee, consisting of a member for each county, was reported therefrom, and has since passed with various amendments and modifications through the committee of the whole house, and it is expedient to wait the expression of public opinion on the several clauses of the bill as it now stands:

Resolved, That the bill be printed with that view, and that one thousand copies thereof be distributed during the recess, throughout the several counties and districts of the province.

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly,

Bill deferred till next
session

Ordered, That the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session.

Bill to continue edu-
cation laws read twice
and committed

The honorable the attorney general, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to continue the laws relating to education; and the same was read a first, and *nem con.* a second time.

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

Municipal counties'
amendment bill read
3d time

An engrossed bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties, was read a third time.

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence;

Mr. Tupper moved that the bill be amended, by omitting the first clause thereof, and substituting therefor the following clause:

"The first section of the act for the municipal government of counties is hereby repealed; and the several counties in the province, and the districts mentioned in the fourth section of that act, not now incorporated, shall respectively be, and become incorporated municipalities under that act, on and after the first Tuesday of November next; and the election therein, shall be held by the sheriffs and presiding officers named by them on the third Tuesday of November next, in conformity to the directions of such act:"

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

For the amendment.

Mr. Hyde,
 " Bent,
 " Thorne,
 " McClearn,
 " Wilkins,
 " J. Campbell,
 " White,
 " Killam,
 " McFarlane,
 " Tobin,
 " Churchill,
 Hon. Pro. Secretary,

Mr. C. J. Campbell,
 " Moses,
 " Tupper
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Whitman,
 " Esson,
 " Brown.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Fuller,
 Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. Rinhard,
 " Munro,
 " Robertson,
 " Gilderd,
 " Bailey,
 " McKenzie,
 " Bourneuf,
 " Bill,
 " Webster,
 " Martell,

Mr. McLelan,
 " Chambers,
 " Ryder,
 " Robecheau,
 Hon. Mr. Locke,
 Hon. Att. General,
 Mr. Dimock,
 Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 Mr. Smyth,
 " Morrison,
 " Wade,
 " Archibald.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Chambers then moved that the first clause of the act be amended, by modifying the same as follows :

" It shall not be lawful for any sheriff to hold meetings for the acceptance or rejection of the act to which this is an amendment, until a requisition is handed to him signed by three hundred freeholders, certified as directed in said act, instead of one hundred as therein mentioned :"

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

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. McLelan then moved that the bill be amended, by adding the following clause :

" The ninety-sixth, one hundred and third, one hundred and fifth, and one hundred and ninth sections of the act, of which this is an amendment, are hereby repealed :"

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

For the amendment.

Mr. Rinhard,
 " Gilderd,
 " Bourneuf,
 " Dimock,
 " McLelan,
 " Chambers,
 " Morrison,
 " Webster,
 " Robertson,
 " Wade,
 Hon. Fin. Secretary.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Hyde,
 " Bent,
 " Killam,
 " McClearn,
 " White,
 " J. Campbell,
 " C. J. Campbell,
 " Thorne,
 " Tobin,
 " Brown,
 " McFarlane,

Mr. Bill,
 " Churchill,
 " Wilkins,
 " Moses,
 " Ryder,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Whitman,
 " Tupper,
 Hon. Att. General,
 Mr. Smyth,
 " McDonald,

Hon. Pro. Secretary,
 Mr. Archibald,
 " Esson.

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act for the municipal government of counties.

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

Mr. Archibald proposed the following address to her majesty on the subject of the proposed arrangement with the general mining association, and moved that the same do pass, viz :

To

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble address of the house of assembly of the province of Nova Scotia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY—

Address

1°. We, your majesty's faithful and loyal subjects the commons of Nova Scotia, have maturely considered the despatches recently received from your majesty's ministers, together with the drafts of three instruments connected with the mines and minerals of this province, and of a bill to give effect to those instruments, which have been forwarded to us for our sanction and approval.

2°. We are required through your Majesty's secretary of state formally to recognize, and by our own act confirm, a lease to be granted to the representatives of the duke of York, for a period to terminate on the 25th August, 1886, "of all and singular the mines of gold, silver, coal, iron, iron stone, lime stone, slate rock, tin, copper, lead, and all other mines, minerals and ores in the province of Nova Scotia," with the exception of such as previously to 1826 had passed from the crown under grants in which reservations were not inserted.

3°. We beg to call your majesty's attention to the views which the assembly of Nova Scotia have always held with regard to the grant of 1826, and which have been brought to the notice of your majesty by our repeated addresses.

4°. In no colony of your Majesty's dominions does there exist a more loyal attachment to your majesty's person and government than in Nova Scotia. The legislature of this province, when the exigencies of the empire required their co-operation, have not hesitated to shew in the most significant manner their heartfelt sympathy with the parent country; and they can point with some pride to their journals and their statute book to testify the sincerity of their attachment.

5°. In no colony of your majesty's dominions have the pride and manly spirit of its population been more deeply wounded by the exercise of the royal prerogative.—The act of your royal predecessor in 1826, disposing of all that is valuable in the minerals of a province equal in extent to half of England, and distinguished for many of the physical and geological features which have made England what she is, justified by no necessity of state, and sacrificing to individual interests the prosperity of a whole province, has created in the minds of the people of Nova Scotia, a sense of injury which nothing but their loyalty and generous attachment to your Majesty's person and crown have prevented from ripening into feelings which none would deplore more sincerely than your Majesty's faithful commons of Nova Scotia. We are now called upon to affix by our own deliberate act, the seal to our provincial degradation. We are required to enact that the coal which warms our people; the gypsum, the quarrying and exportation of which gives employment to thousands of our population and to much of our tonnage; even the clay and the slate and the limestone which enter into every branch of industry, and are essential to the comfort and almost to the existence of our people—in one word every thing but the bare soil on which we tread, are to be handed over to the representatives of an individual, to be sublet by them to a company. We are to take steps to vest in this body the right to prosecute thousands of our people for acts in which they have been engaged all their lives; to say that every house they build, every quarry they open, every ship they load with the materials which lie in boundless profusion at their own doors, shall subject them to be prosecuted as trespassers or tried as criminals.

6°. We do not mean to intimate to your majesty that the duke of York's representatives or the general mining association would so use the powers they ask us to confer. We know they could not do so, because it would destroy themselves, but we wish the liberties and the privileges of our people to be held by a tenure more dignified and more secure than the generosity of two English gentlemen, or the prudential considerations of a commercial company.

7°. For these reasons we cannot consent to pass the bill which has been submitted to us. We are ready and willing, we have always been ready and willing to admit the benefits which this province has derived from the operations of the general mining association. We have no desire to interfere with any mines they are working; we are willing to allow them as extensive an area round each mine as they can reasonably require for the successful prosecution of their operations. We have already at the sacrifice of interests to which some portion of our population attached a great value, acceded to changes in our relations with the United States which have relieved from a tax of 30 per cent. the only article which the company exports, in the principal market to which it is exported. We are even willing to go further: to remit to the company one-half of the royalty they pay on that part of the coal to which that royalty applies; to engage to impose upon all other parties who may open coal mines, a burthen equal to the royalty which the company will have to pay; and we will engage that no export duty shall be levied on coal. But we ask as the condition for these concessions that they shall forego a claim which is of no value to them but of great injury to us—that they shall relieve us from the sense of injury involved in the monopoly they claim; and allow us, whether we choose to exercise the power or not, at least the freedom to engage in any mining enterprise which we may consider to be for our own interests or the interests of our people.

8°. Your majesty's faithful commons are willing to admit that the legislature of this province have enacted laws which may be considered as sanctioning, to some extent at least, the claim of the general mining association. The civil list act of 1849 refers to the rights then existing under the lease of 1826, and the agreement of 1828, but the assembly which passed that act had before them at the time the despatch of your majesty's colonial minister Earl Grey, under date of the 20th June, 1848, in which they were informed that if the existing arrangement was really detrimental to the province, and practically stood in the way of the development of its resources, your majesty's minister was of opinion "that it would not be impossible to induce the association to come upon reasonable terms to a modification of their claims." The same assembly which passed that act, passed in the same session, and almost on the same day, without a dissentient voice, a series of resolutions, and adopted a report, both of which were transmitted to your majesty, and in which documents they reiterate the assertions so often made in previous addresses, that they considered the grant an improvident and unconstitutional exercise of the royal prerogative. This report and these resolutions were transmitted to the colonial secretary on the 2d May, 1849, and therefore were in the possession of your majesty's ministers a considerable period before your majesty's assent was given to the act which passed at the same session.

9°. Your Majesty's faithful commons therefore conceive that these circumstances qualify the assent implied by the passing of that act, and indicate the extent to which the legislature were disposed to go in the recognition of existing rights. We beg to state further to your majesty that on other grounds we cannot consent to ratify these documents.

10°. Under the treasury minute of 1845, the royalty is payable *on all coal that is raised* over and above the 26,000 chaldrons to which the fixed rent applies. The documents we are called upon to sanction contain the important exception of such coals as shall be used in working the mines and engines, and in smelting the ores and minerals and manufacturing the same. The extent to which this exception will operate at present is very considerable, but would be greatly increased if the company were to engage in the manufacture of iron or other smelting operations. If the association take their stand on the minute of 1845, they have no right to ask this concession, and they cannot be surprised that the people of this province should decline to append to an arrangement to which they have always objected an additional article to make it still more objectionable.

11°. One other important feature in these documents is the alteration in the arrangements with the duke of York's representatives.

12°. The mines at Pictou and Sydney have alone been wrought to any extent. These mines were reserved in the original lease to the duke of York; his representatives therefore had no interest in the proceeds of the reserved mines. The association claim them under the agreement of 1828, yet we learn by the documents now before us, that they have agreed to pay to the representatives of the duke of York on all coals raised in this province, as well from these as from any other mines, 1s. 6d. sterling, equal to 1s. 10 1-2d. currency, on every Newcastle chaldron; thus imposing upon a necessary article of consumption a tax to be borne by the consumer to an extent nearly equal to the royalty paid to the province. Already a sum of £55,416 10 2 sterling has accumulated from this source, and only awaits the execution of these instruments, to be transferred to the duke of York's creditors.

13°. It is impossible to contemplate this feature of the arrangement, without feeling that so long as the association monopolize the supply of coal, our people have to pay on an article of necessary consumption a tax which it cannot be pretended they ought to bear, to which they were not even subject by the original arrangement made by the crown in 1828, and which is imposed upon them by a grant to which they were no party, to which they have given no assent, express or implied.

14°. In refusing to complete the documents submitted to us, we do so from a sense of the duty we owe to the people we represent; but we earnestly hope that the offers we make may be accepted in the spirit in which they are made, and that your majesty will be graciously pleased to interpose your powerful influence to close this protracted and irritating controversy.

15°. In conclusion, we beg to assure your majesty that, in our belief, it is the true interest of the association to adopt our proposition. If they consent to do so, and bring their operations into harmony with the general feeling of the community, they will be respected as benefactors, not dreaded or disliked as monopolists; and on the vast field for industrial operations on which they have entered, they will be aided by the cordial good will and kind sympathies of our whole people.

And thereupon,

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

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectfully requested to take such steps, as in the judgment of his excellency in council, may be most advisable to effect a settlement or compromise of the controversy relating to the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia, on the terms set forth in the address to her Majesty, adopted by this house during the present session, or on such modifications thereof as the governor in council may approve.

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectfully requested to procure for the information of this house a return, duly attested by the proper officers of the general mining association, setting forth the quantity of all coal dug or extracted in each year since 1844, at each of the mines worked by the association in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, not included in the copies of entries from the *upper sales books* of their mines returned to this house in 1854.

And such motions respectively being seconded,

Ordered, That the house do, to-morrow, proceed to the consideration of such address and resolutions.

Consideration postponed until to-morrow

Private bills reported
Electoral districts,
Guysborough
Melford bridge, Pictou
New Glasgow road

Mr McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to authorize the alteration of certain electoral districts, and the addition of one electoral district in the county of Guysborough; the bill to provide for rebuilding Melford bridge over the West River of Pictou; and the bill to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's; and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

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

Mr.

Mr. Killam reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Wm. Young and Thomas Donohoe; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered the same in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 79.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted,

On motion, the house resolved itself into the 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 the jury law, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the bill for the preservation of pheasants, and the bill to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries," and had made amendments to such 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.

Ordered, That the bill reported without amendment be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

The bill to alter and amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes—"of surveyors of highways and highway labor," except in Halifax, was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That Mr. McDonald have leave of absence, on or after Friday next, on urgent private business.

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

WEDNESDAY, 9th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McKeagney reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Isle Madame, praying for the levying of a tax on dogs; 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. 80.)

Ordered, That the report be received, and adopted.

The hon. Mr. Johnston reported from the committee to whom were referred the bill to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes—"of the probate court"; and the engrossed bill from the council to amend the same chapter of the revised statutes, and the acts in amendment thereof, and had considered and made amendments to such 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.

Such bills were then severally read a second time.

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

On motion of Mr. McLelan,

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectively requested to direct the decisions of the supreme court for the present year, or such portions thereof as may be advisable, to have one insertion in some one of the principal newspapers in general circulation in the city of Halifax, and this house will provide for the expense at its next session.

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

Committee on bills

Report Jury law

Preservation of pheasants
Juries (revised stat.)
amend.

Statute labor bill committed

Leave of absence

Report from committee as to tax on dogs

Report from committee on probate law amend bills

Bills committed

Resolution as to sup. court decisions

Return from Arichat
academy

The honorable the attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the annual return shewing the condition during the past year of the academy at Arichat, and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the return do lie on the table.

Message from council

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

30 money grant* agreed
to

The council have agreed to thirty resolutions for granting various sums of money for the public service, viz :

£300	0	0	Yarmouth road advance postponed.
			members of assembly's pay.
			members of council's pay.
67	10	10	overseers of poor, Clare.
3	6	7	overseers of poor, Shelburne.
10	0	0	Wallace ferry.
35	0	0	serjeant and messengers increased salary.
75	0	0	survey of road at Annapolis.
150	0	0	Port Hood harbor.
25	0	0	each, chancery bill commissioners.
50	0	0	bankruptcy bill commissioners.
500	0	0	board landing bridge, Truro.
100	0	0	members of government, travelling expenses.
200	0	0	clerk of bills.
50	0	0	training school.
100	0	0	breakwater, Barnaby mill cove.
50	0	0	J. C. Wade, Esq., temporary speaker.
500	0	0	stg. hon. J. Howe.
50	0	0	Amherst seminary.
9	4	6	survey Marshy Hope road.
60	0	0	importation of pheasants.
200	0	0	clerk and clerk assistant.
50	0	0	Halifax dispensary.
			controllers at outports.
100	0	0	visiting dispensary.
50	0	0	house of refuge.
100	0	0	reporting decisions supreme court.
10	0	0	stg., erier vice admiralty court.
30	0	0	Edmund Crowell, Seal Island.
20	0	0	boat at Mud Island.

Also, resolutions as to
Inland nav. com'y, and
Cornwallis bridge

The council have also agreed two resolutions of this honorable house for granting £2000 to the Inland navigation company ; and to a resolution for granting £400 to aid in purchasing the Cornwallis bridge.

Council desire con-
ference

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.

Managers appointed

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

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald, the hon. Mr. Locke, and Mr. McFarlane, be a committee to manage such conference.

So they went to the conference,

And being returned,

And report

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

Mr.

Mr. Wilkins, from the committee to whom was referred the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—"of suits against absent or absconding debtors," reported that they had considered the bill, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Committee on absconding debtors' bill report

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

Bill committed

The hon. Mr. Locke, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a return relative to the number and locality of mines opened by the general mining association, pursuant to notices given to them, under the act of 1853, and the same was read by the clerk.

Return as to opening of mines

Ordered, That such return do lie on the table, and be printed in the appendix to the journals, together with the return on the same subject, presented to the house on the seventh day of March last.

(See appendix No. 11—parts 3 and 4.)

Mr. Archibald moved that the report of the committee on the crown lands presented to the house on the thirty-first day of March last, be received and adopted by the house, and that such parts thereof as recommend grants of money be referred to the committee of supply: which being seconded,

Motion to adopt crown land report

Mr. Wade moved, by way of amendment thereto, the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the committee on crown lands as refers to the petition of Messieurs Northup and McHefey be not received, and that in the opinion of this house, the petitioners are entitled to receive a grant of the lands applied for by them, under the circumstances detailed in their petition:

Amendment moved

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

And lost on division

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Mr. McKenzie,
" Martell,
" Tupper,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,
Mr. J. Campbell,
" Wade,
" Tobin,
" Whitman,
" Bourneuf,
Hon. Fin. Secretary,
Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. McClearn,
" McDonald,
" McKinnon,
" Hyde,
" Bill,
" Rinhard,
" Munro,
" Moses,
" Webster,
" Bailey,
" Robertson,
" Annand,
" Churchill,

Mr. Killam,
" Bent,
" Thorne,
" Esson,
" Davison,
" Keagney,
" C. J. Campbell,
Hon. Mr. Locke,
Mr. McFarlane,
" Gilderd,
Hon. Mr. Wier,
Mr. Chambers,
" White,

Mr. McLelan,
" Archibald,
Hon. Att. General,
Hon. Pro. Secretary,
Mr. Brown,
" Parker,
" Dimock,
" Ryder,
" Morrison,
Hon. Sol. General,
Mr. Smyth.

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

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

Report adopted and referred

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

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 authorize assessments for railway damages, and had made amendments thereto, which they

Report railway damages bill

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 such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed with the amendments.

Assessments bill

An engrossed bill, to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment.

Ordered to council

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 house do, to-morrow, proceed to the consideration of the address and resolutions on the subject of the mines and minerals.

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

THURSDAY, 10th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Maitland road bill read
2d time and

The bill to provide for the making of a road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road, was read a second time.

Referred to private
bills com.

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

Bills read 3d time,
Brier Island roads

An engrossed bill relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby.

Pheasants

An engrossed bill for the preservation of pheasants, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the preservation of pheasants.

Jury law

An engrossed bill, to amend the jury law, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the jury law.

Sent to council

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

Maitland road bill re-
ported and committed

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to provide for the making of a road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

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

Mines and minerals
address moved

The order of the day being read,

The house proceeded to the consideration of the address and resolutions proposed and moved on Thursday last, relative to the mines and minerals of this province.

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

Mr. Wilkins then moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the house do come to the following resolution:

1^o *Whereas*, her majesty's secretary of state for the colonies, has transmitted to the lieutenant-governor, indentures designed to convey to the general mining association, for the term of 60 years, from the year 1826, certain mines and minerals in Nova Scotia, in accordance with an agreement, made and entered into between her majesty's government and the association, with a request and recommendation, that the same should be ratified and sanctioned by this province, and hath also transmitted the form of an act, which her majesty's government are desirous to have enacted by the provincial legislature, for the purpose of confirming and enrolling the said indentures;

2°. *And whereas* the honorable William Young, her majesty's provincial attorney general, and the leader of the government, hath introduced the act so transmitted, but hath formally declared his intention, to oppose the passage thereof, and prevent the same from being enacted:

3°. *And whereas* by an act passed on the 8th March, 1849, her majesty's reversionary interest in the mines and minerals claimed by the general mining association, was transferred to the province; and it is expedient that the province, now possessing the legal title to the mines, &c., should concur in perfecting the title of the general mining association, for the residue of the term of 60 years—*provided*, the faith of the crown had been pledged to the association, to grant them such term, at the time the reversionary interest was so passed to the province, and the province accepted the same subject to and with full knowledge of the agreement, between her majesty's government and the association:

4°. *And whereas* it is plain, that at the time the reversionary interest passed to the province, the legislature were fully apprised of the existence of the agreement between her majesty's government and the association, which is now sought to be executed, and confirmed; inasmuch as the civil list bill recites the lease of the duke of York of the 25th August, 1826, whereby certain mines and minerals in this province, were leased to his royal highness, for the term of 60 years; and it further refers to the agreement, whereby her majesty's government became bound to lease to the general mining association, the legal assignees of the claims and rights of the duke of York's representatives, all the other mines and minerals belonging to her majesty in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, "and which said mines," in the words of the civil list bill, "*under such agreement are in the possession of, and were or are now in operation by or for a certain company or partnership called the general mining association, and the rents, &c. are transferred to this province*"; and the said civil list bill expressly reserves to the said general mining association, their rights under the lease and the agreement then subsisting between her majesty's government and the said general mining association, before referred to.

5°. *And whereas* the general mining association at the time of, and long before, the passing of the civil list bill was extensively operating upon coal mines, both in Cape Breton and Nova Scotia proper, and have been from time to time plainly and publicly recognised, as the lessees in possession of the mines and minerals, claimed by them under the said lease and agreement, as appears from the following circumstances:

6°. So far back as the year 1839 an application having been made to the legislature by one Alexander Fraser, who had been prevented by the association from working a coal mine on his own land and prayed relief—the committee to whom the petition was referred, after having given the subject the most mature consideration, not only declined recommending the redress sought for, but reported favourably to the general mining association in the following eulogistic terms:—"The committee conceive that the operations of the general mining association so far as they have traced them in the county of Pictou, have not only been highly advantageous to the province by the introduction into it of much science and skill,—the erection of eleven steam engines,—the establishment of a foundry on an extensive scale, where steam machinery may be prepared and manufactured,—the creation of a foreign trade in coals, which during the last year employed 307 sail of shipping, and may be indefinitely extended—and the annual expenditure in the midst of a population employed in agriculture of upwards of £50,000—and to the town of New Glasgow, which appears to have trebled in size during the last ten years, and to the persons who have signed petition generally; the operations of this company would appear to have been a blessing and a benefit, even admitting the charge which it contains of a rise in the price of fuel: This strong opinion the committee are bound to express, for while they conceive it the duty of the legislature jealously to watch over the rights of individuals, it ought in a new country to favor and encourage the introduction and employment of capital and the protection of those who are largely extending the trade and developing the resources of the province from unnecessary interruption and annoyance."

7°. This report is signed among others by the honorable attorney general, who at that time while jealously watching the rights of individuals, declared the general mining association in their operations entitled to the protection of the legislature.

8°. The exclusive right of the association is recognized by that report, and it expressly refers to the reserved mines, which had been worked by Messrs. Mortimer, and Smith & Liddell, as having been assigned to the general mining association in 1828.

The report was received and adopted by the house on the 1st March, 1839.

9°. The house of assembly having so countenanced the rights of the general mining association in 1839,—the legislature afterwards on the 28th March, 1841, passed an act to incorporate that company. This act also recites the lease of the duke of York and Albany, and sanctions the possession of the mines and minerals by the association, and refers in express terms to the "*opening upon an extensive scale of, and with great expense, various mines of coal within this province, and the expenditure of a very large sum of money in the purchase of land, &c., amounting to £300,000 sterling and upwards.*"

10°. On the 16th day of March, 1846, the house of assembly, on motion of Mr. George R. Young, resolved to appoint a commission of legal men, to state a case for the opinion of counsel, as to the validity

of the title of the general mining association, to the mines and minerals claimed by them, and a ease was accordingly drawn up with great care and particularity, and submitted to Richard F. Kindersly,—Montagu Chambers, and J. Flemming, eminent English counsel.—And these gentlemen, on the 20th December, 1846, subscribed an opinion decidedly and unequivocally favorable to the title of the association, which opinion is recorded in the journals of 1847.

11°. The association having been so recognized and sanctioned by the legislature, another act was passed in 1853, to secure the people against a monopoly on the part of the association. This act also assumes the right of the general mining association, to open and work mines, and effectually secures the people against any exclusive or injurious monopoly, by authorizing the government, to lease any unopened mines, after notice, unless the same be worked *bona fide* by the association, within twelve months after the publication of such notice.

12°. Since the passing of the last mentioned act, several persons have applied for leases of unopened mines, and the twelve months have expired, and yet the association have not attempted to monopolise the raising of coal, by opening the said mines,—nor have any of the parties, who gave the notices, ventured to incur the risk and expense of opening the same themselves.

13°. There are nearly a million of acres of land, containing coal and other minerals, which have been granted in this province, which coal and other minerals were not reserved, and are not in any manner subject to the claim of the general mining association; so that in fact the general mining association have no monopoly whatever of the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia:

14°. And the lease and rights of the general mining association have been further recognized by the people of Nova Scotia, in a more substantial manner, by the acceptance at the treasury, of the royalty and rent reserved under the provisions of the lease, and agreement, between her majesty's government and that company, to the extent of many thousand pounds annually—which duty at this time amounts to about £9,000, and is daily on the increase, and becoming an important source of revenue.

15°. The association have paid in rent and royalty, to the use of this province, to the date of the passage of the civil list bill in 1849, about £109,423, and since that date £50,000; so that the province has received from the association, *under and pursuant to the terms of the agreement sought to be confirmed*, no less than £159,423, and it would seem unjust that the people of Nova Scotia, after accepting the rents and royalty under the agreement, for so great a length of time, and to so great an amount, should refuse to concur in the execution of that agreement on the part of the province.

16°. *And whereas* in the year 1845, with a view to the termination of certain legal proceedings then pending, it was agreed that the general mining association should thereafter be at liberty to raise 26,000 chaldrons of coal, for the rent of £3,000 sterling, instead of 20,000 which they would be authorised to raise under the agreement of 1826, expressly "*subject to such conditions and limitations in other respects as were contained in the original agreement made with the association,*" one of which conditions was that all coal used by the association in their own works, &c., should be free from rent or royalty; and the indentures before referred to, are intended to, and if executed will, confirm the agreement of her majesty's government precisely as it existed at the time of the passing of the civil list bill, and no alteration whatever has since that time been made in the terms of the agreement; and the legislature were fully apprised of the nature of the agreement, when the civil list bill was enacted, and no deception has been practised upon the province in relation to the terms thereof,—although it is erroneously stated, in a minute of the executive council, dated 23rd December, 1854, which is also signed by the attorney general, that the fact that 9d. sterling on every chaldron of coal raised, was reserved to be paid to the representatives and creditors of the duke of York, *was "certainly made known to the people of this province for the first time in the last session of the assembly,"* whereas in fact, the existence of that charge of 9d. was distinctly and plainly communicated to the legislature, by a despatch of the colonial secretary, bearing date the 20th June, 1848, and a letter of the honble. Samuel Cunard, dated the 16th May, 1848, many months before the passing of the civil list bill, as by reference to the journals of 1849 will appear.

17°. *And whereas* the faith of her majesty's government has been pledged to the general mining association to secure to them, for the residue of the term agreed upon, the rights and privileges, which they have practically exercised and enjoyed under these agreements; and this province having received the reversionary interest in the said mines and minerals, expressly and unequivocally, subject to the agreement, which her majesty's government is bound to fulfil:

18°. *Resolved therefore*, as the opinion of this house, that the province also is, in honor and good faith, bound to execute that agreement, and that the bill introduced by the attorney general, and read a first time, should be committed for the purpose of ascertaining whether the indentures referred to are conformable to the spirit of the said agreement; and if so, that the bill should be carried through its various stages, and become law:

Which being seconded and put, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

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

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the South Baptist meeting house at Wilmot; the bill, entitled, an act concerning the marking of logs in the county of Queen's; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company; and the bill, entitled, an act for the regulation of railways, without any amendment.

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Erasmus hall company; and a bill, entitled, an act to enable private persons to implead the provincial government—to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Erasmus hall company, and an act to enable private persons to implead the provincial government, were then respectively read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That Mr. Churchill have leave of absence after Monday next, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. Smyth have leave of absence after Saturday next, on urgent private business.

The order of the day being read,

Ordered, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, 11th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

Ordered, That the report of the committee on education be adopted and referred to the committee of supply.

Ordered, That the report of the committee on the petition of Desire Purrier and others, be adopted and referred to the committee of supply.

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

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 in the consideration of the supply.

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.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries," was read a third time.

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence,

Mr. Whitman moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the further consideration of the bill be deferred until next session:

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, nine; against it, nineteen.

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries."

Ordered,

Message from council

South Baptist meeting house
Marking of logs
Liverpool marine railway company and railway regulation bills agreed to

Council's Erasmus hall com'p and impleading government bills

Read 1st time

Leave of absence

Leave of absence

Road scales

Education report adopted and referred

Report on petition of D, Purrier adopted and referred

Committee of supply

Report progress

Jurtes' amendt. bill read 3d time

Motion to defer

Negatived on division

Bill passed

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

Despatch as to destitute seamen

The hon. the provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house a circular despatch from the colonial office at Downing street, on the subject of making provision for destitute seamen belonging to this province, in the ports of the united kingdom; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 81.)

Ordered, That the despatch do lie on the table.

Report of committee on J. Wilson's petition

Mr. Killam reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Wilson, praying to be released from a judgment obtained against him by the provincial government; 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. 82.)

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

Message

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—"of the expenditure of moneys upon the roads"; the bill, entitled, an act for improving the main road from Annapolis to Liverpool; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of McLean's Free church at Indian Rear, in the county of Inverness; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act for the municipal government of counties; the bill, entitled, an act for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne; the bill, entitled, an act to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg; the bill, entitled, an act to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes—"of laying out certain great roads"; the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 76 and 80 of the acts 18th Victoria; and the bill, entitled, an act to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes—"of immigrants," severally without any amendments.

The council have also agreed to a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women," with amendments—to which they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house respecting the publication of the decisions of the supreme court, and to fourteen resolutions of this honorable house for changing appropriation of road monies, viz:

County of Halifax,	£72	10	2
King's,	102	19	6
do.	5	0	0
Victoria,	42	1	2
Queen's,	29	2	0
Graysboro',	36	19	5
Lunenburg,	30	6	0
Shelburne,	24	19	4
Pictou,	113	9	6
Yarmouth,	40	13	0
Annapolis,	3	4	11
Richmond,	81	0	4
Digby,	45	11	0
Cumberland,	188	14	7

Resolution as to law reports

Changes of appropriation

Council's bills

Cornwallis bridge
St. George's society

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of Cornwallis toll bridge; a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate Saint George's charitable society in Halifax;

Halifax; a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Hantsport cemetery company; and the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—"of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," and the act of 1855 in amendment thereof—to which bills respectively, they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Hantsport cemetery
Pilotage

And then the messenger withdrew.

The four last mentioned engrossed bills from the council, and the council's amendments to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women," were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Council's bills read

The order of the day for the further consideration of the address to her majesty, and the resolutions on the subject of the mines and minerals of this province, and the resolutions moved yesterday in amendment thereto, being read, the house resumed the adjourned debate on that subject; and after some time spent therein, the question was propounded from the chair, that such amendment be agreed to by the house;

Order of day
Mines and minerals
address

And the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twelve; against it, thirty-five.

1st amendment lost on
division

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McLelan,	Mr. Martell,	Mr. Robertson,
" McKeagney,	" Gilderd,	" Bailey,	" Dimock,
" Thorne,	" Webster,	" Parker,	Hon. Att. General,
" Bent,	" Ryder,	" Churchill,	Mr. Archibald,
" J. Campbell,	" McKinnon,	" McKenzie,	" Robecheau,
" Hyde,	" Munro,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	" Smyth,
" McClearn,	" Moses,	Mr. Chambers,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Tupper,	Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Tobin,	Mr. Davison,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. C. J. Campbell,	" Bourneuf,	" Esson,
Mr. Whitman,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,	" McDonald,	" Wade,
" White,	Mr. Bill,	" Morrison,	" Fuller.
" Wilkins.	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	" Annand,	

So it passed in the negative.

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

2d amendment moved

1°. *Whereas*, the communications made by her majesty's government to the government of Nova Scotia, relative to the title of the representatives of the duke of York and the general mining association to mines and minerals in this province, present considerations, in which the honor of the crown, the just obligations of the legislature of Nova Scotia, and the legal rights of individuals are subjects of enquiry, and which therefore demand from this house an investigation, rational, calm, and impartial. But the address to the queen now offered for the adoption of the house contains inaccuracies and exaggerations on one side of the question, while facts of great weight on the other side are omitted; and instead of treating the question of legal obligation and legal right, that lie at the foundation of the subject, the address indulges in complaints, which, after thirty years since the wrong complained of was committed, with the complexities of duties, liabilities and interest, which have arisen in that period, can lead to no national solution of the enquiry.

2°. Although every Nova Scotian feels, that in the grant to the duke of York, a considerate regard to the rights of the people of this province was not manifested, and although ministers of the crown have acknowledged that in the improved relations that have since grown up between the colonies and the parent state, such a grant would not be made, yet the sense of the wrong affords no reason for exaggerating the extent of the injury. In this respect the address should have noticed—1st, that large tracts of land were granted anciently in Nova Scotia, out of which some of the more valuable

minerals

minerals including coal and iron, were not reserved, as is significantly apparent in the instances of the deposits of iron in the counties of Colchester and Annapolis. 2nd, that as regards minerals of inferior character as "the gypsum, the clay, the slate, and the limestone," mentioned in the address, in a great proportion of the grants previously to 1826, these were not reserved; and 3d, that the condition in the lease which emanates from its operation, minerals of every degree, which after 12 months notice, the lessee should not work, gives security against monopoly of every effective and extensive operation, and shows that the advice of the crown in framing the lease did not omit to guard against that mischief, and were not insensible to the interests of the province.

3°. The representation made in the address of the feeling existing in Nova Scotia in regard to the leases to the duke of York and the general mining association is much overwrought. Notwithstanding that for several years individuals have, in the legislature, argued in strong terms the wrongs inflicted upon the people by these leases, yet except in a few localities it has not become a subject of much interest or enquiry.

4°. The inference is unwarranted which the address leaves to be drawn, that the benefit of the general mining association was the ground on which sacrifices of provincial interests were acceded to in the reciprocity treaty; they who sustained and they who opposed that measure would have equally done so, although the interest of the general mining association had not been promoted or impaired by their respective lines of policy.

5°. Multiplied acts of recognition by the assembly, through a series of years, are unnoticed in the address, and from an ambiguity of its expression it may be inferred that the civil list act of 1849 was the chief if not the sole measure of that character; while the effect of that act is weakened by the suggestion that the legislature was influenced by the hope of compromise founded on a despatch of Earl Grey; yet the fact is, that the civil list act of 1849 was but the renewal, with some modifications in salaries required by the imperial government of a similar act in 1848, which passed before that despatch was written.

6°. Two acts, one of the assembly, the other of the legislature of Nova Scotia, from their peculiar application can never be thrown out of sight in common fairness, when this question is discussed. In 1839, a committee of the house comprising of men so distinguished in provincial affairs as the honorables Joseph Howe, Herbert Huntington, William Young, E. M. Dodd, and H. Bell, rejected the application of a landholder near the Pictou Mines, who complained that the association had prevented his raising coal for sale on his own land. The committee left him to seek a remedy at law; and after eulogising the benefits to the country from the capital and science already introduced by the association, expressing their opinion that "*while they conceive it the duty of the legislature, jealousy to watch over the rights of individuals, it ought, in a new country, to favor and encourage the introduction and employment of capital, and the protection of those who are largely extending the trade, and developing the resources of the province from unnecessary interruption and annoyance.*"

The house adopted their report.

In 1841 the legislature carried out this policy by passing an act for incorporating the general mining association, in which it is recited that the "*association having become proprietors of a certain lease granted to the duke of York, of certain mines, minerals, ores, and other property of like description in this province—one of the purposes of the association was the working, opening and carrying on mines and mining operation in this province*" and "*to facilitate the operation of the said association*" is expressed among the reasons for granting the corporate privileges.

7°. It is true that the house of assembly has frequently since protested against the lease and agreement under which the general mining association claim, and in 1846 caused the opinion of eminent lawyers in London to be obtained, at the provincial expense. But that opinion sustained the title of the association, and it is not less true that the ministers of the crown have ever refused to sanction even the questioning that title. It was, with a despatch to that effect on its table, in answer to a remonstrance, in the previous year, that the assembly passed the civil list bill in 1848, while they
renewed

renewed the remonstrances which had ever previously met resolute and positive rejection from the imperial government.

8°. The legislature of Nova Scotia had a right to controvert the title of the general mining association, but they were bound to be consistent—they cannot have the right to treat it as valid as far as it promotes the interests of the province, and invalid where that interest is supposed to cease. By the civil list bill of 1848 and 1849, a contract was entered into between the crown and the legislature of Nova Scotia, by which, in return for a civil list, the province received a transfer of the casual and territorial revenues and rights vested in the sovereign. In the description of these revenues and rights the lease to the duke of York, and the agreement made by government with the mining association, are in terms most clear and positive acknowledged and recognized, and the present right of the crown to the rents and royalties accruing thereunder, and its future and reversionary interest in the mines and minerals themselves, are made the subject of transfer to the people of Nova Scotia, to which transfer this saving is added, “*subject only to the existing rights of the lessees, and persons entitled under the same lease and agreement as hereinbefore referred to, and of all persons lawfully claiming under them or any of them.*”

9°. Ever since that transfer, the provincial government and legislature have treated with the mining association on the basis of the lease and agreement—on this basis they have claimed a difference in the royalty between the coals raised under the lease and those raised in the reserved mines under the agreement. Have demanded royalty on the slack coal, and now demand it on coal raised though not sold, and have received in rent and royalty large sums annually, which since that transfer have reached an aggregate of £50,000.

10°. It has happened because the lease to the general mining association of the reserved coal mines was not executed, and their title therefore rested in contract and not in deed, that technical rules are supposed to have given to the province the legal title to these mines, subject to the obligation of the crown, instead of having transferred to it in law the reversionary estate.

11°. Out of this technicality grows the present question, and the British government require the legislature of Nova Scotia to fulfil an obligation which the crown was subject to at the time of the transfer. This obligation follows the title, and when the legislature of Nova Scotia, with knowledge of all the facts receives, and while it continues to enjoy the transfer of what was substantial in the engagements subsisting between the crown and the mining association, it cannot with honor reject the relative duties.

12°. Whether the deeds sent for confirmation by the colonial minister, conform to the rights and obligations as they existed when the title of the province accrued under the civil list bill in 1849, is an enquiry which ought not to be entered upon until the permanent question is determined upon affirmatively—that is to say, whether or not the lease to the duke of York and the agreement with the mining association possess legal efficacy.

13°. That question depends on the *legal*, not the *considerate*, exercise of the prerogative, for the general mining association are parties standing indifferent in this matter to the crown and the province—their title rests on the same legal principle, that is the foundation of the title to every acre of land and every dwelling in Nova Scotia, viz: the permanent title to the soil vested by the law of England in the sovereign; and they are entitled as of right and not as a favor to the benefit of the same rules of law and equity which they would be entitled to claim had their dealings been with private individuals.

14°. The British government admits the duty of the crown to fulfil its engagements as comprised in the lease to the duke of York, and the agreement with the general mining association. Hence it is unreasonable to require the association to enter upon terms of compromise offered on the part of the province, but based on the denial of the validity of their title.

15°. The time has passed when the question of the legal validity of the lease and agreement could be properly and effectively raised, and the legislature of Nova Scotia by its acts is stopped from denying their efficiency, and force. The remonstrances of the assembly or legislature cannot be resorted to for the purpose of controlling the solemn contract contained in the civil list bill, without violating known rules of law, while the repudiation of the lease and agreement as being legally invalid at the same moment that the rents and royalties growing out of them are enforced and enjoyed by the province, is inconsistent with justice and reason.

16°. The legislature of this province, owes it as a duty to the British government, fairly to carry out in all its relations and obligations the contract contained in the civil list act. It owes it to the general mining association without regard to technical advantages, and immunity from legal coercion, to fulfil the engagement of the crown, subsisting when that act passed; and it owes it to the people of Nova Scotia to preserve the honor of the province, and by determining a question of right which cannot longer be kept in controversy with any hope of a successful issue, to open the way to a harmonious arrangement with the general mining association, by which the most obnoxious rights under the lease to the duke of York may be resigned in title, as they never have been exercised in fact.

Therefore resolved, That the address to the queen under consideration be not agreed to; and that this house does acknowledge the obligation on the part of this province to fulfil to the general mining association the rights it has acquired, and the obligations under which the crown was placed by the lease to the duke of York, and the agreement with the association when the civil list act of 1849 transferred the rights of the crown thereunder to this province.

2d amendment lost on division

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

For the amendment.

Against the amendment.

Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McLelan,	Mr. Martell,	Mr. Robertson,
" McKeagney,	" Gilderd,	" Bailey,	" Dimock,
" Thorne,	" Webster,	" Parker,	Hon. Att. General,
" Bent,	" Ryder,	" Churchill,	Mr. Archibald,
" J. Campbell,	" McKinnon,	" McKenzie,	" Robecheau,
" Hyde,	" Munro,	Hon. Mr. Wier,	" Smyth,
" McClearn,	" Moses,	Mr. Chambers,	Hon. Sol. General,
" Tupper	Hon. Mr. Locke,	" Tobin,	Mr. Davison,
Hon. Mr. Johnston,	Mr. C. J. Campbell,	" Bourneuf,	" Esson,
Mr. Whitman,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,	" McDonald,	" Wade,
" White,	Mr. Bill,	" Morrison,	" Fuller.
" Wilkins.	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	" Annand,	

So it passed in the negative.

Address passed on division

The original question being then put, that the address do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirty-four; against it, thirteen.

For the motion.

Mr. McLelan,
 " Gilderd,
 " Webster,
 " Ryder,
 " McKinnon,
 " Munro,
 " Moses,
 Hon. Mr. Locke,
 Mr. C. J. Campbell,
 Hon. Prov. Sec'y.
 Mr. Bill,
 Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 Mr. Wade,

Mr. Martell,
 " Bailey,
 " Parker,
 " McKenzie,
 Hon. Mr. Wier,
 Mr. Chambers,
 " Tobin,
 " Bourneuf,
 " McDonald,
 " Morrison,
 " Annand,
 " Robertson,
 " Fuller,

Mr. Dimock,
 Hon. Atty. General,
 Mr. Archibald,
 " Robecheau,
 " Smyth,
 Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. Davison,
 " Esson.

Against the motion.

Mr. McFarlane,
 " McKeagney,
 " Thorne,
 " Bent,
 " J. Campbell,
 " Hyde,
 " McClearn,
 " Tupper,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Whitman,
 " White,
 " Wilkins,
 " Churchill.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon,
Ordered, That the address be engrossed.

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested to transmit the same to be laid at the foot of the throne.

Resolution asking governor to transmit

The question being then taken upon the two resolutions moved with the address, by Mr. Archibald on Tuesday last, on the subject of the mines and minerals, the same were severally agreed to by the house.

Mines and minerals resolutions passed

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee to whom was referred the consideration of the means to be adopted to procure the removal of the supreme court, and to obtain the use of the court room and other rooms in the provincial building, for the use of the legislature; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of court house committee

(See appendix No. 83.)

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Adopted

And thereupon,
 Mr. Archibald further reported from the same committee by bill.

Committee report court house bill read twice

And he presented to the house a bill to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.

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

And committed

Mr. Annand reported from the committee to whom was referred the subject of damage done to the lands of individuals, by certain great roads being carried through them; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Road damages report

(See appendix No. 84.)

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to authorize assessments for railway damages, was read a third time.

Railway damages read 3d time

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence,

Mr. McLelan moved that the bill be amended, by adding the following clause thereto, by way of ryder, viz:

Ryder moved

" Whenever the supreme court shall be required to amerce a county, the court shall proportion

proportion the sum among the townships and sections in the same manner as if the amerement had been made by the sessions:"

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

For the amendment.

Mr. Gilderd,
 " McDonald,
 " Rinhard,
 " Morrison,
 " Moses,
 " Dimock,
 " Churchill,
 " Davison,
 " McLelan,
 " Chambers,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston.

Against the amendment.

Mr. C. J. Campbell,	Mr. McKinnon,
" Brown,	" Bourneuf,
" Bent,	" Esson,
" Parker,	Hon. Prov. Secretary,
" Whitman,	Mr. Tobin,
" Bailey,	" Webster,
" Thorne,	" Smyth,
" White,	" Annand,
" McKenzie,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
" Bill,	Hon. M. Wier,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	Mr. J. Campbell.
Mr. Ryder,	

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

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

Bill passed

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.

Bills reported

Free church college

Electoral districts.
Guysborough

Maitland road

Registry of deeds
amendment

Preservation of roads

Birds

Melford bridge
Education

Annapolis school dis-
tricts

Fish inspection

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia; the bill to authorize the alteration of certain electoral districts, and the addition of one electoral district in the county of Guysborough; the bill to provide for the making of a road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road; the bill to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes—"of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands"; the bill to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of roads"; the bill to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of useful birds and animals"; the bill to provide for re-building Melford bridge over the West River of Pictou; and the bill to continue the laws relating to education; and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts; and the bill to amend the act 18 Victoria, relating to the inspection of fish, and had made amendments to such 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 clerks table, where such amendments were read.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

Cornwallis bridge bill
read 2d time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis Toll bridge, was *nem. com.* read second time.

Aud committed

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

Leave of absence

Ordered, That Mr. Rinhard have leave of absence after to-morrow.

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

Saturday,

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

The engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively, as follows, viz : an act to incorporate the Erasmus Hall company; an act to incorporate the Hantsport cemetery company; and an act to incorporate Saint George's charitable society, in Halifax; and the amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women," were then severally read a second time, and considered by the house.

Council's bills read and passed
Erasmus hall company
Hantsport cemetery
St. George's society,
and amendments to execution of deeds bill

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the bills and amendment be agreed to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills and amendment back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto respectively.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—"of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," and the act of 1855 in amendment thereof, was read a second time.

Council's pilotage bill

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

Referred to committee

An engrossed bill to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia, was read a third time.

Bills read 3d time
Free church college

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia.

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

Registry of deeds

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

Title altered

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of useful birds and animals," was read a third time.

Preservation of moose

Resolved, That that the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of useful birds and animals."

An engrossed bill to provide for re-building Melford bridge, over the West River of Pictou, was read a third time.

Melford bridge

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for re-building Melford bridge, over the West River of Pictou.

An engrossed bill to continue the laws relating to education, was read a third time.

Education

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the laws relating to education.

An engrossed bill to provide for the improvement of the road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road, was read a third time.

Maitland road

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for the improvement of the road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road.

An engrossed bill to authorize the alteration of certain electoral districts, and the addition of one electoral district in the county of Guysborough, was read a third time.

Electoral districts,
Guysborough

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize the alteration of certain electoral districts in the county of Guysborough.

Title altered

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of roads," was read a third time.

Preservation of roads

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of roads."

An

Annapolis school districts

An engrossed bill to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts.

Bills sent to council

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bills 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 chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported

Sheriffs

Setting of nets at Liverpool

New Glasgow road

Registry of ships

Statute labor amendt.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs"; the bill to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool; the bill to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's; and the bill to amend the act concerning the registry of ships, and had directed him to report the same severally to the house without any amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes—"of highways and highway labor," except in Halifax, 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.

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

Report on petition of Oliver Brennan

The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Brennan; 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. 85.)

Motion not receive

And thereupon,

Mr. McLelan moved that such report be not received:

Lost on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, four; against it, fourteen.

So it passed in the negative.

And accordingly,

Report referred to supply

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

Report on B. K. Dodge's petition referred to supply

Ordered, That the report on the petition of B. K. Dodge, from the committee on that subject, be adopted, and referred to the committee of supply.

Report as to East River referred to supply

Ordered, That the report of the committee on the subject of improving the navigation of the East River of Pictou be adopted, and referred to the committee of supply.

Road damages report referred to supply

Ordered, That the report of the committee on the subject of damages to lands, by the making of certain great roads through them, be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant, be referred to the committee of supply.

Report from committee on reporting debates next session

Mr. Tupper reported from the committee on the subject of reporting the debates of the house during the three next sessions, 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. 9—part 3.)

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

Message from council

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Halifax sidewalks bill agreed to

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city, without any amendment.

The

The council have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; and the bill, entitled, an act to establish the sale by weight, of vegetables and coal, and have made amendments to such bills respectively—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. And then the messenger withdrew.

Halifax streets and
Sale by weight with
amendments

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to provide for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, were read a first time, and are as follows:

Halifax streets bill
amendments read

Sixth clause.—16th line—instead of the word “seven” insert the word “five”; leave out the words “and sixpence”.

Thirteenth clause.—3rd line—instead of the word “two” insert the word “ten”.

Eighteenth clause.—3rd line—instead of the word “seven” insert the word “five”.

3rd and 4th lines—leave out the words “and sixpence”;

And thereupon,

Resolved, That this house cannot consider such proposed amendments to the sixth and eighteenth clauses respectively, as the same refer to the imposition of a tax for the maintenance of streets, and are therefore contrary to the privileges of this house.

And not considered
being inconsistent
with privileges

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to establish the sale by weight, of vegetables and coals, were read a first time, and are as follows.

Amendments to sale by
weight bill read

Third clause.—3rd line—instead of the word “six” insert the word “five”.

At the end of the bill insert the following clause:

This act shall continue and be in force for one year, from the first day of July next, and from thence to the end of the then next session of the general assembly.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That this house cannot consider such proposed amendment to the third clause, as the same refers to the imposition of a tax for the fees payable to measurers of coal, and is therefore contrary to the privileges of this house.

And not considered
being inconsistent
with privileges

The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house certain returns of the trade and shipping of this province, for the years 1854 and 1855 respectively, viz:

Trade return

1°. A comparative statement of the value of merchandize imported into the different ports of the province during the years of 1854 and 1855, respectively.

Imports 1854 and '55

2°. A comparative statement of the value of merchandize exported from the different ports of the province during the same years.

Exports 1854 and '55

3°. A general statement of exports during the year 1855, shewing the quantity shipped at each port, and indicating to what country exported.

Exports 1855

4°. A general statement of imports during the year 1854, shewing the quantity and value of each article entered at each port, and from what countries imported.

Imports 1854

5°. An abstract of the principal articles of British and foreign merchandize imported in 1855, shewing the value of each article, and from what country imported.

Imports 1855

6°. An abstract of the principal articles shipped from the different ports during the same year, shewing the value of each article, and to what country exported.

Exports 1855

7°. An account of the number and tonnage of vessels cleared outward at each port, to each country in 1855, with the number of men employed in them, distinguishing British from foreign ships.

Number and tonnage
of shipping cleared
outwards

8°. An account of the number and tonnage of vessels entered inwards at each port during the same year, with the number of men employed in them, and distinguishing British from foreign ships.

Vessels entered in-
wards

Number and tonnage of vessels owned and sold

9°. A statement of the number, tonnage, and value of vessels owned in the different ports of the province, on 31st December, 1855, and those sold out of the province, and where sent for sale.

(See appendix No. 86.)

Resolution as to lands on railway

Ordered, That such returns do lie on the table, and be printed in the appendix to the journals.

On motion of Mr. Chambers,

Resolved, That the commissioner of crown lands be required by the government, at such times as they shall think best for the public interest, to put up and sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the crown lands within seven miles on each side of the line of railroad—such crown lands having been first duly surveyed and laid off in lots of not more than five hundred acres each; provided that due notice of such intended sales be given for at least thirty days previously, by advertisement, and by handbills posted up in the most conspicuous places where such lands lie; and that an upset price may be affixed to each lot, at the discretion of the government.

Passed and sent to council

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

Halifax streets and

Mr. Esson, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; and

Vegetables and coal bills read twice and

A bill to establish and regulate the sale by weight, of vegetables and coal.

Committed

And such bills were severally read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.

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

Report on petition of E. G. Fuller

The hon. Mr. Johnston reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of E. G. Fuller, praying to be paid the balance of his account for books furnished to the library of the house; 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 to whom the petition of E. G. Fuller was referred, recommend that the balance of his account, one hundred and fifty-six pounds eleven shillings and two pence be paid.”

Adopted and referred to supply

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

Report on petitions of sessions, Guysborough

The hon. Mr. Johnston also reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of the sessions of Guysborough, and of James B. Hadley, respectively; 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. 87.)

Adopted and referred to supply

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

Assessments county of Halifax

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes—“of county assessments”; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.

Read twice and committed

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

Resolution as to judgment against James Wilson

On reading the report of the committee on the petition of James Wilson, and on motion of Mr. Wilkins thereupon,

Resolved, That the executive government be authorised to cancel the judgment against him, if it shall appear on enquiry that there is no available security for the debt.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution 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 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 amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes—"of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery"; the bill to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16th Victoria"; and the bill to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax; and had directed him to report the same to the house severally, without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 30 of the revised statutes—"of the probate court," and the acts in amendment thereof; and the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis toll bridge; and had made amendments to such 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.

Physic and surgery

Clerk of crown
Court house Halifax

Probate court

Cornwallis toll bridge

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the amendments to the council's probate court bill be engrossed.

The amendments to the council's engrossed bill to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis toll bridge being engrossed, such bill was read a third time with the amendments made thereto.

Cornwallis bridge amendments read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill be agreed to, and do finally pass this house with such amendments.

And passed

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and inform them that this house have agreed thereto with such amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Bourneuf have leave of absence after Monday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

The order of the day being read,

Order of day

Ordered, That the road scales be presented on Monday next.

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

MONDAY, 14th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool, was read a third time.

Bills read 3d time
Setting nets at Liverpool

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes—"of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery," was read a third time.

Physic and surgery

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes—"of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery."

An engrossed bill to amend the act concerning the registry of ships, was read a third time.

Registry of ships

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act concerning the registry of ships.

An engrossed bill to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's, was read a third time.

New Glasgow road

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16 Victoria, was read a third time.

Clerk of crown

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence,

Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment thereto, the following resolution:

Amendment moved

Whereas

Whereas, when Halifax was settled, a prothonotary and clerk of the crown was appointed; and as courts were established in counties, he sold the offices to deputies to do all the work and give him one-third the fees, which enabled Mr. Nutting to pocket large sums of money for which he rendered no service; and this system of selling offices in a free country being much condemned, a bill was passed in 1853, not to pension Mr. Nutting in whole, as in the case of Sir Rupert George, but to allow him to act and receive all that the office in Halifax produced; the balance of £500 a year to be paid out of the treasury, provided the proportion of fees to be ground from the country prothonotaries by the act to pay Mr. Nutting, and paid into the treasury by them amount to a sufficient sum; so that at present Mr. Nutting receives part of the £500 as fees from the offices he holds, and part as pension, and as passing the bill would add £100 a year to Mr. Nutting's pension, when his claim to a pension rests on no stronger grounds than having for a number of years reaped where he sowed not, and eaten the bread sown by others, and it would be most unwise to increase his pension;

And lost on division

Therefore resolved, That the bill be deferred for three months.

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

Bill passed

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the original motion, there appeared for the motion, twenty-five; against it, seventeen.

For the motion.

Mr. Thorne,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
“ J. Campbell,	Mr. McFarlane,
“ Bill,	“ Wade,
“ White,	Hon. Sol. General,
“ Ryder,	Mr. Archibald,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	“ Tobin,
Mr. McClearn,	Hon. Att. General,
“ Churchill,	Mr. Whitman,
“ Wilkins,	“ Esson,
“ McKeagney,	“ Robecheau,
“ McDonald,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
“ Tupper,	Mr. Hyde.
“ Bourneuf,	

Against the motion.

Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. Gilderd,
Mr. Moses,	“ Davison,
“ Bailey,	“ McLelan,
“ McKinnon,	“ Robertson,
“ Parker,	“ Fuller,
“ Webster,	“ Morrison,
“ Martell,	“ Smyth.
“ Dimock,	
“ Chambers,	
“ McKenzie,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16th Victoria.

court house bill, Halifax

An engrossed bill to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax, was read a third time.

Amendment moved

And the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence,

Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment thereto, the following resolution:

Whereas, seventeen counties of the province have built and maintained at their own cost their several court houses; and *whereas*, the proportionate part of the interest of cost and repairs of that part of the province building occupied by the supreme court would amount to about £16,000, which has tended to reduce the road grant to that extent, as the policy of this house has been to give all that could be spared to roads; and *whereas*, the people of Halifax, not content with being provided with a court house at the public expense so long, have caused a bill to be presented to compel members to mortgage their future road money to build one half of a new court house in Halifax, while many members have had to borrow road money this session, and many more felt annoyed

annoyed at not being able to provide for many deserving roads in their several counties ; and the only plea set up for this is, that appeals are brought from the country ; but such appeals will not cost one shilling more expense in the building—such appeals being a benefit not a loss to the city of Halifax,

Resolved therefore, That the bill be deferred for three months.

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, thirteen ; against it, twenty-seven. And lost on division

For the amendment.

Mr. C. J. Campbell,
 “ Parker,
 “ McKenzie,
 “ Gilderd,
 “ Churchill,
 “ Chambers,
 “ Wade,
 “ Davison,
 “ McLelan,
 “ Morrison,
 “ Dimock,
 “ Bourneuf,
 “ Whitman.

Against the amendment.

Mr. Ryder,	Hon. Mr. Wier,
“ White,	Mr. Tupper,
“ Moses,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
“ Bill,	Mr. Archibald,
“ Robertson,	“ Annand,
“ Rinhard,	Hon. Atty. General,
“ J. Campbell,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
“ Tobin,	Mr. Webster,
“ Bailey,	“ Smyth,
“ Thorne,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
“ McKinnon,	Mr. McKeagney,
“ Esson,	Hon. Pro. Secretary,
“ McClearn,	Mr. Munro,
	“ McDonald.

So it passed in the negative.

And bill passed

The original motion being then put, was agreed to by the house.

And thereupon,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—“ of sheriffs,” was read a third time. Sheriffs bill

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass, and be sent to the council for concurrence, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-six ; against it, thirteen. Passed on division

For the motion.

Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. McLelan,
“ McDonald,	“ Annand,
“ Rinhard,	Hon. Att. General,
“ C. J. Campbell,	Mr. Dimock,
“ Bailey,	“ Bourneuf,
“ Parker,	“ Morrison,
“ McKenzie,	Hon. Sol. General,
“ Gilderd,	Mr. Tobin,
“ Esson,	“ Munro,
“ Churchill,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,
Hon. Mr. Wier,	Mr. Smyth,
Mr. Chambers,	“ Wade,
Hon. Mr. Locke,	“ Davison.

Against the motion.

Mr. White,
 “ Ryder,
 “ Thorne,
 “ Moses,
 “ J. Campbell,
 “ Wilkins,
 “ McClearn,
 “ Tupper
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. McKeagney,
 “ Webster,
 “ Archibald,
 “ Whitman.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—“ of sheriffs.”

Ordered,

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

Resolutions as to private bills

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That no bill of a private or local nature, or petition therefor, or for money or relief, be received by the house after the fourteenth day from the opening of each session of the present house of assembly; and that the clerk do, one month previous to the opening of the legislature, cause this resolution to be inserted in five or more of the public newspapers.

Leave of absence

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

Return as to destitute seamen

The honorable the provincial secretary moved that the house do come to the following resolution:

The attention of this house having been called to a certain circular dispatch, dated Downing street, 21st December, 1855, from the right honorable Henry Labouchere, her majesty's principal secretary of state for the colonies, to his excellency the lieutenant governor, stating, that although by the merchant shipping acts of 17 and 18 Victoria, chapter 104, and the 18 and 19 Victoria chapter 91, power is conferred on the lords of the committee of privy council for trade to cause distressed seamen found in foreign ports, being subjects of her majesty, to be sent home either to Great Britain or to the colony to which they belong, yet the act in question does not confer the power to send home to the colonies to which they may belong, colonial seamen found distressed in Great Britain, and suggesting measures to be taken by the legislature of Nova Scotia to effect the latter object.

Resolved, That this house will be prepared to undertake the necessary expenses and to co-operate with her majesty's government in making any arrangements which may be necessary for the attainment of the object referred to.

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Resolution as to refitting of assembly room

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That the board of works be authorized during the recess, to have the assembly and adjoining rooms refitted and painted, and that a select committee be appointed to advise with the board thereon.

Committee appointed

Ordered, That the hon. the attorney general, the hon. Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Esson, be a committee for that purpose.

Message from council

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Bills agreed to preservation of pheasants and Brier Island roads

The council have agreed to a bill, entitled, an act for the preservation of pheasants; and a bill, entitled, an act relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby, without any amendments.

Execution of deeds

The council have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women," as now amended.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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 finally Seventy-six resolutions

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to seventy-six resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table, where the same were read, and are as follow, viz:

£368 7s. 5s. transient poor

1°. *Resolved*, That the sum of £368 7s. 5d. be granted and paid to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the report of the committee on transient pauper expense:

To

To the rev. C. B. Nichols, Liverpool,	£2	5	0
Mary McIsaac, Judique,	17	3	0
Overseers of poor, St. Andrew's, for R. McDonald,	2	10	0
Overseers of poor for Horten, for supplies to Thomas Symons and David Poor,	11	10	0
Overseers of Windsor, for sundries for Michael Sexton,	19	7	1
Overseers of Windsor, for sundries for George Wood, including £20 in full of Dr. Fox's account,	32	0	2
Overseers of poor, 2d section, township of Pictou,	18	18	0
Dr. Johnston, Pictou,	11	0	0
First section, township of Pictou,	48	18	9
Thomas Collins, of Sydney,	5	15	0
Overseers of poor, 2d district, Annapolis,	7	17	11
Overseers of poor, No. 1, township of Annapolis,	20	3	10
Overseers of poor, St. Andrew's, for Alexander McNeil,	6	15	0
Overseers of poor, first section, township of Egerton,	9	13	5
Thomas Walsh, North Sydney,	30	0	0
William Payson, Weymouth,	7	10	0
Overseers of poor, Aylesford,	3	16	3
Overseers of poor, Dalhousie,	12	0	0
Overseers of poor, Barrington,	7	0	0
Overseers of poor, Liverpool,	30	17	7
Overseers of poor, Granville, for Mary Sands,	5	0	0
Overseers of poor, township of Clements,	15	1	10
Angus McKinnon, Arichat,	15	0	0
Dr. Jeans, for attendance on G. Fanning,	18	0	0
Dr. Jeans, for attendance on A. DeRoy,	6	5	0

2°. *Resolved*, That the sum of £1400 be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the expenses of the penitentiary for the present year, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject. £1400 penitentiary

3°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirteen pounds be granted and paid annually to William Fish, governor of the penitentiary, in addition to his salary, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject. £13 W. Fish

4°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Henry Thurston of Yarmouth, for expenses incurred in relieving shipwrecked passengers per ship "States Rights"; and also the sum of seven pounds be granted and paid to Jane Boyle, for boarding and lodging furnished to a sick seaman, pursuant to the report of the committee on shipwrecked seamen. £10 10s. H. Thurston
£7 Jane Boyle

5°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy pounds four shillings and twopence be granted and paid to the following persons, being a return of duties paid by them on machinery imported, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade. £74 4s. 2d. return duties on machinery

John Lockhart,	£10	0	0
William Curry,	23	8	9
Alexander Grant,	15	14	8
Heman Crowell,	7	14	3
W. A. Penney,	10	10	0
Charles Jamison,	2	11	0

6°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fourteen pounds fourteen shillings and ninepence be granted and paid to John S. Brown, for return of duties paid on molasses imported by him, and afterwards exported out of the province, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade. £14 14s. 9d. John S. Brown

Resolved,

£16 2s. 6d. New Glasgow fire wardens

7°. *Resolved*, That the sum of sixteen pounds two shillings and sixpence be granted and paid to the fire wardens of New Glasgow, being a return of duties paid on a fire engine imported for that town, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade.

£8 2s. 1d. Eaton & Rockwell

8°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-eight pounds two shillings and one penny be granted and paid to Messrs. Eaton and Rockwell, being a return of duties paid by them on goods, afterwards destroyed by fire, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade.

£11 5s. Thomas Killam

9°. *Resolved*, That the sum of eleven pounds and five shillings be granted and paid to Thomas Killam, being a return of duties paid on wrecked materials, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade.

£15 3s. 3d. return duties on printing paper

10°. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty-five pounds three shillings and eightpence be granted and paid to the following persons, being a return of duties paid by them on printing paper, imported from the 1st January, 1856, to the period when that article became free of duty.

Richard Nugent,	£6	17	5
R. H. Willoughby,	3	12	3
J. H. Crosskill,	4	6	5
Proprietor of Christian Messenger.	2	15	6
Proprietor of the Wesleyan,	5	5	2
A. J. Ritchie.	1	15	11
James Bowes & Son,	2	8	3
James Barnes,	2	16	0
W. A. Penney,	7	6	4
William Annand,	4	17	0
William Gossip,	1	8	5
English & Blackadar,	1	15	0

£105 deaf, dumb and blind

11°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and five pounds be granted, pursuant to the report of the committee on the deaf, dumb and blind, to be paid to the following persons when the provisions of such report are carried out as respects such grants:

To Susan Kelly,	twenty-five pounds.
John Barnaby,	twenty-five pounds.
Donald Ross,	thirty pounds.
John Gully,	twenty-five pounds.

£12 18s. 6d. J. Murphy

12°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twelve pounds eighteen shillings and sixpence be granted and paid to John Murphy, deputy land surveyor, Inverness, for expenses incurred by him about the Indian reserves in that county, by order of the late surveyor of crown lands, pursuant to the report of the committee on Indian affairs.

£129 18s. 7d. advances by Indian commissioner

13°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-nine pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence, be granted and paid to Captain William Chearnley, for advances made and expenses incurred by him as commissioner for Indian affairs during the past year, pursuant to the report of the committee on Indian affairs.

£2000 paovers' asylum

14°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand pounds be granted and paid to the commissioners of the poor in Halifax, for the support of the transient paupers for the present year, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£572 10s 3d paovers' asylum balance

15°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred and seventy-two pounds ten shillings and three pence, be granted and paid to the commissioners of the poor in Halifax, for their over-expenditure for the support of the poor asylum during the past year, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£1500 light houses

16°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the board of works for light houses, and to have erected, as soon as possible, a light house at or near the Margaretville pier, in the Bay of Fundy; a light house at

or

or near the Great Bras d'Or Lake, in the Island of Cape Breton; and that a survey be made to determine the best locality for a light house near the western entrance of Barrington harbor; and that the light house at Lingan, in Cape Breton, as reported last year, be abandoned, and a site for the erection of light house on that coast be selected by the government and board of works, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

17°. *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 expended thereon since the passing of the grant, at least double the amount so granted in addition to such grant, so that the whole amount expended on such works respectively, shall amount to three times the sum so granted.

In aid of the Canada Creek pier, county of King's,	£100	0	0	Breakwaters
In aid of Hall's harbor pier, county of King's,	100	0	0	
To extend the wharf at Belleveau's cove, Digby county,	165	0	0	
In aid of Cape Cove breakwater, Digby county,	100	0	0	
In aid of Church Point breakwater, Digby county,	130	0	0	
In aid of Groscoque breakwater, Digby county,	150	0	0	
In aid of public wharf at Fort Lawrence, county of Cumberland,	25	0	0	
In aid of pair at Little River, Sydney county,	100	0	0	
In aid of breakwater at Montegan, Digby county,	150	0	0	
In aid of Ogilvie brook breakwater, King's county,	100	0	0	
In aid of breakwater at Chivarie, Hants county,	50	0	0	
In aid of Margaretville pier, Annapolis county,	200	0	0	
In aid of breakwater, Minudie, Cumberland county,	200	0	0	
In aid of breakwater at Bird Island, Victoria county,	100	0	0	
In aid of Arisaig pier, county of Sydney, upon a sum of £200 being raised and expended on that object,	200	0	0	
In aid of Chute's cove breakwater, Annapolis county, or in that proportion should the amount subscribed and expended fall short of £150,	75	0	0	
In aid of a steamboat to ply between Charlottetown, P. E. Island, and Pictou in this province, daily, Sundays excepted, provided she carries the mail,	200	0	0	P E Island packet
To aid in clearing out the entrance of Little Tracadie harbor, county of Sydney,	25	0	0	Harbours
To aid in clearing out the channel of Bear River, county of Annapolis, and putting up buoys,	50	0	0	
To improve the harbor of Tracadie, county of Sydney,	100	0	0	
To aid in clearing out the following rivers, viz :				Rivers
Bear River above Morgan's mills, Annapolis county,	10	0	0	
Allen's River, above the General's bridge, Annapolis county,	20	0	0	
Sissiboo River, county of Digby,	200	0	0	
Roseway River, Shelburne county, from the tide upwards,	13	0	0	
Roseway River, Shelburne county, from Ryor's mills to the bridge,	17	10	0	
Jordan River, Shelburne county, from the mills to Lake John,	20	0	0	
To J. McLeod, the same being granted last session for a breakwater at Broad Cove, and undrawn, to reimburse him in part for the erection of a breakwater at Margaree Island, county of Inverness,	50	0	0	J. McLeod
To aid in clearing out the harbor in Gabarus Bay, Cape Breton,	40	0	0	Gabarus harbour
To aid in erection of Digby slip, the expenditure to be certified by the sessions,	25	0	0	Digby slip
To Edward Leonard, to compensate him for making signals at Digby,	5	0	6	E Leonard
				To

Buoys Pubnico	To replace buoys in the harbor of Pubnico,	£10 0 0
Ferries	To the ferryman at St. Ann's, county of Victoria, in addition to the sum already granted,	2 10 0
	To each of the ferrymen at Big Bras d'Or ferry, in addition to the sum already granted,	5 0 0
	To each of the ferrymen at the Strait of Canso, from Auld's cove to McMillan's point, in addition to present grant,	4 0 0
	To each of the ferrymen at LaHave River, in addition to the sum already granted,	2 10 0
	To the ferryman at Molasses harbor, Guysborough county,	5 0 0
	To aid in the erection of a breakwater at Liverpool, Queen's county, in connection with a marine railway,	200 0 0
Breakwaters & wharves	To aid in the repairs of the ferry wharf at Fisher's grant, county of Pictou,	30 0 0
	To aid in erection of breakwater at Woodworth's bay, King's county,	100 0 0
	To aid in building a public wharf at Oak point, King's county,	300 0 0
	In aid of the Givan wharf, King's county, an over expenditure of last year being deducted and first paid,	200 0 0
	In aid of public wharf at St. Peter's, county Richmond,	20 0 0

Printing 18°. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine hundred and twelve pounds seventeen shillings 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.

The queen's printer balance,	£336 13 1
John H. Crosskill,	49 15 8
A. Grant,	44 15 5
Thomas Annand,	49 3 9
English & Blackadar,	21 6 10
A. Lawson,	10 3 9
S. J. M. Allen,	12 13 9
Atheneum,	2 12 3
Christian Messenger,	1 16 0
Gazette Office,	0 15 0
William Gossip,	1 2 0
James Barnes,	1 11 0
E. M. McDonald,	6 17 6
John Boyd,	0 15 0
Wesleyan,	3 5 4
W. A. Penny,	34 10 0
J. & W. Compton,	32 12 1
James Bowes & Son,	206 10 3

£40 W Minard 19°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Wheeler Minard, being portion of money paid by him for crown lands already granted, and a further sum of thirty pounds towards reimbursing him for expenses incurred in legal proceedings with reference to such lands, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£10 A & J Flike 20°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Andrew and John Flike, to mark the approval of this legislature for the courage and manly conduct displayed by them in saving the crew of the schooner "Isabella" of Guysborough, wrecked at Saint Mary's in December, 1855.

£4 Urquhart 21°. *Resolved*, That the sum of four pounds be granted and paid to Donald Urquhart, to remunerate him for services in exploring a line of railroad between Onslow and Folly lake, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

- 22°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ninety-seven pounds five shillings and six pence be granted and paid to Ambrose Bourneuf, collector of colonial duties at Church point, in the township of Clare, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £7 5s 6d A Bourneuf
- 23°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two pounds ten shillings be granted and paid to George Bingay, coroner of the county of Yarmouth, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £2 10s G Bingay
- 24°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Patrick Christopher, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £10 P Christopher
- 25°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted and paid to James Campbell and Mark Curry, pursuant to the report of the committee on their petitions. £20 J Campbell and M Curry
- 26°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to John Nelson, to aid him in erecting a house of entertainment on the road between Musquodoboit and Saint Mary's, and a further sum of fifteen pounds to aid him in keeping such house of entertainment during the present year. £40 J Nelson
- 27°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to aid him in keeping a house of entertainment for travellers on the road from Brookfield to Albany. £15 G Merry
- 28°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Edward Kent, to repay expenses incurred by him in a suit brought against him in his official capacity as constable, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £7 10s E Kent
- 29°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds ten shillings and nine pence be granted and paid to Alexander Corner, being money paid by him for crown land, and which had previously been granted to another party, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject. £7 10s 9d A Comer
- 30°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid to Oliver Brennan, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £20 O Brennan
- 31°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Benjamin K. Dodge for his services in vaccinating Indians and supplying them with medicines, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £10 B K Dodge
- 32°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended by commissioners to be appointed by the governor in council, in deepening the river, and improving the navigation of Pictou harbor, pursuant to the report of the committee on the petition of the inhabitants of New Glasgow. £1,000 East River, Pictou
- 33°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to Michael Cody, as compensation for his services as mail courier between Martin's and Walton's, and for injuries sustained in the performance of them, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject. £50 M Cody
- 34°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty-six pounds eleven shillings and two pence be granted and paid to E. G. Fuller, being the balance of an account due him for books, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £156 11s 2d E G Fuller
- 35°. *Resolved*, That such sum be placed at the disposal of the governor as will be sufficient to reimburse the county of Guysborough for expenses incurred in keeping in custody William Snow and Lewis Snow, since their conviction for murder; and also such sum as will be sufficient to remunerate James B. Hadley for his services and expenses in recapturing those convicts; and also such further sum as may be due to Murdoch McLean, esquire, in respect to those convicts; the same respectively to be ascertained Grant for expenses of criminals at Guysboro'

ascertained by a commissioner to be appointed by the governor in council, pursuant to the report of the committee on those subjects.

E G Fuller balance for
agricul. implements

36°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as shall be sufficient to defray the balance due E. G. Fuller for agricultural implements imported for the industrial exhibition, and which have since been sold, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

£200 Central board
agriculture

37°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central board of agriculture, to be applied in paying their officers, and such incidental expenses as shall be absolutely necessary, with the balance in their hands, in such way as they shall deem best for promoting agricultural improvements, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

£200 agricultural
societies

38°. *Resolved*, That a sum not to exceed nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the Central board of agriculture, to be applied at the rate of fifty pounds for each county, in manner prescribed by section 4 of chapter 96 of the revised statutes, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

£1,000 importing sheep

39°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, for the purpose of importing sheep of the most improved breeds, to be distributed and sold, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

£100 importing pigs

40°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in importing pigs of the most approved breeds, to be kept on the land intended for an experimental farm at Truro, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

£50 Bone mill, Pictou

£50 bone mill to be
erected

41°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to John McLean and others, for the erection of a bone mill at Pictou, and a similar sum of fifty pounds for the first other bone mill erected in any other county in the province, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

£200 bone mill

42°. *Resolved*, That a sum not to exceed two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in the establishment of a mill of sufficient power to convert bones into manure, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture.

Grant to Northup and
McHefey

43°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as shall be sufficient to refund to the honorable Richard McHefey, and John Northup, eight hundred and twenty pounds six shillings and three pence, the amount paid by them into the crown land office with interest from the dates of such payment, and also as shall be sufficient to compensate them for the expenses and outlay incurred by them in connection with their application for crown lands, pursuant to the report of the committee on the crown land department.

£100 Murphy

44°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to John Murphy, deputy surveyor for the county of Inverness, for a report made by him upon the state of crown lands, and expenses incurred in collecting materials for the same, pursuant to the report of the committee on crown lands.

£80 C Carman

£70 P Doyle

45°. *Resolved*, That the sum of eighty pounds be granted and paid to Charles Carinan; and the sum of seventy pounds to Peter Doyle, in full, for their salaries as clerks in the crown land office for the current year.

£300 meridian lines

46°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in running meridian lines, agreeably to the report of the crown land committee.

- 47°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the president and trustees of St. Francis Xavier's college at Antigonishe, to enable them to purchase physical apparatus to elucidate the study of natural philosophy, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £100 Antigonishe college
- 48°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to Joseph R. Hea, in aid of the institution under his care at Lower Horton, in addition to the grammar school allowance, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £50 J R Hea
- 49°. *Resolved*, That the sum of eighteen pounds and fifteen shillings of the undrawn grammar school moneys for the county of Cumberland, be granted and paid to Donald McKay, teacher of the grammar school at Wallace, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £18 15s D McKay
- 50°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twelve pounds and ten shillings of the undrawn grammar school moneys for the county of Annapolis be granted and paid to H. W. Johnston, teacher of the academy at Annapolis, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £12 10s H W Johnston
- 51°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as will be sufficient to defray the expense of purchasing one hundred and fifty copies of Mr. Alexander Munro's work on New Brunswick, to be disposed of to the school libraries at four shillings per copy, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. A Munro's book
- 52°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to William H. Waddell, in full of his claim from the common school money of the county of Pictou, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £30 W H Waddell
- 53°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to Joseph McNaught, the contractor for the Normal school in full for his claim, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £25 J McNaught
- 54°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the managers of the Infant school at Halifax, in support of that institution for the present year, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £50 Infant school Halifax
- 55°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds undrawn of the grammar school monies for the county of Annapolis, be granted and paid to William Shipley, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £25 W Shipley
- 56°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds be granted in aid of erecting three model schools in the vicinity of the Normal school at Truro, pursuant to the report of the committee on education; to be paid when it shall appear to the satisfaction of the governor in council that two hundred pounds have been raised by subscription or otherwise, towards that object. £500 model schools
- 57°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the commissioners of the Normal school to meet their outstanding liabilities, including a balance of twenty-five pounds fourteen shillings and threepence now due them; such amount to be accounted for at the next session, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £200 Normal school balance
- 58°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the commissioners of the Normal school, to be applied in the purchase of philosophical and other apparatus, and in defraying the charge of one hundred and five pounds seventeen shillings and one penny already expended therefor, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £200 apparatus for Normal school
- 59°. *Resolved*, That the allowances now made to collegiate and academical institutions, including King's college, Windsor, shall be continued under the existing regulations for the present year. Collegiate institutions

Sundries for road
damages

60°. *Resolved*, That the following sums be granted and paid to the several parties hereunder, pursuant to the report of the committee on road damages.

Alexander Fraser, Guysboro',	£3	2	6
Thomas Whitman,	1	12	6
Angus McLeod,	4	10	0
Edmund Dillon,	5	18	0
Ann Connor's, in full for her claims,	5	0	0
Donald McKay,	5	0	0
John McLeod,	22	0	0
Donald McLeod,	21	14	0
Widow Douglass,	7	0	0
Duncan Balfour,	20	4	0
Nicholas Balfour,	2	0	0
Widow McDonald and 13 others, at one shilling each,	0	14	0

£979 0s 5d council's
contingencies

61°. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine hundred and seventy-nine pounds and five pence be granted and paid to defray the contingent expenses of the legislative council for the present session.

£25 Montegan packet

62°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be at the disposal of the governor to aid in maintaining a packet between Westport and Montegan, in the county of Digby.

£20 Weymouth packet

63°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid in aid of a packet between Weymouth bridge and Sandy cove, in the county of Digby.

£175 Bras d'Or steamer

64°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be paid upon sufficient proof that a suitable steamboat has been run from Sydney through the Bras d'Or to Baddeck, twice a week during the season, and in the interval to ply as a passenger boat between Sydney and the North Bar, upon condition that the judge on circuit be conveyed in such boat from Sydney to Baddeck, and thence to Wycocomah, free of expense.

£230 3s 4d A & W
McKinlay

65°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and thirty pounds three shillings and four pence be paid to A. & W. McKinlay, in full of their account for stationery and binding for the house of assembly during the past year.

Contingencies of house

66°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as will be sufficient to defray the contingent expenses of the house of assembly during the present session, pursuant to the report of the committee on contingencies.

Board of works balance

67°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as may be necessary to defray the balance due to the board of works, pursuant to the report of the committee on public accounts.

Postage of departments

68°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as will be sufficient to repay the amount advanced from the treasury to defray the expense of postage of the public departments during the past year.

£15 E Joyce

69°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to Edward Joyce, deputy serjeant-at-arms to the house of assembly, in addition to his salary for the present session.

£78 10s survey Eastern
shore road

70°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-eight pounds and ten shillings be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in surveying a line of road from Ship Harbor to Sheet Harbor in the county of Halifax.

£50 13 6d survey
Inverness

71°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds thirteen shillings and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the expenses of a survey made by Francis McKenzie of a road from Plaister Cove to Wycocomah.

72°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to doctors Denison and Weeks, for their professional attendance on laborers employed on the provincial railway, but no similar application shall be hereafter entertained unless for attendance on transient paupers. £50 Doctors Denison and Weeks

73°. *Resolved*, That such sum at the disposal of the governor as will provide for the remuneration of a private secretary for the present year, at the rate of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling per annum. £250 governor's secretary

74°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid in addition to the present allowance to the combined grammar and female school at Antigonishe. £50 Antigonishe school

75°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one pound seventeen shillings and sixpence be granted and paid to James H. Thorne, as return of duty paid on a shingle machine. £1 17 6d J H Thorne

76°. *Resolved*, That if any of the bridges on the main post roads of this province shall be unexpectedly destroyed or obstructed by any accident or obstacle, the governor may order a commissioner to rebuild or repair such bridge or to remove such obstructions, and may draw warrants on the treasury for the amount expended in favor of such commissioner; but the whole amount so expended during the year shall not exceed one thousand pounds, and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next session of the assembly as against the several counties in which the same shall have been expended. Casualties to roads

The resolutions, except the twenty-sixth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, and fifty-eighth being read a second time, were then, upon the question respectively put thereon, agreed to by the house. Resolutions, with exceptions, agreed to

The twenty-sixth resolution for granting twenty-five pounds to John Nelson to aid him in erecting a house of entertainment for travellers on the road between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's, and the sum of fifteen pounds to aid him in keeping such house of entertainment, being read a second time, Amendment to twenty-sixth moved

Mr. Archibald moved that so much of the resolution as relates to the grant of twenty-five pounds for building a house of entertainment, be struck out: which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, passed in the negative. And lost on division

The resolution was then upon the question put thereon, agreed to be the house.

The fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, and fifty-eighth resolutions for granting certain sums for services connected with the Normal school at Truro, being read a second time, and the usual question being propounded, that such resolutions be agreed to, Amendment moved to Normal school grants, and lost on division

Mr. McKeagney moved that the house do come to the following resolution, by way of amendment.

“*Resolved*, That so much of this report as relates to the pecuniary endowment of the Normal school at Truro be not received:”

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

For the amendment.

Mr. Bourneuf,
 " McKeagney,
 " Tobin,
 " Wade,
 " Fuller,

Against the amendment.

Mr. Bill,
 " Thorne,
 " Bailey,
 " McFarlane,
 " Gilderd,
 " Hyde,
 " Moses,
 " McClearn,
 " Robertson,
 " Tupper,
 " Esson.

Hon. Sol. General, Mr. McDonald,
 Mr. White, Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 " Dimock, Hon. Mr. Locke,
 " Parker, Mr. McKenzie,
 Hon. Atty. General, " Davison,
 Mr. Annand, Hon. Mr. Wier,
 " Webster, Hon. Pro. Secretary,
 " Archibald, Mr. C. J. Campbell,
 " McKinnon, " Chambers,
 " McLelan,
 " Morrison,

So it passed in the negative.

And thereupon, such resolutions upon the questions being severally put thereon, were agreed to by the house.

Order of day

The order of the day being read,

Road scales presented

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, and £10,000 for the great road service, granted in the present session, viz :

For the county of Halifax,
 Hant's,
 King's,
 Annapolis,
 Digby,
 Yarmouth,
 Sheburne,
 Queen's,
 Lunenburg,
 Colchester,
 Cumberland,
 Pictou,
 Sydney,
 Guysborough,
 Cape Breton,
 Richmond,
 Inverness,

Mr. Annand,
 " Dimock,
 Hon. Fin. Secretary,
 Hon. Mr. Johnston,
 Mr. Bourneuf,
 " Ryder,
 " White,
 " J. Campbell,
 " Rinhard,
 " Archibald,
 " Tupper,
 " McKenzie,
 Hon. Sol. General,
 Mr. Marshall,
 " McKeagney,
 " Fuller,
 " Smyth.

And referred to com.

Ordered, That such scales be referred to the hon. the financial secretary, Mr. Annand, and Mr. McLelan, to examine and report thereon.

Victoria road scale to be prepared by same committee

Ordered, That it be referred to the same committee to adjust and report a scale of sub-division of road moneys for the county of Victoria.

Resolution as to Colchester academy

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Resolved, That in case the money granted for the Colchester academy shall remain undrawn during the present year, the same may be applied towards and counted as part of the sum of two hundred pounds to be raised by voluntary contribution for the erection of model schools.

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

Committee to ascertain particulars of council's contingencies

On motion of Mr. Chambers,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to search the journals of the legislative council, to ascertain the particulars of the account for the contingent expenses of the council for the present session.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr. Chambers, Mr. Moses, and Mr. McLelan, be a committee for that purpose.

On motion of the hon. the solicitor general,

Vote of credit for post office expenses

Resolved, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as will be sufficient to defray the expenses of the post office department for the present year, and also to pay the several grants recommended in the report of the committee on the post office.

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

On motion of the hon. Mr. Johnston,

Resolution to print municipal acts

Resolved, That the act for the municipal government of counties of last session, with the act in amendment thereof, and the act for the municipal government of townships, be printed together in pamphlet form; one thousand copies to be published, and circulated as soon and as extensively as possible, in such manner as the government may deem most effectual, and this house will provide for the expense.

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

TUESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

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

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 considered the bill to authorize the granting of licenses, in certain cases, and had directed him to recommend the house to defer the further consideration thereof for three months; that they had gone through the bill for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; the bill to establish and regulate the sale, by weight, of vegetables and coals; and the bill to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes—"of county assessments" and had directed him to report such bills to the house severally, without any amendments; and they had also gone through the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—"of suits against absent or absconding debtors, 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.

License bill deferred

Halifax streets

Vegetables and coals

Halifax county assessments

Council's absconding debtors amendment

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill to authorize the granting of licenses, in certain cases, be deferred until this day three months.

License bill deferred

Ordered, That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the amendments to the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—"of suits against absent or absconding debtors," was read a third time with the amendments thereto reported by the committee on bills.

Council's absconding debtors amendnt bill read third time

Resolved, That such bill be agreed to and do pass this house, with such amendments.

And passed with amendments

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto, with such amendments.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes—"of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax," was read a third time.

Highway labor bill read third time.

Resolved, 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."

And passed

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

Change of appropriation
Inverness

On motion of Mr. Smyth,
Resolved, That the sum of fifty pounds undrawn of the road moneys for Inverness in the year 1854, be applied to the new road from Plaister cove to Whycocomah.
Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council, and desire their concurrence.

Railway committee
report

The hon. Mr. Wier reported from the committee on rail-road 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. 4—part 5.)

Adopted by two resolutions,
except as to marine insurance

And thereupon, on motion,
1°. *Resolved*, That the report be received and adopted, except such part thereof as refers to the effecting of marine insurance upon property shipped from England or elsewhere, for purposes connected with the railway.
2°. *Resolved*, That is the opinion of this house, that the railway commissioners should instruct their shipping agents in Great Britain in all cases to effect insurance upon shipments to this country, and that they should also insure shipments from the United States, and within the province, in such cases as they shall think it prudent so to do.

Resolution as to advance to T. and L. Piers

Mr. Ryder then moved, that the house do come to the following resolution.
Resolved, That the railway commissioners be authorized to pay to Messrs. Temple and Lewis Piers, in addition to the sum of five hundred pounds recommended by the committee on railway affairs to be advanced to them by the railway commissioners, a further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds, on account of the damage done to their property on Bedford Basin, by the railway:

Carried on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty; against it, five:

For the resolution.

Mr. Whitman,	Mr. Thorne,
“ Bailey,	“ J. Campbell,
“ Gilderd,	“ Bourneuf,
“ McFarlane,	“ Tobin,
“ Bill,	“ White,
“ Parker,	“ McKinnon,
“ McClearn,	“ Smyth,
“ Ryder,	Hon. Mr. Wier,
“ Tupper,	Mr. Esson,
Hon. Mr. Johnston.	Hon. Att. General.

Against the resolution.

Mr. Chambers,
“ McLelan,
“ Morrison,
“ Webster,
“ Robertson.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Post office report

The hon. the solicitor general reported from the committee on post office 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. 88.)

Received and adopted

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Resolution as to wharf at Parrsborough

Mr. Tupper moved that the house do come to the following resolution:
Resolved, That the executive government be authorized to direct the construction of a steamer wharf at Parrsborough, by the railway commissioners, at their discretion, to facilitate travel and traffic from Westmoreland and Cumberland over the Windsor line of railway:
Which

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, seventeen; against it, twelve.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Annand reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Onslow, on the subject of church and glebe lands; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition as to church lands

(See appendix No. 89.)

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

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Message from council

The council have agreed to the bills entitled, respectively, an act to continue the laws relating to education; an act to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts; an act to provide for the improvement of the road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road; an act to authorise the alteration of certain electoral districts in the county of Guysborough; an act to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia; an act to explain chapter 113 of the revised statutes—“of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands”; an act to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—“of the preservation of useful birds and animals”; an act to provide for rebuilding Melford bridge over the west river of Pictou; and an act to amend the jury law, without any amendments.

Education bill

Annapolis school districts

Maitland road

Guyborough electoral districts

Free church college

Registry of deeds

Preservation of moose

Melford bridge

The council have also agreed to a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—“of the preservation of roads”; and to a resolution of this honorable house respecting the sale of crown lands on the line of the railway to Windsor, with amendments to such bill and resolution respectively—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Preservation of roads and resolution as to sale of crown lands with amendments

The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, for releasing a judgment obtained against James Wilson, by the provincial government.

Resolution as to judgment against James Wilson

The council have passed a resolution respecting the revision of the table of fees in the court of vice admiralty—to which resolution they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Council's resolution as to fees of vice admiralty court

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—“of the preservation of roads”, were then read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house.

Council's amendments to preservation of roads bill agreed to

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 acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

On motion of the honorable the financial secretary,

Resolved, That the sum of five pounds of the sum of ten pounds granted in 1855, to purchase seed for distribution among the colored population in King's county, and undrawn, be appropriated in aid of Freedom school at Pine Wood, Cornwallis, in the county of King's.

Resolution as to Pine Wood school

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

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes—“of the probate court, and the acts in amendment thereof,” was read a third time with the amendments made thereto.

Probate amendment bill read third time

And

And the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill be agreed to, and do pass this house with such amendments,

Amendment moved

Mr. McLelan moved that the bill be further amended by striking out the first clause thereof:

Carried on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty-six; against it, nine.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Council's impleading government bill read 2d time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to enable private persons to implead the provincial government, was read a second time;

Motion to commit

And thereupon, the honorable Mr. Johnston moved that the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house: which being seconded,

Amendment moved to defer

The hon. the attorney general moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the further consideration of the bill be deferred until next session:

And agreed to

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Bill deferred

And accordingly,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be deferred until next session.

Com 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.

Evidence amendt bill recommendation to defer

The chairman reported from the committee that they had considered the bill, further to amend the law of evidence, and had directed him to recommend the house to defer the further consideration of the bill for three months; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Motion to recommit

And thereupon, the hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the report of the committee be not received, but that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house:

Lost on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve; against it, thirteen.

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Bailey,

“ Moscs,

“ Thorne,

“ Tupper

“ Chambers,

“ McClearn,

Hon. Mr. Wier,

Mr. Ryder,

Hon. Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Archibald,

“ Wade,

“ Smyth.

Mr. McKenzie,

“ Parker,

“ Bourneuf,

“ C. J. Campbell,

“ Dimock,

“ McLelan,

Hon. Att. General,

Mr. McKinnon,

“ Martell,

Hon. Mr. Locke,

Mr. Esson,

“ Robertson,

“ Robecheau.

So it passed in the negative.

Bill deferred

And accordingly,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be deferred until this day three months.

Contingency committee report

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the contingent expenses of the house, and also certain contingent expenses of the provincial secretary's office referred to the same committee; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Halifax streets bill read third time

An engrossed bill for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.

An

An engrossed bill to establish and regulate the sale, by weight, of vegetables and coal, was read a third time.

Vegetables and coal
bill read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to establish and regulate the sale, by weight, of vegetables and coal.

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

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Resolved, That the sums following, remaining undrawn from last year for the county of Colchester, viz :

Change of appropriation,
Colchester

No. 79.	John Fletcher, balance,	£0	1	0
138.	Earltown road to Dalhousie,	4	0	0
221.	Balance,	0	13	9
243.	Balance,	0	10	0
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		£5	4	9

be appropriated to the repair of the road leading from Salmon River to the Fenton Settlement.

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

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

Message from council

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs", with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Sheriff's bill, amended

And then the messenger withdrew.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes—"of county assessments", was read a third time.

Halifax county assessment bill, read 3d time

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 46, of the revised statutes—"of county assessments."

Ordered, That the act 18th Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish, as amended during the present session, be printed, and that 1000 copies thereof be circulated during the recess, in such manner as the government shall direct.

Order to print fish inspection law

Ordered, That the bill, entitled, an act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, be printed, and that 1,000 copies thereof be circulated during the recess, in such manner as the government shall direct.

Order to print assessment bill

On motion of the hon. the provincial secretary.

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectfully requested to issue a commission, appointing one or more commissioners for the purpose of effecting, by means of correspondence with the colonial land and emigration commissioners in London, or otherwise, the introduction of immigrants into this province; and that this house will provide such sums as may be expended for that purpose, with the approval of the government.

Resolution as to immigration

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

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

Message from council

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Juries bill amended by council

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries", with amendments—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Cornwallis bridge bill amendment amended by council

The council have also agreed to the amendments proposed by this honorable house to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis toll bridge, with an amendment—to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Twenty-two money grants agreed to

The council have also agreed to twenty-two resolutions of this honorable house for granting various sums of money for the public service, viz :

£368	7	5	Transient poor.
1400	0	0	Penitentiary.
13	0	0	W. Fish, increase of salary.
17	10	0	Jane Boyle and Henry Thurston.
70	4	2	Return duties on machinery.
14	14	9	John L. Brown.
16	2	6	Fire wardens, New Glasgow.
28	2	1	Eaton & Rockwell.
11	5	0	Thomas Killam.
45	3	8	Return duties on printing paper.
105	0	0	Deaf, dumb & blind.
12	18	6	J. Murphy.
129	18	7	Captain Chearnley, advances.
2000	0	0	Poor asylum.
572	10	3	do. do.
1500	0	0	Light houses.
912	17	9	Printing.
40	0	0	W. Minard.
10	0	0	A. & J. Flike.
4	0	0	D. Urquhart.
97	5	6	A. Bourneuf.
2	10	0	George Bingay.

Grant to breakwater, &c not agreed to

The council have not agreed to the resolution of this honorable house granting various sums of money to breakwaters, ferries, and other services.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Resolution for votes of credit for breakwaters, &c., viz.

On motion of the hon. the attorney general, the following resolutions were agreed to by the house.

Votes of credit for navigation securities, viz.

Whereas the sums in the following resolutions have passed through the committee of supply, and been affirmed by this house in one general resolution in the present session,

£100 Canada creek pier

1°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the Canada creek pier, upon condition that the parties interested in, or applying for aid to such work, shall have 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 shall amount to three times the sum granted, and this house will provide for the same next session.

£100 Hall's harbor pier

2°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted in aid of Hall's harbour pier, county of King's, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.

£165 Belleveau's wharf

3°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and sixty-five pounds be granted to extend the wharf at Belleveau's cove, Digby county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.

£100 Cape cove breakwater

4°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted in aid of Cape cove breakwater, Digby county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.

- 5°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds be granted in aid of Church point breakwater, Digby county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £150 Church point breakwater
- 6°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be granted in aid of Groscoque breakwater, Digby county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £150 Groscoque breakwater
- 7°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted in aid of the public wharf at Fort Lawrence, county of Cumberland, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £25 Fort Lawrence wharf
- 8°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted in aid of a pier at Little River, Sydney county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £160 Little river pier
- 9°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted in aid of Ogilvie brook breakwater, King's county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £100 Ogilvie brook pier
- 10°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be granted in aid of breakwater at Montegan River, Digby county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £150 Montegan pier
- 11°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted in aid of breakwater at Chivarie, Hants county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £50 Chivarie pier
- 12°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of Margaretville pier, Annapolis county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £200 Margaretville pier
- 13°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of breakwater in Minudie, Cumberland county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £200 Minudie pier
- 14°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted in aid of breakwater at Bird Island, Victoria county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £100 Bird Island pier
- 15°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of Arisaig pier, county of Sydney, upon a sum of two hundred pounds being raised and expended on that object, and this house will provide for the same at the next session. £200 Arisaig pier
- 16°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted in aid of Chute's cove breakwater, Annapolis county, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier, or in that proportion, should the amount subscribed and expended fall short of one hundred and fifty pounds. £75 Chute's cove pier
- 17°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of a steam boat to ply between Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and Pictou, daily, (Sundays excepted) provided she carries the mail, and this house will provide for the same at the next session. £200 Charlottetown steamer
- 18°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted to aid in clearing out the entrance of Little Tracadie harbor, county of Sydney, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £25 Little Tracadie harbor
- 19°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted to aid in clearing out the channel of Bear River, county of Annapolis, and putting up buoys, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier. £50 Bear river

Resolved,

- £100 Tracadie harbor 20°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted to improve the harbor of Tracadie, county of Sydney, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £200 Sissiboo river 21°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted for clearing out the Sissiboo River, county of Digby, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £20 to 0 sundry rivers 22°. *Resolved*, That the following sums be granted to aid in clearing out the following rivers, viz: Bear River, above Morgan's mills, Annapolis county, ten pounds; Allen's River, above the General's bridge, Annapolis county, twenty pounds; Roseway River, Shelburne county, from Ryor's mills to the bridge, seventeen pounds ten shillings; Roseway River, Shelburne county, from the tide upwards, thirteen pounds; and Jordan River, Shelburne county, from the mills to Lake John, twenty pounds, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £50 J. McLeod 23°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted to J. McLeod, the same being granted last session for a breakwater at Broad Cove, and undrawn, to reimburse him in part for the erection of a breakwater at Margaree Island, county of Inverness, and this house will provide for the same at its next session.
- £40 Gabarus harbor 24°. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty pounds be granted to aid in the clearing out the harbor in Gabarus bay, Cape Breton, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £25 Digby slip 25°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted to aid in erection of Digby slip, the expenditure is to be certified by the session, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £15 E. Leonard and Pubnico buoys 26°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted to Edward Leonard, to compensate him for making signals at Digby; and that the sum of ten pounds be granted to replace buoys in the harbor of Pubnico, and this house will provide for the same at the next session.
- Sundry ferries 27°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two pounds ten shillings be granted to the ferryman at St. Ann's, county of Victoria, in addition to the sum already granted; five pounds to each of the ferrymen at Big Bras d'Or ferry, in addition to the sum already granted; four pounds to each of the ferrymen at the Gut of Canso, from Auld's cove to McMillen's point, in addition to present grant; two pounds ten shillings to each of the ferrymen at Labave River, in addition to the sum already granted; and five pounds to the ferryman at Molasses harbor, Guysborough county, and this house will provide for the same at the next session.
- £200 Liverpool break-water 28°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted to aid in the erection of a breakwater at Liverpool, Queen's county, in connection with a marine railway, to be expended and provided for in like manner as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £30 Fisher's grant wharf 29°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted to aid in the repair of the ferry wharf at Fisher's grant, county Pictou, to be expended and provided for in like manner, as in the case of Canada creek pier.
- £100 Woodworth's bay pier 30°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted to aid in erection of a breakwater at Woodworth's bay, King's county, to be expended and provided for in like manner, as in case of Canada creek pier.
- £200 Oak point wharf 31°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted to aid in building a public wharf at Oak point, King's county, to be expended and provided for as in the case of Canada creek pier.

Resolved.

32°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of the Givan wharf, King's county, an over expenditure of last year being deducted and first paid—to be expended and provided for as in the case of Canada creek pier.

£200 Givan wharf

33°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted in aid of a public wharf at St. Peter's, county Richmond, to be expended and provided for as in the case of Canada creek pier.

£20 St. Peter's wharf

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

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from council

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bills, entitled, respectively, an act to alter the representation of Queen's county ; an act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes—" of county assessments ; an act to establish and regulate the sale, by weight, of vegetables and coal ; an act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax ; an act to amend chapter 57, of the revised statutes—" of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery ; an act to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's ; an act to amend chapter 63, of the revised statutes—" of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax ; an act to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16 Victoria ; an act to amend the act concerning the registry of ships ; an act to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool ; and an act to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax, severally, without any amendments ; and to a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—" of the preservation of roads, as now amended.

Bills agreed to
Queen's county representation
Halifax assessments
Vegetables and coals
Halifax streets

Physic and surgery

St. Mary's road

Highway labor

Clerk of crown

Registry of ships

Nets at Liverpool

Halifax court house

Preservation of roads

The council have also agreed to the second of the amendments proposed by this honorable house to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—" of suits against absent or absconding debtors," and have not agreed to the first of such amendments.

Council disagree to 1st amendment to absconding debtor's bill

The council have also agreed to 53 resolutions of this honorable house, granting various sums of money to the public service, viz :

53 money grants agreed to

£ 10	0	0	P. Christopher,
10	0	0	each, J. Campbell and M. Curry.
40	0	0	J. Nelson.
15	0	0	G. Merry.
7	10	0	E. Kent.
7	10	9	A. Corner.
20	0	0	O. Brennan.
10	0	0	B. K. Dodge.
1000	0	0	East River, Pictou.
50	0	0	M. Cody.
156	11	2	E. G. Fuller, for books.
			Grant to Guysborough sessions, and J. B. Hadley.
			Grant to E. G. Fuller, for agricultural implements.
200	0	0	Central board agriculture.
900	0	0	Agricultural societies.
1000	0	0	Importation of sheep.
100	0	0	Importation of pigs.
50	0	0	John McLean.
200	0	0	Bone mills.
			Grant to Messrs. Northup and McHeffy.
10	0	0	J. Murphy.
150	0	0	Clerks crown land office.
300	0	0	Meridian lines.
100	0	0	Antigonishe college apparatus.
50	0	0	J. R. Hea.

£18	15	0	Undrawn school moneys, Cumberland.
	12	10	0 Undrawn school moneys, Annapolis.
			150 copies A. Munro's work.
	30	0	0 W. H. Waddell.
	25	0	0 J. McNaught.
	50	0	0 Infant school.
	25	0	0 W. Shipley.
	500	0	0 Model school.
	200	0	0 Normal school balances.
	200	0	0 Normal school apparatus.
			Usual allowances to academics.
			A. Fraser and others, for land damages.
	979	0	5 Council's contingencies.
	25	0	0 Montegan ferry.
	20	0	0 Weymouth ferry.
	175	0	0 Bras d'Or Steamer.
	230	3	4 A. & W. McKinlay.
			Contingencies of Assembly.
			Board of works, balance.
			Postage public departments.
	15	0	0 Deputy sergeant-at-arms.
	78	10	0 Survey Eastern shore road.
	50	13	6 Survey, Inverness.
	50	0	0 Doctors Denison & Weeks.
	250	0	0 Sterling, governor's private secretary.
	50	0	0 School Antigonishe.
	1	17	6 James H. Thorne.
			Casualties to roads and bridges.

Resolutions as to
 Post office expenses
 Distressed seamen
 Colchester academy
 T. & L. Piers
 Immigrants
 Pine Wood schools
 Changes of appropriation
 Colchester and Inverness

Council's amendments
 to juries bill agreed to
 except the third

3d amend amended

The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, respecting the expenses of the post office department; a resolution as to distressed seamen in the ports of the United Kingdom; a resolution respecting the grant to the Colchester academy; a resolution relating to an advance to Messrs. Temple and Lewis Piers; a resolution as to the introduction of immigrants into the province; a resolution respecting the school at Pine Woods, Cornwallis; and to two resolutions changing the appropriation of road moneys in the counties of Colchester and Inverness, respectively.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries" were read a first and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments except the third be agreed to.

The third of such amendments being read, is as follows:

After the twelfth clause insert the following clause:—

"In case of the illness or absence of a juror after he shall have been sworn in any civil cause, it shall be in the discretion of the presiding judge to allow the cause to proceed without him, and the verdict shall be valid, provided seven of the remaining jurors shall concur therein."

And thereupon, the hon. the attorney general moved that such proposed amendment be amended by striking out the words—"or absence"; 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 acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

The

The amendment proposed by the council to the amendments proposed by the house to the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorise the sale of the Cornwallis toll bridge, was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house, and is as follows :

Council's amendment to amendment to Cornwallis bridge bill amended

At the end of the second amendment add the following words—

“ Which shall ever after be open to the public free of toll or charge” :

And thereupon,

The hon. the financial secretary, moved that such proposed amendment be amended by adding at the end thereof, the following words :

“ So soon as a sufficient sum is raised by the present rate of toll, or such less rate as the sessions may direct, or otherwise, and expended in putting such bridge in an efficient state of repair” :

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 acquaint them with the following resolution.

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

Resolution as to maps of counties

Resolved, That each county of this province shall, at the next meeting of this house, furnish a map delineating all the roads now established by law, and streams within each county, and also shewing the miles of road, and the number of bridges, with a view to the adoption by this house of some satisfactory principle in the division of road monies, and that the cost of such maps be defrayed out of the road monies for each county :

Which being seconded, Mr. Wade moved that the same be amended by substituting the word “ may” for the word “ shall” in such resolution.

Amendment passed on division

And such amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—“ of sheriffs,” were read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house.

Council's amendment to Sheriff's bill

And thereupon, the hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the house do come to the following resolution in relation thereto.

“ Whereas the bill gave in reality the power of appointing sheriffs to the executive government, and the semblance of power it gave to the judges, is illusory and injurious ; *therefore resolved*, that the amendments of the legislative council be agreed to :”

Resolution to agree to amendments moved

Which being seconded, the hon. the attorney general, moved that such resolution be amended by omitting all the words thereof after the word “ whereas” and substituting the following words :

“ The bill contemplates the joint action of the judges and members of the executive council as heretofore, and provides only for occasions when it may be found impossible for them to concur ; *therefore resolved*, that the amendments of the legislative council be not agreed to :

Passed on division

Which amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, nineteen ; against it, seven.

*For the amendment.**Against the amendment.*

Mr. Martell,	Hon. Atty. General,	Mr. McClearn,
Hon. Sol. General,	Mr. Chambers,	“ Thorne,
Mr. Dimock,	“ McDonald,	“ Moses,
“ Morrison,	“ Tobin,	“ McFarlane,
“ Bailey,	“ Annand,	“ Tupper,
“ Bill,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
“ Smyth,	Mr. Webster,	Mr. Whitman.
“ Gilderd,	“ Esson,	
“ Robecheau,	Hon. Mr. Locke.	
“ Bourneuf,		

So it passed in the affirmative.

Amendment not agreed to

And thereupon, *resolved*, 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.

Resolution as to public printing

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be authorised and respectfully requested to direct advances from the treasury of such sums as may be required towards defraying the expenses of public printing, provided that no greater sum be advanced in the whole than six hundred pounds; and this house will provide for the same at the next session.

Report of committee on reporting debates

The report presented to the house on the twelfth day of April, instant, from the committee to whom it was referred, to make arrangements for reporting and publishing the debates of the house during the three next sessions, being read together with a letter to the chairman of that committee from Mr. Otto Weeks, making proposals for the reporting and publishing of the debates, being read,

Committee to consider Mr. Week's offer

On motion of the hon. the attorney general,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for reporting and publishing the debates of the house, in accordance with the proposals contained in such letter, with such modifications as they shall consider expedient.

Ordered, That the hon. the attorney general, Mr. Tupper, the hon. the provincial secretary, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Esson, be a committee for such purpose.

Ordered, That the letter and proposals above mentioned be referred to the committee to examine and report thereon.

First amendt to absconding debtors' bill

On motion, the house proceeded to the reconsideration of the first amendment proposed by the house to the bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—“ of suits against absent or absconding debtors;” and the same was read by the clerk.

And thereupon,

Not adhered to

On motion of Mr. McFarlane, *resolved*, that this house do not adhere to such amendment.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Fish inspection bill read 3d time

An engrossed bill to amend the act 18 Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act 18 Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish.

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

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

Thursday,

THURSDAY, 17th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to thirty-three resolutions of this honorable house, authorizing advances from the treasury, to be provided for at the next session, for the following services, viz :

33 resolutions for breakwaters, &c. agreed to

£100	0	0	Canada creek pier.
100	0	0	Hall's harbor pier.
165	0	0	Belleveau's cove wharf.
100	0	0	Cape cove breakwater.
130	0	0	Church point breakwater.
150	0	0	Groscoque breakwater.
25	0	0	Fort Lawrence wharf.
100	0	0	Little River pier.
100	0	0	Ogilvie brook breakwater.
150	0	0	Montegan breakwater.
50	0	0	Chivarie breakwater.
200	0	0	Margaretville pier.
200	0	0	Minudie breakwater.
100	0	0	Bird Island breakwater.
200	0	0	Arisaig pier.
75	0	0	Chute's cove breakwater.
200	0	0	Charlottetown and Pictou steamer.
25	0	0	Improving Little Tracadie harbour.
50	0	0	Improving channel of Bear River.
100	0	0	Improving Tracadie harbor.
200	0	0	Improving Sissiboo river.
80	10	0	Improving sundry rivers.
50	0	0	Margaree Island breakwater.
40	0	0	Improving Gabarus harbor.
25	0	0	Improving Digby slip.
15	0	0	E. Leonard, and buoys at Pubnico harbor.
			Sundry grants to ferries.
200	0	0	Liverpool breakwater.
30	0	0	Wharf at Fisher's grant.
100	0	0	Woodsworth's bay breakwater.
300	0	0	Oak point breakwater.
200	0	0	Givan wharf.
20	0	0	St. Peter's wharf.

The council adhere to the amendment proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 40 of the revised statutes—"of sheriffs."

Amendment to sheriffs bill adhered to

The council have agreed to the amendment proposed by this honorable house, to the amendment proposed by the council, to the amendment proposed by this honorable house to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of Cornwallis toll bridge, without amendment.

Amendt to amendt to amendt to Cornwallis bill agreed to

The council have also agreed to the amendment proposed by this honorable house to the amendment proposed by the council, to the twelfth clause of the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries" without amendment.

Amendment to amendt to juries bill agreed to

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion, resolved, that the juries amendment bill be now finally agreed to as amended.

Juries bill agreed to as amended

On

Cornwallis bridge bill agreed to as finally amended

On motion, *resolved*, that the Cornwallis toll bridge bill be now agreed to as finally amended.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the two last mentioned bills, as now amended, back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

Announcement of prorogation

Mr. Speaker informed the house, that he had received an official communication from the hon. the provincial secretary, announcing that the prorogation of the house will take place to-morrow, at three of the clock.

Committee report arrangement for reporting debates

The hon. the attorney general reported from the committee appointed yesterday, to make arrangements for reporting and publishing the debates and proceedings of the house during the next session; 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. 9—part 4.)

Adopted

Ordered, That the report be received and adopted.

Message

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

Fish inspection and assessment bills with amendments

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act 18 Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish; and the bill, entitled, an act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, with amendments to such bills, respectively—to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Juries bill and

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries" as now finally amended.

Cornwallis bridge bill finally agreed to

The council have also finally agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Cornwallis toll bridge as now amended.

And then the messenger withdrew.

House finally agree to Cornwallis bridge bill

On motion, *resolved*, that the Cornwallis toll bridge bill do now finally pass, as amended.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Council's amendment to fish inspection and assessment bills agreed to

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act 18th Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish, were read a first, and *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 establish a more equal and just system of assessments, were read a first time, and *nem. con.* 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 two last mentioned bills, with the amendments thereto respectively, back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments respectively.

Road scales reported

The hon. the financial secretary, from the committee on the road scales, reported that they had examined the scales of sub-division for seventeen counties referred to them, and recommend to the house the adoption thereof; and that they had prepared a scale of sub-division of ordinary and great road moneys for the county of Victoria, which they had also directed him to recommend for adoption by the house.

(See appendix No. 90.)

Report adopted

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

Ordered,

Ordered, That the several scales of sub-division of road moneys be agreed to, and do pass as separate resolutions for each of the counties, respectively.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry to the council the resolution passed on the 20th day of March last, for the general division of the sums of £32,000 and £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.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act 18 Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish ; and to the bill, entitled, an act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, respectively, as amended.

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages with amendments—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, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages were read a first, and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house ; and after some time spent in the consideration thereof,

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

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to nineteen resolutions of this honorable house for dividing, sub-dividing, and appropriating the road moneys.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Message

Fish inspection and assessment bills agreed to

Railway damages bill with amendments

Amendments to railway damages bill considered

Order of day for to-morrow

Message

Road scales agreed to

FRIDAY, 18th APRIL, 1856.

PRAYERS.

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 moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, 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 moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.

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

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that the amendments proposed to the second, third, and fifth clauses ; the first and second amendments to the seventh clause ; the second and sixth amendments to the eleventh clause ; the amendments to the twelfth clause ; the first amendment to the eighteenth clause ; the amendment to the twenty-first clause ; the second added clause, and the amendment to the schedule, be respectively agreed to by the house.

Appropriation act

Presented and

Passed

Order of day

Amendments to railway damages bill

Several amendments agreed to

The

First amendment to
11th clause lost on di-
vision

The first amendment to the eleventh clause being read, is as follows :

11th clause—4th and 6th lines—

Leave out the words “ by the sessions amongst the townships and places in each county and district,” and insert instead the following words, “ by a board of not less than three, nor more than five persons to be appointed by the governor in council, to be selected from the nearest adjoining counties, so soon after such appraisements made as may be ; and the said commissioners having been first sworn to a faithful discharge of their duties, shall apportion the amount of the appraisements on the townships, places or districts, as shall be most convenient.”

And thereupon,

The honorable the provincial secretary moved that such amendment be agreed to by the house : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, thirteen ; against it, fourteen.

For the motion.

Against the motion.

Mr. Gilderd,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Robecheau,	Mr. McLelan,
“ C. J. Campbell,	“ Bill,	“ Webster,	“ Tobin,
“ Martell,	Hon. Sol. General,	“ McClearn,	“ Dimock,
“ White,	Hon. Mr. Locke.	Hon. Mr. Wier,	“ Chambers,
“ Davison,	Hon. Fin. Secretary,	Mr. Bailey,	Hon. Att. General,
“ Parker,	Mr. J. Campbell.	“ Ryder,	Mr. Annand,
Hon. Pro. Secretary,		“ Tupper,	“ Esson.

So it passed in the negative.

And accordingly, *resolved*, that such amendment be not agreed to.

On motion, *resolved*, that the first, third, fourth, and fifth amendments to the eleventh clause, and the amendments to the thirteenth clause be not agreed to.

The third amendment to the seventh clause being read, is as follows :

23rd line.—Before the word “ shall” insert the words “ seven of whom at least shall concur.”

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general moved that such amendment be amended, by adding thereto the following words :

“ After at least four hours deliberation :”

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

The second amendment to the eighteenth clause being read, is as follows :

11th line.—Instead of the word “ amendment” insert the word “ assessment.”

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general moved that such amendment be amended by inserting instead of the word “ assessment” the word “ amercement :”

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

The first added clause proposed by the council being read, is as follows :

At the end of the bill add the following clause :

“ The court of sessions shall have power to cause collectors to give bonds, as nearly as may be, in double the amount of the sums likely to be collected by them under this act, and to cause the treasurers of the county to give such further bonds as they may think necessary, not to exceed double the amount of money likely to be received by them.”

And thereupon,

The hon. the attorney general moved that such added clause be amended, by adding at the end thereof, the following words :

“ But the county treasurer shall not be entitled to receive more than two and a half per cent. on all sums received by him under this act :”

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly, *resolved*, that the three last mentioned amendments be amended as above mentioned.

Four amendments not
agreed to

Three amendments
amended

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolutions.

The resolution passed by the legislative council, respecting the revision of the table of fees in the court of vice admiralty was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time, and considered by the house, and is as follows :

Council's resolution as to admiralty fees agreed to

“ Whereas the tariff of fees in force in the court of vice admiralty of Halifax, is found to be onerous and oppressive to suitors, and requires revision.

“ And whereas, it is desirable that the tariff of fees in the vice admiralty court should be reduced, and placed as nearly as may be on the same footing as the tariffs in the provincial courts.

“ *Resolved therefore*, That his excellency the lieutenant-governor be respectfully requested to cause the draft of a new tariff of fees to be prepared for said court, and that he will be pleased to take such measures for securing a new and reduced tariff as shall be considered most advisable in accomplishing so desirable an object.”

And thereupon,

The honorable the attorney general moved that this house do concur in the foregoing resolution.

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the resolution back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

On motion of Mr. Wade,

Resolved, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be authorized and respectfully requested to direct advances from the public treasury of such sums as may be required to pay for reporting and publishing the debates of the house of assembly for the present session ; provided, the reports shall be completed within thirty days after the session, and that no greater sum be advanced in the whole, than four hundred pounds ; and this house will provide for the same at its next session.

Vote of credit for reporting debates

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

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

Resolved, That the policy adopted by this house in supporting from the public funds, institutions devoted to instruction of pupils in the higher branches of learning, is unsound in principle, and unsuited to the circumstances of a poor country ; and as the education of the mass of the people requires all that can be spared from the public funds, and the money that is withdrawn from that service, and dispersed over five or six inefficient colleges, is so much taken from the poor to educate the sons of the rich.

Resolution as to sectarian colleges

Resolved therefore, That this house will at its next session, withdraw all grants for the support of denominational institutions.

Which being seconded,

Ordered, That such resolution do lie on the table.

Laid on table

Mr. Chambers from the committee to whom it was referred to search the journals of the legislative council, to ascertain the particulars of the account for the contingent expenses of the council for the present session, reported that the committee had performed the duty referred to them, and had made an extract from the journals of the council, containing the particulars of such contingent expenses ; and he read such extract in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on contingencies of council

(See appendix No. 91.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Message from council

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton ;

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the amendments proposed by the house of assembly to the amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Amendts to amendts to railway assessment bill agreed to

Three amendments adhered to and

The council adhere to the first, third, and fourth amendments to the eleventh clause of the bill, and also to the amendment to the thirteenth clause.

One not adhered to

The council do not adhere to the fifth amendment to the eleventh clause of the bill.

Appropriation act, and

The council have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for applying certain moneys therein mentioned, to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.

Resolution as to reporting debates agreed to

The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, to provide payment for the service of reporting the debates and proceedings of the house of assembly during the present session.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Amendments to railway damages bill adhered to

The amendments proposed by the council to the railway damages assessment bill, not agreed to by the house and adhered to by the council, were read and re-considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Amund.

House adhere to disagreement to amendments

Resolved, That the resolution of this house not to agree to such amendments be adhered to.

Ordered, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.

Message from governor

A message from his excellency 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 excellency immediately in the council chamber.

House attend

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house, attended his excellency in the council chamber, when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to fifty-nine bills, severally, entitled as follows, viz :

An act to enlarge the amount of deposits in the savings' bank.

An act for a further issue of treasury notes.

An act to alter the harbor masters fees in the harbor of Sydney.

An act to continue and amend the laws relating to the militia.

An act to establish the township of Morristown in the county of Sydney.

An act to amend and alter the law relating to the customs.

An act concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg.

An act to assess the township of Granville.

An act for the regulation of railways.

An act to incorporate the trustees of the South Baptist meeting house at Wilnot.

An act to regulate the marking of logs, in the county of Queen's.

An act to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company.

An act to amend chapter 66 of the revised statutes—"of the expenditure of moneys on roads."

An act for the municipal government of townships.

An act to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes—"of immigrants."

An act for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool.

An act to incorporate the trustees of McLean's Free church at Indian rear, in the county of Inverness.

An act to amend the act for the municipal government of counties.

An act for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne.

An act to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg.

An act to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes—"of laying out certain great roads,"

An act to amend chapters 76 and 80 of the acts of 18th Victoria.

- An act to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved sidewalks in the city.
- An act for the preservation of pheasants.
- An act relating to the width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby.
- An act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes—"of deeds by married women."
- An act to continue the laws relating to education.
- An act to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts:
- An act to provide for the improvement of the road from Maitland to the Great Eastern road.
- An act to authorize the alteration of certain electoral districts, in the county of Guysborough.
- An act to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova Scotia.
- An act to explain chapter 113 of the revised statutes—"of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands."
- An act to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of useful birds and animals."
- An act to provide for re-building Melford bridge, over the West River of Pictou.
- An act to amend the jury law.
- An act to amend chapter 13 of the acts 16th Victoria.
- An act to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to Saint Mary's.
- An act to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool.
- An act to amend the act concerning the registry of ships.
- An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes—"of surveyors of highways and highway labor, except in Halifax."
- An act to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax.
- An act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes—"of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery."
- An act to establish and regulate the sale, by weight, of vegetables and coal.
- An act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes—"of county assessments.
- An act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.
- An act to alter the representation of Queen's county.
- An act to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes—"of the preservation of roads,"
- An act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes—"of juries."
- An act to amend the act 18th Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish.
- An act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment.
- An act to amend the act to incorporate the Centreville Hall company.
- An act to incorporate the Halifax Mechanic's library association.
- An act to increase the capital stock of the Nova Scotia Horticultural society.
- An act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds.
- An act to incorporate the Erasmus Hall company.
- An act to incorporate the Hantsport cemetery company.
- An act to incorporate St. George's charitable society in Halifax.
- An act to authorise the sale of Cornwallis toll bridge.
- An act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes—"of suits against absent or absconding debtors,"

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.

Appropriation act presented and assented to

His

His excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following bill, viz :
 An act for applying certain moneys therein mentioned for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.
 His excellency was then pleased to make the following

Governor's speech

S P E E C H :

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

At the close of a session, protracted somewhat beyond the usual duration, I have great pleasure in releasing you from further attendance upon your legislative duties.

Though your labors have not been marked by the perfection of any measures of prominent importance, I attribute that circumstance, in some degree, to the difficulties incident to the first session of a new house, distinguished, as this has been, by an unprecedented change in the *personnel* of the representative body, as contrasted with that which preceded it; whilst I trust that the general results of your deliberations will be found to have improved the social, and political, conditions of the people.

That a bill on the subject of education, introduced, in accordance with an announcement in my opening speech, has not resulted in matured legislation, is to my mind, considering the vast difficulties which surround that question, a matter of regret, rather than of surprize, or of disappointment.

The discussion of the assessment principle, its adoption for the first time in our legislative history, and the publication of the bill, which you have wisely ordered, will doubtless elicit an expression of public opinion that will facilitate your renewed deliberations on this important subject, if such shall be thought desirable, in a future session.

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the house of assembly :

I appreciate the liberal provision which you have made for the different branches of the public service, and it shall be my earnest endeavor faithfully to control, and direct its expenditure.

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

In parting with you at the termination of the present parliament, I fervently pray that happiness and prosperity may attend your various avocations during the coming recess, and that, in that interval, the public welfare may be greatly promoted by your individual exertions in the quiet spheres of your domestic industry.

After which the president of the legislative council by his excellency's command, said

Gentlemen,

It is the will of his excellency that this general assembly be prorogued to Saturday the thirty-first day May next; and this general assembly is accordingly prorogued until Saturday the thirty-first day of May next to be then here held.

ALEXANDER JAMES, }
 Clerk of the House of assembly. }

APPENDIX

TO THE

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OF THE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

OF THE

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.



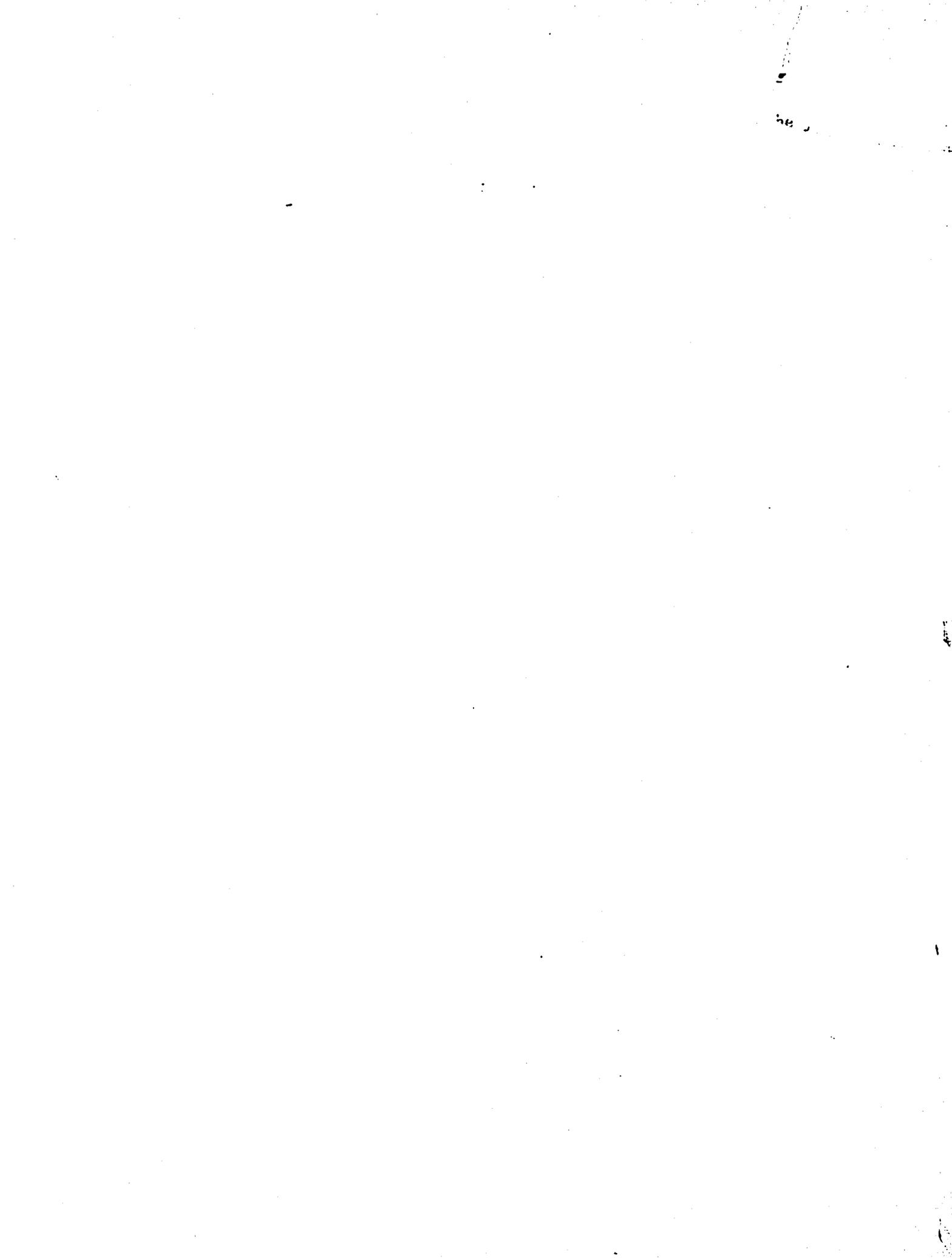
FOR THE SESSION

COMMENCING THIRTY-FIRST JANUARY AND ENDING THE EIGHTEENTH APRIL, 1856.



HALIFAX:

W. A. PENNE, PRINTER TO THE ASSEMBLY.



APPENDIX.

No 1.

(See page 13.)

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA,

In account current with the receiver general, from 1st January to 31st December, 1855.

DR.

1855.

Decr. 31.—To cash paid advances, per abstract,	£1311	4	6
Chairman board of works, do.	23250	0	0
Criminal prosecutions, do.	298	2	5
Coroners' Inquests, do.	350	0	0
Drawback of duties, do.	3860	19	7
Erection of oat mills, do.	75	0	0
General education, do.	17738	18	6
Judiciary expenses, do.	323	3	4
Legislative expenses, do.	6969	0	11
Miscellaneous expenses, do.	4098	13	7
Militia expenses, do.	510	5	4
Piers and breakwaters, do.	1619	6	2
Post communication, do.	5619	12	4
Poor asylum, do.	2550	0	0
Provincial railway, do.	43771	17	6
Public printing, do.	1287	6	9
Revenue expenses, do.	8488	5	5
Rations to troops, do.	24	3	0
Support of Indians, do.	277	15	0
Support of agriculture, do.	2167	16	8
Support of transient poor, do.	223	10	9
Support of packets, steam boats and ferries, do.	1100	0	0
Salaries to officers of government, do.	15655	4	2
Prothonotaries, do.	46	19	1
Wrecks, do.	2223	18	8
Interest, do.	3424	5	6
St. Peters' canal, do.	3060	0	0
	£150,325	9	2

Road service.

To cash paid Road advances,	£1803	19	7
Road compensation,	885	19	4
Old road votes,	1557	19	8
Annapolis,	2022	17	0
Colchester,	2364	0	8
Cumberland,	2166	1	1
Cape Breton,	2832	11	5

To

To cash paid Digby,	1876	0	0
Guysborough,	1788	3	3
Halifax,	3471	7	11
Hants,	2770	6	10
Inverness,	2526	17	11
Kings,	1913	9	1
Lunenburg,	2418	17	3
Pictou,	2568	17	8
Queens,	1876	8	0
Richmond,	1756	2	0
Sydney,	2481	19	6
Sheburne,	2018	7	9
Victoria,	1841	6	5
Yarmouth,	2496	2	0
			<u>45437 14 4</u>
Balance			<u>23730 3 10</u>
			<u>£219,493 7 4</u>

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1855.			
January 1st to December 31st	By balance at this date,		£11,226 0 8
	Cash received for colonial duties, viz :		
	From Halifax,	£90050	0 0
	Annapolis,	958	7 8
	Amherst,	871	10 0
	Antigonishe,	117	0 0
	Argyle, (Tusket,)	233	10 11
	Arichat,	966	19 4
	Advocate Harbour,	2	10 0
	Barrington,	221	7 0
	Beaver River,	24	10 5
	Bridgetown,	482	17 5
	Cornwallis,	690	17 5
	Cape Canso,	71	15 9
	Canada Creek,	536	8 1
	Clements Port,	229	0 6
	Church Point, Clare,	338	14 2
	Digby,	1483	7 0
	Guysborough,	15	8 2
	Givan's Wharf,	0	0 0
	Great Bras d'Or,	279	15 2
	Horton,	473	1 11
	Hants Port,	141	6 5
	Harbour Buchie,	10	19 6
	Joggins,	105	7 6
	Lunenburg,	129	1 8
	Liverpool,	1385	4 11
	Londonderry,	441	4 5
	LaHave,	245	4 1
	Maitland,	342	6 5
	McNair's Cove,	29	10 7
	Margaree,	9	0 0
	Pictou,	4495	9 9
	Pugwash,	147	4 0

To

To cash received from Port Hood,	£83	18	1		
Parrsborough,	74	2	10		
Pubnico,	90	17	11		
Ragged Islands,	358	7	9		
Sydney, C. B.	574	3	8		
Shelburne,	147	13	2		
St. Mary's River,	37	7	7		
Ship Harbour,	73	2	6		
Sheet Harbour,	5	17	10		
Sandy Cove,	54	0	2		
St. Ann's	12	2	6		
Truro,	657	16	11		
Tatamagouche,	67	15	2		
Thorne's Cove,	132	16	7		
Windsor,	1397	3	1		
Westport,	248	10	0		
Weymouth,	87	8	7		
Wilmot,	638	10	4		
Wallace,	65	18	10		
Walton,	64	0	0		
Yarmouth,	4054	17	0		
French Cross,	175	11	3		
Bridgeport,	15	0	0		
Light duty Strait of Canso,	£534	2	6	}	2818 1 1
ditto Cape Canso,	85	15	9		
Halifax, light duty,	2193	2	10		
North Sydney,	889	1	9		
Port Medway,	19	0	0		
					<u>118372 12 9</u>
By cash received from Canada, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses, for 1854 and 1855,					1255 16 0
New Brunswick, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses,					769 13 7
Prince Edward Island, for their proportion of ex- pense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses,					22 17 6
Distilleries, for license granted,					7025 0 0
Casual revenue, rent of mines,	£3751	5	0		
Royalty,	8235	8	2	12036 13 2	
Crown land depart't for land sold,				5500 0 0	
For fees from the secretary's office,				831 5 2	
					<u>18367 18 4</u>
From saving's bank,					21500 0 0
Board of revenue					200 0 0
the lords of the treasury and other sources, towards the support of Sable Island,					2719 10 2
Copy right,					20 4 0
Passenger head money,					61 2 0
Troops on route,					0 4 6
By fines and forfeitures,					30 15 0
Treasury notes,					34000 0 0
This sum from prothonotaries,					101 19 0
Miscellaneous expenses,					338 17 7
This sum on account of wrecks,					2223 18 8

By

By cash—This sum on account of interest,	£256 17 7
This sum on account of mill property,	1000 0 0
	£219,493 7 4
Balance brought down,	£23,730 3 10

Receiver general's office,
Halifax, 31st December, 1855.

JAMES McNAB, receiver general.

Examined and found correct.

SAM'L CREELMAN, financial secretary.

No. 2.

(See page 14.)

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, 1855.

To whom paid.	Service.	Amount.	Total curr'y.
CIVIL LIST.			
His excellency Sir. J. G. LeMarchant—Salary as lieutenant-governor, for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,		£3750 0 0	
B. Halliburton—Salary as chief justice, ditto,		1250 0 0	
W. Bliss—Salary as assistant judge, ditto,		812 10 0	
E. M. Dodd—Ditto ditto,		700 0 0	
T. C. Haliburton—Ditto ditto,		700 0 0	
W. F. Desbarres—Ditto ditto,		700 0 0	
Alexander Stewart—Salary as master of the rolls, for ten months, ditto,		583 6 8	
L. M. Wilkins—Salary as provincial secretary, for one year, ditto,		700 0 0	
James McNab—Salary as receiver general, ditto ditto,		600 0 0	
S. Creelman—Salary as financial secretary, ditto ditto,		600 0 0	
J. B. Uniacke—Salary as commissioner of crown lands, ditto ditto,		550 0 0	
William Young—Salary as attorney general, ditto ditto		500 0 0	
W. A. Henry—Salary as solicitor general, ditto ditto,		125 0 0	
E. Rushwood—Salary as private secretary to lieutenant-governor, for three months, ended 31st December, 1854,		78 2 6	
Walker—Salary as ditto ditto, ended 30th June, 1855,		78 2 6	
H. Bullock—Salary as ditto ditto, ended 30th Sept. 1855,		78 2 6	
Provincial secretary—Salaries of clerks in his office for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,		575 0 0	
Ditto—For contingencies of his office, ditto,		125 0 0	
Edw. Duckett—Salary as clerk to receiver general, ditto,		250 0 0	
D. McCulloch—Salary as clerk to financial secretary, for 6 months, ended 31st March, 1855,		125 0 0	

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J. Blanchard—Ditto ditto, 30th September, 1855,	£100	0	0
Commissioner of crown lands—Salaries of clerks in his office for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,	525	0	0
J. W. Nutting—Salary as clerk of the crown, for nine months, ended 30th June, 1855,	75	0	0
James Venables—Salary as keeper of province building, for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,	60	0	0
Joseph Skallish—Do. as messenger of governor and council; ditto,	40	0	0
Sir R. D. George—Pension as late provincial secretary, for twelve months, ended 30th Sept., 1855,	500	0	0
Do. do. as late registrar of deeds, ditto,	200	0	0
W. Q. Sawers—Ditto as late judge of court of common pleas, ditto,	300	0	0
John S. Morris—Ditto as late commissioner of crown lands for 9 months, ditto,	225	0	0
H. W. Crawley—Ditto as late commissioner of crown lands for one year, Cape Breton, ditto,	300	0	0
Alexander Stewart—Ditto as late master of the rolls for two months, ditto,	66	13	4
N. W. White—Ditto as late registrar of the court of chancery, ditto,	20	16	8
Miss Cox—Pension for six months, ended 31st March, 1855,	62	10	0
		15655	4 2

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

The president, et als.—Pay and travelling allowance as members of legislative council, session 1855,	972	10	0
The speaker et als.—Ditto as members of assembly, ditto,	2783	0	0
Stewart Campbell—Salary as speaker of the house of assembly, ditto,	200	0	0
Henry Twining—Salary and grant for extra services as clerk of assembly, ditto,	300	0	0
Alexander James—Ditto, as assistant clerk of ditto,	200	0	0
J. Haliburton—Grant for contingencies of legislative council, ditto,	910	0	9
Henry Twining—Ditto, ditto assembly, ditto,	284	19	4
George R. Grassie—For services as serjeant-at-arms to house of assembly, ditto,	63	0	0
Philip Brown—Ditto as assistant ditto, ditto,	30	0	0
J. Fitzgerald—Ditto as messenger to ditto, ditto,	30	0	0
J. T. Twining—Ditto as chaplain to ditto, ditto,	25	0	0
Postmaster general—For postage of members of legislative council, session 1855,	164	4	5
Ditto —For postage of members of assembly, ditto,	280	14	8
A. & W. McKinlay—Grant for amount due for stationery, &c., for 1854,	291	14	3
J. H. Crosskill—From grant of 1855 for reporting and publishing debates of assembly,	150	0	0
Otto Weeks—do. do. do.	100	0	0

Richard Nugent—	do.	do.	do.	£117	17	6
J. H. Crosskill—	From grant for reporting and publishing debates of assembly, 2nd session, 1854,			28	0	0
Otto Weeks—	do.	do.	do.	20	0	0
Richard Nugent—	do.	do.	do.	4	0	0
William Annand—	do.	do.	do.	4	0	0
Benjamin Smith—	Grant of 1855 as chairman of committee on bills in 1848,			10	0	0
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REVENUE EXPENSES.

B. B. Oxley—	Salary as clerk to the board of revenue, for one year, ended 30th Sept., 1855,			£80	0	0
William Condon—	Salary as guager and proof officer do. do.			150	0	0
Joseph Austen—	do.	do.	do.	150	0	0
W. G. Fife—	Salary as acting collector of excise duties Halifax, for 6 months, 31st March, 1855,			125	0	0
Edward Binney—	Ditto do. do. do., 30th Sept., 1855,			125	0	0
J. S. Richardson—	Salary as warehouse keeper, Halifax, for 3 2-3 months, ended 20th Jan'y, 1855,			45	10	0
W. Hill & J. Austen—	For performing duties of ditto, remainder of quarter, ended 31st March, 1855,			29	10	0
W. G. Fife—	Salary as warehouse keeper for six months, ended 30th Sept., 1855,			125	0	0
	Ditto—Incidental expenses of excise office, Halifax, for 1854,			101	19	3
H. B. Paulin—	Salary as landing waiter for three months, ended 31st Dec. 1854,			50	0	0
	Do.—Salary as comptroller, &c., for nine months, 30th Sept., 1855,			187	10	0
John U. Ross—	Salary as landing waiter for one year, do.,			212	10	0
J. M. Tidmarsh—	Ditto for six months, do.,			87	10	0
Edward Binney—	Salary as first clerk in excise office for do., ended 31st March, 1855,			80	0	0
J. R. Wallace—	Ditto do. 30th Sept., 1855,			62	10	0
C. J. Doyle—	Salary as second clerk in do., for one month, 31st Octr., 1854,			8	6	8
J. Fitzgerald—	Ditto do., for five months, 31st March, 1855,			41	13	4
Thos. P. Ryan—	Ditto do., for six months, 30th Sept., 1855,			62	10	0
J. Fitzgerald—	Salary as clerk to comptroller, do. do.			65	0	0
P. Donaldson—	Salary as clerk to warehouse keeper, one year, do., do.			130	0	0
W. G. Fife and E. Binney—	Pay of shipping officers, Halifax, do. do.			410	12	6
	Ditto—Pay of warehouse lockers, do., do.			1068	2	6
	Ditto—Pay of tide surveyor, boatmen and waiters, do. do.			1730	8	9
	Ditto—Pay of messenger and truckmen, do., do.			54	8	3
J. B. Davison—	Collector, Wallace, salary as comptroller of customs, 1854,			20	0	0

J. B. Davison—Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th September, 1855,	£4	8	0
Thomas Dickson—Collector, Pictou, salary for three months ended 31st December, 1854,	50	0	0
George Hattie—Acting ditto ditto, 31st March, 1855,	50	0	0
D. McCulloch—Collector, ditto ditto, six months, 30th September, 1855	125	0	0
Thomas Dickson—Wages of boatmen, three months, 31st December, 1854,	25	0	0
George Hattie—Ditto ditto, 31st March, 1855,	25	0	0
D. McCulloch—Ditto ditto, six months, 30th Sept. 1855,	50	0	0
George Hattie—Salary as surveyor of shipping, &c. Pictou, six months, 30th September, 1855,	40	0	0
B. H. Ruggles—Collector, Westport, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
A. D. Morrison—Collector, Londonderry, ditto ditto	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st December, 1854,	57	6	11
Edward Corbet—Collector, Harbor Bouche, salary as seizing officer, for 1854,	15	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties, to 31st December, for 1854,	2	11	0
Robert McCully—Collector, Amherst, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st December, 1854,	103	7	1
John Orpin—Collector, Aylesford, salary as comptroller for one year, to 30th June, 1855,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th September, 1855,	24	4	3
H. D. Ruggles—Collector, Weymouth, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
T. S. Bown—Collector, North Sydney, salary for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,	50	0	0
Ditto Wages of boatmen and repairs of boat, ditto,	82	5	0
Charles R. Allison—Collector, Walton, salary as comptroller of customs for 1854,	20	0	0
J. L. Rice—Salary as seizing officer, Annapolis, for one year, ended 30th June, 1855,	15	0	0
T. E. Moberly—Collector, Yarmouth, salary for one year, to 30th Sept., 1855,	175	0	0
Ditto Salaries of warehouse keeper and searcher, &c., do. do.	152	10	0
Ditto Commissions on light duty, collected to do.	9	18	2
James S. Morris—Salary as warehouse keeper, Yarmouth, for one month,	4	3	4
G. F. Ditmars—Collector, Clementsport, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties, collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	21	2	1
George Morris—Collector, Cape Canso, salary as comptroller of customs for 1854,	20	0	0
C. E. Leonard—Collector, Sydney, grant of 1854, for expenses of revenue boat,	40	0	0

James Whidden—Collector, LaHave, salary as comptroller of customs for 1854,	£20	0	0
D. J. Lantz—Salary as seizing officer, LaHave, for half year, ended 31st Dec. 1854,	7	10	0
T. C. Tobias—Collector, Annapolis, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	92	14	5
R. Stone—Collector, Wilmot, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st December, 1854,	76	9	0
John Clark—Salary as seizing officer at Margaretville pier, to 30th June, 1855,	15	0	0
James Annand—Collector, Digby, salary as comptroller of customs, registrar and surveyor of shipping, for six months, ended 30th June, 1855,	25	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th September, 1855	145	10	6
Thomas McColl—Collector, Guysborough, salary as seizing officer, for 1854,	15	0	0
Ditto Salary as comptroller of customs, registrar and surveyor of shipping, for six months, ended 30th June, 1855,	25	0	0
R. B. Boggs—Collector, Joggins' Mines, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Allowance for consul's certificates collected in 1851 and 1852,	1	6	6
John Hearn—Salary as seizing officer at Arichat, for one year, ended 31st December, 1854,	12	10	0
Alexander McDonald—Salary as comptroller at Saint Mary's, for 1854,	20	0	0
John McDonald—Collector at St. Mary's, commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept. 1855,	2	12	2
W. H. Rogers—Collector at Pugwash, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st March, 1855,	9	3	1
David Rogers—Collector at Pugwash, ditto ditto 30th September, 1855,	1	11	4
Hiram Blanchard—Collector, Port Hood, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st December, 1854.	22	16	0
R. G. Troop—Collector, Bridgetown, salary as seizing officer for six months, ended 31st Dec., 1854.	7	10	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855.	47	19	9
W. S. Raymond—Collector, Beaver River, salary as comptroller of customs for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	0	18	5
C. V. Rawding—Collector, Canada Creek, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0

C. V. Rawding—Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	£51	3	2
S. Rorke—Salary as seizing officer at Little Arichat, for eight months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	16	13	4
J. H. Freeman—Collector, Liverpool, salary as comptroller of customs and registrar of shipping for nine months, ended 30th Sept., 1855,	56	5	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	120	13	4
Ditto Expenses of searcher attending wreck of brigantine "Laura,"	0	15	0
W. Bryden—Salary as surveyor of shipping and searcher at Liverpool, for one year, ended 30th Sept., 1855,	77	10	0
Nath. Snow—Salary as seizing officer at Port LaTour, for fifteen months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	18	15	0
W. Nickerson—Salary as seizing officer at Cape Sable Island, for eight months, ended 31st Dec., 1854.	10	0	0
James Muir—Collector, Shelburne, salary as comptroller of customs, for 4 3-4 months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	7	18	4
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	6	19	0
A. Barclay—Collector, Shelburne, salary as comptroller of customs for 7 1-4 months, ended Aug., 1854.	12	1	8
Do Commissions on colonial duties collected to 1st Aug., 1854,	5	4	9
John Ban—Salary as seizing officer at Bear River, for 1854,	15	0	0
J. McLanen Ditto ditto at Argyle, for 1854,	15	0	0
S. D'Entremont—Collector, Pubnico, salary as comptroller of customs for half year, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	10	0	0
Do Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	3	4	6
Abram Lent—Collector, Tusket, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	18	2	2
Adam Roy—Collector, Maitland, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
James M. Lent—Salary as seizing officer, Argyle, for 1854,	10	0	0
A. B. Thorne—Collector, Thorne's Cove, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854.	8	17	8
David Power—Collector, McNair's Cove, salary as seizing officer for eight months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	10	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	2	2	3
W. D. Sellon—Collector, St. Ann's, salary as seizing officer, for 1854,	15	0	0

Albert Chapman—Salary as seizing officer, Cumberland, for 1854,	£10	0	0
Ephraim Church—Ditto do. do. do.	10	0	0
Joseph Banks—Ditto do. Barrington, do.	15	0	0
W. H. Lovett—Ditto do. Canada Creek, do.	10	0	0
Alexander Munro—Collector, Great Bras d'Or, salary as comptroller of customs, for fifteen months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	25	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected, to 31st Dec., 1854,	9	4	7
Edward Lockwood—Collector, Cornwallis, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	46	14	10
Angus Morrison—Salary as seizing officer, Great Bras d'Or, for 1854,	10	0	0
Donald McKinnon—Ditto do. do. do.	10	0	0
Allan McDonnell—Collector, Antigonish, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
A. Bourneuf—Collector, Church Point, do. do.	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties, collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	41	4	2
N. T. Harris—Collector, Hantsport, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st March, 1855,	9	4	9
Wm. Campbell—Collector, Tatamagouche, salary as comptroller of customs for 1854,	20	0	0
Joseph Browner—Collector, Sheet Harbor, do. do.	20	0	0
J. W. Homer—Collector, Barrington, do. do.	20	0	0
Ditto—Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1855,	6	17	9
P. J. Bronard—Collector, Ship Harbor, salary as comptroller of customs for 1854,	20	0	0
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 31st Dec., 1854,	16	9	1
Barrs & Harris—For scales and weights sent to collector at Pictou,	8	0	9
Wm. Stalker—Collector, Ragged Islands, salary as comptroller of customs, for 1854,	20	0	0
Do. Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	32	2	8
Timothy Brooks—Salary as seizing officer, Parker's Cove, for 1854,	10	0	0
Samuel Murphy—Expenses to Annapolis to survey ships,	12	0	0
J. Ross & J. Tidmarsh—Expenses incurred in search of schooner "Augusta Parker,"	6	11	0
P. S. Dodd—Collector, Bridgeport, salary as comptroller of customs for four months, ended 31st Aug., 1855,	6	13	4
H. M. Moyle—Collector, Lunenburg, salary as comptroller of customs and registrar and surveyor of shipping for nine months, ended 30th Sept., 1855,	75	0	0

H. M. Moyle—Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855,	£9 18 3		
William Geldert—Salary as seizing officer, Lunenburg, for 1854,	15 0 0		
Edward Mudge—Collector, Margaree, commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept. 1855,	0 10 0		
R. B. Porter—Collector, Windsor, salary as comptroller of customs, registrar and surveyor of shipping for six months, ended 30th June, 1855,	25 0 0		
Ditto Commissions on colonial duties collected to 30th Sept., 1855.	163 0 10		
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POST COMMUNICATION.

Post Master General—For postage on public departments for the year ended 30th Sept., 1855, viz :				
His excellency the lieut. governor,	35 16 0			
The provincial secretary,	232 6 0			
Receiver general,	160 10 3			
Financial secretary,	69 13 4			
Board of revenue,	1 8 6			
Ditto For payment of mail contractors for 15 months, ended 31st Dec., 1855,	3500 0 0			
Ditto For postage due United Kingdom to 31st March, 1855,	1609 18 3			
Irak Benjamin—For past services, per report of committee,	10 0 0	5,619	12 4	
		<u>£36,732</u>	2 10	

EDUCATION.

Commissioners of Normal school—Balance of grant of 1854, and grant of 1855, for purchase of site and erection of buildings,	1250 0 0		
Superintendent of education—Grant of 1855, for purchase of school books, maps, &c.	600 0 0		
Ditto From grant of school libraries,	476 7 9		
Ditto For travelling expenses in visiting schools,	100 0 0		
Ditto From the first half years' salary of the assistant teachers of the Normal school, to be expended in publishing information on education, grant of 1855,	50 0 0		
Ditto Grant for fuel, repairs, and books for the the Normal school, &c.	100 0 0		
Rev. A. Forrester—Salary as principal of the Normal school, for five months, ended 30th September, 1855,	125 0 0		
C. D. Randall—Salary as superintendent of schools, for six months, ended 30th April, 1855,	125 0 0		
H. Munro, Ditto ditto ditto	125 0 0		
The Governors—Grant to King's college, for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,	250 0 0		
The Trustees—Grant to Acadia college, ditto ditto	250 0 0		
Ditto Grant to St. Mary's college, ditto ditto	250 0 0		

The Trustees—Grant to St. Francis Xavier's college, six months, ditto		£125	0	0
Ditto Grant to Free church academy, for one year, do.		250	0	0
Ditto Grant to Pictou academy, for eighteen months, ditto		375	0	0
Ditto Grant to Sackville academy, for one year, ended 30th June, 1855,		175	0	0
Ditto Grant to Halifax grammar school, for one year, ended 30th September, 1855,		150	0	0
The managers of Infant school, Halifax, grant of 1855,		50	0	0
Commissioners of schools—Annapolis county, for grammar and common schools, for the year ended 31st October, 1855,		699	0	0
Trustees of academy—Annapolis, from undrawn grammar school money of grammar school at Annapolis,		12	10	0
William Shipley—Ditto ditto at Bridgetown,		12	10	0
Commissioners of schools—Colchester county, South district, for common schools, for the year ended 31st October, 1855,		479	0	0
Ditto ditto Stirling district, ditto ditto		142	0	0
Trustees of academy—Grant to Truro academy, ditto		100	0	0
Commissioners of Schools—Cumberland county, Amherst district for grammar and common schools, do.		478	17	6
Ditto Parrsborough ditto, for common schools, do.		108	0	0
Ditto Cape Breton county, for grammar and common schools, ditto		730	0	0
Ditto Digby county, Digby district, for ditto		408	13	4
Ditto ditto Clare ditto, for common schools, do.		171	0	0
Ditto Guysborough county, Guysborough district, for common and gram'r schools, do.		318	13	4
Ditto St. Mary's, ditto ditto		149	3	4
Ditto Halifax county, Western district, for common schools, ditto		389	0	0
Ditto ditto Eastern district, for grammar and common schools, ditto		439	0	0
Ditto City of Halifax, for common schools, do.		700	0	0
Ditto Hants county, Rawdon district, for grammar and common schools, ditto		253	15	6
Ditto ditto Windsor, ditto ditto		453	13	4
Ditto Inverness county, North district, ditto		292	6	8
Ditto ditto South, ditto ditto		556	17	11
Hugh Munro—From undrawn grammar school monies, Inverness county, for purchase of books,		21	6	6
Commissioners of schools—King's county—for grammar and common schools, for the year ended 31st Oct., 1855,		700	0	0
Ditto Lunenburg county, do. do.		752	0	0
Ditto Pictou county, North district, do.		586	0	0
Ditto do. South do. do.		611	0	0
Ditto Queen's county, do.		490	0	0
Ditto Richmond county, for common schools,		433	0	0
Trustees of academy do. allowance to academy,		100	0	0
Commissioners of schools—Shelburne county, Barrington				

district

	district for grammar and common schools, ditto	£245	0	0
Commissioners of schools—	Shelburne county, Eastern dis- trict, ditto	245	0	0
Ditto	do. Barrington do., from undrawn grammar school money,	20	0	0
Ditto	Sydney county—for grammar and com- mon schools, for the year ended 31st Oct., 1855,	689	10	0
Ditto	Victoria county, do. do.	500	0	0
Ditto	Yarmouth county, Yarmouth district, do.	360	13	4
Ditto	do. Argyle district, for common schools, do.	215	0	0
The committee—	Training and model school society, grant of 1855.	50	0	0
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Samuel Betts—	Salary as warden of river fisheries for 1854, county of Cumberland,	25	0	0
Daniel Dimock	ditto Lunenburg, ditto	25	0	0
Murdock McLean	ditto Guysboro' ditto	25	0	0
Alex. Campbell	ditto Sydney, ditto	25	0	0
Wm. McDonald	ditto Inverness, ditto	25	0	0
James Campbell	ditto Colchester, ditto	25	0	0
Executors of do.	part of 1855, ditto	15	0	0
R. Gibbons	for 1854, ditto Cape Breton, ditto	25	0	0
P. Gough	ditto Queen's county, ditto	25	0	0
James Songster	ditto Hants, ditto	25	0	0
Charles Stalker	ditto Shelburne, ditto	25	0	0
S. Chipman	ditto King's county, ditto	25	0	0
J. K. Veits	ditto Digby, ditto	25	0	0
H. Martell,	ditto Richmond ditto	25	0	0
Capt. Chearnley	ditto Halifax, ditto	25	0	0
Thos. W. Chesley	ditto Annapolis, ditto	25	0	0
John Munro	ditto Victoria, ditto	25	0	0
James Murdock	for 1853 & 1854, Pictou, ditto	50	0	0
Joseph Shaw	1854, Yarmouth, ditto	25	0	0
Master of the Rolls—	Grant for contingencies of court for six months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	12	10	0
Judge of vice admiralty—	Grant of 1855, for fuel and crier of the court,	12	10	0
Judge of probate—	Grant for contingencies of court for six months, ended 31st Dec., 1854,	6	5	0
Joseph Skallish—	For attendance on offices of receiver general and financial secretary, for the year ended 30th Sept., 1855,	10	0	0
S. Forsyth—	For consuls' certificates collected by him at Liverpool in 1852,	0	18	6
W. Smith—	Bounty for killing a wolf at West River, St. Mary's,	5	0	0
Timothy McLean	ditto at East branch, do.	5	0	0
John L. Smith	ditto at West River, do.	5	0	0

Kenneth Kirk	ditto	at West River,	do.	£5	0	0
Alexander James—	From grants of 1854 & 1855, for reporting and publishing decisions of supreme court,			100	0	0
Wm. Crichton—	Grant of 1854, for light duties, paid on a vessel wrecked on her first voyage,			1	10	6
W. B. Bent—	Grant of 1855, for do. do.			0	14	0
A. & W. McKinlay—	Stationary for receiver general's office, for 1854,			9	7	9
Ditto	ditto financial secretary's do.			12	12	10
John Woodill—	Grant of 1855, for expenses connected with enquiry as to lunacy of N. H. Martin, as per report of committee,			36	16	0
John O'Callahan	ditto	do.	do.	25	12	6
M. I. Wilkins	ditto	do.	do.	5	16	8
Henry Hesslin	ditto	do.	do.	9	5	0
J. J. Sawyer	ditto	do.	do.	3	18	9
J. W. Nutting	ditto	do.	do.	1	10	0
Attorney general	ditto	do.	do.	8	7	8
N. W. White	ditto	do.	do.	1	10	0
Dr. Jennings & al.	ditto	do.	do.	7	0	0
Henry Hesslin	ditto additional do.		do.	10	11	0
Mrs. Kelly	for education of a deaf and dumb child,			25	0	0
John Barnaby	ditto do.		do.	25	0	0
A. W. Whitman	ditto for relief of colored population in Annapolis county,			10	0	0
Thomas Collin	ditto do.	Shelburne	do.	10	0	0
S. Campbell	ditto do.	Guysboro'	do.	10	0	0
A. F. Comeau	ditto do.	Digby	do.	10	0	0
Dr. Brown	ditto do.	King's	do.	10	0	0
Hon. W. A. Henry	ditto do.	Sydney	do.	10	0	0
Hon. L. M. Wilkins	ditto do.	Hants	do.	10	0	0
John Esson	ditto do.	Halifax	do.	100	0	0
Joseph Smith	ditto do.	Queen's	do.	10	0	0
J. Shaw	ditto and balance of 1854, do.	Yarmouth	do.	16	9	11
Richard Meagher	do. to aid him in his necessities,			5	0	0
Mrs. Knowles	ditto as widow of ferryman drowned of performance of his duty,			25	0	0
Hiram Hyde—	For remission of fines imposed by postmaster general,			111	0	0
King and Brother—	ditto ditto			18	0	0
Archibald and Stevenson—	ditto ditto			4	0	0
R. McHefsey—	Grant of 1855, to defray expenses of importing stud horses, past year,			88	2	6
J. P. Inglis—	Ditto, for services connected with ditto			5	8	2
John Northup & Son—	Their bill for keeping,			94	10	8
Drs. Anderson & Johnston—	Grant of 1855, for services performed under direction of board of health, Pictou,			10	0	0
J. H. Crosskill—	ditto, balance of his account when queen's printer,			181	3	11
Abraham Whitman—	ditto, for supplies furnished to wreck'd seamen of brigantine "Resolution."			15	2	2
B. Wier & Co. and Young & Hart,	} ditto, to defray the expense incurred by them connected with passengers per barque "Arcadia,"			100	15	0

J. W. Nutting—ditto, for return of chancery causes to legislature,	£26	0	0
Ditto Balance of salary as prothonotary, payable from the treasury, by act of the province,	135	17	9
Hon. W. Grigor—Grant of 1855, in aid of Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0
William Gossip—ditto, return of duties on printing paper,	4	11	2
James Barnes, ditto, ditto ditto	7	4	8
Publishers of Wesleyan—ditto ditto ditto	17	12	2
William Annand, ditto ditto ditto	22	10	0
James Bowes & Son, ditto ditto ditto	12	1	10
English & Blackadar, ditto ditto ditto	8	2	1
A. Lawson, ditto ditto ditto	3	14	7
J. H. Crosskill, ditto ditto ditto	13	0	5
Richard Nugent, ditto ditto ditto	48	15	10
Estate of J. Ferguson, ditto ditto ditto	10	5	1
E. McDonald, ditto ditto ditto	8	3	9
Alpin Grant, ditto ditto ditto	15	10	2
J. & W. Compton, ditto ditto ditto	11	19	9
A. J. Ritchie, ditto ditto ditto	2	19	7
B. Wier & Co., ditto, for drawback on goods exported to United States,	25	8	9
J. E. Crane, ditto, for duties paid on Canada flour imported by way of the United States,	1	2	6
Henry Brown, ditto ditto ditto	1	19	0
James Gilliat, ditto ditto ditto	7	13	9
E. Crowel, ditto, to establishment at Seal Islands,	30	0	0
David Scott, ditto, for board of wrecked seamen barque "Harriet,"	10	10	0
Hon. J. B. Uniacke & al.—Their demands against Capt. Campbell, of H. M. ship Devastation, in respect of the prosecution in the court of vice admiralty, Halifax, against the schr. "Creole" and cargo,	232	4	4
Pictou artillery company—From grant of 1855, to pay for alteration in rifles,	29	10	2
Joseph McDonald—Grant of 1855, to defray expenses of witnesses in trial of A. McDonald,	18	16	8
Doctor Twining, ditto, to wives, widows and children of soldiers,	50	0	0
Benjamin K. Dodge, ditto, for vaccinating Indians, and supplying them with medicine,	10	0	0
John Ross, ditto, for expenses connected with railway survey in 1846,	9	3	0
William Logan, ditto ditto ditto	41	0	0
Henrietta Stevens, ditto ditto ditto	19	0	0
James Grant, ditto, in aid of cloth factory,	100	0	0
Edward Lippincott, ditto, ditto ditto	100	0	0
Angus McDonald, ditto ditto ditto	100	0	0
Attorney general, ditto for advances made by him during the past year,	59	17	6
Managers of house of refuge, ditto in aid of that institution,	50	0	0
John H. Tory, ditto for loss sustained in building bridge over Milford Haven River,	150	0	0

Anslern Fronton	ditto	for expenses incurred in performance of his duty as constable,	£10	0	0
Adam McKenzie,	ditto	for costs incurred in an action brought by the telegraph company,	64	15	10
D. McKimmon,	ditto	for carrying the mails across Pugwash harbor, 1852 & 1853,	5	0	0
Edward Kennedy,	ditto	for his exertions in rescuing the crew of the brig "Tooting" wrecked at Bauline, in Dec., 1854.	10	0	0
P. H. Clarke,	ditto	for services rendered to the wrecked passengers of barque "Tottenham"	17	5	0
Alexander Howie & J. Nichol,	ditto	for expenses incurred in defending a suit relating to the affairs of the schools at Sydney,	65	18	6
George Merry,	ditto	to assist him in keeping a house of entertainment between Annapolis and Liverpool,	10	0	0
Joseph Skallish—		For fuel for receiver general and financial secretary's offices,	7	14	11
Rev. A. Forrester & C. Randall—		Expenses incurred in visiting the Pictou academy in the autumn of 1854,	25	0	0
The governors and trustees—		Grant of 1855, to Halifax visiting dispensary,	100	0	0
Educational board of Presbyterian church,	ditto	in full of their equitable claims, buildings, apparatus, and library of the Pictou academy,	500	0	0
J. J. Sawyer, sheriff of Halifax county,		for return of four members to assembly,	6	0	0
Henry P. Hill, sheriff, Sydney county,	ditto	two ditto,	3	0	0
Murdoch McLean, sheriff, Guysborough county,	ditto	two do.	3	0	0
J. H. Kaulback, sheriff, Lunenburg county,	ditto	three ditto,	4	10	0
W. Wheelock, sheriff, Annapolis county,	ditto	three ditto,	4	10	0
Andrew Barclay, sheriff, Shelburne county,	ditto	three ditto,	4	10	0
George C. Laurence, sheriff, Inverness county,	ditto	two do.	3	0	0
Charles Blanchard, sheriff, Colchester county,	ditto	four ditto,	6	0	0
Richard Gibbons, sheriff, Cape Breton county,	ditto	two ditto,	3	0	0
Joshua Chandler, sheriff, Cumberland county,	ditto	three do.	4	10	0
J. W. Harris, sheriff, Pictou county,	ditto	three ditto,	4	10	0
John W. Scott, sheriff, Queen's county,	ditto	three ditto,	4	10	0
Joseph Allison, sheriff, Hants county,	ditto	five ditto,	7	10	0
Joseph Shaw, sheriff, Yarmouth county,	ditto	three ditto,	4	10	0
W. J. Campbell, sheriff, King's county,	ditto	four ditto,	6	0	0
John Northup—		Expenses of provincial stock, after landing at Windsor,	44	17	5
Lieutenant-governor—		From grant of 1855, for furniture to government house,	29	18	11

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AGRICULTURE.

President and secretary—Wallace society, Cumberland county, grant of 1855,				£16	13	4
ditto Amherst ditto ditto				16	13	4
ditto Parrsboro' ditto ditto				16	13	4
ditto Wallace ditto 1854,				16	13	4
ditto Londonderry ditto Colchester county, grants of 1854 & 1855,				27	10	0
ditto New Annan ditto ditto				25	0	0
ditto Lower Stewiacke ditto grant of 1855,				12	10	0
ditto Upper ditto ditto				15	0	0
ditto Annapolis ditto Annapolis county, grants of 1854 & 1855,				33	6	8
ditto Bridgetown ditto ditto grant of 1855,				16	13	4
ditto Wilmot ditto ditto				16	13	4
ditto Lower Musquodoboit, ditto Halifax county, grants of 1854 & 1855,				20	0	0
ditto Musquodoboit ditto grant of 1855,				13	6	8
ditto Dartmouth ditto ditto				13	6	8
ditto Halifax ditto ditto				13	6	8
ditto Cape Breton ditto Cape Breton county, grants of 1854 & 1855,				50	0	0
ditto North Sydney, ditto grant of 1855,				25	0	0
ditto Antigonishe society, and branches, Sydney county, ditto				50	0	0
ditto Lunenburg ditto—Lunenburg county ditto				16	13	4
ditto Chester ditto ditto ditto				13	6	8
ditto Mahone Bay, ditto ditto ditto				10	0	0
ditto New Germany ditto ditto ditto				10	0	0
ditto Digby ditto Digby connty ditto				16	13	4
ditto Weymouth ditto ditto ditto				16	13	4
ditto Clare ditto ditto ditto				16	13	4
ditto Argyle society—Yarmouth county, grant of 1855,				25	0	0
ditto Yarmouth ditto ditto ditto				25	0	0
ditto Ainslie ditto Inverness county				16	13	4
ditto Margaree ditto				16	13	4
ditto Middle River ditto Victoria county				25	0	0
ditto Baddeck ditto ditto				25	0	0
ditto Newport ditto Hants county				12	10	0
ditto Windsor ditto ditto				12	10	0
ditto East Rawdon ditto ditto				12	10	0
ditto Douglas ditto ditto				12	10	0
ditto Barrington ditto Shelburne county				25	0	0
ditto Shelburne ditto ditto				25	0	0
ditto Guysboro' ditto Guysboro' county				25	0	0
ditto St. Mary's ditto ditto				25	0	0
ditto Caledonia ditto Queen's county				25	0	0
ditto Brookfield ditto ditto				25	0	0
ditto Merigomishe ditto Pictou county, grant of 1854,				12	10	0
ditto Hopewell ditto ditto grant of 1855,				12	10	0
ditto Pictou ditto ditto do.				15	0	0

President & Secretary—Springville	ditto	ditto	do.	£10	0	0		
ditto	Cornwallis	ditto	King's county,	do.	12	10	0	
ditto	West	ditto	ditto	do.	10	0	0	
ditto	Aylesford	ditto	ditto	do.	12	10	0	
ditto	Lower Horton	ditto		do.	15	0	0	
ditto	Central board, Halifax,	ditto		do.	200	0	0	
Samuel Chipman—For purchase of sheep			do.	1,036	3	4		
						2,167	16	8

OATMILLS.

J. & J. Arthur—For a mill and kiln at Middle River, Picou county, grant of 1854,				15	0	0		
Duncan Nickolson	ditto	ditto	Cape Breton c'ty. do.	15	0	0		
Joseph Hart	ditto	ditto	Victoria county, do.	5	0	0		
Duncan McKinnon	ditto	ditto	Guysborough county, do.	15	0	0		
Samuel Phillips	ditto	ditto	Inverness county, do.	10	0	0		
William Chisholm	ditto		Sydney county, do.	15	0	0		
						75	0	0

JUDICIARY EXPENSES.

Judge Dodd—Travelling fees on western circuit, spring 1855,				32	13	4		
ditto	ditto		Cape Breton, do. autumn, do.	54	6	8		
Judge Bliss	ditto		Western shore, do spring, do.	32	13	4		
ditto	ditto		Eastern shore, do. autumn, do.	28	0	0		
Judge T. Haliburton,	ditto		Cape Breton, do. spring, do.	63	0	0		
ditto	ditto		Western, do. autumn, do.	30	6	8		
Judge DesBarres,	ditto		Eastern do. spring, do.	38	10	0		
ditto	ditto		Western shore, autumn, do.	43	3	4		
						323	3	4

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

H. A. Grantham—Costs of conducting criminal prosecutions in supreme court, Yarmouth county, September term, 1854,				2	7	0
ditto	ditto	ditto	1855,	6	5	6
C. B. Owen	ditto		May term, 1855,	4	18	6
ditto	ditto		ditto do.	4	14	9
ditto	ditto		September term, do.	14	5	4
S. P. Fairbanks	ditto		Cumberland c'ty. do. do.	10	14	8
James Stewart,	ditto	ditto	June term, do.	22	9	0
Charles Twining,	ditto		Pictou county, ditto do.	7	8	0
ditto	ditto		Colchester c'ty. October term, do.	7	3	6
Hon. L. M. Wilkins	ditto		Digby county, May term, 1854,	13	6	10
John Creighton	ditto		Queen's county, April term, 1855,	5	15	2
ditto	ditto		ditto October, do. do.	7	0	0
ditto	ditto		Shelburne county, ditto do.	7	10	0
C. W. H. Harris	ditto		Digby county, May term, do.	15	0	0
ditto	ditto		King's county, ditto do.	22	1	0
ditto	ditto		Annapolis co'ty. ditto do.	6	14	8
ditto	ditto		King's co'ty. October term, do.	15	0	0
ditto	ditto		Digby county, ditto do.	21	13	8
ditto	ditto		Hants county, ditto do.	7	10	0

Solicitor general—Travelling fees, to conduct the trial of N. H. Martin, grant of 1855,	£24 10 0
Jane Ansell & al.—Witnesses fees in criminal prosecution in supreme court, Halifax county, queen vs. F. Fishwicke,	3 6 0
A. Thompson & al.—Witnesses fees in criminal prosecu- tion in supreme court, in King's coun- ty, queen vs. James Evans,	52 2 4
James Munro & al.—Witnesses fees in criminal prosecu- tion in supreme court, Colchester c'ty. queen vs. Caleb McMillan & al.	5 12 0
Anne Boudroit & al.—Witnesses fees in criminal prosecu- tion, queen vs. John, William and Lewis Snow,	10 14 6
	398 2 5

MILITIA.

Edward Wallace—Grant for services as adjutant general of militia for 1854,	80 0 0
James Black ditto as quarter master general do.	40 0 0
David Hare rent of store for militia arms at Halifax, for 1 year, to 21st April, 1855,	20 13 4
Edward O'Brien—For storing and cleaning arms of 1st regiment, Hants county militia,	9 19 6
S. O. Doane ditto 2nd batt. Shelburne county, do.	4 11 0
Horatio G. Enslow ditto 1st ditto ditto	3 8 0
C. Randall ditto 2nd Kings county, ditto	3 5 0
Thomas Downes ditto 1st Annapolis county, ditto	11 13 9
Caleb Shaffner ditto 2nd East Annapolis	7 12 0
E. P. Archbold ditto 1st batt. 1st regiment	5 0 0
James Studd ditto ditto ditto ditto	15 11 9
John Marshall ditto 1st batt. 2nd regt., Pictou, ditto	8 6 6
John Burke ditto 2nd ditto Lunenburg ditto	1 16 6
W. Rudolf ditto 1st ditto ditto ditto	4 18 0
J. Ratchford ditto Parrsboro' ditto ditto	2 10 0
J. Egan—For inspection and report on state of militia arms in Halifax	1 0 0
Joseph Dickson—For services as adjutant 3rd batt. Col chester regiment, for 1854,	10 0 0
W. C. Eaton ditto 1st batt. ditto ditto	10 0 0
ditto as acting do. 2nd batt. ditto ditto	10 0 0
Joshua Huestis as adjutant 2nd batt. Cumberland ditto	10 0 0
Nepean Clarke ditto 4th regt., Halifax ditto	10 0 0
J. W. Johnston, jr. ditto 6th ditto ditto	10 0 0
Thomas Jamieson ditto 5th ditto ditto	10 0 0
J. H. Crosskill ditto 3rd ditto ditto	10 0 0
J. S. Richardson ditto 1st ditto ditto	10 0 0
Henry Pryor ditto 2nd ditto ditto	10 0 0
Henry Gesner ditto 1st batt. King's county regt.	10 0 0
Samuel Sharpe ditto 3rd ditto ditto	10 0 0
George Bingay ditto 2nd Yarmouth ditto	10 0 0
Robert Stone ditto 3rd East Annapolis ditto	10 0 0
G. L. Tremain ditto 1st batt 3rd regt. C. Breton ditto	10 0 0
Donald Campbell ditto 1st batt. 2nd. ditto ditto	10 0 0

Daniel Pellier	ditto	2nd batt. 2nd regt.	ditto	ditto	£10	0	0
John Smith	ditto	2nd batt. 1st regt.	ditto	ditto	10	0	0
James Brown	ditto	4th batt. 1st regt.	ditto	ditto	10	0	0
Samuel Rigby	ditto	1st batt. 1st regt.	ditto	ditto	10	0	0
David Murray	ditto	2nd batt. 2nd regt.	Pictou	ditto	10	0	0
W. H. Harris	ditto	1st batt. 1st regt.	ditto	ditto	10	0	0
John Holmes	ditto	1st batt. 2nd regt.	ditto	ditto	10	0	0
Hon. W. A. Henry	ditto	2nd batt. Sydney county regt.					
		for 1854,			10	0	0
Jacob Withrow	ditto	2nd Hants county	ditto		10	0	0
Job Harvey	ditto	3rd ditto	ditto		10	0	0
Daniel Dimock	ditto	4th Lunenburg	ditto		10	0	0
M. Kilfoyle	ditto	1st Guysboro' regiment	ditto		10	0	0
Whitman Freeman	ditto	Queen's county	ditto	ditto	10	0	0
					<u>510</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>

PUBLIC PRINTING.

Queen's printer—From vote of credit for this service, for 1855,				350	0	0	
Richard Nugent	ditto	ditto		250	0	0	
Queen's printer—Grant of 1855, for amount due for this service 31st December, 1854,				345	10	11	
A. Grant	ditto	ditto	ditto	24	0	9	
Morning Ch. Office	ditto	ditto	ditto	30	17	3	
S. J. M. Allen	ditto	ditto	ditto	12	2	3	
A. Lawson	ditto	ditto	ditto	11	3	9	
Richard Nugent	ditto	ditto	ditto	112	11	4	
B. American office	ditto	ditto	ditto	34	4	3	
James Barnes	ditto	ditto	ditto	5	18	0	
English & Blackadar	ditto	ditto	ditto	13	0	0	
E. M. McDonald	ditto	ditto	ditto	14	5	0	
J. & W. Compton	ditto	ditto	ditto	15	3	9	
J. Boyd	ditto	ditto	ditto	10	13	2	
W. A. Penney	ditto	ditto	ditto	18	12	4	
Publishers Prov. Wes.	ditto	ditto	ditto	14	17	0	
W. Gossip	ditto	ditto	ditto	7	2	0	
James P. Ward	ditto	ditto	ditto	17	5	0	
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POOR ASYLUM.

The commissioners—Balance of grant of 1854, including grant to school,				525	0	0	
Ditto		Grant of 1855, including grant to school,		2025	0	0	
					<u>2550</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

TRANSIENT POOR.

Overseers of poor—Grant for expenses of transient paupers, township of Horton, for 1854,				20	11	8	
ditto	ditto	ditto	1st section Pictou, do.	12	18	0	
ditto	ditto	ditto	4th section, do.	6	17	6	
							Overseers

Overseers of poor, ditto	ditto	Liverpool, do.	£27 17 8
ditto	ditto	Pugwash, do.	4 14 10
ditto	ditto	Granville, do.	9 0 0
ditto	ditto	Barrington, do.	6 10 0
ditto	ditto	Dorchester, do.	7 1 5
ditto	ditto	Annapolis, No. 1 do.	19 13 0
ditto	ditto	Wallace, do.	16 10 1
ditto	ditto	St. Andrew's,	
	Sydney county, do.		18 12 0
ditto	ditto	Cornwallis, do.	13 0 0
ditto	ditto	Clements, do.	17 0 0
ditto	ditto	Shelburne do.	2 1 6
ditto	ditto	Shubenacadie do.	1 15 0
ditto	ditto	Round Hill, An-	
	napolis, do.		3 18 10
ditto	ditto	Maxwelton, do.	1 12 6
ditto	ditto	Digby, do.	1 0 0
Eliza Walker—Grant of 1855, for care of Thomas Jones in 1853,			5 0 0
Doctor Madden ditto for attendance on John Nowlan and E. McLean,			8 2 6
Board of health, Yarmouth,	ditto	ditto	17 9 0
Doctor Creed,	ditto	ditto	2 4 6

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INDIAN GRANT.

Captain Chearnley—From grant of 1855, in aid of Indians,			50 0 0
Edward Knowlan ditto to aid in repairing losses by fire,			5 0 0
Newell Jeddore ditto towards his support,			4 0 0
Hugh O'Reilly & al. ditto for Merigomishe Indians,			50 0 0
A. W. Whitman ditto for Annapolis Indians;			20 0 0
John McKinnon, ditto for Indians, Sydney county,			30 0 0
Rev. Mr. Hannan, ditto for Shubenacadie Indians,			6 0 0
Rev. Mr. Geary, ditto for Indians, Clare, Digby county,			15 0 0
John Wade, ditto for Indians, Digby county,			10 0 0
John Creighton, ditto for Indians, Lunenburg county,			10 0 0
Rev. J. Coutard, ditto for Indians, Richmond county,			20 0 0
J. B. McDonald, ditto for Tatamagouche Indians,			1 1 0
Patrick Blake, ditto ditto ditto			4 0 0
Doctor Brown ditto per report of committee			3 0 0
Samuel Bayard ditto ditto			4 17 6
J. H. Miner ditto ditto			8 11 10
Irak Benjamin ditto ditto			0 12 5
Doctor Harrison ditto ditto			5 0 0
Dr. James Forbes ditto ditto			5 0 0
Doctor Tupper ditto ditto			5 0 0
Doctor Croker ditto ditto			2 2 3
John Esson ditto to aid Francis Paul			4 0 0
Doctor Jeans—From grants of 1854 & 1855, in full of his account,			10 0 0
Doctor Forman ditto ditto			3 0 0
N. T. Harris—For supplies to John Paul,			1 0 0
A. G. Archibald—Coach fare of an Indian from Truro to Halifax			0 10 0

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Steamboats,

STEAMBOATS, PACKETS & FERRIES.

Samuel Cunard & Co.—Grant of 1854, for steamer between Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland,	£375	0	0
T. D. Archibald, ditto for ditto between Sydney and St. Peter's,	75	0	0
L. P. W. DesBrisay ditto for ditto between Charlottetown and Pictou,	200	0	0
Thomas Condon, ditto for packet between Guysboro' and Arichat,	50	0	0
William Chappell ditto for ditto between Bay Verte and Charlottetown,	25	0	0
Wm. Pride and J. Knauffts—grants of 1854 and 1855 for ferry across St. Mary's river,	15	0	0
Anne McMillan—Grant of 1854, for ferry on Eastern side Strait of Canso,	15	0	0
Isaiah Smith, ditto for ditto between Shubenacadie and Londonderry,	20	9	0
John Leary, ditto for ditto over Basin Gut, Sambro,	5	0	0
Cunningham & Knowles, ditto for ditto between Cape Sable Island and the main,	15	0	0
Duncan McPhee ditto for ditto between Low point and Sydney mines	10	0	0
Wm. McDonald, ditto for ditto on east side of Port L'Herbert Harbor,	10	0	0
John Ross, ditto for ditto at Big Bras d'Or Lake, Boulardrie side,	10	0	0
Charles Winchester, ditto for ditto at Bear River, Digby county,	5	0	0
Joseph Pernette, ditto for ditto over LaHave River,	10	0	0
Charles Pernette, ditto for ditto ditto	10	0	0
S. Outhouse & J. Blackford, ditto for ditto at Petit Passage, Digby county,	5	0	0
Neil McIntosh, ditto for ditto between North Bar and town of Sydney,	10	0	0
E. Read, ditto for ditto between Amherst and Minudie,	15	0	0
Peter Fraser, ditto for ditto at north side Grandique River,	10	0	0
A. McGuire, ditto for ditto between Carter's landing and McPherson's,	10	0	0
Wm. Worrell, ditto for ditto at Grand Passage, Digby county,	5	0	0
Job Dart, ditto for ditto at Mouth of Shubenacadie, Colchester,	10	0	0
Isaiah Smith, ditto for ditto at ditto Hants,	10	0	0
Alex. McNeil, ditto for ditto at Grand Narrows, Cape Breton county,	5	0	0
Kenneth Matheson, ditto for ditto at Big Bras d'Or, Victoria county,	10	0	0
James Thompson, ditto for ditto at Margaree,	5	0	0
Joseph Morgan, ditto for ditto between Baddeck and Gammell's,	25	0	0
Joseph Pursall, ditto for ditto across North-west Arm,	10	0	0
Charles Smith, ditto for ditto across Necum Teuch River,	7	10	0

David Low,	ditto for ditto at Sheet Harbor,	£10	0	0
Donald McLean,	ditto for ditto at St. Ann's,	5	0	0
John McNeil,	ditto for ditto at Big Bras d'Or,	7	10	0
John McPherson,	ditto for ditto at Strait of Canso,	10.	0	0
Mrs. Wood,	ditto for ditto at Grandique River,	10	0	0
Joseph Devoe,	ditto for ditto at Westport,	25	0	0
Jonathan Archibald,	ditto over Liscomb Harbor, at Clare Head,	7	10	0
A. Lang,	ditto ditto ditto	5	0	0
Margaret Pye,	grants of 1853 & 1854, ditto ditto	10	0	0
Alexander Walsh,	grant of 1854, ditto over Pugwash Harbor,	5	0	0
John McNair,	ditto ditto between Melford and Ship Harbor,	10	0	0
Jacob Nauff's,	grant of 1855, for services performed in 1853, ferry St. Mary's River,	5	0	0
Samuel Lawrence,	grant of 1854, for providing boat for ferry at Margaree,	2	10	0
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NAVIGATION SECURITIES.

Isaac Roach & al.,	balance of grant of 1853, to Gates' breakwater, Wilmot,	55	0	0
Saml. Cameron,	grant of 1853, for placing buoys at entrance of Merigomishe Harbor,	10	0	0
James Corbet,	from grant of 1854, for breakwater at Trueman's landing, Cumberland,	5	5	0
. P. Borden,	grant of 1852, for breakwater at mouth of Windsor River, King's county,	25	0	0
John K. Mayo,	from grant 1853, for improving Sissiboo River, Digby,	145	7	6
Isaac Roach & al.,	grant of 1855, to Gates' Cove break- water,	100	0	0
Walter McKenzie,	ditto, to breakwater at Short Beach,	50	0	0
Francis Bowe,	ditto, for improvement of Tracadie Harbor,	99	16	8
Al. McDonald & A. Smith,	ditto, to pier at Arisaig,	200	0	0
Stephen Foster,	ditto, to Chute's Cove Breakwater,	75	0	0
John P. Ryer,	ditto, for improving Roseway River,	25	0	0
Wm. S. Holden,	grant of 1854, for improving Jordan River,	30	0	0
James Hurlbert,	grant of 1855, for improving Tuskent River,	50	0	0
Antonio Douset,	grant of 1854, to Cape Cove breakwater,	50	0	0
John Vaughn & al.,	grant of 1855, to Canada Creek ditto,	100	0	0
Maximin Therrio,	ditto, to Bellivou's breakwater,	100	0	0
James Warrington,	grants of 1854 and 1855, to landing at Digby,	55	0	0
Alex. McConnel & al.,	grant of 1855, to Ogilvie Brook breakwater, King's county,	100	0	0
Augustin Melanson,	ditto to breakwater at Gros Coque, Digby,	100	0	0
Elisha Randall,	from ditto to breakwater at Little River,	59	0	0
S. Whitney & al.,	from grants of 1850, 1852, and 1855, to Hall's Harbor breakwater,	134	17	8
John Givan & al.,	grant of 1852, to Givan's wharf break- water,	50	0	0
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CORONERS' INQUESTS.

Doctor Grigor, Coroner's fees on inquisitions held in the county of Halifax, in 1855,					£110	0	0
James Croucher, J. P.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
L. Robertson,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,			
	in the county of Cape Breton,				2	10	0
Wm. Armstrong, J. P.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
C. McAlpine,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
W. J. Bell,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Shelburne,		5	0	0
Robert Currie, J. P.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
James Forbes,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Queen's county,		20	0	0
James F. More,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
Freeman Tupper,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	7	10	0
Israel R. Wilson,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Shelburne,		2	10	0
S. Campbell,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Guysboro',		10	0	0
W. W. Bent,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Cumberland,		7	10	0
Thomas Page,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	7	10	0
Lewis Jenks,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
George Bingay,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Yarmouth,		17	10	0
Matthew Jeffery,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
James L. Lent,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	7	10	0
E. H. Oakes,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Digby,		2	10	0
H. E. Payson, J. P.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
Charles Jones,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
R. Stephen,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
E. Jean,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Richmond,		7	10	0
Edward Roach,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Pictou,		10	0	0
John McKay,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
D. Matheson,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	7	10	0
W. J. Anderson,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	7	10	0
J. Heckman,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Lunenburg,		2	10	0
Daniel Dimock,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
Aaron Morse,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
John Creighton,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	5	0	0
J. Munro,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Inverness,		2	10	0
A. Van Buskirk,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Kings county,		2	10	0
John Fisher,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
Jon. Borden,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
Saml. Muir,	ditto	ditto	in the county of Colchester,		5	0	0
James Moore, J. P.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0
Wm. Byres, J. P.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto,	2	10	0

D. V. Crow—Coroner's fees on inquisitions held in the county of Colchester, 1855,	£2 10 0
Wm. Currie, ditto ditto in the county of Sydney, ditto,	7 10 0
Stephen Croscup, ditto ditto in the county of Annapolis, ditto,	2 10 0
Walter Willet, ditto ditto ditto ditto,	2 10 0
John Ross, ditto ditto ditto ditto,	2 10 0
Peter Bonnett, ditto ditto ditto ditto,	2 10 0
G. F. Ditmars, ditto ditto ditto ditto,	2 10 0
John Jenkins, ditto ditto in the county of Hants, ditto,	7 10 0
Wm. Dennison, ditto ditto ditto ditto,	2 10 0
Isaac B. Bonnett, ditto ditto in the county of Annapolis, ditto,	5 0 0
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	£350 0 0

BOARD OF WORKS.

Chairman of Board, on account of current expenditure for 1855, including grant for balances due on account of different services for 1854,	23,250 0 0
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RATIONS TO TROOPS.

Dep. Qr. M'r. General, for marching and lodging troops from Halifax to Windsor, and back to Halifax,	22 14 6
ditto ditto from Halifax to Annapolis,	1 8 6
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DRAWBACKS.

James Gayton, grant of 1855, for amount of duties paid on Canada flour,	4 1 3
John Harris, ditto ditto on machinery,	7 8 0
Silas Bishop, ditto ditto ditto	3 0 0
David Scott, ditto ditto ditto	10 18 9
Saml. L. Lusby, ditto ditto ditto	1 19 0
T. & E. Kenny & al., for return of duties paid at Halifax, allowed by board of revenue,	3712 7 10
T. S. Harding & al., ditto Windsor, ditto	65 19 6
C.H. Dakin & Brothers, ditto Digby, ditto	7 3 11
James Primrose & al., ditto Pictou, ditto	22 0 4
G. W. Leavitt & Co., ditto Yarmouth, ditto	4 13 9
James McDonald, ditto Ragged Islands, ditto	21 7 3
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	3860 19 7

INTEREST.

Cashier of Savings' Bank—Balance of interest due 31st December, 1854,	270 12 3
Ditto ditto ditto due 31st Dec., 1855,	3153 13 3
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	3424 5 6

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY.

Prov. Railway, on account of expenditure for this service during the year 1855,	£43,771 17 6
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ST. PETER'S CANAL.

Capt. Barry—Amount of account for services performed in 1854,	60 0 0	
The commissioners, on account of expenditure for this service during the year 1855,	3000 0 0	
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PROTHONOTARIES

J. H. Rowley, pro. of Yarmouth, for services as clerk of the crown, from monies paid in 1854,	10 0 0	
Henry Ernst, ditto Lunenburg, ditto ditto ditto	10 0 0	
J. Macdonell, ditto Inverness, ditto ditto ditto	4 7 0	
Robt. R. Thompson, ditto Shelburne, ditto ditto ditto	7 0 0	
Wm. H. Chipman, ditto King's co. ditto ditto ditto	6 17 4	
E. F. Harding, ditto Hants, ditto ditto ditto	8 14 6	
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WRECKS.

Bowring, Brothers & ai., nett proceeds of articles saved from schooner Albatross,	944 0 0	
G. C. Whidden, ditto of cargo of brig Nisibus, wrecked on Sable Island,	1067 15 10	
R. W. Fraser, --ditto of cargo of ship Acadia, ditto	212 2 10	
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ADVANCES.

John S. Morris, pension as late commissioner of crown lands, December quarter 1854,	75 0 0	
Prov. Secretary, passages & expenses of soldiers' wives from Halifax to Bermuda,	35 2 6	
Ditto on account of expenses of German passengers per ship Acadian, wrecked on Sable Island,	347 0 0	
Ditto to pay expenses of apprehension of McDonald in U. States, on charge of murder,	110 5 3	
Ditto to pay passages of three persons picked up at sea and forwarded to New York,	9 0 0	
Ditto for sustenance of persons connected with the convict establishment at Bermuda, now in Halifax en route for that place,	32 10 0	
Richard Thompson, on account of above service, and in addition to above amount,	7 0 0	
Prov. secretary, for subsistence & expenses of two women and child of 26th regiment, in Halifax and to Bermuda,	19 10 0	
Commissioners of industrial exhibition, on account of exhibition tents,	20 0 0	J.

J. B. McDonald, for Indians at Liverpool, sent to reverend J. Walsh,	£20	0	0
Capt. Chearnley, for Indians	50	0	0
Hon. J. McLeod, for Indians, Cape Breton and Victoria,	20	0	0
Revd. Mr. Dumphy, for Indians at Shubenacadie,	20	0	0
M. I. Wilkins, for Indians near Pictou,	10	0	0
J. Schulti, D. D. ditto ditto	20	0	0
Revd. A. McSween, ditto ditto	20	0	0
Dr. Jennings, for attendance on sick Indians at Sackville,	34	4	0
James Skinner, expenses of passengers of Lochmalen Castle, while in Pictou,	242	17	9
Thos. Fenerty, for 200 copies of Merchants' shipping act, The city marshall, reward offered for apprehension of Syme, an escaped convict,	18	15	0
Revd. Dr. Twining, for relief of soldiers' wives and children,	100	0	0
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ADVANCES FOR ROADS.

Rufus Thompson, repairs of Black River bridge, Cumber- land county,	29	4	9
Jesse W. Fullerton, Cumberland line towards Parrsboro, do.	24	0	3
Francis Carroll, for building bridge across Patridge Island River 1-3d of £100, ditto	33	6	8
Lewis Jenks, survey from Apple Riverto Parrsboro shore, do	36	6	0
A. Haglan, for building bridge near Haglan's mills, do	15	7	6
W. Dowling, repair of road from Grant's to Pictou county line, Colchester county,	157	9	5
Ditto rebuilding bridge near Parker's (one half) do	149	8	9
David McCurdy, repairs on North River bridge, do	9	9	7
James Barnhill, to repair Chigonis bridge, Colchester co.	11	4	8
John Carter, to repair bridge at Slack's causeway, ditto	3	12	4
James McKenzie, to repair main post road, Richmond co.	50	0	0
James Campbell, over-expenditure on grant No. 114, ditto	18	9	3
James McNeil, repairs of road from Irish Cove towards Loch Lomond, ditto	12	0	0
Roderick McLeod, ditto Grand River to Louis Cove, ditto	14	0	0
Thos. Maunder, over-expenditure on Little Arichat bridge, do	44	6	4
Wm. Dowling, to build Shubenacadie bridge, near Wood- worth's (one half), Hant's county,	100	9	01
Ditto to build Shubenacadie bridge, near Parker's (one half) ditto	149	8	9
W. Dill, to repair road from Benj. Sweet's to St. Croix, do.	10	1	0
L. Sweet, for building bridge and sluice at Windsor, do.	128	18	8
Wm. Dowling, for building Shubenacadie bridge (one half) Halifax county,	100	9	11
L. Sweet, to repair road from Halifax to Hantsco. line, do.	48	6	8
John Jamieson, for bridge over Salmon river, Guys- borough county,	16	13	4
Daniel Lawler, for Salmon River bridge, near Lawler's,	3	17	1
Adam McKenzie, for road from New Glasgow to Pictou county line, Pictou county,	54	7	0
A. Ricker & J. Frost, over-expenditure on grant No. 115, Yarmouth county,	115	11	5

Leon Porter, over-expenditure on Tusket bridge, ditto,	£448	9	2	
Reid Hall, over-expenditure on commission No. 167, Annapolis county,		9	1	3
Michael Maddocks, repairs of road from Fitzgerald's towards Cape Bouchelotti, Richmond county,		10	0	0
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ROAD COMPENSATION.

Donald McLean, grant of 1855, on alteration of road, Boulardrie, Victoria county,	£15	0	0	
John McLeod, ditto ditto ditto ditto	5	0	0	
Alexr. Grant, ditto ditto ditto ditto	9	10	0	
Norman McDonald, ditto ditto ditto ditto	4	10	0	
Alexr. McKenzie, ditto ditto ditto ditto	6	0	0	
Wm. McDonald, ditto ditto ditto ditto	7	10	0	
John McPhee, ditto ditto ditto ditto	3	10	0	
Colin McDonald, ditto ditto ditto ditto	1	10	0	
John McPherson, ditto ditto ditto ditto	1	10	0	
Philip McRae, ditto ditto ditto ditto	3	10	0	
Neil Patterson, ditto ditto ditto ditto	0	15	0	
Daniel Dunlop, ditto ditto ditto ditto	3	0	0	
D. B. McNab, ditto on alteration of road at Baddeck Bay, ditto	8	3	0	
John Finlayson, ditto ditto ditto ditto	5	0	0	
Alexr. Taylor, ditto ditto towards Big harbor, Little Baddeck, ditto	0	17	6	
John McLean, ditto ditto ditto ditto	5	10	0	
Donald McKenzie, ditto ditto ditto ditto	3	5	0	
Kohan Stewart, ditto ditto ditto ditto	10	0	0	
Murdoch Morrison, ditto ditto ditto ditto	7	0	0	
Wm. Jones, ditto for laying out road, Hunter's mountain to McKenzie's, ditto	3	0	0	
Angus McLeod, ditto ditto ditto ditto	7	2	6	
Duncan McRae, ditto on alteration of road between Little and Big Baddeck, ditto	14	0	0	
Wm. Kidston, ditto ditto ditto ditto	10	0	0	
Hon. J. McNab & al., ditto ditto ditto ditto	15	0	0	
D. B. McNab, ditto ditto ditto ditto	2	0	0	
Wm. Jones, ditto for laying out road do ditto	4	0	0	
Roderick Campbell, ditto ditto ditto ditto	1	0	0	
Colin McDonald, ditto ditto ditto ditto	1	0	0	
Norman McDonald, ditto on alteration of road, Ross' ferry to Fraser's mill, ditto	4	15	0	
John McKenzie, ditto ditto ditto ditto	6	0	0	
David Corbett, ditto ditto ditto ditto	12	9	0	
John McDonald, ditto ditto ditto ditto	13	10	0	
Widow McDonald, ditto ditto ditto ditto	3	10	0	
Alexander Corbett, ditto ditto ditto ditto	5	2	6	
Ditto ditto ditto ditto	1	12	0	
John Ross, ditto ditto ditto ditto	4	6	0	
James Sutherland, ditto ditto ditto ditto	8	4	0	
Donald McRae, ditto ditto Big Harbor ferry to K. Stewart's, ditto	9	0	0	

Murdoch Nicholson, grant of 1855, on alteration of road, Big Harbor ferry to K. Stewart's, Vic- toria county,					£7 10 0
Kenneth Matheson, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	7 6 0
John McKenzie, ditto	ditto	ditto	Inverness county line to Middle River,	ditto	45 0 0
Patrick Burns, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	3 0 0
Archibald McDougal, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0 0
J. & K. McDonald, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	8 0 0
Alexr. McDonald, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	2 0 0
Peter Leonard, ditto	ditto	ditto	S. E. end of Sydney River bridge, Cape Breton county,	ditto	4 0 0
Norman McDonald, ditto	ditto	ditto	in Boulardrie ditto	ditto	6 1 6
Joseph Marsh, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	25 4 5
Joseph Ross, ditto	ditto	ditto	Margaree to Victoria county line, Inverness county,	ditto	1 12 0
John Ross, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 10 0
Jacob Ross, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	3 15 0
John Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	Colchester county line to Gut of Canso, Sydney county,	ditto	7 10 0
Wm. Munro, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	2 0 0
Malcolm Fraser, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	2 0 0
Archibald McArthur, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	1 10 0
Hugh Munro, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	3 0 0
Wm. Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	Antigonish to Sher- brooke, Sydney county,	ditto	34 0 0
G. & Rodk. Pushee, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	6 0 0
Donald Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	2 10 0
Alexander McAdam, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	2 10 0
James Thompson, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	1 5 0
Chrisr. Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	between Antigonish and Guysboro,	ditto	8 0 0
Ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	13 0 0
Colin Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	50 16 0
Mrs. McGrath, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	5 0 0
Joseph Smith, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	3 10 0
Donald McDonald, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	22 0 0
Hugh Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	13 0 0
Wm. Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	29 10 0
Val. McKenzie, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	31 0 0
Thos. Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	18 0 0
Hugh Fraser, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	29 0 0
Donald Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	32 15 0
Flora Chisholm, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	16 5 0
Val. McKenzie & al., ditto expenses of surveying	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	10 0 0
James Grant, ditto on alteration of road, Ten mile house to New Glasgow, Pictou county,					5 15 0
Thomas Horn, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	11 5 0
Angus Ross, ditto	ditto	ditto	new post road to ditto	ditto	2 0 0
Wm. Duff, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	24 0 0
Wm. Hartshorne, ditto	ditto	ditto	Guysboro' to Wells' Corner, Guysboro' county,	ditto	9 0 0
Leml. Scott, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	7 3 6
Charles Morgan, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	4 19 0
J. & C. Jost, ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	6 6 0

Duncan McColl,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	£9	17	0		
Edward Dillon,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	8	8	0		
Wm. Wells,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	1	2	9		
Hon. R. M. Cutler,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	38	11	6		
E. H. Franchville & al.,	do	ditto services on appraisers, do			2	6	8		
J. & M. Whitman,	ditto	ditto on alteration of road from New Bridge, at Milford Haven, to road on Manchester side, ditto			2	10	0		
Wm. Hartshorne,	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	26	10	0		
James Churchill,	ditto for damage sustained by road pas- sing through his land, per report of committe, Yarmouth county,				24	5	0		
Andrew Murray,	grant of 1853, on alteration of road, Pictou county,				6	1	0		
Neil McPherson,	grant of 1854, services as appraiser, Cape Breton county,				0	7	6		
Isaac Wournell,	ditto for fencing on Harvey road, Halifax county,				1	0	0		
							885	19	4

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Annapolis county,	paid on account of this service from grants of 1855,				2,022	17	0
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				53	10	0
Colechester county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				2,364	0	8
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				95	16	1
Cumberland county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				2,166	1	1
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				189	6	6
Cape Breton county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				2,832	11	5
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				25	16	1
Digby county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				1,876	0	0
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				189	3	3
Guysboro' county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				1,788	3	3
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				186	10	0
Halifax county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				3,471	7	11
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				100	7	6
Hants county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				2,770	6	10
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				42	8	11
Inverness county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				2,526	17	11
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				185	11	9
King's county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				1,913	9	1
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st December, 1854,				91	18	2
Lunenburg county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,				2,418	17	3
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Lunenburg county,	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	£45	0	0	
Pictou county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			2,568	17 8
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	40	0	0	
Queen's county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			1,876	8 0
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	97	2	9	
Richmond county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			1,756	2 0
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	158	17	8	
Sydney county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			2,481	19 6
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	3	11	0	
Shelburne county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			2,018	7 9
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	44	0	0	
Victoria county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			1,841	6 5
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	4	0	0	
Yarmouth county,	ditto of this service from grants of 1855,			2,496	2 0
Ditto	ditto of old road votes undrawn 31st				
	December, 1854,	5	0	0	
				£1,557	19 8
				£195,763	3 6

Financial secretary's office,

31st January, 1856,

SAMUEL CREELMAN, financial secretary.

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The provincial railway in account current to 31st December, 1855, with the receiver general.

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1855.					
March 31.	To cash paid the commissioners from 2nd Jan.				
	to 31st March inclusive,	£16,000			
June 30.	cash paid the commissioners from 7th April			26,000	
	to 30th June inclusive,				
Sept. 30.	cash paid the commissioners from 12th July			26,000	
	to 30th Sept. inclusive,				
Dec. 31.	cash paid the commissioners from 1st Oct.				
	to 31st Dec. inclusive,	53,000	0	0	121,000 0 0
Octr. 26.	cash paid Baring Brothers & Co. for acct.				
	due to them by the commissioners,			25,710	5 2
March 31.	cash paid salary of chief engineer,	234	7	6	
	cash paid salary of chairman,	175	0	0	

April

April 16.	To cash paid salary of five commissioners, to 31st March, 1855—onc year,	£1,000	0	0		
June 30.	cash paid salary of chief engineer,	234	7	6		
	cash paid salary of chairman,	175	0	0		
July 6.	cash paid a quarters salary of comm'rs, to 30th June,	250	0	0		
Sept. 30.	cash paid salary of chief engineer,	234	7	6		
	cash paid salary of chairman,	175	0	0		
Oct. 19.	cash paid a quarter's salary of commission- sioners, to 30th September,	250	0	0		
Dec. 31.	cash paid salary of chief engineer,	234	7	6		
	cash paid salary of chairman,	175	0	0		
						3,137 10 0
Oct. 9.	cash paid interest to Bank of Nova Scotia, to 31st July, on money borrowed,	405	9	3		
	cash paid cost of importing 10,000 sove- reigns at 3-4 per cent.	93	15	0		
	cash paid interest on money received pre- vious to 1st of July, for debenture bonds to be issued	15	4	8		
						514 8 11
Dec. 1.	This amount charged Baring, Brothers & Co. for interest on broken periods, to 1st December, as per contra,					3,226 0 4
Dec. 31.	This amount charged interest paid Baring, Brothers & Co. on bonds to 31st De- cember, as per contra,					5,362 10 0
	cash paid cost of engraving bonds in Lon- don,					229 8 10
	Balance carried down,					27,149 16 0
						£186,329 19 3

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1855.						
February 5.	By cash from provincial receiver,	10,000	0	0		
June 20.	Ditto ditto ditto	8,200	0	0		
" 30.	Ditto ditto ditto	3,200	0	0		
July 17.	Ditto ditto ditto	4,400	0	0		
Dec. 28.	Ditto ditto ditto	17,971	17	6		43,771 17 6
	Cash for 19 debenture bonds issued in Halifax, £500 stg. each,	9,500	0	0		
	Ditto for 39 bonds issued for £100 stg. each,	3,900	0	0		
		13,400	0	0		
	Exchange 1-4th,	3,350	0	0		16,750 0 0
	Cash received for premium on £2100 stg. of the above bonds, at 5 pr. ct.	105	0	0		
	Exchange 1-4th,	26	5	0		131 5 0
						Dec.

Dec. 28.	Cash from Baring, Brothers & Co. on account of bonds for £150,000 stg. sold them at par, £73,021 9 7 stg.	91,276 17 0
	Cash ditto for this amount charged the railway commissioners as per contract,	25,710 5 2
	This amount charged Baring, Brothers & Co., for interest allowed by them for broken periods, between the 1st July, and 1st December as per contract,	3,226 0 4
	This amount from Baring, Brothers & Co., for interest due on bonds to 31st December, 1855, charged to interest as per contract,	5,362 10 0
	Cash for interest on bonds issued in Halifax, for broken periods between the 1st of July and 31st December, 1855,	101 4 3
		£186,329 19 3
Dec. 31, 1855.	By balance brought down,	£27,149 16 0

Receiver general's office,
31st December, 1855,
JAMES McNAB, receiver general.

No. 4.

(See page 17.)

At a meeting of council held at Halifax on the 7th day of June, A. D., 1855.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,

The hon. Michael Tobin,
James McNab,
The attorney general,
Samuel Creelman,
Lewis Morris Wilkins.

The attention of the board was called to the necessity of providing funds for the construction of the railways that are now in progress, and to the two acts passed with that view, viz : the 17th Victoria, chapter 2, and the act of last session in amendment thereof.

It appears from the information furnished by the railway commissioners that the sum of six hundred thousand pounds sterling, or thereabouts, will be required in addition to the amount already expended, for proceeding with the construction of such railways ; and it is obvious that this large amount cannot be borrowed within the province. It is necessary therefore to apply to English capitalists, and as the hon. Joseph Howe, the chief railway commissioner, is about to proceed to London on this and other business, the board of council have agreed to the following instructions for his guidance.

The sum of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling will cover all the liabilities incurred, and to be incurred for twelve months from this date, and Mr. Howe's first care will be to sell our debentures to that extent on the best terms he can procure, but he is not to sell them at a discount, as they are to bear six per cent. interest, and to be payable in twenty years, agreeably to the act.

If he accomplish this object he will enter into such arrangements as may appear to him most advisable for disposing of our debentures in future years, to the extent of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling more, on the best terms to be from time to time obtained, but so as such debentures shall not be agreed to be delivered at less than their par value.

If he find it impossible to negotiate the loan for £150,000 under the acts as they now stand, he will ascertain what modification of these acts will be indispensable; and he is furnished herewith with the drafts of two bills A and B to be presented in their order to the proposed lenders, and if they shall be satisfied with the first, or if, rejecting that, they shall be content with the second; Mr. Howe is at liberty to engage on behalf of the provincial government that they will use their influence to carry the one or the other of these bills at the next session, which the board have no doubt would be effected.

If neither of these be acceptable, Mr. Howe is to communicate any further modification or change of the existing law that may be proposed, to the executive government, and await their reply.

Should the negotiation succeed, the debentures for the £150,000 will be completed, and sent without delay to the agents whom he may employ, on behalf of the province.

The sum to be raised is left blank in both bills, and Mr. Howe, if he find it indispensable to act on them, is at liberty to fill up the blanks in either bill with the sum of £600,000 sterling, or £800,000 sterling, as may seem to him most advisable.

I certify the foregoing to be a true extract from minutes of the executive council board of the province of Nova Scotia.

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS,

Clerk of the council.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London, July 6, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the lieutenant-governor, that having previously discussed with some of the partners in the house of Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., the business of my mission, I, at their request, addressed to that house, on the 20th of June, the letter, a copy of which I have now the honor to enclose.

I yesterday received in answer a letter, of which a copy is herewith transmitted.

This letter, his excellency will be gratified to perceive, determines some points of considerable importance.

1. That one of the first banking houses in this city, perhaps in the world, certainly the one having the best information as to the standing and character of states and provinces on the American continent, and most familiar with their financial operations, has "entire confidence in the good faith of the province of Nova Scotia, and believes that only good management is required to obtain the highest degree of credit for her securities."

2. That new legislation is not necessary in order to render our debentures negotiable.

3. That Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. are prepared to assume the responsibilities of financial agents for Nova Scotia, receiving the usual commission, and to negotiate her bonds to the extent of £800,000 sterling.

4. That should funds be required, at any time, they will advance, on the credit of the province, a sum not to exceed £50,000.

5. That when I am authorized to accept an offer for the £150,000 required this year, they will make one.

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Though, by my commission and instructions I am fully empowered to accept or decline such an offer, I have thought it best, under all the circumstances, not to take that responsibility until I hear again from you.

With this letter, and the correspondence transmitted before them, it will be for the governor in council to instruct me, either to decide on the offer to the extent of £150,000 and to arrange for the annual sale of the balance of the debentures, or to make an arrangement for the sale of the whole issue on provincial account, as money may be required.

In the meantime I shall get a form of bond, in the preparation of which I have had the advice of Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., engraved, so that no time may be lost in sending out the bonds for signature after I hear from you again.

I have not thought it necessary to open communications with any other banking house, and am doubtful of the propriety or policy of doing so, but if the government desire that this shall be done, you will be good enough to instruct me to that effect.

I have, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.

The honorable L. M. Wilkins.

No 8, Leicester Place, London, June 20, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

Referring to the conversation of this morning with members of your house, I have now the honor to hand to you

1st. Copy of the act passed in 1854, to authorize the construction of railways in Nova Scotia.

2nd. An act passed in that year authorizing the provincial government to raise by loan the funds required for such railways.

3rd. An act passed in 1855, in amendment of the loan act.

4th. A report of the railway commissioners, explaining the nature of the operations conducted under the construction act, down to Dec. 31, 1854.

5th. A memorandum showing the progress since made and the extent of the works to be completed, or placed under contract or completed within this year.

6th. A copy of the census returns for 1851, shewing the general condition of the province and the various pursuits to which the industry of its people is directed.

7th. A copy of Sir Gaspard LeMarchant's report made to her majesty's government in 1853, in which the maritime and agricultural resources and industry of Nova Scotia will be shown to contrast most favourably with those of all the surrounding countries.

9th. The official statement of the revenue of the province for 1854, distinguishing the sources from whence it is derived, with a statement of the value of imports and exports, and of ships built and exported in the same year.

9th. General statement of imports and exports, showing the number of ports of entry within the province, and the nature and extent of the commerce at each.

10th. A memorandum shewing the actual amount and nature of the provincial debt.

11th. Comparative statement shewing the increase of revenue from 1851 to 1854.

12th. A copy of the bond which the provincial government propose to issue.

I have thought it better that you should have before you all the information which will enable you to form a correct estimate of the position which Nova Scotia ought to occupy in the money market, and that this information should, as far as possible, be conveyed to you in official papers prepared in the ordinary course of public business. Should it be necessary or desirable to call public attention to the resources of the province now or hereafter, I can prepare in a more condensed form, the leading facts upon which persons inclined to purchase our bonds would probably rely. You

You will perceive from the papers submitted that the whole debt of Nova Scotia is only £112,000, while the revenue last year exceeded £125,000. Our Tariff is the lowest in America. The advalorem duty in Canada is 12 1-2 per cent. In Nova Scotia it is but 6 1-4 per cent. Our revenue could therefore be largely increased should any necessity for an augmentation arise.

Though the large amount of Canadian bonds in circulation may make them a more marketable security, as that province owes about £4,000,000, and Nova Scotia but £112,000, I should think that a limited amount of debentures issued by the latter province would, so securely based as they can be shown to be, command an equal price in the market. As respects New Brunswick I am not aware to what extent her bonds have been issued, or what price they may command, but ours ought to stand higher, because we have 100,000 people more consuming dutiable articles.

Besides its power of taxation to meet any liabilities which it may incur, the government of Nova Scotia owns a large amount of public property, including 4,000,000 of acres of land, now, with the construction of public works, fast rising in value.

Should these papers not afford all the information which you may require, I will be happy to furnish more upon any points to which you may be good enough to direct my attention.

Assuming that the moment is favourable to effect a loan or sell debentures, the government of Nova Scotia would prefer to do either, provided the terms were fair, through the instrumentality of your house, because you promptly offered them your aid in 1852, and have since transacted the business of the railway commission to their entire satisfaction.

Will you be good enough to inform me then upon what terms, without commission, you would take the whole loan say £600,000 or £800,000, should that amount be preferred; at what rate you will purchase £150,000 worth of bonds to be delivered as soon as they can be prepared, leaving the balance to be sold at such rates as they may command whenever the money is required.

Should you not be disposed to purchase, be good enough to inform me at what rate the whole or any portion of the bonds could probably be disposed of at the present moment, with the terms on which you would be prepared to sell them on provincial account.

The form of bond could be altered should you be of opinion that it would be improved. You will perceive that in anticipation of the war excluding us from the English market for a time, it has been framed to be issued and paid within the Province. It was in contemplation to issue a small parcel of these this spring, but none have been, and none will be issued until satisfactory arrangements are made here, or until the government is apprized of the result of this negotiation.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., London.

8, *Bishopsgate street, Within*, 5th July, 1855.

DEAR SIR—

We have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, (with the various documents therein referred to) in which you inform us that the province of Nova Scotia will require a loan of £800,000 during the coming four years, in yearly sums of £200,000, and you ask us to make an offer for £150,000 of 6 per cent. bonds, that will be issued for the present year. We have informed you that

that bonds in currency, payable at Halifax, cannot, in our opinion, be made negociable here; and as the act authorizes the issue of bonds in sterling, we recommend that they be so issued, to bear six per cent. interest, payable half yearly by coupons, and the bonds to be made redcemable in twenty years from their date.

The bonds should be issued in sums of £1000, £500, and £100; say in £100,000 there should be

30 bonds of	£1000
60 do. of	500
400 do. of	100

If made payable at our counting house, our charge would be one per cent. on the payment of the dividens, and the same on the redemption of the bonds at their maturity. We have entire confidence in the good faith of the province of Nova Scotia, and believe that only good management is required to obtain the highest degree of credit for her securities; but at the same time it is impossible to draw the attention of capitalists to a new security unless it can be offered at a moderate price.

We are disposed to make you an offer for £150,000 sterling 6 per cent. bonds, whenever you inform us that you have authority to accept it (should the offer be satisfactory), but we cannot make an offer subject to the approval of your government.

Should our offer not prove to be such as you can accept, we are willing to sell the bonds for account of the province, in which case we should make our usual charge of one per cent. commission, if no advances be required of us, or two per cent. when advances are required; in no case the advance, however, to exceed £50,000.

We remain, dear sir,

Very truly yours,

BARING, BROTHERS & Co.

The hon. Joseph Howe, &c. &c. &c.

London, 8, Leicester Place, 19th July, 1855.

SIR—

I have not much to communicate, and shall not have until I receive an answer to my letter of the 6th of July.

A form of bond has been arranged, a drawing of it made, and it is now in the hands of Messrs. Page, Bacon & Co. who struck off our province notes, and who, for integrity, and, for taste and skill in the execution of such work, stand at the head of their profession. They have promised me to use all due diligence in getting the plate engraved, but cannot yet name any precise time, from the great pressure of business in their establishment.

As the certain command of funds will make it very desirable that the extension of the railroad into the city should be commenced without delay, it becomes a matter of great importance that the lieutenant-governor should be left free to sanction any line that his excellency may approve, even should that line pass through imperial property.

I have discussed this matter over once with Lord John Russell, and twice with Mr. Merivale, the last time in presence of an officer of the ordnance department. It appearing from that gentleman's statement that the matter will come more peculiarly under the review of another officer, now abroad, but who is expected home in a few days, Mr. Merivale thought that the discussion had better be postponed until that gentleman returned. So the matter stands, but I beg you to assure his excellency that it shall not be lost sight of, and that my best exertions shall be employed to secure a favorable result.

I have, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.
Provincial

Hon. Lewis M. Wilkins.

Provincial secretary's office,

Halifax, 19th July, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, with its enclosures, conveying, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor and his council, the communications that had been interchanged between Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. and yourself, on the subject of your special mission to London.

His excellency, after having carefully considered this correspondence, and discussed it with his executive advisers, has commanded me to assure you of his perfect satisfaction at the manner in which you have thus far discharged the duty committed to you, and to request you to convey to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. the gratification he has derived from the expression of their confidence in the good faith of this province, and from the willingness declared by a firm of their high character and standing, to act in the capacity of financial agents for Nova Scotia, in the manner and to the extent stated in their letter to you of the 5th instant.

With regard to your future course of proceeding, I am further commanded to instruct you as follows :

You are to accept, in your discretion, any proposition that may be made to you for the purchase of six per cent. debentures, framed in such way, and of such amounts as may be suggested by the tenders, to the extent of £150,000 sterling, at such premium as you can obtain, or, if no premium can be procured, at par.

You will inform Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. that in the event of its being deemed advisable to negotiate debentures through London bankers in preference to obtaining a loan for the balance of £650,000 required for our future railway exigencies, they will be employed by the province to sell our debentures to the extent of that balance, if so required, and to pay the dividends thereon, at the rate of commission expressed in their letter to you last referred to.

The debentures for the £150,000 will, in the event of your accepting the proposal of these gentlemen, be sent at once, or by instalments of £50,000 each, as may be agreed on.

The latter course, if approved by Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. would be preferred by us, as it would involve a saving of interest, the money being required solely for the construction of railways, and according to the progress of the works.

I have, &c.

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

Hon. Joseph Howe, &c.

London, No. 8, Leicester Place, August 3, 1855.

SIR—

Your letter of the 19th of July, conveying to me the approbation of the governor and council of my proceedings as reported up to that period, reached me by the last mail, and was read with much satisfaction.

Acting upon the discretionary power therein renewed, I apprized Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. that I was now prepared to consider any proposition which they might be disposed to make for the purchase of bonds to the extent of £150,000.

As Mr. Bates had gone to Paris some delay has occurred, as it was necessary to consult him. No answer has yet been received to my letter, but I am in hopes to have one before the mail closes.

The engravers assure me that the bonds, or some portion of them, shall be ready to go by the next mail.

I am to see Sir William Molesworth early in the week, and Mr. Merivale has arranged with Mr. Elliott, who has only just returned, a meeting for to-morrow, on the subject of the lands required for the extension into Halifax.

I have to thank you for the plans forwarded to me by the last mail, and which were almost indispensable to any discussion of the subject.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

The hon. Lewis M. Wilkins, &c. &c.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London, August 17, 1855.

SIR—

After much anxious deliberation, I have sold to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. provincial debentures to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand pounds (£150,000) at par.

They will at once place to the credit of the railway board £20,568 4 2, being the amount due them by the board, and place to the credit of the province £29,870 17s. 5d. upon which the receiver general may draw on receipt of this letter. £50,000 more will be placed to the credit of the province when the bonds come to hand, and the balance on the 1st of December.

I was in hopes to have obtained a premium on these bonds, and had they have been here, signed and perfect, would perhaps have offered them by advertisement for public competition rather than have taken the responsibility of selling them by private contract. But as at least a month must have elapsed before they could have been sent to England, perhaps two, if any accident occurred, and as the chances of war, and a bad harvest, or the announcement of new loans, might, at any moment, in the present feverish state of the public mind, create a panic and derange the market, and as it was not fair to expect Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. to leave me an option longer than such reasonable time as was necessary, to enable me to ascertain if I could do better; I thought that the government would prefer, without further delay, to have its policy secured and its credit placed beyond a doubt. I have acted upon this conviction, and trust that his excellency the lieutenant-governor and the executive council will be satisfied that I have done right.

The sale of these bonds to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., not only secures to the government the whole £800,000 which they require, but will secure also the highest rate of premium upon the remaining £650,000, because while Baring & Brothers have the means to enable them to hold what they have bought, their interest will induce them to hold until they can realize the highest premium that our securities can command. The best market will thus be made what the province must subsequently sell.

The bonds of New Brunswick with some interest due upon them were sold here recently at par, and those of Canada were bought by Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. in 1850 at par, with a deduction, for commission, of 1 per cent.

The Canadian bond now ranges from 12 to 15, and although to us, who know that ours is intrinsically as valuable, it seems but reasonable to expect that it should sell as high, yet every body that I have consulted here agrees in the opinion that a market must be made for a new stock before any premium can be expected.

The highest offer that I could obtain in London, even in peace, for a limited portion of the bonds which it was then contemplated to issue, was par, and that only from parties who looked to make a profit by the general agency. Though such offers would probably have been renewed, and others have been made to me by persons who knew the

the nature of my mission, yet I am satisfied, from careful enquiry and observation, that no house of equal standing would, at the present moment, or at any time since I have been in England, have made a more liberal offer than that which I have now accepted.

Messrs. Bacon, Perkins & Co., have forwarded to you a box containing all the bonds that could be got ready, and which should be signed and sealed in the terms of the act, and forwarded without delay. Enclosed you will find the correspondence.

I have, &c.

Hon. L. M. Wilkins.

JOSEPH HOWE.

No. 8, Leicester Place, 1st August, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

I have the honor to acquaint you that I have received full instructions from the government of Nova Scotia upon the points submitted, and am now empowered to accept your offer for the purchase of £150,000 of debentures, should the terms appear to me advantageous.

I shall be quite prepared therefore to consider any proposition that you may do me the honor to make, and I trust I need not assure you with every confidence in your liberality and fairness.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

JOSEPH HOWE.

London, 16th August, 1855.

DEAR SIR—

We now, for our mutual satisfaction, and as advice to the government Nova Scotia, shortly recapitulate the conditions of our purchase from you, in virtue of your full powers to sell one hundred and fifty thousand pounds in bonds of the province of Nova Scotia, bearing six per cent. interest, payable semi-annually on 1st January and 1st July of each year, at our counting house, where the principal will also be repaid on 1st July, 1875.

Upon your engagement that the said £150,000 in sterling bonds will be forwarded to us in due order, with as little delay as possible, we have credited the account of the board of railway commissioners in Nova Scotia, under date of this day, for amount of £50,000 bonds,

	£50,000	0	0
Accrued interest from 1st July to 16th August, at 6 per cent.	378	1	7

Together	£50,378	1	7
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On receipt of the bonds for £150,000—we shall in like manner credit this same account with £50,000, together with interest from 1st July to that time, at 6 per cent. and on 1st December next we shall credit it with the remaining £50,000, and 6 per cent. from 1st July.

On such further issues of bonds as the government of Nova Scotia may send to England (for it is understood that it is the intention to consign them for sale to us) our charge will be a commission of 1 per cent. and a quarter of 1 per cent. brokerage on the nett proceeds of realization, and after such sales the drafts of the government or its agents will be duly honored. The drafts against the balance due by us on the purchase above

above mentioned will be at 60 days sight, unless the money be used for payments in Europe.

You have engaged on the part of the government of Nova Scotia, that regular provision shall be made with us here of the funds necessary for the payment of all dividends, as well as in due time of the principal of all bonds issued, at least one month before such payments become due; and our charge of commission will be 1 per cent on the amount paid.

We regret that from the delay in procuring the bonds as well as from your desire to communicate with your government, the conclusion of this arrangement should have been so long postponed, as we believe that circumstances would have been more favorable for the sale of the bonds two months ago, when first you conferred with us on the subject than now, and as the bonds can hardly reach us before the middle or beginning of October, we run all the risks of the vicissitudes of the money market, which it is impossible in present times rightly to calculate. We fully appreciate, however, your anxiety not hastily to conclude an operation of importance to the credit of Nova Scotia, and we fully share your desire to do justice to the position, good faith, and resources of the colony. As stated to you we should have been as willing to effect the sales of these bonds on commission, as to have made the purchase now concluded, but their realization would have been matter of uncertainty, and your government would have been unable to reckon with precision on the period when the proceeds would be available. Sales of stock like those in question cannot be forced, the investments in them are limited and gradual; there is no disposition to speculate in them because they cannot be converted into money according to the wants of the holders, and much time will often elapse before a buyer or lender can be found. This is the case with all Colonial and American securities, but would be so much more on the first introduction of new bonds into the market; and we believe that any attempt to sell at once, and by competition, £150,000 Nova Scotia bonds, would have failed, and damaged all future sales, for we can only look to time and good management to introduce them gradually into favourable notice. We consider that you have made an advantageous contract for Nova Scotia by obtaining the full amount of principal without any deduction for charges, and we feel the fullest confidence that nothing will occur on the part of Nova Scotia to obstruct our efforts to place her claims to general credit in the most favorable light.

It only remains for us to say, that dealing with you (for whom, personally, we entertain the highest respect), and through you with your government, we shall feel perfectly satisfied, without further formalities, with your acknowledgment of the conditions of our contract, as contained in this letter; and we beg you to believe us, with great esteem,

Sir, your obedient servants,

BARING, BROTHERS & CO.

Hon. Joseph Howe.

London, August 17, 1855.

GENTLEMEN—

Your letter of the 10th of August accurately describes the terms upon which I sold to you, on that day, one hundred and fifty thousand pounds, in bonds of the province of Nova Scotia, and appointed you, under the commission and instructions which I hold, financial agent for that province, in London. In conducting this negotiation, it is but due to you to say, that while the credit and resources of your house were promptly tendered to the government of Nova Scotia, without reference to the purchase now made, you left me free, with your offer for these bonds, for near a fortnight in my possession, to make better terms if I could.

You may rely upon the government honorably fulfilling the terms of your agreement, and I beg you to believe that it gives me great pleasure to be assured of the personal respect of those whom, from the candour and firmness which I have ever met at their hands, I very highly esteem.

The money should be placed at the credit of the province, to be drawn by the receiver general; and I will see that a bill is handed to the railway board, to cover the amount now due; in the mean time, if you prefer it, you can place that amount at once to the credit of the board, and hold the balance of the £50,000, subject to the drafts of the receiver general.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH HOWE.

Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

PART II—(See page 17.)

No. 5.

Downing street, 24th March, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit to you, herewith, the copy of a letter from the secretary to the lords commissioners of the admiralty, forwarding copy of a correspondence from the commander in chief on the North American station, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance lands in Nova Scotia for railway purposes.

The perusal of this correspondence makes me fear that sufficient vigilance has not been used by the representatives of the imperial military departments in Nova Scotia when the act was passing through its several stages in the legislature. I can otherwise scarcely understand how the interests of the crown can have been so neglected as to allow an act to be passed, the provisions of which render it *compulsory* on the government to transfer lands required for military purposes, without any proper and timely representation having been addressed to her majesty's government; and I regret that you did not yourself call the attention of the secretary of state to the inconvenient consequences which might arise, and have indeed actually occurred, from the terms of the act. If the circumstances of the case are correctly related in these papers, as I must presume they are, I have no alternative except to direct you to endeavour to procure an amendment of the law, reserving the Naval Dockyard, and such Ordnance lands as may be necessary for military purposes, from the operation of the act.

In all future instances power must not be given to take such lands without the consent of one of her majesty's secretaries of state.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Lieutenant-governor sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c. Nova Scotia.

Admiralty, May 14, 1855.

SIR—

I am commanded by my lords commissioners of the admiralty, to request that your lordship will place before lord John Russell, the accompanying copy of a letter from

from rear admiral Fanshawe, the commander in chief on the North American station, with its enclosures, relative to the appropriation of government lands in Nova Scotia for railway purposes, and I am to request that you will suggest to his lordship whether some steps should not be taken to prevent government property being so appropriated, as it may be impossible to find any other site calculated for naval purposes.

I have, &c.

(Signed) W. B. HAMILTON.

H. MERIVALE, esquire.

No. 101.

Boscawen at Bermuda, April 16, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the lords commissioners of the admiralty, copy of a letter I have received from the naval storekeeper of Halifax yard, with copies of a correspondence which passed between the officers of the Ordnance department and the provincial secretary, at Halifax, relative to the appropriation of government lands for railway purposes, together with a copy of the act authorizing the construction of railways in the province of Nova Scotia, and the newspaper referred to in the storekeeper's said letter.

I would beg to call their lordships attention to the subject, in the event of any admiralty land at Halifax being required by the railway commissioners.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

ARTHUR FANSHAWE,

Rear admiral and com. in chief.

The secretary of the admiralty, London.

Halifax Yard, 8th March, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor herewith to enclose copy of the act of the provincial legislature to authorize the construction of railways in this province; also of a correspondence which has taken place between the respective officers of Ordnance and the provincial government, &c. relative to the liability of government property to be taken for railway purposes, and a newspaper containing the article alluded to in the said correspondence.

My reasons for so doing, are as follows: it is rumoured to be intended to extend the railway from its present terminus into the centre of the town of Halifax, the line proposed passing through the Ordnance magazine ground, and thence through a portion of the Naval Hospital yard, and I think it desirable that the lords commissioners of the admiralty should be placed in possession of all the information possible on this subject, so that, in the event of the rumor proving well founded, they may be enabled to take such steps as may be expedient for protecting the admiralty property from encroachment, it being evident that there is no power on the spot to impede such operations as the railway commissioners may deem advisable.

It will be observed, first, that the 10th section of the act authorizes the commissioners to enter upon and take possession of any lands, &c.

2nd. That no notice is required further than in the record of a description, or plan thereof in the registry of deeds for the county.

3rd.

3rd. That the attorney general gives it as his opinion, that the Ordnance department, in relation to their lands that may be effected by the provincial railway, stands upon the same footing with ordinary proprietors, and that, under these circumstances, the lieutenant-governor did not feel himself at liberty to accede to the request of the respective officers, by giving an order to suspend execution of a portion of the line of railway passing through land belonging to that department.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

A. ELIOTT,

storekeeper.

Rear admiral ARTHUR FANSHAWE.

Provincial secretary's office,

Halifax, August 10, 1854.

GENTLEMEN—

I am commanded by his excellency the lieutenant-governor to convey to you his desire to obtain for purposes connected with government railways, now in progress, a transfer to the colonial government of that portion of the Ordnance property situate near Bedford Basin, which is indicated on the accompanying plan.

The government will be prepared to pay any fair and reasonable price that may be required for the land in question, and I am instructed to add that the commissioners for constructing railways will be ready at all times to afford to the military authorities any aid which railway facilities and police may furnish for detection and arrest of deserters, whenever the work in progress shall be so far constructed as to enable them to do so.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

To the respective officers of H. M. Ordnance.

MEMO.

Letter of provincial secretary (10th August, 1854,) replied to by the respective officers, that they considered it undesirable in a military point of view to give up the property, which reasons were approved by the lieutenant-general commanding; this was confirmed by boards' order, 20th October, 1854.

Extract from respective officers letter to provincial secretary's letter, dated 18th December, 1854.

In reference to your letter, dated 10th August last, relative to the transfer of Ordnance property at Sackville, to the provincial government for railway purposes, and the decision of the honorable board of Ordnance on the subject, which we communicated to you on the 16th November, 1854, we have to inform you that, in the face of the above decision, and without any further notice to us, the non-commissioned officers in charge at the station has been by the contractor informed that it is intended to commence the work on this portion of the line in the present week, which has been confirmed on enquiry at the railway office. Under the above circumstances we request that an order of the lieutenant-governor may be given to suspend the execution of this portion of

of the line until we have further time to communicate with our honorable board of Ordnance, and take their orders thereon.

(Signed)

WM. FRASER,

Lt. colonel commanding royal artillery.

R. T. STOTHERD,

Lt. colonel commanding royal engineers.

HENRY INCE, *storekeeper.*

W. H. TAPP, *dep. storekeeper.*

Halifax, 18th December, 1854.

DEAR SIRS—

I have seen the railway commissioners, and find that there is no intention of any immediate entry on the Ordnance ground, the contract for that part of the work having not yet been signed. The commissioners will give you due notice when an entry shall have become necessary.

I see by the plans that the line of railway crosses the property diagonally, and am informed that it will take about an acre and a quarter of ground. The Ordnance department, standing on the same footing with any other proprietor, cannot resist the progress of the railway as laid out by the engineer, and I am of opinion that you are entitled only to compensation which will be assigned for the land actually taken, in terms of the provincial act. This having been assented to by the queen, binds all parties the owners of lands, including of course, her own officers.

I remain,

Your most obedient servant,

W. YOUNG, *atty. general.*

To the respective officers of H. M. Ordnance.

Extract from a letter from the provincial secretary, dated 20th December, 1854.

His excellency the lieutenant-governor having had under his consideration your letter of 18th instant, addressed to me, conveying your request that an order may be given by the government to the board of railway commissioners, to suspend the execution of the portion of the line of railway referred to in your communication until you have had further time to communicate with the honorable board of Ordnance, and to take their orders in reference to the subject of your letter, has commanded me to inform you, in reply, that being apprized of the opinion of her majesty's attorney general, that the Ordnance department, in relation to their lands that may be affected by the provincial railway, stands upon the same footing with ordinary proprietors, his excellency does not feel at liberty to interfere with the progress of railroad operations, by making the order that you have requested.

(Signed)

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

Extract from letter to honorable board of Ordnance, dated 29th December, 1854.

“ In reference to our letter to the honorable board of the 28th September last, and their order dated the 20th October, 1854, relative to the transfer of the Ordnance land at

at Sackville, to the provincial government, for railway purposes, and notifying the decision of the board that the land should not be given up, we have the honor to report—that having communicated that decision to the lieutenant-governor on the 16th Nov. last, we had received no further communication on the subject until the morning of Friday the 15th instant, when the serjeant in charge at the Sackville station reported that it had been notified to him that it was the intention of the railway contractor to commence work on this portion of the line in the following week. No notice whatever of such intention had been given to the Ordnance authorities here, but on enquiry at the railway office the report has been confirmed.

We immediately proceeded to take the advice of the attorney general, who informs us that we have no relief, that the art. 10 of the act of the provincial legislature, sanctioned by her majesty, (herewith enclosed,) authorizes the commissioners to take possession of any lands for railway purposes, and that no further notice is necessary than the record of the description and plan thereof in the registry of deeds of the county in which the lands are situate. In the said act there appears no provision made for the lands required for military or naval purposes, and we beg to submit that the same power which authorises the railway commissioners to seize on the Ordnance land at Sackville would empower them with as a little ceremony to take possession of the Dockyard establishment at this station which lies most convenient for the site of a terminus, should their line hereafter be extended further in the direction of the town.

WM. FRASER,
Lt. colonel commanding royal artillery.

R. T. STOTHERD,
Lt. colonel commanding royal engineers.

HENRY INCE, *storekeeper.*

W. H. TAPP, *deputy storekeeper.*

(Circular.)

Downing street, 23d May, 1855.

SIR—

As serious mischief may ensue from provisions introduced into some colonial enactments, rendering compulsory on the government to surrender the property of the crown to commissioners of railways for railway purposes, I have to instruct you on no occasion to assent to any acts which give power to railway commissioners, or other authorities, to take land appropriated for naval or military purposes, without the consent of her majesty signified by a secretary of state.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Government house, Halifax, June 7, 1855.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your lordship's despatch, No. 5, with its enclosure, (14th May, 1855) forwarding a copy of a correspondence from the commander in chief on the North American station, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance lands in Nova Scotia for railway purposes.

Your lordship's disapproval of the railway act, referred to in your lordship's despatch, I learn with infinite regret, and your lordship may be assured that I shall use my best endeavours to obtain such an amendment of it as will reserve the Naval Dockyard and Ordnance lands, required for military purposes, from the operation of the act.

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The statement made by the officers of Ordnance, that the same law which authorises the railway commissioners to seize on the Ordnance land, would equally empower them to take possession of the Dockyard establishment, involves the supposition of a design on their part thus to interfere with important imperial interests, perfectly gratuitous, and which neither the board nor the local government have ever contemplated.

Had the officers of Ordnance waited on me personally, and stated their views, during the progress of legislation on the act in question, my attention would have been drawn particularly to its operation in the respect adverted to, which might then have been obviated.

At the same time I feel it my duty to express to your lordship my decided conviction, that the acts of the railway commissioners, in relation to the Ordnance lands at Sackville, have not impaired their value as a military position in the slightest degree.

The opinions advanced by the officers of Ordnance in their report, with reference to the future intentions of the railway commissioners, are, as I can assure your lordship, destitute of all foundation.

Such supposed extensive encroachments on imperial property have never been in contemplation either of the railway board or the members of my government, and assuredly they would not, under any circumstances, receive my sanction.

It will always be my anxious endeavor, as it is my duty, carefully to protect the interests of the crown in property within the limits of my government, and should the railway commissioners hereafter apply for my permission to extend their lines through any portion of such property, I shall not sanction such application, until it has been first referred to your lordship's consideration.

The attorney general has, at my request, furnished a report upon your lordship's despatch, which, for that purpose, I had referred to him, and a copy of it is herewith transmitted for the information of your lordship.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right honorable lord John Russell, &c. &c.

Halifax, 6th June, 1855.

SIR—

In obedience to your excellency's commands, I have considered the despatch of the right honorable the colonial secretary, dated the 24th ultimo, No. 5, with the correspondence therein inclosed, and have the honor to report :

That when the act for the construction of railways was passed in the session of 1854, comprehending the usual clauses for entering upon and taking possession of land &c., without which the act could not be carried into effect, it was not foreseen by the provincial government or legislature that any Ordnance or Admiralty lands would be required, and the contingency therefore was not provided for as it might otherwise have been. There is a clause, however, empowering the governor in council to inspect all contracts and proceedings of the railway commissioners, and if need be, to suspend the progress of the work ; and as these commissioners hold office during pleasure, no injustice could be done to the crown, nor any oppression or illegal encroachment made upon the Ordnance or Admiralty lands which your excellency in council could not immediately check. The commissioners, besides, have no disposition ; they know the wishes of your government, and act in harmony with it, and the supposition in the letter of 29th December, 1854, that they would unceremoniously take possession of her Majesty's Dockyard establishment, and convert it into a railway terminus, seems to me entirely gratuitous.

To sanction or permit such an attempt would be a breach of duty on the part of this government, which the imperial government and its officers need not apprehend.

Were it not for the check which the local government possesses upon any abuse of

the powers given by the 10th section of the railway act, I am free to admit that some limitation of these powers, for the protection of the crown property, would be advisable, and, as I have already intimated, would probably have been inserted.

When the lines of the railway to connect the Atlantic with the waters of the Bay of Fundy, and with the Gulf of St. Lawrence, were surveyed, it was found that the most suitable and convenient track ran through a field at the head of Bedford Basin, on which there was no other building but a small wooden house for the accommodation of a serjeant's guard, employed to stop deserters escaping from Halifax. This field is valueless as a place of defence, being commanded by higher ground, and as a piece of property its value is trifling. To have turned aside the course of the railway for the purpose of avoiding it, when even the guard house remains untouched, would have been a sacrifice of the public interest, without any adequate motive. It appears by the provincial secretary's letter, that the railway commissioners did not enter upon or carry their track across this property without offering not only to purchase it, but to give to the military authorities valuable aid in the security of deserters.

As respects the admiralty grounds, no intrusion or action under the law has yet been attempted. The railway depot has been formed, and the landing wharf built outside the Naval yard. It is true that the mayor and city council of Halifax have urgently pressed the railway board to advance the station into the heart of the city, and place it nearly opposite the wharf at which all passengers from Europe and the United States, that come in the mail steamers, must land. There is no doubt that this change would be of vast utility to the government and to the community, and it cannot be effected without some encroachment upon government land. No part of the Dockyard establishment is required, and the line would occupy less than two acres of land belonging to the board of admiralty, and necessitate the removal of a guard house and of one of the powder magazines, for which payment of course would be made. The injury done would be much more than compensated by the facilities afforded in the deposit, at the very gate of the Naval yard, of timber, plank, and supplies of all kinds, brought on the railway from the interior. But the extension of the railway into the city is so indispensable and so obvious an improvement, that I am persuaded no objection to it would be raised by so public spirited and intelligent an officer as admiral Fanshawe, or by any other of the principal officers of her majesty's government acquainted with the ground.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. YOUNG, attorney general.

To his excellency sir J. G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Provincial secretary's office.
Halifax, 12th June, 1855.

Sir—

I have the honor to inform the board of commissioners of railways, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, that in consequence of a regret expressed by the right honorable lord John Russell, that the lands in this colony belonging to the Ordnance and Naval departments had not been exempted from the operations of the railway acts, and in consequence also of instructions received from his lordship on the same subject, his excellency will refrain from assenting to any line of railway hereafter to be projected designed to pass through any of the lands referred to, without having first obtained the sanction of one of her majesty's principal secretaries of state.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your most obedient servant,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

To the secretary of the board of railway commissicners.

No.

No. 91.

*Government house, Halifax,
July 19, 1855.*

MY LORD—

From the extreme anxiety manifested by all parties in this province for the extension of the Western railway now in progress into the centre of the city, I have felt it my duty to call on the principal officer of the Engineers for his report on the subject, in order to ascertain the extent to which Ordnance and other imperial property might be prejudiced by the proposed railway passing through it.

This report, proceeding from lieutenant colonel Stotherd, commanding the Royal Engineers, I have received, and have now the honor to transmit.

From a perusal of it your lordship will perceive that the grounds of objection raised by that officer are confined to the injurious effects that the passage of the railway in question, near to the Naval Hospital might have on the sick and invalids confined therein.

Adverting to the fact that railways in England pass near to private dwellings and public edifices without serious prejudice or inconvenience to those inhabiting them, I trust that the objections advanced will not be deemed of such grave importance as in effect to occasion, as if insisted on they will occasion, not merely the obstruction but the abandonment of a public work of magnitude, and the highest importance to the people of this province.

That such will necessarily be the result your lordship will perceive by reference to evidence which I shall take care to have duly submitted to your Lordship by Mr. Howe, chief commissioner of railways, who is now in London.

I venture to suggest as an argument that may have weight with your lordship in inducing you to recommend the views which I have submitted, that not only have the authorities never meditated any interference with imperial interests, but I can assure your lordship they will, in consideration of this concession being extended to them, feel themselves bound in the future to abstain from the expression of a desire to traverse other lands belonging to her majesty, and now appropriated to public purposes.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right hon. lord John Russell.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London, August 15, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of the lieutenant-governor, that on the 6th of August I was favored with an interview, in which I discussed with Mr. Merivale, and Mr. Elliot, of the Ordnance, the grounds upon which we rest our claims to pass through the Ordnance and Admiralty property on the railway line.

Both gentlemen were disposed to view the question in a broad and liberal spirit, and at their suggestion I drew up, and sent in on the following day, two letters addressed to Mr. Merivale, in order that the subject might be brought formally before the two boards, with a view, if possible, to a satisfactory adjustment.

I offered, on the part of the railway commissioners, that they would remove the magazines to any site selected by the board of Ordnance. Leave their wharf undisturbed, and keep open a road between the wharf and the barracks. That they would take the whole lot, or so much of it as was indispensable, and give as much vacant land in any other convenient place.

As respected the Naval yard I shewed that it would be left undisturbed. That the main hospital had been burnt down many years ago, and that the line would not touch its site if it was ever designed to rebuild it. That there was ground enough on which to remove the few wooden buildings that might stand in the way. That the commissioners would do this at the expense of the provincial government, making all walls and enclosures good. That if the admiralty would prefer to exchange the hospital ground for a quiet site on the Dartmouth side, we would purchase one, clear and plant it, and erect buildings equal to those now used.

The argument about the sick being disturbed by the trains I combatted by shewing that all the trains approaching London run for miles over the very tops of houses in which the sick lie every day.

I yesterday received from J. Ball, esquire, under secretary, the letter of which a copy is enclosed. From this his excellency will perceive that the matter is in a fair train, and that all that I could do, up to the present time, to accomplish the object desired, has been done. Regarding the success of this application, as the provincial government and the commissioners justly regard it as of the highest importance, I will, should anything more be required of me, endeavor to supply it, and bring the negotiations to a satisfactory issue before I leave England.

I have, &c.

JOSEPH HOWE.

The honorable L. M. Wilkins.

Downing street, 14th August, 1855.

SIR—

I am directed by secretary sir William Molesworth to acknowledge your letters of the 7th and 8th instant, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance and Naval lands in Halifax to railway purposes, and to inform you that they have been submitted to the proper departments of government by whom they will be immediately taken into consideration.

I have, &c.

JOHN BALL.

Joseph Howe, esquire.

No. 13.

Downing street, September 2, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith, for your information, copy of a letter from Mr. Howe, dated 7th August, on the subject of the appropriation of certain Ordnance lands in Halifax to railway purposes; I also enclose the copy of a letter, with one enclosure, from the War department, on the same subject, from which you will learn that, subject to the further stipulations suggested by Mr. Elliott, lord Panmure sees no objection to the adoption of the proposals made by Mr Howe.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut.-governor sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

No.

No. 8, Leicester Place, London,
August 7, 1855.

SIR—

Referring to the correspondence between the board of Ordnance and the colonial office, on the subject of Ordnance lands required by the provincial government for railway purposes in Nova Scotia, and to the conversation with which I was favoured by yourself and Mr. Elliott yesterday, I have now the honor to propose, on the part of the railway commissioners, with a view to an arrangement which I trust will be satisfactory to the board of Ordnance :

1st. That on the board surrendering to the commissioners the lot of land on which the powder magazines now stand, or so much of it as may be required, that the commissioners will purchase and convey to the board a lot equal in extent to that which they appropriate, in some other convenient locality, to be selected by the board of Ordnance.

2nd. That the commissioners will remove, without expense to her majesty's government, to the site selected, the materials of which the magazines are built, or provide others, in the discretion of the board, and rebuild them under the inspection of any officer that the board may appoint.

3rd. That the commissioners will not remove the wharf owned by the board, or block their access to the water, but provide a convenient crossing over or under the railway, and keep open at all times a road for communication between the barracks, the magazine, and the harbor.

I do not dwell upon the general advantages which the whole province will derive from the extension of these railways into Halifax, having already explained these verbally ; but I am quite sure that when the lines are completed the saving to her majesty's government will be annually very great, because, hay, straw, wood, coal, stone, brick, and provisions of all kinds, will be brought in from the interior, and deposited just below the barracks, at prices much less than they would cost by the old modes of transportation.

There is another view of this question purely military, which is worth the consideration of her majesty's government. Nova Scotia will never be attacked by an enemy at its eastern or western extremity, because time would be given in either case to rouse the militia of the central and more populous counties for defence, before the arsenals and government property, which would be the main object of invasion, could be reached. An enemy will come in, if he comes at all, by land, across the Cumberland Isthmus, or if by sea, the descent will be either upon Halifax or Windsor.

The railroads now in course of construction will enable us to concentrate, upon either point of attack, the physical force of three or four counties in a comparatively short space of time. A forced march from Halifax to Windsor, or from Windsor to Halifax, 45 miles, could not be accomplished in less than two days. A regiment of troops, or of militia, could be taken through in either direction in an hour or two by train, and in a single day men enough could be drawn out of the county of Hants to man and guard the citadel and forts which command and protect the Dockyard and military arsenals at Halifax. When the Eastern line is completed 30,000 men, drawn from the counties of Hants, Halifax, Colchester and Pictou, could be concentrated in a week wherever their services might be most required.

Should any further information be wanted I shall be happy to furnish it, and in the meantime,

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOSEPH HOWE.

Herman Merivale, esquire, &c

War

War Department, August 29, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by lord Panmure to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a report from Mr. Elliott, Ordnance storekeeper at Halifax, on the proposals of Mr. Howe for the settlement of the questions in dispute between the civil and military authorities in Nova Scotia, in regard to the appropriation of certain lands at Halifax to railway purposes, and I am to request that in laying this report before secretary sir William Molesworth, you will state to him that, subject to the further stipulations therein suggested, lord Panmure sees no objection to the adoption of the proposals of Mr. Howe.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

F. PEEL

H. Merivale, esquire, &c.

23d August, 1855.

The propositions contained in Mr. Howe's letter of the 7th instant, addressed to H. Merivale, esquire, forming one of the enclosures to this paper, coincide with those made by him in his interview with Mr. Merivale and myself, as described in my memorandum of the same date.

Mr. Howe proposes—1st.—That the railway commissioners should purchase and convey to the department a piece of ground, in such convenient locality as may be selected by its officers, equal in extent to that which they appropriate from the lot of land on which the powder magazines now stand at Halifax. This stipulation I would suggest should not be confined to the conveyance of exactly the same area of ground that may be occupied by the railway, but extend if necessary to a quantity equal to the lot on which the magazines stand, as very probably the passage of the railway through this land may render the whole lot useless for government purposes.

2d.—That the commissioners will remove, without expense to her majesty's government, to the site so selected, the materials of which the present magazines are built, or provide others, and rebuild them at the discretion and under the direction of the department,—to this I conceive should also be added the repayment of the cost of the removal of the powder, or any other expenses attendant upon the arrangement.

3d.—That the commissioners will not remove the government wharf or block the access to the water, but provide a convenient crossing over or under the railway, and keep open at all times a road of communication between the barracks, the magazines and the harbor.

To these three stipulations, I would beg to add, that the commissioners be bound not in any way to interfere with the present magazines until the new ones are built, and the powder removed into them, otherwise inconvenience as well as danger may result.

Colonel Stotherd's report of the 18th ultimo, submitted in the lieutenant-governor's despatch of the 19th, does not urge any special military objection to the proposal, and I thence infer that the occupation of the ground for railway purposes is not obnoxious to the defences, and therefore for the reasons stated in my memorandum of the 7th instant, would beg to recommend that, with the additions I have suggested, Mr. Howe's propositions be accepted.

Mr. Howe has not adverted, in his letter of the 7th instant, to the land which has been or is being intruded on at Sackville, where the commissioners should be bound to make good any injury they may affect to the defences at that point.

(Signed)

J. S. ELIOTT.

No.

No. 15.

Downing street, 13th September, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the appropriation of certain government lands in Nova Scotia for railway purposes, I transmit to you, for your information, the copy of a letter from the board of Admiralty explanatory of the conditions on which their lordships will assent to the transfer of such of these lands as belong to their department.

The tracing referred to in the letter from the admiralty is enclosed in original.

I have, &c.

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut.-governor sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Admiralty, 10th September, 1855.

SIR—

I have laid before my lords commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 14th ultimo, relative to the appropriation of certain government lands in Nova Scotia for railway purposes, together with its enclosures, and I am to request that you will state to secretary sir William Molesworth that as it appears desirable not to throw any obstacle in the way of the proposed line of railway at Halifax, and as the Ordnance department, whose property adjoins the Admiralty premises, have consented to waive objections on condition of certain stipulated terms being complied with, my lords are willing to give their assent, so far as the Admiralty premises are concerned, and as indicated in the accompanying tracing, on the declared understanding, however, that the concession is made on the terms following, which are essentially those recommended for consideration by the Colonial department, viz :

The value of the lands taken and damage done to be fairly assessed by the crown officers and railway commissioners, and made over to her majesty's government. All the walls and enclosures taken down to be reinstated on such sites as shall be approved, to the satisfaction of the Admiralty officers, and the small wooden building to be removed and re-erected on such spot as may be pointed out.

The Naval commander in chief will be acquainted accordingly, and directed to watch over the Admiralty interests during the carrying out of the work.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

THOS. PHINN.

H. Merivalé, esquire, &c.

PART III—(See page 25.)

*Engineer's office,**January 20, 1856.*

SIR—

I beg to submit the following report on the progress of the works :

Since commencing operations in May, 1854, there have been sixty and a half miles located and put under contract. Of this distance eight miles have been completed, over which the traffic is daily passing.

The directions of the lines, so far as laid out, are as follow :

MAIN LINE—Commencing at Bedford basin, follows the valley leading to Lily lake, thence it crosses Rocky lake and passes between First and Second lakes, thence along the north side of Long lake and down the valley of the Rawdon river, thence along the east

east shore of Grand lake to Sandy cove, crossing the Shubenacadie river about two miles beyond this point, and continuing on its west side to Nelson's.

WINDSOR BRANCH.—Leaving the main line near Second lake, keeps a north west direction to the Beaver Bank road, which it crosses about one mile east of its junction with the Halifax and Windsor road, thence it follows the course of the Condon brook, crossing the Sackville river near Beddoe's, and the Halifax and Windsor road near Mount Uniacke, and continues on the west side of this road to within three miles of Windsor. The length of this branch is thirty and three quarter miles.

Before determining upon the line to Windsor, it appeared judicious to explore all the routes previously proposed: surveys were therefore made along the valleys of the Nine Mile, Herbert, and Meander rivers. The valleys through this part of the Province are narrow and crooked, and the country contiguous to them is generally much broken: in some instances their descent is great, while in others a dead level is maintained for a considerable distance. The streams are subject to rapid changes in their volumes, in the steep portions of their courses the rush of water is formidable, and in other places they overflow their banks, inundating the flat ground on either side. The construction of a railway under these circumstances would be attended with difficulty, and at a large cost.

The selected line, by taking advantage of the rising ground on the west of the public road near Windsor, passes over the Ardoise hills with good grades, and having none of the disadvantages above enumerated, is generally of easy construction, and effects a considerable saving in distance. The following may be adduced as the reason for its selection: *First*, it is the shortest; *Second*, the least expensive to construct; and *Third*, the cheapest to uphold.

The following table shows comparatively the lengths of the several routes:

Name of Line	Length of Branch.	Total distance between Halifax and Windsor.
Nine Mile River,	42 Miles.	66½ miles.
Herbert River,	38 “	54½ “
Meander River,	39 “	47 “
Existing and Direct,	30 3-4 “	42 3-4 “

Every care has been taken to secure the best possible route for the main line. The lines previously explored have been in most cases abandoned, but not before they had undergone a thorough examination, and their relative merits carefully compared with the adopted one. Besides being out of the direct course, I considered the abruptness of the hills, and their height above the valleys at Black Rock, a serious objection to any line on the east side of the Shubenacadie river, between Horn's and Nelson's. My explorations on the west side of the river have been successful and proved the proper route to be on this side.

The engineering staff have also been employed in exploring the country up to, and beyond Truro Village, with the view of determining upon the proper position of the Pictou branch. A straight line between the mouth of the Stewiacke river and Pictou passes within six miles of Truro, crosses the Salmon River near its head, and the elevated ground at Mount Thom about two miles east of the present high road. These considerations pointed out the Salmon River valley as probably the best, and certainly the most direct route for this branch. The main line when continued on to New Brunswick will pass through Truro, and possibly up this valley, and is another and an important reason for its selection. My attention has therefore been principally confined to the district

district of country lying between Truro and Pictou, and the result has been satisfactory, leaving no room to doubt of the existence of a good and practicable line. Should the main line diverge at Truro, the length of the branch will be about forty-two miles, but should it pass up the Salmon river before turning north, this distance will be reduced to about thirty-two miles.

I am aware of the probable existence of a route to Pictou up the valley of the Stewiacke river, but there has yet been no explorations in this direction further than ascertaining the summit height, which was found to be five hundred and ten feet above the level of the sea, being ten feet below that of the Salmon river; the additional number of miles which would eventually be required in constructing a railway to reach the frontier of New Brunswick, as contemplated by the preamble of the act. 17 Vic. cap. 1, should the Stewiacke river be followed, constituted reasons why further explorations were deemed unnecessary in that direction. The length of a branch following this valley could not be less than sixty miles.

WORKS IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The dates fixed for the completion of the several portions in the course of construction are—*First*, Fourteen and a half miles of the main line, included between Sackville station and Schultz's on the 1st June, 1856; *Second*, Seven miles of the main line included between Schultz's and the Nine Mile River road, by the 30th June, 1857; *Third*, Twelve and a half miles of the Windsor branch, included between the Five Mile lake and Windsor, by the 1st September, 1856; *Fourth*, The remaining portion of the Windsor branch on the 1st June, 1857.

In the first part of the season considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the masonry for the Sackville viaduct contracted for at a reasonable rate; and it was only after repeated efforts that an acceptable offer could be obtained. This delayed its commencement longer than was desirable; it is now however in a forward state, and requires only a few weeks of suitable weather to make it ready for the reception of the iron and wood work. The nature of the material and mode of constructing this viaduct ensures a good and substantial work, and at a moderate cost;—several of the girders are rivited and ready to be put in their places. Out of 139,000 yards of earth cutting between Sackville and Rocky lake, 110,000 yards have been put into the embankments. The mason work on the bridges over the Dartmouth and under the Scott roads, is nearly completed, and the beams are ready for the roadway. The large drain for leading the water from Lily lake is about one third done. Some of the rails are partially laid, and the rest of the iron is on the ground.

Beyond Rocky lake and on to Schultz's, considerably more than half the earth work has been removed. The materials in the cuttings between Rocky lake and the Eastern road are for the most part clay, and are easily excavated. Fletcher's river is crossed by a viaduct with three spans; the centre one being fifty feet, and the outside ones each thirty feet. The roadway will be carried across the opening by tubular iron girders. The piers and abutments of this work are several feet above the surface of the water; those for the Rawdon river viaduct only require the coping to complete them; and the masonry of the other bridges is well advanced. All the viaducts on this contract are faced with granite, which adds to their appearance. The necessary drainage along this portion, has to a great extent been provided for; some of the ballasting has been prepared; and the great bulk of the sleepers and part of the other road materials are delivered.

The extension of the Nine Mile river road has so recently been let, that the contractors have hardly had time to commence operations; but it is probable that before long this contract will be progressing with vigour.

On the part of the Windsor branch, included between the Five Mile lake and Windsor, considerable portions of the excavations are done, several of the drains are built, and in some places the road has been ballasted and made ready for laying the permanent way. The want of suitable stone for the St. Croix River viaduct delayed its commencement; large quantities of granite of excellent quality have, however, been found within a mile or two of the site, and the contractors have already prepared some of this material

material for the course work, and are exerting themselves to get forward during the winter months as much more as possible. The excavations on the remaining portions have not proceeded so rapidly as the contracts about Windsor; but as longer time is allowed for their completion, I see no reason to doubt of this branch being ready for the traffic within the specified time.

Subjoined is a table showing the length, the number of yards of excavation, the contract price, with value of work done, the time specified for completion, &c. of each contract:

CONTRACT.	Length.		Excavations.		Contract Price.		Value of work done.			Date of Letting.		Date of completion.
	Miles.	Chains.	Total in Contract.	Quantity done.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	
No. 3, Main line	2	57	139,082	110,444	24,201	0	0	18,821	0	0	Decr. 2, 1854	Aug. 30, 1855
4, do.	0	70	36,237	33,086	6,641	18	2	4,726	19	2	Feb. 14, 1855	June 1, 1856
5, do.	8	62	234,130	137,180	46,360	19	3	23,411	0	0	April 14, 1855	" 1, 1856
6, do.	2	40	66,110	24,241	16,798	8	6	4,138	0	0	Sept. 15, 1855	" 1, 1856
7, do.	7	0½	194,601		30,774	10	11				Nov. 27, 1855	" 30, 1857
WINDSOR BRANCH,												
No. 1,	6	74	189,865	18,887	33,305	0	3	2,383	0	0	July 7, 1855	June 1, 1857
2,	6	39	106,579	7,554	28,000	0	0	1,212	0	0	" 7, 1855	" 1, 1857
3,	5	76	154,963	12,005	41,411	11	5	2,486	0	0	" 7, 1855	" 1, 1857
4,	5	74	224,082	94,492	47,458	13	3	14,257	0	0	" 7, 1855	Sept. 1, 1856
5,	6	30	126,034	58,906	21,500	0	0	4,369	0	0	" 7, 1855	" 1, 1856

The average daily number of men employed on the above works for the year 1855, was six hundred and thirty; and the largest number employed on any one day was twelve hundred and forty-two.

DEPOT ACCOMMODATION.—The large augmentation that will take place in the traffic, on the opening of the road to Schultz's, will necessitate increased accommodation at this station is not more than sufficient to meet the present demands. During the last season surveys were made with the view of extending the line into the city. Should this extension be carried out at once, there will be no immediate necessity for enlarging, at least to any great extent in the meanwhile, the present station, as the city terminus will relieve it of all traffic not connected with the shipping, and which will be limited for some time.

The extension into the city presents no engineering difficulties; it is easy to construct, the earthwork is light, and the whole of the roadway could be graded in a short time. The only point of importance is the cost of the right of way, and the outlay necessary to purchase a suitable site for a station and depot. A city terminus would be of much advantage for the local traffic; but at the same time it ought to be borne in mind that it is only useful in this respect, as the present station is in every way adapted, from its extent of water frontage, and other advantages connected with it for a railway shipping depot, and a more suitable site for this purpose cannot be found.

An excellent site has already been selected for a station at Windsor, affording good accommodation for harbour purposes, and is well situated from its proximity to the town for the local traffic.

STATE OF THE WORKS ON THE COMPLETED PORTION OF THE LINE.—These works are in good order. The mode adopted for placing the sleepers and fastening the rails, has given stability to the permanent way, and consequent steadiness and security to the passage of the trains, and ensures also economy in the maintenance of the line and rolling stock. The loose rock embankments formed along the shores and across the coves of the Basin, have withstood the shock of the heavy gales to which they have been exposed as well as I expected; any repairs necessary were trifling, requiring little additional labour to that usually employed, and only for one day has the passage of the trains been interrupted from this cause.

ROLLING STOCK.—This stock consists of:

- 3 Locomotives,
- 4 Passenger Carriages,
- 4 Platform Trucks,
- 3 Sheep and Cattle Trucks,
- 7 Ballast and other Trucks, and
- 1 Snow Plough.

I take this opportunity of conveying my appreciation of the services performed by the several officers who have been engaged in my department, and recording that they all performed the duties entrusted to them in a most creditable and highly satisfactory manner. In the office work, the labour of which has necessarily been very great, I have been aided by my pupils, who have also made themselves extremely useful in the field, and it is due to these young gentlemen to say, that it is to a considerable extent owing to their exertions so much has been accomplished during the year; and it is gratifying to be able to testify to their constant diligence in the office business, notwithstanding they receive no pecuniary remuneration for these services.

I have to add in conclusion that ten miles of the main line, terminating at Nelson's, on the Truro road, is laid out, and the plans, &c. will be completed in a few days, when this portion of the work can be let if desired.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. FORMAN, *engineer.*

Hon. Joseph Howe, chairman railway board.

Railway office, Halifax,
February 8, 1856.

SIR—

We have the honor to acquaint you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, and the two branches of the legislature, that we have this day handed to the hon. the financial secretary, a balance sheet, showing the amount received and expended by the railway board, to the 31st December last. Quarterly accounts have been lodged as the law directs, and all the vouchers for the year, checked and audited, have been deposited in the financial secretary's office.

We have also the honor to hand to you a report, prepared by the chief engineer, who has described generally the character and extent of the works completed or in progress.

The books of account and correspondence are open to the inspection of members of the legislature. The officers of the board will be in attendance upon any committee appointed to examine them, and we shall be happy to furnish any further information which may be required.

On reference to the accounts it will appear that the board have

Received to 31st December, from the	}	£206,075 17 8
receiver general,		
Have paid	£202,482 7 6 1-2	
Have cash on hand	3,593 10 1 1-2.	
	£206,075 17 8	

To pay all outstanding claims, and complete all our contracts (some of which extend into 1857) £220,648 2s. 6d. will probably be sufficient.

Taking the cost of the road completed and equipped—the contracts entered into, and the prices paid for materials, as a basis of calculation, the board are warranted in believing that the cost of the 61 miles finished and contracted for, will not exceed £5,873 sterling per mile. This amount includes the maintenance of way of 50 miles of the road for twelve months from the periods of completion, but does not include depots or rolling stock.

Looking forward to future operations, it is very satisfactory to us to be enabled to state, that the most difficult and expensive tracts of country have been traversed, and that the cost per mile should, henceforward be materially diminished.

The receipts upon the road for 6 months ending 31st December, were :

From passengers		£1659 13 2
Freight		94 18 1
Ditto of iron		38 9 4
Contractors for the use of locomotive		105 0 7
		£1898 1 2
Running expenses	£845 12 11	
Paid for repairs occasioned by an accident	150 10 0	
	996 2 11	
Nett revenue paid to receiver general		£ 901 18 3

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, chairman.
JONATHAN McCULLY.
WILLIAM PRYOR.
JOHN H. ANDERSON.
P. M. CUNNINGHAM.
THOMAS TOBIN.

To the hon. Lewis M. Wilkins,
Provincial secretary.

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PART 4.—(See page 26.)

Statement of operation of the Nova Scotia railway—6 months—June, July, August, September, November and December.

AMOUNT RECEIPTS.—Passengers,	£1659	18	2
Freight,	133	7	5
Work from contractors,	105	0	7
			Gross, £1898 1 2
EXPENCES.—Locomotive — Repairs stock — Traffic charges and	} 996	2	11
Miscellaneous,			
			Nett, £901 18 3
TRAINS RUN per day, to and from Sackville—June to November,			4
November to 31st December,			3
MILES RUN,			8098
PASSENGERS CARRIED,			30,563
FREIGHT CARRIED, viz. :			
Horses and Waggons,			472
Single horses,			43
Mail coaches,			72
Do. horses,			278
Hogsheads and puncheons,			163
Barrels,			612
Boxes,			410
Bags,			1200
Bundles and parcels,			537
Baskets,			98
Bars Iron, cwt.			192
Quintals fish,			57
Lumber,	M. feet.		21
Chests Tea,			32
Tubs,			20
Cows,			6
Pigs, sheep, and calves,			8
Stoves,			4
Iron rails,	2068	} Tons	384 2-3
Chairs,	4101		

For railway balance sheets—(See appendix No. 49).

(Report of committee on public accounts—appendix G.)

PART V.—(See page 58.)

REPORT OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

The committee to whom was referred the general subject of public works, and certain petitions embodying claims for damages or improvements connected therewith, beg leave to report—

That they have examined the bill recently passed by the legislature, which is to provide by law, compensation to persons whose property has been taken or injured by the commissioners of railways, and trusts that under its operations all necessity for special appeals to the legislature will be obviated hereafter.

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There are two cases which your committee consider ought to be brought to the special notice of the house. These are the claims of Messrs. Temple and Lewis Piers, for serious damage done to their new property at the head of Bedford basin, and Messrs. Drillio for lands sold to facilitate certain arrangements, by which the houses in the African Village were removed from the railway track.

Messrs. Piers' claim would not be brought within the provisions of the statute passed in 1854, because the commissioners took neither land nor materials, but as the stone embankment formed across the head of the Basin closed the navigation, and shut out all access to a valuable mill in full operation, the committee are of opinion based upon reliable information, that the Messrs. Piers' are entitled to a considerable amount of damage arising from the stoppage of their business. The committee therefore recommend as this is a case of extreme hardship, that the commissioners of railways be authorised to advance at once the sum of five hundred pounds to the Messrs. Piers', on account of the same, to be repaid out of the sum that may be hereafter assessed for such damage.

In the case of Messrs. Drillio, all that is required is that the committee be authorised to advance to them, to be repaid out of the amounts to which the colored people in the African Village will be entitled, when the act relating to assessments for damages goes into force.

The petition of William Evens and others, has been enclosed to the chairman of the railway board. Should it be found practicable and desirable to open the road to which petitioners refer, it can be done either by the commissioners or by county members, without any special action of the house.

The petition of R. S. Burnham, and Timothy Lynch, the committee do not recommend to favorable consideration.

The committee have not thought it to comport with their duties to enter upon any examination of accounts of the railway board, these having been examined and audited by the joint committee of the two branches of the legislature. The board was formed 2nd April, 1854, and has been in operation two years; within that period 71 miles of railroad have been placed under contract, including the whole of the western road to Windsor, and that portion of the eastern road which lies between Halifax and Nelson's and the Shubenacadie. Of this road the locomotives have been running over 8 miles for twelve months; other sections completing the communications between the capital and the Truro road will be finished this autumn. The road to Windsor it is confidently expected will be opened in June, 1857, and the whole 71 miles will be finished towards the close of that year. The whole road to Pictou will be located in the course of the summer, and contracted for with as much rapidity as may be consistent with an economical expenditure of the public money.

The road to the New Brunswick line has not been lost sight of by the commissioners, who will proceed to survey it whenever they are assured that the government of New Brunswick is in a condition to complete the line to St. John.

The committee are pleased to be made acquainted with the fact, that all the important bridges on both lines are to be of solid stone masonry, with tabular iron girders.

The amount drawn from the treasury on account of the public works up to 31st December, 1855, was £206,075 17s. 8d. The estimated amount required to cover outstanding liabilities at that period was £220,648 2s. 6d., the cost per mile £5,873 sterling. The trains run throughout the year have averaged four per day from June to November, and three per day in winter; 30,563 passengers and a good deal of freight have been carried. The gross earnings of the road were £1898 1s. 2d., the running expenses £996 2s. 11d., leaving a surplus of £901 18s. 3d. to go towards paying the interest of the capital expended.

The committee have had before them a statement of the amount paid by the commissioners for marine insurance, and are of opinion that instructions be given to them not to effect for the future insurance on railway property shipped from England or elsewhere.

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The committee would recommend that the board of railway commissioners be directed to publish for the information of the public, the items of the leading amounts and expenditures made on the railway up to 31st December, 1855.

The financial arrangements, so ably conducted by the honorable chairman of the railway board, ensure to the government the amount required to carry forward these operations for a series of years, and to ensure a fair trial of the experiment which so deeply involves the resources and enlists the sympathies of our country.

The committee have perused the correspondence conducted by Mr. Howe with the boards of Admiralty and Ordnance, and highly appreciate the privileges conceded by her majesty's government, but think it will not be advisable to commence the extension of the line of railway into the city this year, in order that time may be afforded for testing the assessment law recently passed, and for consulting the municipal and county authorities, who are so largely interested in the question.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. WIER, chairman.
ALFRED WHITMAN.
JNO. C. WADE.
THOMAS H. FULLER.
E. L. DAVISON.

No. 5.

(See page 17.)

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No. 13.

Downing street, July 2, 1855.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration two acts passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, in the months of March and April last, and transmitted to me in your despatch No. 48, dated 1st May.

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 specially confirmed, and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith an order of her majesty in council, dated the 26th June, approving that report.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

At the court at Buckingham Palace, the twenty-sixth day of June, 1855.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the lieutenant-governor of her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, with the council and assembly of the said province, did, in the months of March and April, 1855, pass two acts, which have been transmitted, entitled, as follows, viz:

No.

No. 3282. An act for abolishing the court of chancery, and conferring equity jurisdiction on the supreme court.

No. 3283. An act concerning the registry of ships.

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 receive her majesty's special confirmation—her majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of her privy council, to declare her special confirmation of the said acts, and the same are hereby specially confirmed, ratified, and finally enacted accordingly:

Whereupon 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.

(Signed)

W. L. BATHURST.

No. 17.

Downing street, October 1, 1855.

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration 75 acts, passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia in the months of March and April 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 24th September, approving that report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieut.-governor sir Gaspard Le Marchant.

At the court at Balmoral, the 24th day of September, 1855.

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c. &c. &c.

Whereas the governor of her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, with the council and assembly of the said province, did, in the months of March and April, 1855, pass seventy-five acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 3284. An act to alter and amend chapter 22 of the revised statutes—"of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

No. 3286. An act to enlarge and amend the new practice act.

No. 3287. An act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

No. 3288. An act to amend the act 17 Victoria, chapter 2, authorizing a loan for the construction of railways in this province.

No.

No. 3289. An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes—"of surveyors of highways, and highway labor, except in Halifax."

No. 3290. An act to amend chapter 147 of the revised statutes—"of petty trespasses and assaults."

No. 3291. An act to amend chapter 135 of the revised statutes—"of witnesses and evidence, and the proof of written documents."

No. 3293. 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."

No. 3294. An act to authorize a provincial loan.

No. 3295. An act for the summary trial and punishment of offenders against public morals.

No. 3296. An act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes—"of pilotage harbors, and harbor masters."

No. 3298. An act to amend chapter 131 of the revised statutes—"of the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in civil cases."

No. 3299. An act to amend the jury law.

No. 3300. An act to amend chapter 86 of the revised statutes,—“of weights and measures.”

No. 3301. An act to amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes—"of the supreme court and its officers."

No. 3302. An act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax.

No. 3303. An act to amend chapter 113 of the revised statutes—"of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands."

No. 3304. An act relating to operators in Electric telegraph offices.

No. 3305. An act to enlarge the amount of deposits in the Savings' bank.

No. 3306. An act to amend the act concerning prothonotaries and clerks of the crown.

No. 3307. An act to amend chapter 76 of the revised statutes—"of the regulation of trade in certain cases."

No. 3309. An act relating to incorporated pier companies.

No. 3310. An act to amend the act relating to the river fisheries.

No. 3311. An act to continue the law to regulate distilleries.

No. 3312. An act to continue the license law.

No. 3313. An act to continue and amend the laws relating to education.

No. 3314. An act to amend chapter 152 of the revised statutes—"of the custody and estates of lunatics"

No. 3315. An act to continue the law imposing light house duties.

No. 3316. An act further to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes—"of the probate court."

No. 3317. An act to amend chapter 48 of the revised statutes—"of townships and township officers."

No. 3318. An act to authorize the appointment of police constables.

No. 3319. An act to amend chapter 75 of the revised statutes—"of common fields."

No. 3320. An act to amend chapter 62 of the revised statutes—"of laying out roads other than certain great roads."

No. 3321. An act to amend chapter 61 of the revised statutes—"of laying out certain great roads."

No. 3322. An act to amend chapter 41 of the revised statutes—"of coroners."

No. 3323. An act to amend chapter 51 of the revised statutes—"of religious congregations and societies."

No. 3324. An act to regulate the sale of fresh fish.

No. 3325. An act respecting prosecutions for penalties.

- No. 3326. An act to amend chapter 97 of the revised statutes—"of trustees of public property."
- No. 3327. An act to amend chapter 37 of the revised statutes—"of the office of surveyor general and commissioner of crown lands."
- No. 3329. An act for granting a pension to the late commissioner of crown lands.
- No. 3330. An act for the municipal government of counties.
- No. 3331. 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.
- No. 3332. An act for the erection of a general hospital in the city of Halifax.
- No. 3333. An act to provide for extending the Eastern shore road, in the county of Halifax.
- No. 3334. An act to add a polling place in the county of Inverness.
- No. 3335. An act to add a polling place in the county of Yarmouth.
- No. 3336. An act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.
- No. 3337. An act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.
- No. 3338. An act to amend the act to enable the city of Halifax to erect a city prison.
- No. 3339. An act to alter the sittings of the general sessions of the peace for the county of Inverness.
- No. 3340. An act to enable the inhabitants of Liverpool to procure a fire engine.
- No. 3341. An act in addition to the act concerning the county of Shelburne.
- No. 3342. An act to change a polling place in the township of Parrsborough.
- No. 3343. An act relating to pilotage in the Bras d'Or Lake.
- No. 3344. An act concerning measurers of coal and cordwood in the city of Halifax.
- No. 3345. An act to authorize the sale of the jail at Truro.
- No. 3346. An act to provide for the construction of a bridge over the Little Bras d'Or, in the county of Cape Breton.
- No. 3348. An act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the "Inland Navigation company."
- No. 3349. An act to incorporate the "Acadian Iron and Steel company."
- No. 3350. An act to incorporate the Acadian Marble company.
- No. 3351. An act to incorporate the committee of the Halifax library.
- No. 3352. An act to alter and amend the act to incorporate the Bank of Nova Scotia.
- No. 3353. An act to incorporate the South Pictou Seamen's Bethel society.
- No. 3354. An act to incorporate the Chute's Cove pier company.
- No. 3355. An act to continue the acts relating to the Nova Scotia Marine insurance company.
- No. 3356. An act to incorporate the Centreville Hall company.
- No. 3357. An act to incorporate the Canada Creek pier company.
- No. 3358. An act to incorporate the Merchants' Exchange company.
- No. 3359. An act to continue the acts relating to the Union Marine insurance company.
- No. 3360. An act to amend the act to incorporate a company to establish a steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.
- No. 3361. An act to incorporate the Hall's Harbor pier company.
- No. 3362. An act to incorporate the Pictou Cemetery company.
- No. 3363. An act to naturalize Isaac M. Chandler and Benjamin Franklin Ward.
- No. 3364. An act to naturalize George Ward.
- 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.

No. 6.

(See page 17.)

REPORT OF THE NOVA-SCOTIA ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

On reviewing the proceedings of the Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph company, during the year ending on the 30th September last, the executive committee beg leave to report—

That since the last annual report the branch lines from Cape Canso to Guysborough and Antigonish, and from Port Hood and Arichat to Plaister Cove, have been received into this company, and the cost thereof added to the stock, making the whole of the capital stock for which certificates have been issued amount to £27,960, besides which the company own the second line to Truro, and the small lines to McNair's Cove and Hantsport referred to in the last report, and for the cost thereof certificates may be issued and disposed of for the benefit of the company, and the capital stock would then amount in round numbers to about £30,000. On the branch lines referred to, stations have been established at Cape Canso, Guysborough, Port Hood, Arichat and St. Peter's, and on the main line to Annapolis, two offices have been opened at Middleton and Wilmot, connected therewith, making in all thirty-six stations in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton connected with each other, having offices open and in operation, with only one exception—St. Peter's, not yet in operation. Referring also to the last report respecting the then contemplated submarine companies, the committee inform the stockholders that they have heard nothing further of the company projected in London; but at the last session of our legislature, Charles D. Archibald, esquire, on behalf of himself, the celebrated Mr. Brett, Mr. Shaffner and others, with the assent of the committee, obtained an act of incorporation to land a submarine cable from any part of Great Britain and Ireland, upon any part of the shores of Nova Scotia or Cape Breton, authorising such company to enter into agreements with this company for the transmission of European and American intelligence within and through this province; but the rights and privileges of this company were specially recognized and protected by such act of incorporation. The committee have also to state that the New York, Newfoundland, and London company applied during the same session for an act to authorise that company to erect telegraph lines in certain specified portions of Cape Breton, but the bill submitted for that purpose did not pass the legislature. During the last spring and summer, negotiations between the directors of that company and this committee have taken place, which resulted in an agreement between the companies for the transmission of electric intelligence through the Nova Scotia lines to and from all parts of America, and to and from Newfoundland and Europe, at certain rates specified in the agreement, executed on the tenth day of August last; and when the same shall come into full operation the committee anticipate, and have good reason to believe a large amount of business will pass over the lines and become very profitable to this company. This agreement is now laid on the table for the perusal of any shareholder who may desire to examine the same. It will be perceived on examination, that the New York, Newfoundland and London company engage to make at their own expense, under the authority and in the name of this company, a telegraph line or lines (in connection with their submarine cable, to be laid down from Newfoundland to Cape Breton) from Cape North through Cape Breton to Port Hood, (or Plaister Cove, for which permission was subsequently given by this committee if they should desire to do so), and connect such line with the Nova Scotia lines;

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this company reserving the right at any time afterwards during the contract, of taking such line and the profits thereof on payment of the first cost thereof, and of the offices erected at the stations thereon. It was expected that the cable would have been successfully submerged from Newfoundland to Cape Breton the past summer, and the committee have to express their great regret at the failure of the attempt in consequence of a storm arising while the parties were in the act of, and had submerged a great part of the submarine cable. They have, however, every reason to believe that the attempt will be renewed at a more favorable time next summer, and trust the work may be accomplished, which will connect Newfoundland with the continent of America, and as the committee hope, ultimately with Europe. Anticipating that they would have been successful in these efforts during the past summer, this committee deemed it advisable to be in readiness to meet the expected increase of business, and therefore engaged a first rate and experienced operator from the Canadian lines, to take charge of the company's office at the junction in Cape Breton, and also for general purposes in connection therewith they have employed Mr. Alexander McKay, formerly chief operator at Halifax, as superintendant of the lines and offices, and he has already been twice round the province, putting them in order; the profitable working depending on the efficiency of the lines and offices. The committee have also introduced during the last year, Chester batteries in Halifax, Sackville, Yarmouth, Liverpool, and Pictou, which, although expensive in their first cost, work better and at a much less annual expense than the batteries previously in use.—With respect to the financial condition and prospects of the company, the committee believe they have good reason to congratulate the stockholders upon the healthy state of its affairs. The business generally, is increasing in nearly all the offices, and those out of Halifax, taken together, overpay their ordinary expenses. The overplus receipts come well up towards the extraordinary expenses applicable to them. The general receipts throughout the province, after paying the portion due to the lines beyond Nova Scotia, and the ordinary expense of the stations amount during the past year to £2038 15s. 9d. being £754 5s. 6d. over the amount received in the year 1853.—The nett receipts above mentioned have been expended in paying interest to the shareholders, and on monies borrowed amounting to £1029 12s. 11d. Repairs of lines £664 2s. 9d. Chester batteries, and other expenses, and in payment of liabilities from the previous year, as shewn by the statement prepared for the examination of the shareholders, which with the accounts and other statements, exhibiting the increase of business, are now laid before the meeting. In the Halifax office the receipts for the past year amount to £1772 16s. 9d. being £612 8s. 7d. greater than 1853, and the increase of business in this office alone, will strikingly appear from the following statement of messages received at and sent from Halifax since the company commenced operations.

In 1852, the number of messages sent and received were			9422
1853	ditto	ditto	22,266
1854	ditto	ditto	26,335
1855	ditto	ditto	30,493

Shewing an annual increase since the year 1853, Halifax alone of more than 4000. But comparing the last three months of the year 1854 with the like months of 1855, the increasing business will be better illustrated. In October, November, and December, of 1854, the number of messages were 6550, and in the same months of 1855, they were 8502, an increase of nearly 2000. Nearly all the country offices are increasing in their business, more especially Yarmouth, Pictou, Liverpool, and Windsor, as will be perceived on examination of the accounts, and comparing with the previous years receipts at those stations.

Taking a more extended view of the business and proceedings of the company, since its establishment, this committee remind the stockholders, that when the act of incorporation was passed in March, 1851, the only lines of telegraph then existing were from Halifax to Amherst, and between Truro and Pictou. As stated in the first annual

report, the company had their line to Lunenburg and Liverpool, in operation 2d January, 1852, and before August of that year, the lines from Halifax to Yarmouth, via Annapolis, and from Pictou to Sydney, Cape Breton, were in operation. In the latter part of August, the government and Pictou lines were transferred to this company according to the act of incorporation. Since that period the lines from Pictou to Amherst, via Tatamagouche, Wallace and Pugwash; Liverpool to Barrington; and subsequently to Yarmouth, the double line to Truro, the small lines with the branch lines herein mentioned have been added. Although the receipts previous to the year 1853, were not equal to the expenditure, yet as about one half of the stock had been subscribed for and paid at different periods by instalments, during the years 1851 and 1852, and the remainder of the lines required by the act of incorporation, completed with money borrowed upon interest, the then executive committee in making their first annual report, recommended that interest upon the payments made by the shareholders, should be allowed and paid to them for the purpose of equalizing their shares with those of future purchasers. The general meeting approved of and adopted this suggestion. Interest was accordingly paid in 1853, up to the end year 1852, and afterwards in 1854 and 1855, to shareholders up to 30th September, 1854, amounting altogether to £2399 16s. 4d. of which £203 3s. has not yet been called for, but remain due. Besides this amount, the company have paid during the same period £800 19s. 5d. interest, on monies borrowed, making together the large sum of £3200 15s. 9d., all of which, except the amount stated as uncalled for, have been paid out of the receipts of the company, together with ordinary and other expenses. The debt now due the bank of British North America is represented by the expenditure in erecting the second line to Truro, and lines to Hantsport and McNair's Cove, (which may at any time be converted into stock and sold on behalf of the company) and other permanent property.

On referring to the statement and accounts, it will be perceived that the gross receipts upon messages from 2d January, 1852 to 30th September, 1855, amounts to the large sum of £16,262 18s. 3d., out of which there has been £3,670 3s. 3d. paid over to New Brunswick and other lines; leaving £12,592 15s. belonging to this company as its business receipts since commencement of telegraphic operations. The expenditures exhibited in the general statement shew how the amount has been disposed of satisfactorily.—The committee also have had prepared and submit a statement shewing the overplus beyond ordinary expenses in many and the loss on some of the different sections of the eastern and western lines. Hitherto the connection with Cape Breton has proved unfortunate, and has occasioned a large expenditure of money and a great loss to the company, but the committee look forward in expectation of such losses being made up, and that section becoming very profitable. Notwithstanding this drawback, and the accidents which have occurred causing expense and great loss of business, on the whole it will be seen that the company is prospering, and there is every reason to believe the business will rapidly increase, and realize the anticipations of profitable remuneration to the shareholders. The committee regret to state that besides accidents, the business has suffered from wilful injuries to the lines, interrupting and obstructing business.—In some cases, portions of the lines have been broken off and carried away, and although rewards for discovery of the offenders have at different times been publicly offered, the committee have hitherto been unable to discover them. In retiring from office the executive committee beg to remark that, anxious only to promote the interest and prosperity of the company, they have cheerfully given their own services without reward or taking to themselves any privilege beyond any other shareholder; but they deemed it for the interest of the company, to allow the local directors the privilege of sending and receiving messages within Nova Scotia to a certain extent, not exceeding on the average, ten shillings a month each, and they are satisfied it has been beneficial to the company.

When it is considered how much has been done within so short a time, notwithstanding all the difficulties which have been encountered, the stockholders can have no reason

to be otherwise than well satisfied with the prosperity and progress of the company hitherto, and may look with confidence to the future business being more prosperous and remunerative.

As the interest on shares hitherto paid was merely for the purpose of equalizing the value of the shares, and as the whole of the original and added stock is now nearly equalized, the committee recommend to the new executive committee the propriety of postponing payment of any further interest subsequent to 30th September, 1854. They suggest, however, that the shares should be considered as bearing interest, payable to the holders thereof at a future period out of the profits, and all such interest to be payable before any dividend be declared.—The income of the present year will be required to discharge the liabilities unpaid of the previous, and the current expenses of the present year.

All which is submitted for the consideration of the meeting.

By order of the executive committee,

WILLIAM HENRY WISWELL, secretary.

Halifax, 9th January, 1856.

Statement shewing gross and nett receipts, income, and profits of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, September 30, 1854, to September 30, 1855.

1854 & 1855.

Sept. 30.	To whole of ordinary expenses of offices,	£2504	9	1
	Interest paid stockholders to September, 1854. &c.	880	8	3
	Amount paid and due on contingent expenses,	426	10	9
	Ditto ditto Repairs account,	666	2	9
	Premium on bills and balance of interest due share- holders,	352	7	8
	Expenses, building, office, &c. Plaister Cove,	60	0	0
	Balance,	17	14	0
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		£4907	12	6

1854 & 1855.

	By gross receipts of offices throughout the province, from 30th Sept.			
	1854, to 30th September, 1855,	£6134	1	7
	Less,			
	Deduct amount paid and payable to New Brunswick Telegraph com'py.	1590	17	0
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		4543	4	7
	By cash borrowed,	50	0	0
	Bills receivable,	295	9	3
	Cash received, former balances on stock,	18	18	8
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		364	7	11
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		£4907	12	6
	By balance,	£17	14	0

The above account taken from the books and vouchers of the company is, to the best of my knowledge correct.

W. H. WISWELL, secretary and treasurer
Nova Scotia electric telegraph com'py.

Sworn to at Halifax, this 31st day of
January, 1856, before me,
JAMES BLACK, J. P.

Statement

*Statement shewing receipt and expenditures of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company,
from September 30, 1854, to September 30, 1855—one year.*

EXPENDITURE.

1855.			
Sept. 30.	To expenses of Amherst office,	30th Sept. 1854, to date,	£90 18 6
	Annapolis	do. do.	49 18 4½
	Antigonish	do. do.	71 4 11½
	Arichat	do. do.	13 8 10½
	Barrington	do. do.	37 19 6
	Bridgewater	do. do.	43 5 0
	Bridgetown	do. do.	43 4 9
	Canso East	do. do.	73 19 3
	Canso West	do. do.	75 0 9
	Cape Canso	do. do.	39 12 9½
	Chester	do. do.	37 5 10½
	Digby	do. do.	40 17 4
	Guysborough	do. do.	36 10 6½
	Halifax	do. do.	629 15 5½
	Hantsport	do. do.	4 4 0½
	Kentville	do. do.	38 3 11½
	Liverpool	do. do.	95 1 4
	Lunenburg	do. do.	54 16 3
	Middleton	do. do.	20 17 11
	New Glasgow	do. do.	71 0 9
	Pictou	do. do.	150 11 11
	Port Hood	do. do.	33 18 10½
	Pugwash	do. do.	60 19 9
	Ragged Island	do. do.	47 16 4½
	Sackville	do. do.	65 5 6
	Shelburne	do. do.	63 13 9
	Sydney	do. do.	75 2 8½
	Tatamagouche	do. do.	45 9 0
	Truro	do. do.	89 3 7½
	Wallace	do. do.	45 18 9
	Weymouth	do. do.	39 5 4
	Wilmot	do. do.	21 16 3
	Windsor	do. do.	73 11 4½
	Wolfville	do. do.	41 17 7½
	Yarmouth	do. do.	82 12 0½
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			2504 9 1
	To amount due New Brunswick company to date, as per office		
	checks and Sackville operator's account,		1590 17 0
	Balance,		2038 15 7
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			£6134 1 8

Receipts

RECEIPTS.

1855. Sept. 30. By gross receipts of Amherst office 30th		Gross receipts including New Bruns. acct.			Deducting New Bruns. acct. nett.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Sept. 1854 to date,	94	19	6	73	5	11
“	Annapolis do. do.	54	4	2½	53	4	1
“	Antigonish do. do.	33	0	4½	28	13	0
“	Arichat do. do.	38	4	4	36	6	1
“	Barrington do. do.	54	8	10	51	8	7½
“	Bridgewater do. do.	67	19	11	61	15	5½
“	Bridgetown do. do.	49	5	9½	46	19	0½
“	Canso East do. do.	85	1	7	76	2	11½
“	Canso West do. do.	49	3	11	40	7	9
“	Cape Canso do. do.	37	5	11	34	6	0
“	Chester do. do.	30	8	3½	29	14	11
“	Digby do. do.	47	5	1	47	5	1
“	Guysboro' do. do.	40	2	6½	40	0	3
“	Halifax do. do.	3715	18	0	2402	12	3
“	Hantsport do. do.	29	15	5½	23	8	6
“	Kentville do. do.	78	1	6½	67	16	11
“	Liverpool do. do.	231	9	5	194	17	0
“	Lunenburg do. do.	61	5	8	54	10	7
“	Middleton do. do.	6	8	10	5	11	8
“	New Glasgow do. do.	89	16	5½	71	14	10½
“	Pictou do. do.	306	2	2	246	4	9
“	Port Hood do. do.	13	6	9	13	6	9
“	Pugwash do. do.	44	5	6	42	5	2½
“	Ragged Islands do. do.	52	13	6½	51	1	10½
“	Sackville do. do.	11	18	0	11	18	0
“	Shelburne do. do.	56	17	11	56	0	10
“	Sydney do. do.	89	10	4	89	7	11
“	Tatamagouche do. do.	30	2	9½	30	2	9½
“	Truro do. do.	76	1	8½	65	18	3½
“	Wallace do. do.	52	3	1	49	3	7
“	Weymouth do. do.	53	12	8	42	0	11
“	Wilmot do. do.	16	18	0	13	4	5
“	Windsor do. do.	128	11	1½	114	19	11½
“	Wolfville do. do.	64	8	5	52	17	6½
“	Yarmouth do. do.	243	3	11	224	10	9
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		£6134	1	8	4543	4	8
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By balance		£2038	15	7			

WILLIAM HENRY WISWELL,

Secretary and treasurer,
N. B. electric tel. company.

HALIFAX, January 9th, 1856.

No. 7.

(See page 18.)

General post-office, Halifax, Feb. 2nd, 1856.

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, the accompanying reports, numbered from 1 to 9,—of the revenue and expenditure, and general condition of the post office department of this province, during the past year.

In transmitting these documents, I beg to observe that the recommendations contained in the report of the post office committee of last year, dated 28th of March, 1855, have been, as far as circumstances would permit, promptly and faithfully carried out,—(with the exception of that relating to the introduction of the money order system),—this recommendation of the committee, I regret to say, I have been unable to carry into effect, for, after carefully looking into the subject, many and insuperable difficulties presented themselves, and, after consulting with the hon. the attorney general, it was, under the circumstances, deemed expedient and advisable to let so important a measure stand over until the meeting of the legislature, when the committee on the post office, having the matter before them, might possibly suggest a means by which the difficulties referred to would be overcome.

Whilst reporting on the subject of the money order system, it may not perhaps be out of place to add that the existing arrangement, in reference to the registration of money letters, has worked so well, and given so much general satisfaction to the public and the department,—(*not one money letter out of the many thousands mailed having gone astray during the past year!*),—that it seemed almost unnecessary to supersede it by the adoption of the money order system, with its numerous forms, and somewhat complicated machinery.

During the past year two new post, and forty-five way offices have been established, making a total of 61 post and 246 officially recognized way offices in Nova-Scotia.

Nineteen new mail contracts have been added to the list of the past year, making a total of 126 mail services, at a cost of £6693 17s. 3 1-2d. (Report No. 3.)

It will be seen, on referring to my report of last year, that there were in 1854, 3,027 miles of established post route, and 508,990 miles of annual mail transportation.

During the past year 320 miles of new post route have been contracted for, and the consequent large accession of annual mail travel, to the extent of 34,632 miles, has been provided for by the department.

In accordance with the recommendation of the post office committee, the contract for the carriage of the mails between the West River of Pictou and Sydney, including Guysborough, has been extended for a period of 5 years for the sum of £1125 per annum, the mail to be conveyed TRI-WEEKLY, instead of *semi-weekly* as heretofore.

A new contract for the carriage of the mails between Halifax and Yarmouth, including the route from Bridgewater to Lunenburg, has also been arranged for another 5 years, by the Messrs. King and Brothers.

On all the *main* post routes,—(with the exception of that to Port Hood)—*tri-weekly* mails have been established.

Several mail contractors have, during the past year, terminated their engagements with this department, owing to the rise in the cost of fodder, and the general advance in prices;—these services were accordingly submitted to public competition, and had new contracts entered into,—though, I regret to state, at a largely increased expense to the department, as will appear on reference to reports No. 3, 6, and 8, and a comparison with the report of the previous year, and upon the whole term obliged to anticipate in the current year a very considerable increase of expenditure.

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Few *finés* have been exacted during the past, as compared with the former years, certain contractors having now the privilege of remaining *all night* at specified places on their respective routes;—the consequence is, that, although the mails take a longer time in reaching their destination, the necessity for exacting fines becomes less frequent.—(See report No. 7.)

An arrangement for the carriage of the mail, to and from Annapolis, Digby, and St. John, and between Windsor and St. John was made by the Messrs. King & Brothers, and Mr. Walker of New Brunswick, on the one part, and the post office departments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on the other, under which the parties first named, undertook to convey two mails a week, each way, between Annapolis and St. John, from the first of May to the first of January, and one mail a week during the remainder of the year;—also, two mails a week between St. John and Windsor, from the first of May to the first of November, for the sum of £1000 a year,—New Brunswick and Nova Scotia paying each £500.—This service, I may add, has been so far satisfactorily performed.

My suggestion that the provinces of Canada and New Brunswick (Canada especially) should be called upon to pay to this province such sum as might be considered fair and reasonable for the safe transmission, through this province, of their English mails, having been approved of by the post office committee, and, on their recommendation, adopted by the assembly,—I lost no time in addressing the Canadian postal authorities on the subject, and although I was informed by Mr. Griffin, the secretary, that the matter would receive the postmaster-general's *immediate* attention, yet, I regret to say, I have received no further information as to what has been done or what will be done in reference thereto.

I enclose herewith copies of the correspondence referred to.

From 1st August to 24th October, the newspaper bags from England for Canada averaged fortnightly about 30, each bag weighing about one hundred weight.

Although the bulk of these bags have now ceased to be forwarded through this province, still the amount of labor which has already been imposed upon the contractors, both east and west, fairly and justly entitle them, in my opinion, to some remuneration, and I would therefore beg to recommend their respective claims to the favorable consideration of the lieutenant-governor.

During the latter part of October last, I left Halifax for the purpose of visiting some of the offices in the eastern section of the province, and travelling over routes with which I was previously unacquainted, and, as the result of my personal inspection, I would beg to recommend that the undermentioned way-offices be converted into post towns,—the amount of probable correspondence, and other considerations warranting their establishment, viz.:—McNair's Cove, to Guysborough, and Margaree, co. Inverness;—at the former place a considerable amount of business is transacted with the American fishermen, who are constantly sending and receiving letters to and from the United States;—and at Margaree a courier branches off on his route to the north-east of Margaree and Baddeck.

I would also recommend that three mails a week be extended to Port Hood, or Mabou—as may be considered most advisable,—the additional mail to be placed in the hands of the present contractor, who is an efficient courier, and one, who I have every reason to believe, gives general satisfaction to the public on that line of road.

I am much gratified in being enabled to report that the imperial authorities, by recent regulations, have given increased accommodation to the public, in reference to the transmission of books by *packet*.

Heretofore it was necessary that each packet should contain a *single volume only*, whether printed books, magazines, reviews, or pamphlet,—that it was to have no marks or writing on the cover, or its contents, except the name and address of the person to whom it was sent.

According to the present regulation a parcel may contain *any number of separate books*, almanacks, maps, or prints, and any quantity of paper, parchment, &c. (to the exclusion of letters.)

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The name and address of the *sender* may now also be written, or printed upon the envelope, or cover of the packet in addition to the name and address of the person to whom it may be forwarded;—the postage, however, must be paid in advance, and in this province, by stamp or in money, at the option of the sender.

The rate of postage on book packets remains as at present, viz.:

For each packet not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	6d. sterling
Do. above 1-2lb. and exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	1s. “
Do. 1lb. “ “ 2lb.	2s. “

and so on.

The proportion Nova Scotia is entitled to on this book postage is *one third of the amount collected*.

This liberality on the part of the home authorities will, I am sure, be fully appreciated by the people of Nova Scotia, and must tend to increase the postal revenue of this province.

The postmaster-general of England, with the concurrence of the lords of the treasury, have reduced the penalty which is exacted when by inadvertance the prepaid postage on a book packet proves to be insufficient. This penalty has hitherto gone to the extent of charging the book with the postage which would be received upon an unpaid *letter of the same weight*, amounting in practice, to an unnecessarily and therefore vexatiously heavy fine. The additional charge is now *6d. only*.

The lords of the treasury have also sanctioned a further reduction of postage on letters addressed to Australia, from 1s. 10 1-2d. to 1s. 3d. currency.

Letters addressed to the *foreign West Indies* are also reduced from 1s. 3d. to 5d. currency, making the packet rate the same as between Halifax and Boston, and Halifax and Newfoundland, and the British West Indies, via Bermuda.

Instructions had also been received from England to levy a rate of *one penny sterling*, upon all newspapers forwarded from Nova Scotia to the United Kingdom, and the British Colonies by *packet*,—such rate in all cases to be taken *in advance*, and upon those papers addressed to the United Kingdom from Nova Scotia, the *postage was to be retained by this province*; but as there is now no charge exacted upon newspapers, the privilege to impose it was waived, and newspapers are forwarded to England by packet as heretofore,—FREE.

Newspapers, however, addressed to the United States, Bermuda, the West Indies, and Newfoundland, are still so charged—the whole postage upon which is placed to the credit of the *British office*;—upon my representing to the postal authorities the inconvenience to the public and press of this city were subjected to by the rate being one penny *sterling*,—(there existing in British North America no exact equivalents in currency to that amount,) the postage has accordingly been reduced to one penny *currency*.

I beg also to report that arrangements are now nearly completed for the conveying an “*express letter mail*” from Nova Scotia to the United States and Canada, and vice versa, by steamer, from St. John to Eastport, Portland and Boston, including a closed mail to Montreal, for the sum of £100 currency. Colonel Favor, of the United States, having by a written memorandum, and also in a personal interview with myself, represented the great saving of time which would be effected in the transmission of letters to and from the United States, were the correspondence forwarded by this route, in preference to that of the land route via St. Andrews, &c. &c.

I would therefore respectfully beg to recommend to the assembly, (through the lieutenant-governor) the expediency of their accepting a proposition which has practically been of such advantage to New Brunswick, as I have been informed by the postmaster general of that province.

The boat will commence running on the 1st of March next, and the scheme only awaits the sanction of the assembly to give effect to it.

I enclose copy of Colonel Favor’s memorandum on this subject.

A reference to my report of last year will shew that the stamps sold in 1854 amounted

to £898 0s. 6d. During the past year stamps to the amount of £1656 14s. 3d. have been disposed of, shewing an increase of nearly 200 per cent.

I have the pleasure to state that the revenue of the department has continued steadily to increase during the past year ;—the total nett available revenue amounting to £7070 13s. 5 1-2d. currency, (see report No. 1.) shewing an increase of upwards £160 over that of the previous year, notwithstanding the loss to this province of nearly £200 cy. in the year, in consequence of the reduction of the British ocean packet postage from 1s. to 6d. the single letter,—and the consequent reduction of one penny sterling per half ounce on the Nova Scotia proportion of the same.

The expenditure during the year amounted to £11,631 2s. 4d. currency, being an increase over the past year of £1474 2s. 4d., occasioned chiefly by the liberal increase of salaries, and the very large addition to the list of mail services, and the necessarily augmented expenditure under these heads,—and also by the great rise in the cost of folder, and the general advance in the prices of all the necessaries of life, which has caused the new contracts to be taken at comparatively extravagant rates, as previously referred to in this report ; and I feel it my duty to state that, unless the expenditure on this head is guided and controlled by a wise and judicious economy of the public monies, I very much fear that the deficiency in the current year will equal if it does not exceed that of the past year.

It is with pleasure that I have further to report for the information of his excellency, upon the praiseworthy conduct of the postmasters, way-office keepers, and mail contractors generally, and on that of the young gentlemen of this department in particular.

To the postmasters and way-office keepers I render every praise for their zeal and attention to the duties of their offices, and for the promptitude with which my official communications have been replied to, and my instructions carried out,—and I am most happy in being enabled to say that every gentleman in this department has by cheerful and ready attention to the public duties required of him, done the utmost to deserve favorable mention ; and I would therefore beg respectfully to recommend them to the favorable consideration of his excellency and the assembly.

I have considered that I could not better conclude my report on the state and condition of the post office department of this province, than by subjoining a few extracts from the first report of the late *postmaster general of England*, on the post office, presented to both houses of parliament by command of her majesty,—the suggestions therein offered appearing to me to apply with equal force to our own people.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE PUBLIC.

“ Facility would be given to the post office in the discharge of its daily duties, and consequently benefit to the public, by a more careful and general attention to the following points :—

1st. To post all letters and newspapers as early as practicable.

2nd. To make the address legible and complete, giving the name of the post town, and if there is more than one town of that name, (but not otherwise) adding that of the county. The number of the house too, if in a street, is a great assistance, for it must not be supposed that because a letter will eventually reach its destination without a number, the omission is not a cause of hesitation and delay in the process of sorting for delivery ; and when such small delays occur again and again they tend greatly to retard the general distribution.

3rd. When complaint is made of letters or newspapers lost, miscarried, or delayed, to furnish information as precise as possible in regard to all the facts of the case, and to enclose whatever documents may throw light upon it. The day and hour at which the letter or newspaper was posted, as well as the office at which, and the person by whom this was done, should always be stated ; and when possible, the cover or wrapper in an entire state should be sent, in order that the place of delay may be ascertained by

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an examination of the stamps. It would be superfluous to suggest measures so obvious as these last, if it were not that cases are constantly occurring in which complaints are made against the post office, and redress expected, although little or no means of tracing the error and of guarding against a repetition of it, is supplied by those who alone are able to do so.

“ I must add too, that whilst it cannot be denied that trouble and loss are sometimes inflicted upon individuals through the carelessness or negligence of some of the servants of the post office, yet the instances are not few in which it has been shown to the satisfaction of the complainants, that the fault attributed at first sight, and perhaps naturally, to the post office, *rested really in other quarters.*

“ The publisher of one of the London papers complained of repeated loss in the post office of copies of his journal addressed to persons abroad,—an investigation showed that the abstraction was made by the publisher’s clerk ; his object being apparently to appropriate the stamps required to defray the foreign postage.

“ In another case a general complaint having arisen as to the loss of newspapers sent to the chief office in St. Martin LeGrand, the investigation led to the discovery of a regular mart held near the ——— office, and supplied with newspapers by the private messengers employed to convey them to the post.

“ Again, very recently a man was detected in robbing a newspaper cart, by volunteering on its arrival at the entrance of this office to assist the driver in posting the newspapers ; instead of doing so, he walked through the hall with those entrusted to him and upon his being stopped, three quires of a weekly paper were found in his possession.

“ Depredations so impudent and systematic is not likely, whoever the perpetrator may be, to remain long undiscovered ; but isolated cases of theft by private hands are often brought to light, although necessarily very difficult of proof on the part of the post office, upon which no doubt the blame for a time rests, and it is greatly to be desired that those who have suffered loss, should in the first instance, and whilst the circumstances are fresh, endeavor to ascertain with the utmost precision all particulars respecting the despatch or receipt of the letters or papers in question, and communicate that information to this department,—indeed, generally speaking, it is only by careful enquiry into minute details that the offender can be detected, whether he be a servant of the post office or not.

“ The post office is essentially a department of progress, and one which admits of constant improvement and expansion. The public therefore not only have a right to look for increased facilities, and for the removal of obstacles and faulty arrangements, but their representations may greatly aid in the accomplishment of these objects. It is not, however, always born in mind that changes in machinery, so extended and intricate as that of the post office, must be made cautiously, and with much previous consideration.

“ The arrangements of the service, even in districts widely separated, are so directly dependant upon each other, and *economy of time, (one of the first objects in all postal organization,)* requires that they should be so nicely adjusted, that no alteration can safely be made without a close examination of all its consequences, and the utmost completeness of preparation ; for, as on the one hand experience proves that almost every improvement made shows the way to further amendment, so, on the other, it will be found that an *ill considered change*, though it may give a partial advantage in one quarter, will almost invariably lead to dislocation and confusion in others.

“ The sharp and watchful criticism of the public eye, even though it be founded in a mistaken view, is far from being an evil to any department of government ; none can expect immunity from it ; and probably the *post office*,—the good administration of which concerns every class of the people, and depends greatly upon a care of minute details, is more likely to benefit by it than any other. At the same time, I venture to hope that the statement and explanations which have now been given in regard to a few of the most prominent matters of present interest, and to the general proceedings of

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this department, will serve to show that the best exertions of its officers, many of whom are indeed taxed to their full powers, are steadily and usefully directed to the improvement of the public service."

I have the honor to be,

sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

A. WOODGATE,

postmaster general.

SCHEDULE.

Accompanying this report, are the following documents therein referred to:—

No. 1. Statement of the revenue and expenditure of the post office department of Nova Scotia, year ended 30th September, 1855.

No. 2. Report in detail on all payments made, and charges incurred for mail carriage in Nova Scotia, during the said year.

No. 3. Report in detail of all charges for salaries for the said year.

No. 4. Detailed account of expenditure for printing and advertising, and all incidental and miscellaneous items of disbursement, for year ended 30th Sept. 1855.

No. 5. Report of all contracts made for the carriage of the mails in Nova Scotia during the past year.

No. 6. Report of all allowances to contractors beyond the sum originally stipulated in their respective contracts, and of all curtailments in contract rates of payment to the same, for the above year.

No. 7. Report of all fines imposed and deductions from the pay of mail contractors in Nova Scotia, for said year.

No. 8. Report of new offices and post routes established.

No. 9. Report of offices and post routes, removed, discontinued, and closed within the said year.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

No. 10. Correspondence between postmaster general of Nova Scotia and postmaster general of Canada, respecting remuneration for carriage of English mails.

No. 11. Colonel Favor's memorandum,—express letter mails.

STATEMENT No. 1.

Statement of the revenue and expenditure of the post office department of Nova Scotia, for the year ended 30th September, 1855.

REVENUE.	AMOUNT.
Postage of towns in Nova Scotia, including Halifax,	£5642 2 5
Unpaid "British packet postage," collected at the general post office, Halifax,	534 17 11½
British "packet postage" on letters prepaid at the Halifax office,	571 7 9
Colonial and Foreign "packet postage," unpaid and prepaid at Halifax,	576 12 2
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STATEMENT No. 2.

Return of all payments made and charges incurred for mail carriers in Nova Scotia, during the year ended 30th September, 1855.

NAME OF ROUTE.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of mls going and returning.	Number of trips per week.	Amount paid.
Amherst to Barrowsfield and River Hebert.	Horse and Waggon.	50	once	£45 0 0
Amherst to Parrsborough.	ditto	78	twice	38 0 0
Annapolis, Digby and St. John.	Sailing Packet.	52	three	52 0 0
Annapolis to Digby via Hillsboro.	Horse and Waggon.	44	once	98 0 0
Antigonish to Cape George.	Horse or Waggon.	36	once	24 0 0
Antigonish to Sherbrooke.	ditto	7	once	28 0 0
Arichat to Discourse.	ditto	20	three	10 0 0
Arichat to Grandance.	ditto	8	two	27 0 0
Arichat to Little Arichat.	ditto	34	once	11 5 0
Aylesford to Willis Foster's and Pineo's on Ward road,	ditto	90	once	19 0 0
Baddeck to St. Ann's and English Town.	ditto	18	twice to Baddeck once to E. T.	43 10 6
Baddeck to St. Ann's,	ditto	56	two	1 13 2
Baddeck to Plaister Cove,	ditto	89	once	80 0 0
Ball's Creek to Narrows,	ditto	30	once	47 0 0
Barrington to Port LaTour, via North-west creek, 3 months.	ditto	60	once	4 6 3
Barrington to Wood har. and east side Pubnico har.	ditto	10	two	37 13 9
Bill Town to Hall's Harbour.	ditto	40	once	7 10 0
Bridgewater to Petite Rev. via Dub. shore, 3 ms.	ditto	50	once	8 0 0
Bridgewater to Middlefield, 3 months.	ditto	60	once	2 10 0
Bridgetown to Granville Ferry, via Parker's Cove.	ditto	50	once	49 15 0
Bridgetown to Granville Ferry and Annapolis Gut.	ditto	16	once	24 0 0
Bridgetown to Lawrence Town, via South side of river, 3 months.	ditto	30	once	1 17 6
Buckley's to Canada creek, Black Rock, Givan's, &c.	ditto	12	once	19 9 4
Canning to Pero.	ditto	12	once	8 0 0

Canning to Scot's Bay, 3 months.	Horse or Waggon.	24	once	£2 17 6
Cape North to Bay St. Lawrence,	Foot & Horse.	10	fortnightly	7 0 0
Cataloni to Louisburg.	Horse or Waggon.	14	once	12 0 0
Chester to Kentville, via Sherbrooke.	ditto	90	once	70 10 0
Clyde River to Gunning's Cove, 3 months.	ditto	44	once	4 10 0
Clementsport to Hillsborough via Shaw road, &c. } 3 months.	ditto	18	once	2 17 6
Country Harbour to Isaac's Harbour.	ditto	24	once	14 0 0
Cross Roads to Marshall's Cove, 3 months.	ditto	12	once	2 0 0
Crow Harbor to Molasses Harbour.	ditto	30	once	10 0 0
Digby to Brier Island.	ditto	84	two	119 15 0
Cross Roads, Forks of St. Mary's, to Sherbrooke.	Horse or Waggon.	20	once	9 13 8
Dunlop's to Lewis Head and Lock's Island.	ditto	42	twice to Lower Island and once to Lewis Head.	45 11 3
Durham to New Lairig, Lime Rock, &c.	ditto	40	once	15 16 4½
English Town to Ingonish, via Gulf Shore.	ditto	64	once	24 19 9
Falmouth to Hantsport.	ditto	14	two	9 7 6
Forrestall's to McNair's Cove.	ditto	7	two	12 6 3
Forks to St. Margaret's Bay and Lower Ward	ditto	24	two	16 0 0
Guysborough to Canso.	ditto	60	two	54 3 4
Grand River to Loch Lomond, 3 months.	ditto	20	once	1 5 0
Guysborough to Cross Roads St. Mary's and Country Harbour.	ditto	80	once	32 10 0
Halifax to Kentville and Annapolis.	By Coach & 4 Horses.	254	3 times to Annapolis, and daily to Kentville.	496 10 0
Halifax to Liverpool and Yarmouth, via Bridge-town.	ditto	424	three	699 0 0
Halifax to Musquodoboit Harbour.	Horse & Waggon.	60	once	35 0 0
Halifax to Pictou.	Coach & 4 Horses.	200	daily	568 0 0
Halifax to Prospect.	Horse & Waggon.	50	once	21 0 0
Halifax to Sambro.	ditto	36	once	26 0 0
Hall's Harbor to Bill Town, via Peton's mountain.	ditto	26	once	0 0 0
Ingonish to Cape North.	Foot or Horse.	40	once	25 0 0
Kennetcook to Cockmagan, 3 months.	ditto	8	once	1 5 0
Kentville to East Cornwallis.	Horse or Waggon.	35	two	30 0 0

NAME OF ROUTE.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of mls going and returning.	Number of trips per week.	Amount paid.
Kentville to West Cornwallis.	ditto	40	two	£41 9 8
Lawrencetown to Lahave Bridge, 3 months.	ditto	110	once	18 13 9
Liverpool to Annapolis.	ditto	176	once	90 0 0
Liverpool to Port Medway.	ditto	20	two	12 10 0
Liverpool to Milton.	ditto	6	three	6 15 0
Londonderry to Five Islands, via Portapique Mountain.	ditto	94	three	40 2 9
Londonderry to Pugwash, via Wallace River.	ditto	84	twice	35 0 0
Louisburg to Gabarouse.	ditto	26	once	26 0 0
Lower Stewiacke to New Lairig.	ditto	88	once	46 5 0
Lower Stewiacke to Philips' or Shubenacadie River, 3 months.	ditto	26	once	4 5 0
Lower Ward to Peggy's Cove.	ditto	15	once	7 10 0
Lunenburg to Cross Roads, Lehave.	ditto	20	once	3 2 6
Mahone Bay to New Germany.	ditto	36	once	18 10 0
Maitland to the Gore.	ditto	25	two	24 6 3
Margaree to Baddeck.	Horse or Waggon.	45	once	40 0 0
Margaree to Cheticamp.	ditto	32	once	10 0 0
Melford to Guysborough.	ditto	64	two	39 5 0
New Glasgow to Barney's River and Cape George, via Gulf Shore.	ditto	100	two, Barney's River, and once to Cape George	52 15 0
New Glasgow to East River Forks, Garden of Eden, &c.	ditto	90	once	50 0 0
New Glasgow to Little Harbour.	ditto	16	once	5 19 0
Newport to the Gore, Douglas, &c.	ditto	42	two	27 0 0
Newport to Newport Landing.	ditto	14	two	22 7 6
Newport to South Rawdon.	ditto	20	once	7 8 8
Parrsboro' to Apple River via Advocate Harbor.	ditto	88	once	36 3 2
Parrsboro' to Black Rock.	ditto	12	once	9 15 0
Parrsboro' to Five Islands.	ditto	28	once	12 19 6

Pictou to Amherst.	Coach and Four.	168	three	£200 0 0
Pictou to Earltown.	Horse or Waggon.	50	once	15 4 0
Pictou to New Glasgow.	ditto	14	three	24 10 0
Pollock's to Musquodoboit & Sheet Harbor.	ditto	176	once	87 15 9
Plaster Cove to Port Hood.	ditto	56	two	75 0 0
Port Hood to Margaree.	ditto	90	once	44 0 0
Port Hood to Mouth of Mabou (3 months.)	ditto	15	once	2 0 0
Port Hood to Whycocomah and Lake Ainslie.	ditto	70	once	26 15 0
River Inhabitants to Malaguavatch.	ditto	56	once	15 0 0
River Dennis to Straits of Barra.	ditto	25	once	20 15 0
River Inhabitants to St. George's Channel.	ditto	36	once	15 0 0
Sheet Harbour to Marie Joseph.	Foot or Horse.	30	once	32 10 0
Sherbrooke to Indian Harbour.	Horse or Waggon.	25	once	10 0 0
Sherbrooke to Marie Joseph.	Foot or Horse.	36	once	11 10 0
Sherbrooke (co. of Lunenburg) to Stoddart, (3 mo.)	Horse or Waggon.	52	once	9 3 9
Shubenacadie to Gay's River, (9 months.)	ditto	60	once	4 9 3
Shubenacadie to Maitland, Noel & Gore.	ditto	27	once	30 9 6
Shubenacadie to Upper Musquodoboit (3 months.)	ditto	8	once	8 15 0
South Gut of St. Ann's to English Town (3 months.)	ditto	3½	once	0 15 10
Spencer's to Acadia Mines.	Foot.	10	three	9 19 6
St. Ann's to North River Bridge, (3 months.)	Horse or Waggon.	33	once	1 3 9
St. Andrew's to Lockabar, via Goshen.	ditto	20	once	9 15 0
St. Peter's to L'Ardoise and Grand River.	ditto	45	once	12 0 0
Sydney to Cow Bay, Glaze Bay, &c.	ditto	120	once	19 18 10
Sydney to Baddeck, via Boulardrie.	ditto	50	twice	100 0 0
Sydney to Grand Mira.	ditto	64 w. 181.	once	16 3 5
Sydney to North Sydney, (3 months.)	ditto	60	once	4 5 0
Sydney to North Sydney by Packet, from thence to Newfoundland.	Horse or Ferry Boat.	60	once	7 0 0
Sydney to Mainadieu.	Horse or Waggon.	33	once	38 0 0
Sydney to Langan and Low Point, (3 months.)	ditto	23	once	3 15 0
Tatamagouche to New Annan & Balfout Mills.	ditto	57	two	15 0 0
Trefo's to Walton.	ditto	132	three	68 5 10
Truro to Amherst.	ditto	32	once	364 10 0
Truro to Maitland, and Philips'.	ditto	40	once	12 5 0

NAME OF ROUTE.	Mode of Conveyance.	No. of miles going and returning.	Number of trips per week.	Amount paid.
Truro to Earlton.	Horse or Waggon.	40	once	£25 5 0
Upper Musquodoboit to Upper Stewiacke (3 months.)	ditto	14	once	3 0 0
Upper Onslow to Debert.	ditto	22	once	10 0 6
Upper Musquodoboit to Gleneig, St. Mary's (3 mo.)	ditto	110	once	17 7 6
Wallace to Gulf Shore.	ditto	24	once	10 0 0
Wallace to Malagash.	ditto	24	once	10 0 0
Walton to Noel.	ditto	32	once	16 0 0
West River of Pictou to New Glasgow (9 months.)	ditto	24	once	6 13 4
West River to Plaister and Sydney, including Guyshorough.	ditto	376	three	866 0 0
Whycomoh to Forks, Margaree.	ditto	60	once	15 0 0
Wilmot to Lawrence town.	ditto	35	once	17 10 0
Willis Foster's to Nicholls' corner and Bridgetown.	ditto	52	once	24 10 0
Windsor to Falmouth.	ditto	10	once	7 10 0
Windsor, Annapolis, and Digby, to St. John, N. B.	By Steam Packet.			359 0 2
Wolfville to Gaspereau, (6 months.)	Horse or Waggon.	7	two	3 15 0
Yarmouth to Digby.	ditto	140	three	211 0 0
Yarmouth to Kemptville.	ditto	50	once	25 0 0
				£6693 17 33

F. M. PASSOW, examiner, acct. branch.

A. WOODGATE,

Postmaster general.

STATEMENT No. 3.

(A IN REPORT NO. 1.)

A report in detail of all charges of salaries—showing in each case the name of the office, the service or duty performed, and the amount paid for the year ended 30th Sept. 1835.

NAME.	Service or duty performed.	Amount per year.
A Woodgate, - - -	Postmaster general,	£600 0 0
C. H. Hamilton, - - -	Chief clerk,	193 15 0
F. M. Passow, - - -	Clerk account branch.	175 0 0
William Small, - - -	} Clerks of Inland office,	125 0 0
John M. Inglis, - - -		125 0 0
H. R. Kerr, - - -		125 0 0
Henry Driscoll, - - -		125 0 0
G. M. Schwartz, - - -		Messenger,
William Craig, - - -	1st Letter carrier,	100 0 0
Alexander Church, - - -	2d ditto	80 0 0
George Craig, - - -	3d ditto	70 0 0
		£1793 15 0

RECAPITULATION.

Department at Halifax,	£1793 15 0
Salaries to postmasters,	1740 0 0
Salaries to way office keepers,	420 13 4
	£3954 8 4

F. M. PASSOW,

Examiner account branch.

A. WOODGATE,

Postmaster general.

Postmasters

POSTMASTERS.

NAME OF OFFICE.	Service or duty performed.	Amount per year.
Albion Mines,	Postmaster.	£25 0 0
Amherst,	"	92 10 0
Annapolis,	"	50 0 0
Antigonishe,	"	55 0 0
Arichat,	"	35 0 0
Aylesford,	"	10 0 0
Baddeck,	"	33 15 0
Barrington,	"	25 0 0
Bridgetown,	"	37 10 0
Bridgewater,	"	17 10 0
Canso,	"	15 0 0
Chester,	"	20 0 0
Clementsport,	"	8 0 0
Digby,	"	62 10 0
Durham,	"	15 0 0
Guysborough,	"	35 0 0
Hantsport,	"	10 5 0
Kentville,	"	95 0 0
Laurencetown,	"	20 0 0
Liverpool,	"	50 0 0
Lock's Island,	"	11 5 0
Londonderry,	"	32 10 0
Lower Horton,	"	20 0 0
Lower Stewiacke,	"	12 0 0
Lunenburg,	"	40 0 0
Mahone Bay,	"	8 0 0
Maitland,	"	12 10 0
Middle Musquodoboit,	"	10 0 0
Mills Village,	"	12 10 0
New Glasgow,	"	45 0 0
Newport,	"	27 10 0
North Sydney,	"	20 0 0
Parrsborough,	"	22 10 0
Pictou,	"	100 0 0
Plaister Cove,	"	37 10 0
Port Hood,	"	35 0 0
Port Medway,	"	10 0 0
Pugwash,	"	27 10 0
River John,	"	10 0 0
River Philip,	"	10 0 0
Shelburne,	"	32 10 0
Sherbrooke,	"	12 10 0
Shubenacadie,	"	10 0 0
St. Ann's,	"	7 10 0
St. Margaret's Bay,	"	10 0 0
St. Peter's,	"	11 5 0
Sydney,	"	85 0 0
Sydney Mines,	"	12 10 0
Tatamagouche,	"	15 0 0

Name

NAME OF OFFICE.	Service or duty performed.	Amount per year.
	Postmasters.	
Truro,		£52 10 0
Upper Musquodoboit,		11 5 0
Wallace,		30 0 0
Walton,		8 15 0
Westport,		11 10 0
West River,		12 0 0
Weymouth,		20 0 0
Whycocomah,		2 0 0
Wilmot,		10 0 0
Windsor,		70 0 0
Wolfville,		20 0 0
Yarmouth,		80 0 0
	Way office keepers.	
Acadia Mines,		2 0 0
Advocate Harbour,		2 0 0
Alma, Middle River,		1 10 0
Apple River,		2 0 0
Argyle,		2 0 0
Arasaig,		2 0 0
Aspay Bay, C. B.		2 0 0
Barrington Passage,		0 6 8
Barney's River,		3 0 0
Bay St. Lawrence,		2 0 0
Berwick,		2 0 0
Big Baddeck,		2 0 0
Big Bros d'Or,		2 0 0
Big Intervale, Grand Narrows, C. B.		0 10 0
Big Pond,		2 0 0
Bill Town,		2 0 0
Black Rock,		2 0 0
Blue Mountains,		2 0 0
Boulardarie,		2 0 0
Boisdale,		2 0 0
Bridgeport, Glace Bay,		2 0 0
Boom,		2 0 0
Broad Cove, Intervale,		2 0 0
Broad Cove, Marsh,		2 0 0
Broad Cove, Lunenburg,		2 0 0
Brookfield, Queen's,		2 0 0
Brookfield, county Colchester,		2 0 0
Brookfield, or south side Mire,		2 0 0
Buckley's		2 0 0
Canard, Cornwallis,		2 0 0
Canning,		2 0 0
Cape George,		2 0 0
Cape Sable Island,		2 0 0
Cataloni,		2 0 0
Caledonia Corner,		2 0 0
Chesley Corner, New Germany,		0 10 0
Cheticamp,		2 0 0
Cheverie,		2 0 0

Name

NAME OF OFFICE.	Service or duty performed.	Amount per year.
Church Street, Cornwallis,	Way office keepers.	£1 0 0
Clare,	"	2 0 0
Clyde River,	"	2 0 0
Cornwallis East,	"	2 0 0
Cornwallis West,	"	2 0 0
Country Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Cow Bay, C. B.	"	2 0 0
Cross Roads, Country Harbour,	"	1 6 8
Cross Roads, St. Mary's,	"	2 0 0
Crow Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Conquerall Bank,	"	0 6 8
Cape Negro,	"	0 10 0
Chester Basin,	"	0 10 0
Cross Roads, county Annapolis,	"	0 10 0
Dartmouth,	"	2 0 0
Diligent River,	"	2 0 0
Discourse,	"	2 0 0
Dublin Shore,	"	0 10 0
Earlton,	"	2 0 0
East Bay,	"	2 0 0
East Bay, North side,	"	2 0 0
East River, St. Mary's,	"	2 0 0
Economy,	"	2 0 0
English Town,	"	2 0 0
Falmouth,	"	2 0 0
Falmouth, Windsor Bridge,	"	2 0 0
Five Islands,	"	2 0 0
Fox Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Forrestall's,	"	2 0 0
Forks Margaree,	"	2 0 0
Fraser's Mills,	"	2 0 0
Gaberouse,	"	2 0 0
Garden of Eden,	"	2 0 0
Gaspereau,	"	2 0 0
Gay's River,	"	2 0 0
Glencg,	"	2 0 0
Goose River,	"	2 0 0
Gore,	"	2 0 0
Goshen,	"	2 0 0
Grand Narrows,	"	2 0 0
Grand River,	"	2 0 0
Granville Ferry,	"	2 0 0
Great Village,	"	2 0 0
Gulf Shore,	"	2 0 0
Guysborough Intervale,	"	2 0 0
Hall's Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Halfway River,	"	2 0 0
Harbour Bouchet,	"	2 0 0
Head of Amherst,	"	2 0 0
Head of Wallace Bay,	"	1 0 0
Hebron,	"	2 0 0

Name

NAME OF OFFICE.	Service of duty performed.	Amount per year.
Hillsboro, C. B.	Way office keepers.	£2 0 0
Hillsboro, N. F.	"	2 0 0
Hopewell,	"	2 0 0
Hubbard's Cove,	"	2 0 0
Indian Harbour,	"	1 0 0
Ingonish,	"	2 0 0
Isaac's Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Judique,	"	2 0 0
Kempt, county Queen's,	"	0 10 0
Kempt Town,	"	1 10 0
Kennetcook,	"	2 0 0
Kennetcook, Upper,	"	0 10 0
Kingston Village,	"	2 0 0
Ketch Harbour,	"	0 10 0
Lehave Cross Road,	"	0 10 0
Lake Ainslie,	"	2 0 0
Lake Ainslie, East side,	"	2 0 0
L'Ardoise,	"	2 0 0
Lewis Head,	"	2 0 0
Lewis Bay,	"	2 0 0
Lime Rock,	"	0 10 0
Lingan Mines,	"	0 10 0
Little Bras d'Or,	"	2 0 0
Little River,	"	2 0 0
Little Arichat,	"	2 0 0
Little Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Little Tracadie,	"	2 0 0
Lockabar,	"	2 0 0
Lock Lomond,	"	0 10 0
Long Island,	"	2 0 0
Long Point,	"	2 0 0
Louisburg,	"	2 0 0
Lower Settlement, Middle River,	"	0 10 0
Lower Ward,	"	2 0 0
Low Point,	"	2 0 0
Low Point Shore,	"	0 10 0
Mabou,	"	0 10 0
Mabou Bridge,	"	2 0 0
Maccan,	"	2 0 0
Maccan Intervale,	"	2 0 0
Mainadieu,	"	2 0 0
Maitland, county Yarmouth.	"	2 0 0
Malagawatch,	"	2 0 0
Malagash,	"	2 0 0
Malignant Cove,	"	2 0 0
Manchester,	"	2 0 0
Marie Joseph,	"	2 0 0
Margaree,	"	2 0 0
McLellan Mountain,	"	0 10 0
Melford,	"	2 0 0
Merrigomishe, 1st.	"	2 0 0

Name

Name of office.	Service of duty performed.	Amount per year.
Merrigomishe, 2d.	Way office keepers.	£2 0 0
Metegan,	"	2 6 0
Middletown, Guysborough,	"	1 10 0
Middletown, River Inhabitants,	"	2 0 0
Middle River, Cape Breton,	"	2 0 0
Middle River, Durham,	"	0 10 0
Middletown, county Annapolis,	"	2 0 0
Middlefield,	"	0 6 8
Miller's Creek,	"	2 0 0
Mill Brook,	"	0 10 0
Milton,	"	2 0 0
Minudie or Barrowsfield,	"	2 0 0
Molasses Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Moidart,	"	2 0 0
Morristown,	"	2 0 0
Musquodoboit Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Marshall's Cove,	"	0 10 0
Napan,	"	2 0 0
Necum Teuch,	"	2 0 0
New Annan,	"	2 0 0
New Larig,	"	2 0 0
New Caledonia,	"	2 0 0
Newport Corner,	"	2 0 0
New Germany,	"	2 0 0
Newport Landing,	"	2 0 0
Nicholls' Corner,	"	2 0 0
Nictau Falls,	"	2 0 0
Nine Mile River,	"	2 0 0
North-east Branch, Margaree,	"	1 10 0
Noel,	"	2 0 0
Noel Shore,	"	2 0 0
North-west Arm,	"	2 0 0
North Shore,	"	2 0 0
North River Bridge, St. Ann's,	"	0 10 0
North-east Harbour,	"	0 10 0
Old Barns,	"	2 0 0
Onslow,	"	2 0 0
Onslow, Upper,	"	2 0 0
Oyster Ponds,	"	2 0 0
Peggy's Cove,	"	2 0 0
Petite Reviere,	"	2 0 0
Pleasant River,	"	2 0 0
Pollock's,	"	2 0 0
Portapique,	"	2 0 0
Pompket Forks,	"	2 0 0
Port Matoon,	"	2 0 0
Porter's Lake,	"	2 0 0
Prospect,	"	2 0 0
Pubnico,	"	2 0 0
Port Latour,	"	0 6 8
Ratchford River,	"	2 0 0

Name

NAME OF OFFICE.	Service of duty performed.	Amount per year.
Rawdon,	Way office keepers.	£ 2 0 0
Rawdon, Upper,	"	2 0 0
Rawdon, South,	"	2 0 0
River Hebert,	"	2 0 0
River Inhabitants,	"	2 0 0
River Debert,	"	2 0 0
River John, West Branch,	"	2 0 0
River Dennis,	"	2 0 0
Rogers' Hill,	"	2 0 0
Round Hill,	"	2 0 0
Ragged Head,	"	2 0 0
Sable River,	"	2 0 0
Salmon River, county Halifax,	"	2 0 0
Salmon River, county of Guysboro.	"	2 0 0
Sand Cove,	"	2 0 0
Sandy Point,	"	2 0 0
St. Andrew's,	"	2 0 0
St. Ann's,	"	0 10 0
St. Croix,	"	1 10 0
St. George's Channel,	"	2 0 0
St. Mary's Bay,	"	0 10 0
St. Patrick's Channel,	"	2 0 0
Scott's Bay,	"	0 10 0
Sheet Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Sheffield's Mills,	"	2 0 0
Sherbrooke, county Lunenburg,	"	2 0 0
Ship Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Shubenacadie River,	"	0 10 0
South side French River,	"	1 16 8
South Gut, St. Ann's,	"	10 0 0
Spences',	"	2 0 0
Spring Hill Road,	"	2 0 0
Springville,	"	2 0 0
Steep Creek,	"	2 0 0
Stewiacke, Middle,	"	2 0 0
Stewiacke, Upper,	"	2 0 0
Stewiacke,	"	2 0 0
Stoddard's,	"	0 10 0
Shag Harbour,	"	0 3 4
South Branch, county Colchester,	"	0 10 0
Tracadie,	"	2 0 0
Tusket,	"	2 0 0
Upper Settlement, South River,	"	2 0 0
Upper Settlement, West River,	"	0 10 0
Whycocomah,	"	1 10 0
Wallace River,	"	2 0 0
West Chester,	"	2 0 0
Willis Foster's,	"	2 0 0
Wood Harbour,	"	2 0 0

STATEMENT No. 4.

Account of expenditure for ship letter gratuities, printing, and advertising, and all incidental and miscellaneous disbursements, for the year ended the 30th September, 1855.

C (IN REPORT NO. 1.

An account of ship letter gratuities paid in the province of Nova Scotia, in the year ended 30th September, 1855.

POST TOWN.	AMOUNT	TOTAL.
December quarter, 1854.		
Halifax,	£7 4 10½	
Annapolis,	0 2 6	
Liverpool,	0 3 6	
Lock's Island,	0 2 6	
North Sydney,	0 5 7½	
Sydney, C. B.	0 10 6	
Windsor,	0 9 0	
Yarmouth,	0 12 9	
	<hr/>	9 11 3
March quarter, 1855.		
Halifax,	9 4 3	
Liverpool,	0 0 3	
Lock's Island,	1 1 6	
Port Medway,	0 7 6	
Yarmouth,	0 6 7½	
	<hr/>	11 0 1½
June quarter, 1855.		
Halifax,	9 17 3	
Arichat,	3 5 3	
Liverpool,	0 15 0	
Lock's Island,	0 9 9	
North Sydney,	2 17 0	
Sydney,	4 10 10½	
Windsor,	1 1 7½	
Yarmouth,	1 0 3	
	<hr/>	23 17 0
September quarter, 1855.		
Halifax,	10 15 4½	
Annapolis,	0 2 9	
Liverpool,	0 8 1½	
Lock's Island,	0 2 7½	
Londonderry,	0 0 9	
North Sydney,	2 2 4½	
Yarmouth,	2 13 10½	
	<hr/>	16 5 10½
Total in the year,		£60 14 3

D. (IN REPORT NO. 1.)

An account of sums paid in discharge of tradesmen's bills, for articles supplied for the service of the post office department in the province of Nova Scotia, in the year ended 30th September, 1855.

Particulars of disbursements.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
December quarter, 1854.		
George Scarfe, repairing mail bags and portmanteau's,	£3 3 3	
W. Studley & Co., lettering mail bags, &c.	2 11 0	
J. & E. Longard, repairing stove pipe, making tin tubes, &c.	2 10 8	
A. & H. Creighton, stationery, &c.	36 19 0	
	<hr/>	45 4 3
March quarter, 1855.		
George Scarfe, making new portmanteau's and repairing old ones, for post office department,	14 17 9	
	<hr/>	14 17 9
June quarter, 1855.		
Cragg & O'Bryan, for canvas bags,	30 15 0	
John Esson & Co., twine, candles, &c., for G. P. O., Halifax,	11 8 11	
George Scarfe, for making and repairing portmanteau's, &c.	8 18 9	
W. S. Studley & Co., for lettering bags,	3 6 0	
	<hr/>	54 8 8
September quarter, 1855.		
D. G. Berri, stamps and seals for post office department,	9 13 1½	
Cragg & O'Bryan, canvas mail bags,	8 11 6	
W. Crawford, winding and regulating the post office clock,	1 5 0	
A. & W. McKinlay, for maps of Nova Scotia,	0 18 9	
	<hr/>	20 8 4½
Total in the year.		<hr/> 134 19 0½

E (IN REPORT NO. 1.)

An account of sums paid for rent on account of the post office department in Nova Scotia, in the year ended the 30th September, 1855.

Particulars of disbursements.	AMOUNT.
December quarter, 1854.	
Amount paid to governors of Dalhousie college, being rent of the general post office, Halifax,	£50 0 0
March quarter, 1855.	
Rent of apartments in Dalhousie college, occupied by the general post office, Halifax,	50 0 0
June quarter, 1855.	
Rent of apartments in the Dalhousie college, occupied as the general post office, Halifax,	50 0 0
September quarter, 1855.	
Rent of apartments in the Dalhousie college, occupied as the general post office, Halifax,	50 0 0
Total in the year,	<hr/> £200 0 0

F. (IN REPORT NO. 1.)

An account of sums paid for printing and advertising on account of the post office department in Nova Scotia, in the year ended the 30th September, 1855.

December quarter, 1854.				
Halifax,	£134	16	2½	
Pictou,	0	15	0	
Sydney,	0	12	6	
Yarmouth,	1	2	6	
	<hr/>			137 6 2½
March quarter, 1855.				
Halifax,	53	0	9	
Pictou,	0	15	0	
Yarmouth,	0	7	6	
Sydney, C. B.	1	1	10½	
	<hr/>			55 5 1½
June quarter, 1855.				
Halifax,	59	12	6	
Pictou,	0	15	0	
Sydney, C. B.	0	5	0	
Yarmouth,	0	7	6	
	<hr/>			61 0 0
September quarter, 1855.				
Halifax,	52	2	3	
Liverpool,	0	13	3	
Pictou,	0	15	0	
Yarmouth,	0	7	6	
	<hr/>			53 18 0
Total in the year,				£307 9 4

G. (IN REPORT, NO. 1.)

An account of sums paid for wood, coals, gas, &c. &c., on account of the post office department in Nova Scotia, in the year ended 30th September, 1855.

Particulars of disbursements.	AMOUNT	TOTAL.
December quarter, 1854.		
The Halifax gas company.		
Gas supplied to the general post office, Halifax,	£9 12 0	9 12 0
March quarter, 1855.		
The Halifax gas company.		
Gas supplied to the general post office, Halifax,	13 10 0	13 10 0
June quarter, 1855.		
The Halifax gas company.		
Gas supplied to the general post office, Halifax,	10 13 0	10 13 0
September quarter, 1855.		
Saml. Neville, for coals, wood, truckage and labor for general post office, Halifax,	26 13 4½	
The Halifax gas company.		
For gas supplied to general post office,	9 3 0	35 16 4½
Total in the year.		69 11 4½

H (IN REPORT NO. 1.)

An account of sums paid for repairs, &c. on account of the post office department in Nova Scotia, in the year ended the 30th September, 1855.

John Brander, Halifax.—For repairs, &c. done at the general post office, Halifax, viz : Cutting divisions in set drawers, and mending ditto, and new lock for ditto—repairing front door, and putting on new lock and pulley, £1 6 3

I (IN REPORT NO. 1.)

An account of miscellaneous disbursements made on account of the post office department of Nova Scotia, in the year ended the 30th September, 1855.

PARTICULARS OF DISBURSEMENTS.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
December quarter, 1854.		
Messrs. Small, Inglis, Kerr, Driscoll, and Schwartz, extra duty, Halifax,	£12 10 0	
C. H. Hamilton, expenses when in charge of post office at Amherst,	8 10 0	
Mrs. McPherson, accommodation to couriers, C. B.	1 5 0	
Petty disbursements at the gen. post office, Halifax,	4 9 8	
	<hr/>	26 14 8
March quarter, 1855.		
Messrs. Small, Inglis, Kerr, Driscoll, and Schwartz, for extra duty,	12 10 0	
Petty disbursements,	3 5 5½	
Mrs. McPherson,	1 5 0	
W. Cunningham, for ferrying mail across West Passage, Barrington,	5 0 0	
W. Munro, keeping C. B. mails, at night, and marking time bills,	1 5 0	
A. W. McLelan, 1 years commission as way office keeper,	3 14 3	
	<hr/>	26 19 8½
June quarter, 1855.		
Messrs. Small, Inglis, Kerr, Driscoll, and Schwartz, extra early duty,	12 10 0	
Mrs. McPherson, affording accommodation to couriers, C. B.	1 5 0	
Petty disbursements at general post office, Halifax,	7 0 3½	
	<hr/>	20 15 3½
September quarter, 1855.		
Messrs. Small, Inglis, Kerr, Driscoll, and Schwartz, for extra early morning duty,	12 10 0	
Mrs. McPherson, for affording accommodation to the couriers at Grandance, C. B.	1 5 0	
Petty disbursements made by the postmaster general,	6 4 3	
	<hr/>	19 19 3
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Total in the year,		£94 8 11

J. (IN REPORT, NO. 1.)

Statement of discount allowed to postmasters, stationers and others on the purchase of "postage stamps", in the year ended the 30th September, 1855.

	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
December quarter, 1855.		
Messrs. Duffus & Tupper,	£0 5 0	
A. C. Robins,	0 5 3	
E. G. Fuller,	0 15 0	
Country postmasters,	9 0 1½	
	<u> </u>	10 5 4½
March quarter, 1855.		
Messrs. Fairbanks & Allison,	0 10 0	
E. G. Fuller,	0 15 0	
Wm. Grant,	0 5 0	
James Dawson & Son, Pictou,	0 5 0	
The hon'ble Stayley Brown, Yarmouth,	0 5 0	
Country postmasters,	10 1 11½	
	<u> </u>	12 1 11½
June quarter, 1855.		
General post office,	5 6 3	
Country post offices,	17 2 3	
	<u> </u>	22 18 6
September quarter, 1855.		
General post office, Halifax,	3 2 0	
Country post offices,	22 6 0½	
	<u> </u>	25 8 0½
Total in the year,		<u> </u> 70 13 10½

K. (IN REPORT NO. 1.)

An account of sums paid to the undermentioned way office keepers in Nova Scotia, being a commission of 20 per cent. on all postage collected by them above £8 curr'cy, in the year ended in December, 1854.

NAME OF WAY OFFICE.	AMOUNT PAID.
Acadia,	£0 15 2½
Argyle,	0 1 6
Barrowsfield,	0 0 9½
Big Tracadie,	1 0 3½
Boulardrie,	1 7 5
Brier Island,	0 18 2½
Brookfield,	0 11 5
Canning,	3 12 9
Cape Sable Island,	0 7 4½
Clyde River,	0 15 0½
Dartmouth,	6 0 4
Earl Town,	0 7 2½
Economy,	1 8 10½
Five Islands,	0 10 7½
Granville,	3 19 1½
Hillsboro', C. B.	0 8 11½
Hillboro', N. S.	0 17 0
Kennetcook,	0 12 5½
Little Bras d'Or,	0 3 7
Lock's Island,	1 7 0
Long Island,	0 1 8
Lower Ward,	0 5 5½
St. Margaret's Bay,	0 1 1½
Mabou Bridge,	1 3 6
Mahone Bay,	0 12 8
Maitland and Yarmouth,	1 3 10½
Margarec,	1 13 10½
Melford,	3 3 5
Milton,	0 12 8
Musquodoboit Harbour,	0 12 11
Newport Landing,	1 1 11½
Port Medway,	1 0 2½
Ship Harbor,	0 11 9
St. Andrew's,	0 6 9
Tusket,	0 2 11
Wallace River,	0 9 1½
Whycocomah,	2 2 1½
Wilmot,	
Total	£40 11 2

F. M. PASSOW,

Examiner, accountant branch

No. 8.

(See page 18.)

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 30th August, 1855.

SIR,—

I transmit herewith for your information and guidance, copy of a letter which I have received from the board of treasury, on the subject of the payment of the retired allowances granted to imperial customs officers.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

Treasury Chambers, 16th August, 1855.

SIR,—

I am directed by the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury to acquaint you for the information of secretary Sir William Molesworth, with reference to your letters of the 19th and 28th May last, that my lords have informed the commissioners of customs that they are of opinion that the payment of the retired allowances to the several late imperial officers of customs in the colonies may in future be regulated according to the principle of the 20th section of the superannuation act, and the parties who have accepted, or may hereafter accept office under the colonial governments, be permitted to receive their compensation allowances, either in full or in part, provided the amount thereof, together with the colonial salaries, shall not exceed their former incomes under the customs department.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES WILSON.

Herman Merivale, esq.

&c. &c. &c.

No. 9.

PART I.—(See page 18.)

The committee on reporting and publishing the debates and proceedings of the house, beg leave to report.

That they have had before them the publishers of nearly all the city papers, with whom they freely discussed the subject, and they have agreed to report as follows:—

Your committee recommend that a contract, offered by public tender, be formed with one responsible party who will engage to furnish

First. A summary of the proceedings of the house, to the several newspaper publishers at the close of each day.

Second. A faithful report of the debates of the house, to the extent of twenty-one columns a-week, the contractor undertaking to put the same in type, and in form of the size of the Halifax morning papers. All the publishers, both in town and country, upon furnishing paper to the contractor, to have such number of copies of the "parliamentary reporter" printed from such forms as they may require, to the extent of their circulation.

Third.

Third. The aforesaid contractor to furnish, soon after the close of the session, two hundred copies of the debates and proceedings of the house in pamphlet form, similar to those of last year.

The debates never to be more than a week in arrear, and to be brought to a close within fourteen days after the house rises.

All which is respectfully submitted and recommended for the adoption of the house.

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman.
A. C. McDONALD,
W. A. HENRY,
MARTIN J. WILKINS,
JOHN J. MARSHALL.

Committee room, assembly, 5th February, 1856.

MEMORANDUM.

Richard Nugent, of Halifax, printer, in consideration of the contract on behalf of the house of assembly hereinafter mentioned, contracts and agrees with Alexander James, chief clerk of the house, to perform the service of reporting and publishing the debates and proceedings of the house for the present session, in the manner and on the terms and conditions mentioned in the tender of the said Richard Nugent, hereto annexed.

And the said Alexander James, clerk of the house of assembly, in consideration of the said Richard Nugent, faithfully and in a satisfactory manner performing such service in the manner mentioned in such tender, doth hereby contract, and agree, to pay the said Richard Nugent, the sum of four hundred pounds currency, when the said service is completed, pursuant to such tender;—subject to the approval of the chairman of the committee of the house on that subject for the present session.

RICHARD NUGENT.
ALEXANDER JAMES.

Witness,—SAMUEL CREELMAN.

House of assembly, 19th February, 1856.

PART II.

To Alexander James, esquire, first clerk of the house of assembly.

SIR,—

I beg leave to tender for the performance of the reporting and publishing of the debates and summary for the session now holding, with the hope that it may be continued for four years, in order to perfect the system, as follows :

Firstly.—I agree to supply three sufficient reporters. The duty of one of which will be to supply a full synopsis of all the proceedings as they transpire each day in the house.

Secondly.—The two others will be prepared to supply full reports of the debates to the extent of twenty-one columns of the "Daily Sun" per week, to be at no time more than one week in arrear during the session, and to finish up all the reports within fourteen days after the prorogation of the house. The two gentlemen who have hitherto performed the duty of reporting, have been engaged by the subscriber to perform this latter service, and another gentleman who now takes the daily summary of the business of the house.

Thirdly.—To print and furnish to the weekly journals both in town and country, as many copies of the debates (on the size of the "Daily Sun," two copies on each sheet, which will comprise each twelve columns) as they may require, not to exceed in number the extent of their present circulations.—the publishers to furnish the paper therefor:

Fourthly.

Fourthly.—To supply 200 copies of the debates and summaries in pamphlet form, to be handed over to the clerk of the house, or otherwise disposed of as the committee of the house may decide, so soon after the prorogation as possible.

Fifthly.—For these services my charge will be four hundred pounds currency, to be paid so soon as the conditions hereinbefore proposed are completed.

Yours respectfully, &c.

RICHARD NUGENT.

PART III.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of reporting for the three ensuing sessions of the assembly, having met and considered the matter, beg leave to report as follows :—

Although your committee believe that it is highly desirable that a full and impartial publication of the proceedings and discussions of the legislature should be given to the public immediately after they have taken place, surrounded as the question is with difficulties which, in the existing state of things appear to be insuperable, and discouraged by past failure, your committee are unwillingly obliged to recommend that the reporting and publication of the speeches shall be left entirely to private enterprise, reserving of course the right on the part of this house, at the close of any session, to make such grant for the meritorious performance of any such service as may be considered just and meet.

CHARLES TUPPER, chairman.
WILLIAM ANNAND,
A. C. McDONALD.

PART IV.

The committee on reporting the debates of the house during the next session, having had before them the two reporters at present employed, as well as other parties, and considered the annexed papers have agreed to report :—That the proposal of Mr. Weeks should be accepted by the house as the same is modified by the memoranda now produced—that the sum of fifty pounds should be added to his offer—making £550 in all, to insure a publication in three newspapers in place of two ; and that the clerk of the house be authorized to enter into a contract accordingly, under the inspection of any two members of the committee, and take such security as they shall approve for the due fulfilment by Mr. Weeks of the contract so to be entered into.

W. YOUNG,
L. M. WILKINS,
JNO. ESSON,
JNO. C. WADE,
CHARLES TUPPER.

Halifax, 17th April, 1856.

To the chairman of the committee on reporting.

Sir—

Having been led to believe that it is the intention of the reporting committee to recommend that the present system be discontinued, I have to request that you will make known to the house the views I entertain on this subject.

In

In the year 1848 I entered the reporters box ; and up to that period it is well known that a system of party reporting had been kept up, by which the views and opinions of the members on either side were travestied—their arguments distorted and their speeches held up to public ridicule. So rife had this system become, that it was the habit of either of the two parties in the province to believe only the version which appeared in a publication being the professed advocate of their particular opinions, and to discredit all and everything published in any journal of opposite politics. In 1848 I reported for the “Sun” newspaper only—and so acceptable were the reports then given that the house was induced to appoint me a joint reporter with Mr. Crosskill the following session. From that time up to the present I have had the honor of filling the situation of reporter to the assembly, with what success you may judge when I state that no complaint for partiality on misrepresentation has ever been preferred against my reports.

During the session of 1849, a greater number of columns were published, greater regularity was observed—the reports went to the country more rapidly, and the whole debates were finished within a shorter period than at any session of the legislature either before or since ; and this too, when each journal received but £20, and was compelled to set up the whole quantity amounting to nearly 400 columns.

Since then, owing to various causes the system has retrograded,—but I think it due to the reporters to say that, as far as I am aware, in no instance has the delay in publication been attributable to them.

When the committee, appointed to make arrangements for the present session met, I was not present, because no intimation of the meeting had been given me. When I heard of the proposed arrangement I objected to it in toto ; and informed the chairman that, in my opinion, it was not feasible, and could not be successfully carried out ; I also requested the chairman to call another meeting that I might have an opportunity of putting my views before the committee. This request, however, was not complied with ; the committee reported, and the house adopted the system—the evil effects of which, the experience of this session has sufficiently proven.

I now beg leave to submit to the house, through you, sir, the following proposal—to carry out which, it will be necessary that the house should adopt it before adjourning—that arrangements may be perfected during the recess to make it efficient and satisfactory to the members and the country generally.

1st. I propose to furnish to the house on the evening of each day a condensed report of the proceedings—varying as necessity may require from one to two and one-half columns per day—copies of which shall be laid on the table the following morning and transmitted by mail to each country journal.

2nd. To supply full reports to the extent of 21 columns per week—in no case to be more than five days after the delivery of the speeches—to be published in at least two of the city papers, and proofs to be furnished to any others that may agree to publish, in extenso, for a reasonable remuneration ; the whole to be finished within a fortnight after the close of the session, and to lay on the table of the house sixty copies of each publication on the morning of issue.

3rd. To furnish to the house within one month after the close of the session, 60 copies of a parliamentary reporter—to be done up in pamphlet form—sewed and covered with paper covers.

4th. To enter into an agreement, with such reasonable additions or alterations as the committee or the house may, during the present session, suggest for the performance of the work, with a covenant to the effect, that if the service shall not be performed to the satisfaction of the house, I shall forfeit the whole amount of the provincial grant.

5th. To perform this service for the sum of five hundred pounds.

In making arrangements for the performance of the work during the recess, I shall keep three objects in view :—

1st. The fidelity, accuracy, and impartiality of the reports.

2nd. The rapidity of publication, and 3rd, the circulation of the reports as extensively as the nature of the case will permit.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

OTTO WEEKS, Jr.,

Reporter to the assembly.

P. S.—If the house should favour the adoption of the plan proposed above, I shall be prepared to submit the details more fully if required.

O. WEEKS, Jr.

Halifax, N. S., April 17th, 1856.

We the undersigned, publishers in the city of Halifax, are prepared to engage in the publication of the reports as specified in the proposal of Mr. Weeks for the session of the assembly for 1857, for the sum of £75 each; and to publish the same in new and uniform type; it being understood that if satisfactory to the house, the arrangement shall continue for three years.

A. GRANT, *pub. br. colohist.*
RICHARD NUGENT,
THOMAS ANNAND.

In connection with and addition to the proposition for reporting made by me and submitted to the house, I will be prepared to employ three reporters to perform the work as in the said proposition it is stipulated to be done.

OTTO WEEKS, JR.

To the chairman of the reporting committee.
April 17th, 1856.

No. 10.

(See page 25.)

Aggregate list of articles purchased for the use of the Halifax asylum for the poor, during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, with the balance due the bank.

1855.

Balance due the bank of Nova Scotia, per account,		£853	18	4
Barley, 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.	21	9	8	
Beer, 6155 galls.	44	11	11	
Beef, 26,824 lbs.	306	1	1	
Butter, 1548 lbs.	84	6	9	
Bread, 30 cwt.	43	15	0	
				500 4 5
Bakery—baker's salary and wood,	47	11	4	
Coals, 65 chaldrons,	85	17	6	
Contingencies—expended by the matron, whose account is audited monthly by the acting comm'r.	220	0	0	

Clothing

Clothing—blankets, sheets, &c.	£119	5	10			
Chocolate, 1075 lbs.	24	12	8			
Coffee, 264 lbs.	9	13	9			
Cows and horse—hay, bran, shoeing horse, &c.	95	5	0			
					602	6 1
Cottage field—rent,	25	0	0			
Corn meal, 36 brls.	50	19	0			
Fish, 94 qtls.	47	0	0			
Flour, 385 brls.	1015	9	5			
Gas company, for gas light,	29	13	0			
Hat manufactory, palm leaf,	11	19	3			
Ironmongery,	4	18	8			
Interest paid the bank for money advanced,	40	18	3			
					1225	17 10
Insurance—paid Halifax fire insurance company for insurance on property,	10	0	0			
Lumber—for repairs to buildings,	1	19	4			
Leather—for shoes and repairing,	41	11	0			
Miscellaneous—expenses required for the establishment, articles not of ordinary consumption purchased by the commissioners, which do not come under other heads,	68	7	11			
Molasses, 937 gallons,	73	12	8			
Oatmeal, 24 cwt.	27	19	4			
Old junk,	92	12	7			
Oil, 70 galls.	13	2	6			
					329	5 4
Pork, 250 lbs.	5	0	0			
Potatoes, 1161 bushels,	189	15	7			
Peas and beans, 97 bushels,	44	4	9			
Removal of paupers,	8	5	0			
Repairs to buildings,	52	17	2			
Rice, 32 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.	49	9	9			
Straw, 195 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs.	50	15	1			
					400	7 4
Salaries—including medicines and medical attendance, viz :						
Dr. Almon,	£120	0	0			
Matron,	50	0	0			
Keeper,	50	0	0			
Clerk,	60	0	0			
School Mistress,	30	0	0			
				310	0	0
Salt, 8 hhds.	5	0	6			
Soap, 361 lbs. hard and soft 258 cwt. 1 qtr. 8 lbs.	86	15	9			
Stationery and printing,	9	12	11			
Sugar, 13 cwt. 3 qrs. 15 lbs.	28	11	10			
Turnips, 118 bushels,	7	12	1			
Tinware and repairing,	44	7	7			
Tea, 961 lbs.	64	10	5			
Truckages,	11	11	10			
Vinegar, 76 galls.	2	17	3			
					571	0 2

 Waterloo farm and hospital:—

Rent	£25	0	0		
Ploughing	4	0	0		
				29	0 0
Wool, 94½ lbs.				7	1 9
Water company, for water				27	10 0
Wine, for the sick, 108 gals.				37	7 4
Wood, 61 cords				78	0 1
					<u>178 19 2</u>
					<u>£4661 18 8</u>
Balance due the bank of Nova Scotia, to 31st Dec 1855.					<u>£1072 10 3</u>

Auditors.

THOMAS S. TOBLIN.

J. H. ANDERSON.

Account of paupers remaining in the asylum for the poor on the 1st January, 1855, and admitted during the year ending the 31st December.

Men—Halifax	43	
Transient	346	
		389
Women—Halifax	58	
Transient	186	
		244
Children—Halifax	128	
Transient	50	
		178
		<hr/>
Total,		811

Deaths at the asylum during the year.

Men	38
Women	21
Children	12
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Total,	71

Number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st December.

Men,	150	—of which	25	are lunatics.
Women,	124	“	32	“
Children	66	“	5	“
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	340		66	total.

Number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st January, 1856.

Men, women and children, 375—of which 73 were admitted during the month.

J. H. REYNOLDS, Secretary.

No. 11. (A.) SEE 12.

(See page 21.)

No. 19.

Downing street, 5th October, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith the copy of a letter from the Treasury, enclosing a correspondence with Messrs. Baring, Brothers, relative to the manufacture of copper coins for the government of Nova Scotia.

Before I can give any directions on the subject, I should be glad to receive from yourself, a statement of what you wish to have done respecting the supply of coins here referred to.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient
Humble servant,

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir G. Le Marchant, &c. &c. &c.

Copy.

(Copy.)

Treasury chambers, 29th September, 1855.

Immediate.

SIR—

I am commanded by the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury, to transmit herewith to you, for the information of secretary sir William Molesworth, copy of a letter from Messrs. Baring & Brothers, requesting authority for the manufacture of copper coins for the provincial government of Nova Scotia, together with the copy of their lordship's reply thereto; and I am to state that it appears to my lords desirable that the same course should be followed in this case as that which was adopted in the similar case of copper coin required for New Brunswick, which formed the subject of communication between this department and the colonial office, at the date referred to in the margin.

If sir William Molesworth should concur in opinion with their lordships, they request that he will convey the necessary instructions to the governor of Nova Scotia accordingly.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. L. CRASER.

Herman Merivale, esquire, &c. &c. &c.

And original letter dated 27th Sept. 1855.

Col. office letters. 1853
5th Feby. 8th March,
14th May. 25th July,
31st October.1854. 10th Feb. 4th &
15th Nov.

1855, 23d Feb.

Treasury letters, 1853,
25th June and 18th
November.1854 19th May, 25th
Oct. 9th and 21st Nov.*8 Bishopgate street, Within,**London, 27th September, 1855.*

MY LORDS—

Having been instructed by the provincial government of Nova Scotia to procure for them a quantity of copper coin for circulation in the province, we addressed your lordships on the 18th instant, requesting that permission might be granted in favor of Messrs. Van Wart, Son & Co. of Birmingham, to proceed with the coinage of the same. We beg leave to enclose a copy of our letter, fearing that the original may not have been received; and as the provincial government are anxious to receive the coin as early as possible, we venture to request that your lordships will be pleased to direct that the requisite authority or license should be furnished to us with the least possible delay.

The quantity required is 150,000 one penny tokens, and 300,000 half penny tokens.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

BARING, BROTHERS & CO.

To the right honorable

The lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury,
Whitehall.

*8th Bishopgate street, Within,**London, 18th September, 1855.*

MY LORDS—

Having been commissioned on behalf of the provincial government of Nova Scotia to procure the supply of a quantity of copper coin of the currency of, and for circulation within that province, we have respectfully to solicit the proper authority from

from your lordships to proceed with the manufacture in favor of Messrs. Van Wart, Son & Co. of Birmingham, whom we have instructed to execute the order in question.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

BARING, BROTHERS.

To the right honorable

The lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury.
Whitehall.

Treasury chambers, 29th September, 1855.

GENTLEMEN,

I have laid before the lords commissioners of her majesty's treasury, your letter of the 18th instant, requesting their lordships authority for the manufacture at Birmingham, of copper coin required by the provincial government of Nova Scotia; and I am commanded to acquaint you that my lords decline to give their sanction for the fabrication of the proposed coin in the manner suggested in your letter, and I am at the same time to state that my lords will communicate with the secretary of state in regard to the proper mode of supplying the colony of Nova Scotia with the required amount of such coin.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

C. L. CRASER.

Messrs. Baring, Brothers,
8 Bishopgate street, Within.

(Copy.)

No. 114.

Government house, Halifax, 25th October, 1855.

SIR—

In reply to your despatch, No. 19, of the 5th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the government of Nova Scotia are desirous of procuring for the public convenience, copper coins of pence and half-pence of the provincial currency, amounting to in equal sums, to one thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, and I shall feel much obliged if you will have the goodness to cause the necessary steps to be taken, for the accomplishment of that object, by means of her majesty's government.

The number of the coins required are 150,000 pennies, equal to £625 0 0, and 300,000 half-pennies equally to £625 0 0, in all amounting to £1250 0 0 currency.

Specimens of the coins now in circulation with which, the date being altered, the new coinage is intended to correspond, will be submitted to you by Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.

I regret that I am unable to refer to the correspondence which took place between the treasury and colonial departments respecting copper coins, noted in the margin of the letter from C. L. Craser, esquire, to Herman Merivale, esquire, as it has not been forwarded to this government.

When the coins are received, the sum necessary to defray all cost and expenses incurred in striking and transporting them to Halifax, will be immediately transmitted by the government of Nova Scotia to the house of Baring, Brothers & Co.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

G. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

The right honorable

Sir William Molesworth, bart.

No.

No. 6.

Downing street, 5th December, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to your despatch of the 25th of October last, No. 114, I transmit to you, for your information, the copy of a minute of the lord's commissioners of the treasury, relative to the copper coinage to be supplied for the use of the colony under your government.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Copy of treasury minute, dated 27th November, 1855.

Aquaint Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., that my lord's propose to give directions for the supply of the copper coin required by the provincial government of Nova Scotia, through her majesty's mint, and request they will submit to the master of the mint, specimens of the coins now in use, with the new device proposed for the reverse of the coins.

State that they will be called upon to defray the cost which will be incurred in furnishing these coins.

Transmit to the master of the mint, copy of the despatch from the lieut.-governor of Nova Scotia of 25th October, and acquaint him that my lords have desired Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. to submit to him specimens of the copper coins now in circulation, with a new device that has been proposed for the coinage now required.

State that my lords propose that the dies for the execution of this coinage should be made by contract under the mint, but previous to their execution they desire to have submitted to them the device of the proposed coinage, with the opinion of the master of the mint thereon.

My lords are of opinion that the same course which was pursued in supplying the government of New Brunswick with copper coins, which formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin, should be followed in this instance, and that the dies, when approved of and made, should be entrusted to a manufacturer at Birmingham under contract, to supply to the mint the coins of specified fineness and weight, and of the quantity required, and to return the dies therewith.

Further state that the currency of this coinage in Nova Scotia is legalized by a local act, and that there will be no necessity to obtain an order in council, as was required in the case of the copper coins for New Brunswick.

5400 treasury to mint.
22d April, 1853.
Mint to treasury 5th
May, 1853.
10631-53 treasury to
mint June, 1853.
Ditto 16th Nov. 1853.
9661 mint to treasury,
3d May, 1854.
Ditto 15th Sept. 1854.
Ditto 14th Oct. 1854.

(Copy.)

No. 133.

Government house, Halifax, 20th December, 1855.

SIR—

Referring to your despatch No. 6, 5th December, 1855, transmitting the copy of a minute of the lords commissioners of the treasury, relative to the copper coinage to be supplied for the use of this colony, I have the honor to inform you, that I deem it desirable to have struck off, in the manner proposed in the minute, an amount of copper coins, exactly double of that originally mentioned, that is to say, an amount of two thousand pounds sterling, in the same relative proportions of pence and half pence with that first indicated.

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I have also the honor to request that the lords commissioners of the treasury will be pleased to direct delivery of the coins to be made to Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. who have been instructed to defray the cost of the same.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

The right hon. Henry Labouchere, &c. &c.

No. 18.

Downing street, 18th January, 1856.

SIR,—

I have the honor to inform you, that in compliance with the request contained in your despatch, No. 133 of the 20th December last, the lords commissioners of the treasury have directed the master of the mint to make arrangements for supplying the additional copper coinage required for Nova Scotia, in the same relative proportions of pence and half-pence as the first requisition.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most humble obedient servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor
Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

No. 12.

(See page 27.)

MINES AND MINERALS.

Copy.

No. 32.

Halifax, N. S. April 12, 1855.

MY LORD—

I have the honor to transmit to your lordship, for the information of her majesty's government, certified copies enclosed, of three resolutions passed on the 4th instant, by the legislative assembly of this province, relating principally to the question embraced in the recent correspondence between the imperial and provincial governments, as to the right of the general mining association (which is denied by the house of assembly (to obtain the completion of the proposed new lease of the mines and minerals of the Province.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

The right honorable lord John Russell.

No. 8.

SIR—

With reference to former correspondence on the subject of the rights of the general mining association of Nova Scotia, I have now to transmit to you a copy of a case which was submitted by sir George Grey's directions for the opinion of the attorney and solicitor general.

2. The various representations received from Nova Scotia on the subject have been fully submitted to those gentlemen, so far as they concern the legal rights of the case, by which, as you will observe, her majesty's government are bound.

3. The general result of the opinion is, that the rights of the association expressly saved by the acts under which her majesty made over her right to public lands in Nova Scotia to the assembly, are those declared by the minute of 1845, and expressed in the agreement of 1849. It appears to be questionable whether the legal interest in the term originally granted to the Duke of York is, or is not, vested in the association. But it is clear that at all events the reversion of the lands and mines is vested in the assembly. I have, therefore, to refer you to the last paragraph of the opinion, as expressing the equitable duty which now devolves on the assembly.

4. I have communicated this opinion to the general mining association and to the lords commissioners of the treasury, and have recommended that a draft lease should be prepared by their joint direction, and transmitted to you for execution under authority of the assembly in such form and manner as you and they may be legally advised.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c., Nova Scotia.

Downing street, 7th February, 1855.

SIR—

I am directed by secretary sir George Grey, to transmit to you the under-mentioned documents, relating to a question which has arisen as to the competency of the crown to give effect to an agreement entered into with the general mining association on the 29th May, 1845, for a lease of certain mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and I am to request that, in conjunction with Mr. solicitor general, you will report your opinion to sir George Grey, upon the points submitted on this subject in the following statement.

By letters patent in the form of an indenture, dated the 25th of August, 1826, the mines in Nova Scotia, (except those already opened and in course of working under any crown lease or license) were granted by king George the fourth to the Duke of York, for 60 years, subject to various payments, among which was one of a 1s. a ton on all coal wrought and gotten, except those used in working the mines and engines, and bringing the minerals into marketable condition.

By indenture of 12th of September, 1826, these rights were granted by the Duke of York to Messrs. Rundell, Bridge and Rundell.

A question having arisen whether the mines in Cape Breton were included in the grant of 1826, a correspondence took place between these gentlemen and the colonial office, which resulted in 1828 in an agreement that,

(1.) The lease should be extended, or acknowledged to extend, to Cape Breton, and to certain coal mines of Sydney and Pictou, of which crown leases had been granted previous to the indenture of 1826, and been bought up by Messrs. Rundell, Bridge and Rundell,

(2.) That instead of the royalty on coal of 1s. a ton, a fixed rent should be paid of £3,300, Halifax currency, per annum, with an additional 2s. currency, per Newcastle chaldron, on all coal sold, exceeding a triennial average of 20,000 chaldrons.

No lease, as contemplated by this agreement, was ever executed; but the then existing disputes as to the rights of the parties under the grant of 1826, were continued, and a suit in chancery was instituted by the Duke's representatives against the crown and the Duke's lessees, (now the general mining association), for an account of the coals obtained by the latter, and to have it determined whether the mines in Cape Breton were included in the original grant to the Duke; and much correspondence also took place between the colonial office and the house of assembly in Nova Scotia as to the arrangements to be finally made between the crown and the parties interested in the mines under the lease of 1826, and the agreement of 1828.

The ultimate determination of the government on these questions is contained in a treasury minute, dated 27th June, 1845, by which the lords of the treasury acceded to a proposal made by the association to the effect that the rent for coal should be raised from £3,300 currency, to 3,000 sterling (then equal to £3,750 currency), and that for that rent the association should be permitted to raise 26,000 chaldrons of coal, Newcastle measure, instead of the 20,000 chaldrons which they would be authorized to raise under the agreement of 1828, paying a royalty of 2s. Halifax currency, per chaldron, for all coal "raised" above that quantity. It will be observed that in this minute the words "sold" (used in the previous correspondence) is dropped, and the word "raised" is substituted, without any exception of coal used by the company in the course of their business.

By the same minute the solicitor to the treasury was directed to "ascertain what steps it would be requisite to take for the completion of a lease to the mining association" on these terms; and the chairman of the mining association was informed that the solicitor to the treasury "had been directed" to take the "requisite steps for the completion of a lease" in accordance with the terms of the minute, subject in other respects to the conditions and limitations which were contained in the agreement between the association and king George the fourth, in 1828.

A copy of the minute was transmitted to the governor of Nova Scotia in lord Stanley's despatch of 18th July, 1845, in which his lordship stated the grounds on which the lords of the treasury had been induced "to authorize the completion of the lease" on the amended terms. His lordship also directed the governor to communicate the despatch and its enclosure to both houses of the assembly as her majesty's answer to various addresses received from them on the subject, and this appears to have been done.

On receiving a copy of the minute of 27th June, 1845, the solicitor of the treasury placed himself in communication with the solicitors of the Duke of York, and of the association, with a view to carry out the arrangement thereby sanctioned, as to the details of which Mr. Ker, the conveyancing council of the crown, was consulted, who advised that:—1st. There should be a surrender to the crown by the Duke's representatives, of the lease of 12th of September, 1826. 2nd. A grant to the Duke's representatives of a new lease of the mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton for the remainder of the term granted by the lease of 1826. 3rd. An under-lease from those representatives to the mining association.

An agreement for carrying this arrangement into effect was prepared and approved in 1846 by the law officers of the crown, and the solicitors of the Duke, and of the association, but it was not executed till 29th May, 1849, owing to a complication of arrangements between the association and the Duke's representatives, which occasioned the delay.

By this agreement it was provided that all the rents, royalties, and payments to be made under the grant of 25th August, 1826, except in respect of coal, should be still payable to the crown, and in lieu of such rents, royalties, and payments in respect of coal, a rent commencing as from the 30th June, 1845, of £3,000 per annum, sterling, whether any coals should be got or not; and also an additional rent of 2s. Halifax currency, for every chaldron of coals, Newcastle measure, wrought or gotten by the association in each year beyond the first 26,000 chaldrons, except such coals as should be used in working the said mines and engines, and bringing the minerals into a marketable condition.

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It will be observed that by the minute of 1845, the royalty of 2s. per chaldron was to be payable on all coals *raised* above 26,000 chaldrons, without any exception for the coal to be used in working the mines; but this was considered to be contrary to the meaning of all parties, and the reservation in the agreement was made in the above form, and is similar to that used in the original lease of 1826.

It was at the same time agreed that the sanction of the court of chancery should be obtained to the arrangements in a suit of Greenwood vs. Taylor, then pending, for the administration of the effects of the late Duke of York, and in the suits then pending between the Duke's representatives and the association, to both of which the attorney general was a party on behalf of the crown.

In accordance with this arrangement, an order was made in these suits on the 4th November, 1849, referring it to the master to enquire whether it was proper that the agreement should be carried into effect, and the master having reported in the affirmative, his report was confirmed on the 27th February, 1852.

In May, 1852, a supplemental bill was filed by the representatives of the Duke of York, to which the attorney general, on behalf of the crown, was a party, for the purpose of completing the whole arrangements under the sanction of the court, and by a decree in all the suits, dated 23rd March, 1854, it was directed that the instruments provided by the agreement of 29th May, 1849, should be executed by all parties.

These documents had been prepared and approved in 1846, and are embodied in the agreement of 1849; but a doubt as to the legality of their completion in the form contemplated has been raised by the Nova Scotia civil list act (12 Victoria, c. 1,) which was passed by the colonial legislature on the 8th March, 1849.

This act, after transferring the proceeds of the colonial land revenue to the assembly for the life of her Majesty (s. 9, 10), went on s. 11) also to transfer "to the disposal of the general assembly of the province, all the right and title of her majesty, whether in reversion or otherwise," to the mines which were the subject of the indenture of 1826, and "to all such coal mines in Cape Breton, and to all such reserved mines at Pictou which were agreed to be leased and demised by his said late majesty (George the Fourth) for the yearly rent of £3,000 sterling," to be disposed of and made available by such officers, and for such purposes as the assembly should direct, "subject only to the existing rights of the lessees and persons entitled under the said lease and agreement as hereinbefore referred to, and of all persons lawfully claiming under them."

The act was passed with a suspending clause, and therefore did not take effect till the queen's assent was published in the colony. That assent was not given till the 29th of June, 1849, the agreement having been executed on the 29th May previously.

In 1851 the 11th chapter of an act for revising and consolidating the general statutes of Nova Scotia repealed, and, as far as these mines are concerned, re-enacted without material alteration the civil list act of 1849.

The association presented no remonstrances against the act of 1849 when it was passed, although its provisions were long under consideration both in the colony and at home. The particular clause above quoted formed part of an act passed on the 11th of April, 1848, which, (on other grounds) did not receive the royal assent, and therefore never came into operation.

The Duke's representatives and the association mutually contend that they are entitled under the words of the act of 1849, to have the deeds contemplated by the agreement of that year completed, inasmuch as their interests in that agreement were (as they insist) "*existing rights*," at the time when the act was passed by the colony, although the agreement itself was not executed till a month afterwards, and they have applied to the colonial office to sanction the completion of these deeds, but it appears doubtful how far the crown has the power to give effect to them, and your opinion is therefore requested on the following points:

1. Whether the provisoes in favor of the lessees and persons entitled under the lease of 1826, and the agreement mentioned in the acts of 1849 and 1851, preserve the equitable rights of the Duke's representatives and the association, under the minute of

1845,

1845, and the agreement of May, 1849, or only those arising under the lease of 1826, and the correspondence of 1828.

2. Whether, notwithstanding those acts which transfer her majesty's right and title in these mines to the disposal of the general assembly of Nova Scotia, her majesty is legally competent to give effect to the agreement of 1849, by directing the execution of the deeds thereby contemplated, or to the arrangements sanctioned in 1828 or 1845?

3. If not, whether the assembly can be called upon to give effect to that agreement?

4. What are the liabilities of the crown, as towards the Duke's representatives and the association if it is incompetent to give effect to that agreement, and the assembly refuses to do so?

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

Attorney solicitor general.

Copies of the following documents are sent herewith:

No. 1.—Indenture of 25th August, 1826, being a grant of the mines of Nova Scotia to the Duke of York.

No. 2.—Indenture of the 12th September, 1826, being a lease of those mines by the Duke of York to Messrs. Rundell, Bridge and Rundell.

No. 3.—Memorial of Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Co. dated 22d January, 1828.

No. 4.—Letter from Messrs. Rundell, Bridge & Rundell, 6th June, 1828.

No. 5.—Letter from Mr. Hays to Mr. Rundell, 4th July, 1828.

No. 6.—Treasury minute, 27th June, 1845.

No. 7.—Letter from Sir C. Trevelyan to Mr. Moser, 2nd July, 1845.

No. 8.—Despatch from lord Stanley to lord Falkland, 18th July, 1845.

No. 9.—Indenture, 29th May, 1849, between administrators of Duke of York and general mining association.

No. 10.—Nova Scotia act, No. 1, of 1849, (civil list act.)

No. 11.—Revised statutes of Nova Scotia, c. 11—"of the casual and territorial revenue."

Temple, June 18th, 1855.

Sir—

We were honored with your commands contained in Mr. Merivale's letter of the 7th February last, in which he stated that he was directed to transmit to us several documents relating to a question which had arisen as to the competency of the crown to give effect to an agreement entered into with the general mining association on the 29th May, 1845, for a lease of certain mines in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and he was to request that we would report our opinion to you on the points submitted to us on this subject.

In obedience to your request we beg to report that we have perused and considered the voluminous papers which have been transmitted to us at different times, and in answer to the first question proposed in Mr. Merivale's letter, we have to state that in our opinion the provisoes in favor of the lessees and persons entitled under the lease of 1826, and the agreement mentioned in the act of 1849, did preserve the equitable rights of the Duke's representatives and the association under the minute of 1845; but inasmuch as the minute of 1845, which was communicated to the colonial legislature by lord Stanley's despatch of the 18th July, 1845, does not contain the important term which was expressed in the agreement of 29th May, 1849, viz: (that no royalty should be paid on coals used in working the mines and engines and bringing the minerals into a marketable condition) there is some difficulty in the question whether this term

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is a right saved by the proviso. We are, however, of opinion that, as the existing rights of the lessees are reserved and saved by the act of March, 1849, the words must be taken as denoting all such rights as the lessees could at that time claim either at law or in equity; and we collect the facts to be that the exception in question was a term finally agreed to by the crown in favor of the lessees in the year 1846, although not embodied in a formal agreement until 29th May, 1849; and it was therefore an existing right at the time of the colonial act of March, 1849; and we are consequently of opinion that the rights of the Duke's representatives and of the mining association, as declared by the minute of 1845, and expressed in the agreement of 1849, are saved and preserved by the acts of 1849 and 1851. The assembly had notice of these rights; and it was their duty to have ascertained their nature and extent.

In answer to the second question we beg to state that the estate and interest of the crown (both in reversion and otherwise) in the mines in question were effectually transferred to and vested in the assembly, and that her majesty has no longer the power or estate requisite for giving effect either to the agreement of 1849, by directing the execution of the deeds thereby contemplated or to the arrangement sanctioned in 1828 or 1845.

In answer to third question, we state our opinion to be, that the assembly are bound to give effect to the agreement of May, 1849.

With respect to the fourth question, it appears to us that there was nothing to prevent the crown transferring the estate it had to the assembly, subject to the existing rights of the representatives and lessees of the Duke.

The assembly takes the estate of the crown in the mines in question subject to the legal interest, if any, and to the obligation of giving effect to all the equitable rights of the representatives and lessees.

If the lease originally granted to the Duke is not to be considered as surrendered, and if the other dealings can be taken as amounting to legal demises, then the transfer to the assembly is the grant only of the legal reversion in the crown: but if there be no subsisting legal demise, and the rights of the Duke's representatives and lessees are under contract only, then the whole legal estate is vested in the assembly, but subject to the duty of performing the contract.

But the crown may be with justice required by the lessees to call on the assembly to fulfil the agreement of May, 1849. For should the assembly unjustly refuse to fulfil the agreement, and the lessees thereby lose their property, the crown would be liable to make good the loss sustained by the lessees.

For, we think that the rule of justice that would prevail between private persons should be abided by in all transactions between the crown and the subject. If A had agreed to grant a lease to B, and had then sold and conveyed the Estate to C subject to that agreement, but B, in consequence of such conveyance was unable to obtain his lease, he would have the right of calling upon A to make good the damage sustained by the non-performance of the agreement.

The crown is or ought to be considered as being in such a situation.

It is to be regretted that the crown's assent was given to the colonial acts of 1849 and 1851 in the form in which they were passed. Express clauses should have been inserted in these acts defining the rights of the lessees, and imposing on the assembly the obligation of giving effect to the agreement of May, 1849. In that case no question could have arisen. As it is we think there ought to be no difficulty on the part of the assembly in fulfilling all that the crown would have been liable in equity and justice to do, had these acts not passed.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

A. E. COCKBURN.
RICHARD BETHELL.

The right hon. sir George Grey, bart.

No.

No. 101.

Halifax, N. S. 29th August, 1855.

Sir—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your department of the despatches and circulars noted on the margin:—

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right hon. sir Wm. Molesworth, bart.

Downing Street, 1st December, 1855.

No. 5.

Sir,—

With reference to my predecessor's despatch No. 8, of the 17th of August last, I transmit a copy of a letter from the solicitor to the general mining association, urging the importance of a speedy settlement of the question now pending with respect to the right of the association.

Some delay has probably arisen in this case from the legislature not being in session when sir William Molesworth's despatch reached you, but you will not fail to avail yourself of the earliest opportunity of bringing the subject under their consideration.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

His excellency

Sir J. G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Parliament Street, 22nd November, 1855.

Sir—

With reference to the letter addressed to me by Mr. Ball, on the 18th August last, informing me, as the representative of the general mining association, that a despatch had been addressed by the mail of the 17th of that month to the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, together with the opinion of her majesty's law advisers—I am instructed to enquire whether any communication in reply has as yet been received from the colony.

In former communications to your department I have felt it my duty to refer emphatically to the extreme anxiety and difficulty of the position in which the directors of the association are, as trustees and managers of its property, placed. They are driven on the one hand either to stop the operations of the association after an enormous expenditure, or to continue them under circumstances of uncertainty and opposition increasing many fold their ordinary responsibilities. It can therefore be no matter of surprise that I am instructed to repeat the hope of the directors, that every possible step will be taken by the home government to obtain an early settlement of this question. Without referring to the ten years which have transpired since the compromise of 1845, as a ground for urgency I may be permitted to state that a period of nearly a year and a half has elapsed since, upon the objections of the colonial authorities, the lease, then on the very eve of completion, has been suspended on grounds which I am, now at least, on the authority of her majesty's law advisers, entitled to say form no justification for such objections.

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Miscellaneous :
No. 5, 31 August.
No. 6, 20th "
No. 7, 16th "
No. 8, 17th "
Confidential, 10th Aug.
Circulars: 10h, 7th,
13th Aug.

The directors trust, therefore, if no satisfactory reply has been received from the colony on the subject of the despatch of the 17th August last, that some further communication may be made reminding the lieutenant-governor of the extreme urgency of the case, and pressing for immediate movement on the part of the colony in the direction suggested by that despatch.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

The right honorable Henry Labouchere.

No. 131.

Government house, Halifax, December 20, 1855.

Sir—

In reference to your despatch No. 5, (1st Dec. 1855), transmitting copy of a letter from the solicitor to the general mining association, urging the importance of a speedy settlement of the question now pending with respect to the rights of the association, I have the honor to inform you, that as your predecessor's despatch No. 8, (17th August, 1855), informed me of the intention of her majesty's government to have the draft of a new lease submitted to the legislature of Nova Scotia, I had considered the matter referred to in obedience until the next session of the latter.

As however, the legislature will be convened for despatch of business at a period not later than the end of January, I trust no serious inconvenience from the delay will result to the association.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right honorable Henry Labouchere.

No. 14.

Downing street, 4th January, 1856.

Sir—

I have to acknowledge your despatch No. 131, of the 20th ultimo, relating to the proposed lease to the Nova Scotia mining association, and to transmit to you a copy of a letter which I have caused to be addressed thereupon to the solicitor to the association, which letter you will take as conveying my views of the course to be followed by yourself in reference to this subject.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c., Nova Scotia.

Downing street, 4th January, 1856.

Sir—

With reference to your letter of the 22nd November last, asking whether any further communication had been received from the colony respecting the claim of Nova Scotia mining association, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a despatch received from sir Gaspard LeMarchant, to whom that letter was referred.

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I am to state that, on looking back to the correspondence, it appears to Mr. Labouchere that sir Gaspard LeMarchant was justified in expecting to receive a draft lease before communicating with the assembly; and that it seems to him therefore highly advisable that you should immediately place yourself in communication with the solicitor to the treasury for that purpose, as suggested in Mr. Ball's letter to you of the 18th August last, in order that the assembly may have fully before them the question with which they have to deal; sir Gaspard LeMarchant has been told that (unless he receives further instructions) it is left to his discretion to postpone taking any steps until the draft lease arrives. This correspondence has also been communicated to the lords commissioners of the treasury.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE

Francis T. Bircham, esq., Parliament street.

PART II.

(Copy.)

Downing street, 1st February, 1856.

Sir—

In the absence of Mr. Labouchere from London for a few days, and with reference to his despatch of this mail on the same subject, I transmit to you copy of a letter from the solicitor to the treasury, and the draft of an act for giving effect by the legislature of Nova Scotia to the arrangements between the crown, the representatives of the late Duke of York, and the general mining association, and copy of a letter from the solicitor to the association having reference thereto.

I am, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

HERMAN MERIVALE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

Treasury, 31st January, 1856.

Sir—

I beg to enclose a draft of an act for giving effect by the colonial legislature of Nova Scotia to the arrangement between her majesty, the representatives of the late Duke of York, and the general mining association, regarding the mines in Nova Scotia, to which I referred in my report to the treasury of the 28th January, instant, (with a copy of which I presume you have been furnished,) and I would submit that the same may be sent to the lieutenant-governor of the colony, together with the drafts mentioned in my report.

(Signed)

H. R. REYNOLDS.

H. Merivale, esq. &c. &c. &c.

No. 21.

Downing street, 30th January, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to your despatch, No. 131, of the 20th of December last, acknowledged by mine of the 4th ultimo, I have now to transmit to you copy of three drafts of instruments, approved by the lords commissioners of the treasury for the purpose of effecting the vesting of the legal estates in the mines now held by the general association under agreement, in that body, and of a letter from the solicitor to the association, explanatory of those documents, and of the manner in which it is conceived the subject might be most effectually dealt with for legal purposes.

The draft of a bill, to which the solicitor refers in his letter, will be separately transmitted.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

PANMURE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir G. LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c. Nova Scotia.

Parliament street, 30th January, 1856.

SIR—

Since I addressed you on the 28th instant, the legal advisers of the crown, the duke of York's representatives, and the association, have agreed on the substance and language of a draft bill, by the passing of which into a law, to be afterwards duly consented to by her majesty, the legislature of Nova Scotia may conveniently perfect, as they are now called upon, and bound to do, the arrangements respecting the minerals of that colony.

The bill has been framed in the hope that the lieutenant-governor and general assembly of the province will consider it one, by the passing of which no more will be done than is now in substance due from the colony to the parties interested. In the judgment of the English law advisers of the crown, the lessees, and under-lessees, the passing of it will, with the utmost simplicity and ease, leave all parties at the conclusion to which it is desirable and just that all should be brought.

It is proposed that the drafts, surrender, lease, and underlease, should (as now in your hands signed as approved on behalf of the respective interests) be enrolled or deposited in some public office in the colony, with a view to their permanent preservation, and then the act, which will be found to be framed on the assumption that this enrolment or deposit has been already effected, although the exact mode of its accomplishment is left to be suggested by the colonial authorities, and proceeds to enact and declare that after its passing, the rights of all parties shall be as if these three draft deeds had been duly executed by all the parties to them on the days on which they respectively bear date, and as if the provincial civil act of 1849 had not been passed, or had been passed expressly subject to these three deeds, as previously completed documents.

I will most readily give any further explanation of the draft deeds, or of this bill, which you may find necessary.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. Merivale, esq., &c. &c. &c.

46 Parliament street, 28th January, 1856.

Sir—

With reference to your letter of the 4th instant, suggesting that I should immediately place myself in communication with the solicitors to the Treasury, with the view of finally settling the terms of the draft lease of the mines of Nova Scotia, I have now to state that I have conferred with the solicitor of the treasury and with the representatives of his late royal highness the duke of York, and that we have finally settled and agreed upon the terms of the instrument, by which it is proposed that the arrangements in question may and ought to be effectuated.

It is necessary, however, in order to prevent future misapprehension that I should trouble you with some explanation, and that you should have the goodness to take care that a similar explanation is given to the lieutenant-governor of the colony.

I need scarcely remind you that the document which is to be regarded as the basis of the arrangement now under discussion is the treasury minute of the 25th June, 1845. It was then perhaps assumed by the lords of the treasury that the new relations to be established, as then agreed on between the crown, the duke of York's representatives, and general mining association, would be effectuated by the simple grant of a new lease to the association, but the solicitor general was expressly directed by the minute "to ascertain what steps it would be requisite to take for carrying the proposals into effect," and it was almost immediately afterwards suggested by the legal advisers of the crown that the most convenient course for adoption was, 1st. A surrender of the existing original lease, and of the subsequent agreement for a further lease, with mutual releases of all claims under those relations. 2ndly. A new grant by way of lease by the crown to the duke of York's representatives, in conformity with the new arrangement, and upon trust that the grantees should immediately thereafter make an underlease to the association in like conformity; and 3dly, such new underlease.

With this suggestion, which undoubtedly proposed the most convenient or only proper mode of action, all parties complied, and the agreement of 29th May, 1849, so often referred to, and which you will recollect, although not executed by the crown, was fully approved and adopted by the law officers, both in the court of chancery and out of it, was framed accordingly, and binds all parties to that mode of completing the arrangement. It has accordingly been acted upon at every stage of the business.

You will therefore find, or have found, that instead of a "draft lease," you will receive, or have already received, from the solicitor to the treasury, a draft surrender, a draft lease, and a draft underlease, the three intended to be executed simultaneously, and to operate together in completion of the intentions and agreements of the parties.

It is further necessary that I should explain that these documents must necessarily be considered as representing, not the very surrender lease and underlease, which the colonial authorities are called upon to execute, but those which, but for the passing of the civil list act in 1849, the crown was bound, and would have been advised, to execute. In every thing but form they are doubtless in the *precise* state in which the colony ought to adopt them, but seeing that the act of 1849 has deprived the crown of the power to execute the deeds, and has not prescribed by whom or in what manner they should be executed, all that can be done is to place in the hands of your department documents carefully completed as regards substance, and to have such modifications or additions as may be necessary in point of form, to be devised by the law officers of the colony, in agreement with the representatives then of the other parties interested.

Before proceeding to notice one or two points arising on the substance of the drafts. I would say, as regards the manner of completing the entire transaction, that it has appeared to the counsel and solicitor of the treasury, and the other parties have fully acquiesced, to be best, that instead of any other mode of proceeding, the colonial legislature might well be advised to pass a short act, in the ordinary course, for enacting, that after the passing of such act the draft deeds, now about to be sent out, should have all the same validity as if they had been duly executed by all the parties to them, before

before the passing of the civil list act of 1849, or subsequently, as if that act had never passed. Following up this suggestion, the draft of such a bill has been prepared and agreed to by the counsel and solicitor of the treasury, and by the solicitor of the duke of York's administrators and myself, and it is respectfully submitted, that much future inconvenience might be saved if Mr. secretary Labouchere should have the goodness to recommend it to the consideration of the lieutenant-governor and the colonial legislature.

Returning to the contents of the drafts, I would next notice that they, the surrender, new lease, and underlease, are dated respectively the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th January, instant. The former of these dates was assumed as being the date on which the counsel of the crown gave us his final approval of the document, after the filling up of the various blanks, &c., and the other two have been adopted as of distinct days, for convenience of reference. The exact days of date are comparatively immaterial, but it is of course most important that the recitals, renders, and other particulars, should be adjusted with careful reference to such dates. This will be found to be the case, and as regards the interests of the crown and colony, as first lessors. I must point out that the language of the drafts has been settled on the assumption that all rent and royalty, payable by the lessors previously to, and up to the 31st December, 1854, has been absolutely paid and satisfied, and that all subsequent rent and royalty so payable, remained at the date of the surrender, lease, and underlease, unpaid, and is so treated, and is accordingly secured to be paid *by* the new lease and underlease,—of this, with the exception I am about to mention, we have sufficient evidence in this country, and if you so please, the receipts can be produced to you; but it does not appear to me material that you should be thus troubled, if the lieutenant-governor's attention be pointedly drawn to the matter, as of course he has the means at hand of checking my present statement, and the language of the drafts, in this respect.

The exception to which I allude is, as regards the amount due for royalty on coal sold from the Joggins and Lingan mines during 1854, which amount has been tendered by the agents of the association, but declined by the provincial government. I believe that it has been so declined because the provincial government have feared that their continuing to receive it might be quoted against the construction they have sought to put on the general relations of the crown and its lessees of those minerals, and therefore that if the provincial legislature determine on adopting and completing the arrangement as it has been understood here, and as the documents now sent out embody it, there would be nothing to prevent the immediate settlement of this outstanding amount. At all events, I can do no more than call attention to it.

I have, &c.

FRANCIS T. BIRCHAM.

H. Merivale, esquire, &c. &c. &c.

An act for giving effect to an arrangement entered into by or on behalf of her most gracious majesty, and the legal personal representatives of his late royal highness Frederick, duke of York and Albany, and the general mining association, concerning the mines in Nova Scotia.

Whereas previously to the passing of the act for transferring the crown revenues of Nova Scotia and providing for the civil list thereof, an arrangement was made between and by or on behalf of her most gracious majesty, and Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, as the legal personal representatives of his late royal highness Frederick, duke of York and Albany, and the general mining association, relating to the mines and minerals in the province of Nova Scotia, including the Island of Cape Breton, and the rents and royalties payable in respect of the same, whereby it was agreed (amongst other things) to the effect that certain letters patent, bearing date the 25th day

day of August, 1826, being a demise by his late majesty king George the fourth to the said duke of York and Albany, of the mines and minerals in the province of Nova Scotia (except as therein excepted) for a term of 60 years from the date of the date thereof, and a certain indenture or underlease, bearing date the 12th day of September, 1826, being a demise of the same mines and minerals by the said duke of York and Albany to John Bridge, since deceased, Edmund Waller Rundell, Thomas Bigge, since deceased, and John Gawler Bridge, since deceased, for the then residue of the said term of 60 years, except the last day thereof, (to which underlease and all the estate and benefit thereby granted the said association, in the said year 1826, became absolutely entitled, so far as regards the equitable and beneficial interest therein, should be surrendered to her majesty, and that a certain agreement for a lease by his late majesty king William the fourth to the said John Bridge, Edmund Waller Rundell, Thomas Bigge, and John Gawler Bridge, of the said excepted mines and minerals, and the coal mines in the Island of Cape Breton, (to the benefit of which agreement the said association were absolutely entitled) should be abandoned to her majesty, and that a new lease of all the mines and minerals in the province of Nova Scotia, including the Isle of Cape Breton, with certain exceptions, should be granted by her majesty to the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, as such legal personal representatives as aforesaid, for a term equal to the residue of the said term of 60 years, at and under certain rents and royalties, and that a new underlease of the same mines and minerals should be granted by the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting to the said association, for a term equal to the residue of the said term of 60 years, wanting one day, at and under certain rents and royalties. And whereas certain instruments for carrying the said arrangement into effect have been prepared on behalf of the said several parties thereto, in a form prescribed by such arrangement, with certain modifications, rendered necessary by the lapse of time, the death of parties, and other circumstances; and such instruments are, first, an instrument purporting to be an indenture, and to bear date the 22nd day of January, 1856, and expressed to be made between the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, of the first part; the said Edmund Waller Rundell, of the second part; the general mining association, of the third part; and the queen's most excellent majesty, of the fourth part—whereby the mines and minerals granted and demised by the said letters patent of the 25th day of August, 1826, and the said underlease of the 12th day of September, 1826, were expressed or purported to be surrendered to her majesty, and whereby all claims and demands of the said Christopher Pearse, John George Nutting, Edmund Waller Rundell, and the said association, under or by virtue of the said agreement for a lease were expressed or purported to be released to her majesty. Secondly, an instrument purporting to be letters patent, in the form of an indenture, bearing date the 23rd day of January, 1856, and expressed to be made between the queen's most excellent majesty, of the first part; the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, of the second part; and the general mining association, of the third part—whereby the mines and minerals in the province of Nova Scotia, including the Isle of Cape Breton, (except as therein excepted) were expressed or purported to be granted and demised by her majesty and the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, their executors, administrators and assigns, for the term of 60 years, to be computed from the 25th day of August, 1826, at and under the rents and royalties, and subject to the covenants, conditions, and provisions therein mentioned. And thirdly, an instrument, purporting to be an indenture, bearing date the 24th day of January, 1856, and expressed to be made between the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, of the one part, and the general mining association of the other part, whereby the said mines and minerals expressed or purported to be granted and demised by the last mentioned letters patent, were expressed or purported to be demised by the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting unto the said association, their successors and assigns, for the term of 60 years, wanting one day, to be computed from the said 25th day of August, 1826, at and under the rents and royalties, and subject to the covenants, conditions, and provisions therein mentioned. And

whereas

whereas the said several instruments so prepared as aforesaid for carrying into effect the said arrangement, have not, nor has any of them been executed by or on behalf of her majesty, or by any of the other persons named as parties thereto, but the same have been duly signed and approved of by Henry Revell Reynolds, esquire, solicitor for the affairs of her majesty's treasury, on behalf of her majesty, and by Messrs. Farrer, Curry and Farrer, solicitors of, and for, and on behalf of the said Christopher Pearse and John George Nutting, and by Francis Thomas Bircham, the solicitor of, and for and on behalf of the said Edmond Walker Rundell and the said association, and the same have been enrolled in

And whereas by reason of the provision in the said hereinfore mentioned act, whereby the right and title of her majesty in and to the said mines and minerals, and the rents and royalties payable for or in respect of the same, were assigned, transferred, and surrendered to the disposal of the general assembly of this province, the said arrangement cannot be carried into effect without an act of the general assembly :

Be it therefore enacted, by the lieutenant-governor, council and assembly, that the said three several instruments, bearing date respectively the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of January, 1856, and enrolled in _____ as hereinfore is mentioned, and the surrenders, releases, grants, demises, reservations, covenants, conditions, and provisions therein respectively expressed, shall respectively operate and take effect, and be deemed and considered to have operated and taken effect as from the date thereof respectively, in the same manner as the same would have operated and taken effect if such two of the same instruments as are first and secondly hereinfore mentioned had been duly executed and perfected on behalf of her majesty on the days of the dates thereof respectively, and the same two instruments and the said instrument of the 24th day of January, 1856, had been duly executed by the said other parties thereto, on the days of the dates thereof respectively, and the said provision of the said hereinbefore mentioned act, so far only as the same would or otherwise might prevent the operation of the same instruments, or any of them, according to the expressed purport thereof respectively, had come into effect immediately after the execution of the last of the said instruments of the 24th January, 1856, and not before, and had assigned, transferred, and surrendered the said mines and minerals, and the rents and royalties payable in respect thereof, and the powers and authorities relating thereto, to the disposal of the general assembly, subject nevertheless to the same instruments respectively, and to the estates and interests thereby respectively granted and conferred.

And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall be of any force or effect until the said three instruments of 22nd, 23rd, and 24th days of January, 1856, have been duly executed by the general mining association.

PART III.

(Copy.)

No. 28.

Downing street, 22nd February, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to former correspondence on the subject of the proposed lease of the general mining association, I have to inform you that I have received a letter addressed to this department by the directors of the association, in which they urge their claims to have their title to their property finally established, and request that I will intimate to the local government and assembly of Nova Scotia the opinion of her majesty's government, that policy and propriety demand the protection of parties who have acted on the faith of engagements with the crown.

2. There is no doubt that the crown is bound to execute its engagements to grant a lease to these parties, and that the difficulty which at present impedes that execution is
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of a simple technical nature, arising only from the peculiar wording of the civil list act, which vests the legal estate in the assembly, subject to all the rights of the association. But as the law adviser's opinion, which has been already communicated to you, fully explains this circumstance, this department has not hitherto thought it necessary to urge on yourself, or the assembly, by arguments of the description above adverted to, the performance of what appears to be simply a ministerial duty—that of enabling the crown to perform in the most direct and regular manner a legal duty, which the crown is bound to perform at all events.

But the directors are entitled, since they think it required, to this statement on my part.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

PART IV.

A RETURN, shewing the several applications which have been made, and notices given within the last eighteen months, under the reservation in the duke of York's lease for the working of coal mines, with dates thereof, and the applicants names, and the correspondence relating thereto, which has taken place with the government;—what districts under that reservation are now at the disposition of the provincial government, and what steps have been taken for the working of any coal therein.

APPLICATIONS.	DATED
1. Hypolite Marraud, Thomas Lenoir, Simon Le Blanc, George S. Handley, Thomas H. Fuller, Benjamin Gerroir, Elias Boudrot, Desire Boudrot, Louis Boudrot, Dominique Boudrot.	} February 13th, 1854.
2. James C. B. Fraser, 3. James Purves, 4. Alexander J. Hanglan, 5. James G. McKeen, 6. Abraham Patterson,	October 16th, 1854. January 11th, 1855. January, 1855. January, 1855. November, 1855.

NOTICES.

As subjoined Nos. 1 to 6 inclusive, published in the Royal Gazette.

No. 1.

Provincial secretary's office,

Halifax, June 7, 1854.

Whereas Hypolite Marraud, and ten other persons, resident in the county of Richmond, have proposed to work a coal mine on the Little River Inhabitants, in said county, within the boundaries following, that is to say: on the north by lands in possession of Hector McDonald, formerly held by John Jean, esquire; on the south by lands of Walter and John Murray; on the west and east by vacant lands; notice of such proposal and of an application to the lieutenant-governor of this province for a lease of the

the said mine, is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the first section of the act 16th Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, an act to regulate the mines of this province.

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

No. 2.

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, November 1st, 1854.*

Whereas James D. B. Fraser, of Pictou, in the county of Pictou, esquire, hath proposed to open and work a mine or mines of coal in a tract of land including an area of three miles square, and as its central part what is generally known as Spring Hill coal mine, in the county of Cumberland—notice of such proposal and of an application to the lieutenant-governor of this province for a lease of the said mine or mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the act 16th Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, an act to regulate the mines of this province.

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

No. 3.

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, January 17, 1855.*

Whereas James Purves, of Pictou, in the county of Pictou, esquire, hath proposed to open and work a mine or mines of coal in Cape Breton, situated at Point Anconi, on the east end of Boularderie Island, contained within that part of said Island which lies to the northward and eastward of the main post road leading across said Island of Boularderie. Notice of such proposal, and of an application to the lieutenant-governor of this province, for a lease of the said mine or mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the act 16th Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, an act to regulate the mines of this province.

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

No. 4.

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, February 14, 1855.*

Whereas Alex. Scott Hanglan, of Truro, in the county of Colchester, hath proposed to work a mine or mines of coal at Salmon River, in said county, within the following limits: "all those lots of land, situate at Kempt-town, in the county of Colchester, and originally granted to Daniel Hingly, David Archibald the second, and Isaac Archibald, comprising in all about fifteen hundred acres"—notice of such proposal
and

and of an application to the lieutenant-governor of this province for a lease of the said mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the first section of the act 16th Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, an act to regulate the mines of this province.

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

No. 5.

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, February 21, 1855.*

Whereas James G. McKeen, of Plaister Cove, in the Island of Cape Breton, merchant, hath proposed to work a mine or mines of coal in a tract of land situated in that Island, between the Barrasois and the Low Point light house, near the mouth of Sydney harbor, bounded on the north-east by the sea, and the south-west by a line parallel to the coast, and at a distance therefrom one mile and a half—the space thus described being known as the Low Point coal mines;—notice of such proposal, and of an application to the lieutenant-governor of this province for a lease of the said mine or mines is hereby given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the first section of the act 16th Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, an act to regulate the mines of this province.

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

No. 6.

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, November 27, 1855.*

Whereas Abraham Patterson, of Pictou, esquire, hath proposed to open and work a mine or mines of copper ore in a tract of land seven miles in length and one and a half miles in width, at Tatamagouche, in the county of Colchester, described as follows:

“ Beginning on the north-east corner of lot No. 70, on the west side of Tatamagouche, or Waugh's River, as described on a plan of the late governor DesBarres' Tatamagouche estate, made by James McNab, esquire, deputy surveyor; thence extending east three miles and one half; thence north one and a half miles; thence west seven miles; thence south one and a half miles; thence east three and one half miles to the place of beginning.”

Notice of such proposal, and of an application to the lieutenant-governor of the province for the lease of the said mine or mines, is hereby given to all parties interested therein, pursuant to the act 16 Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, “ an act to regulate the mines of this province.”

By his excellency's command,

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

Correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Copies annexed of—

A letter from Messrs. Cunard, Boggs and Cunard, dated 5th May, 1855.

A letter from the deputy secretary to James G. McKeen, esquire, dated 18th May, 1855.

A letter from Messrs. Cunard, Boggs & Cunard, dated 24th December, 1855.

NOTE.—All the tracts to which the foregoing notices relate, are considered to be within the proviso, and subject to the condition in the lease to his late royal highness the duke of York, under which such notices were given.

No steps have yet been taken for the working of any coal mine in any of the above tracts.

Provincial secretary's office,

Halifax, February 21st, 1856.

(Copy.)

Halifax, May 5, 1855.

SIR—

The Royal Gazette announces under date the 21st February, 1855, by your excellency's command, that James G. McKeen hath proposed to work a mine or mines of coal in a tract of land, situated in the Island of Cape Breton, between the Barrasois and Low Point light house, near the mouth of Sydney harbor, bounded on the north-east by the sea, and the south-west by a line parallel to the coast, and at a distance therefrom one mile and a half—the space thus described, being known as the Low Point coal mines; and notice of such proposal, and of an application to the lieutenant-governor for a lease of the said mine or mines was given to all persons interested therein, pursuant to the 1st section of the act 16th Victoria, chapter 15, entitled, "an act to regulate the mines of this province."

We have the honor to inform your excellency that the same seam of coal which is contained in this tract of land, and at no great distance from the tract so described, was opened during the last year by the general mining association, and is now being extensively worked. For this purpose the association have made large expenditures in the purchase of lands, construction of a railway, and other measures, to facilitate the shipment of coal; the operations this year will be increased, and preparations are being made to meet any demand that may arise.

Under these facts, we trust your excellency will see the injustice of granting a lease of the tract of land applied for by Mr. McKeen, after the association have proved the seam, decided upon working it, and have expended a large sum of money with that object.

We therefore pray that your excellency would be pleased to order the notice referred to, to be withdrawn.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

CUNARD, BOGGS & CUNARD, Agents.

(Copy.)

Provincial secretary's office, May 18, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to your application for a lease of a mine or mines of coal in a tract of land between Barrasois and the Low Point light house, near the mouth of Sydney harbor, I transmit, by the command of the lieutenant-governor, the enclosed copy of a letter from Messrs. Cunard, Boggs & Cunard, agents for the general mining association; and I am to request that any observations you may see fit to make thereon, be forwarded without delay for his excellency's information.

I am, &c.

WILLIAM H. KEATING, dep'y sec'y.

James G. McKeen, esquire, Plaister Cove.

(Copy.)

*General mining association,**Halifax, 24th December, 1855.*

SIR—

We beg again to bring under your excellency's notice Mr. McKeen's application to work a mine or rather seam of coal at Low Point, Cape Breton, the same seam being, since last year, worked by the mining association.

We now enclose a map or plan of the coast from the entrance of Sydney harbor to Lingan or Bridgeport, showing the situation of the tract of land applied for by Mr. McKeen, of Plaister Cove, as notified in the Gazette.

The strike of the seam of coal upon this land runs parallel with the sea shore, the dip being to the north-east—its outcrop is shewn by the dotted line A. B. C. In its course to the north-west it is cut off by a vault at C. beyond which it cannot be traced. It so happens that the mine recently opened by the association at Bridgeport or Lingan, is in this very seam of coal;—the situation of the pit is at A. which was chosen on account of its proximity to the shipping place in Lingan harbour; at the same time with a view to future operations of a more extensive nature, a lot of land was purchased at the Barrasois, marked B. on the map, for the purpose of sinking a pit thereon, from whence the coal might be conveyed by a railway to D. on the south shore of Sydney harbor.

The harbour of Lingan being too small to accommodate a large number of vessels at one time, it was supposed that if the coal proved as suitable for gas works, as was expected, the extent of the demand might render a shipping place in Sydney harbour absolutely necessary—all this closely shews that when the works were begun, the association considered that they would extend very shortly to the ground now applied for by Mr. McKeen, and that in fact the association have been working this seam, and were in possession of the mine sometime previous to Mr. McKeen's application, the government must therefore understand from this, that the ground applied for is occupied.—Again, the area of this seam is by no means too great for such a work as the association contemplate, the distance from the mine lately opened at Lingan to the Barrasois, the south-east boundary of the tract applied for by Mr. McKeen, is only 140 chains, a distance which the workings lately commenced will not be long in reaching at the rate our
levels

levels are now advancing in that direction, and our workings will be much more rapid should a more extended demand arise, which is, this season, very limited under these circumstances. We beg respectfully to point out once more to your excellency the injustice of Mr. McKeen's application for a lease of the same seam of coal as that already in course of working, claiming as he does the right of entering into the associations works, if not immediately, at no very distant day, a result which we can only view as a decided act of encroachment on the just rights of the association.

With reference to the notice as it appeared in the Gazette of the 17th January last, that James Purves, of Pictou had proposed to open a mine at Point Anconi or Little Bras d'Or. We beg to state that early in the season, when it was thought that an increased demand might arise, the associations commenced operations at Point Anconi, where they have erected buildings, sunk a pit, and are now prepared to ship coals the moment they are required, or there can in any way be found a market for them.

And with respect of the general operations of the association at their different mines in the province, namely, at the Albion, Sydney, Lingan, and Joggins mines, the company have this year greatly extended their works, and invested very large sums of money in anticipation of an increased demand for their coal in consequence of the abolition of the duty in the United States, but which however, has not resulted in any increase in the quantity of coal usually exported thence; and we may here state that comparing the total shipments of coal from all the mines during the past year, with those of the preceding one, it will be found that there has been no increase in the shipments of the season just closed.

We were prepared to ship this season at the Albion mines alone, 150,000 chalds. coals, whereas, we have not shipped much over half that quantity. We beg strongly to impress upon your excellency's attention, that notwithstanding the facilities afforded for the shipment of our coal, the demand has not either in the United States or in the provinces been at all commensurate with the quantity we are enabled to supply. Nearly all the coal exported from this province to the United States being consumed only in Boston and its neighbourhood where it is used, with but trifling exception, for gas purposes, and in foundries, but little, if any, being sought after for steam purposes or domestic use.

Nor have our anticipations at either the Sydney or Lingan mines, so far as the demand is concerned, for at these mines, there are now on the banks, waiting shipment, about 14,000 chaldrons, which with 26,000 chaldrons on the banks at the Albion mines, make a total of 40,000 chaldrons coal ready for shipment in advance of the quantity required, notwithstanding the pits have been worked for sometime past, for a period of only of 14 to 18 days in each month.

We beg respectfully to state on behalf of the association, that they are fully prepared whenever there is an increased demand for coal, to work any mines in the province, which the necessities of the trade may require.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

CUNARD, BOGGS & CUNARD,

Agents, G. M. A.

RETURN required for the information of the legislative assembly, being a statement shewing the number of notices given to open mines under the act of 1853, the names of the parties giving the notices, the locality of the mines referred to in such notices, the dates of the notices, and whether the general mining association, in consequence of the publication of such notices, have commenced to open any of the mines referred to in such notices, and whether any of the parties giving such notices have applied for or received

received any leases, or other authority from government, to work the mines referred to in these notices.

Number of notices given?	Six.
Names of parties giving the notices?	For these particulars see previous return dated 21st Feb. 1856.
Locality of the mines referred to in such notices?	
Dates of notices?	
Whether the general mining association in consequence of the publication of such notices have commenced to open any of the mines referred to in such notices?	The answer to this enquiry is contained in the correspondence of which a copy is annexed. P. S. office, 4th April, 1856. Cunard, Boggs & Cunard, 7th April.
Whether any of parties giving such notices have applied for or received any leases, or other authority from government, to work the mines referred to in these notices?	Applications for leases, in accordance with the notices given, have been made by Messrs. J. D. B. Fraser, and James Purves, respectively, who have been informed that the decision of the government thereon is deferred until after the close of the present session of the legislature. No lease, or other authority from government to work the mines referred to in the notices has yet been given to any of the applicants.

Provincial secretary's office,
April 9th, 1856.

NOTE.—An additional application for a lease of certain mines in the county of Sydney has been made, and notice thereof will be published in this day's gazette.

(Copy.)

April 4th, 1856.

GENTLEMEN—

His excellency the lieutenant-governor commands me to request that you will, as soon as possible, transmit to me, for the information of the house of assembly in session, a statement shewing “ whether in consequence of the publication of the notices which have appeared in the Royal Gazette, since the passage of the provincial act to regulate the mines of this province, the general mining association has commenced to open any of the mines referred to in such notices?”

I am, &c.

(Signed)

LEWIS M. WILKINS,

Messrs. Cunard, Boggs & Cunard,
Agents for the general mining association,
&c. &c. &c.

Copy

(Copy.)

*General mining association,**Halifax, 7th April, 1856.*

SIR—

We have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 4th instant, received on Saturday.

In the letters of 5th May and 24th December last, which we had the honor to address to his excellency the lieutenant-governor, we explained the situation of two of the seams of coal which respectively were subjects of notices in the Gazette; and the operations of the general mining association for working these seams, that is to say—the seams lying between the entrance of Sydney Harbor and Lingan, or Bridgeport, applied for by Mr. McKeen; and the seam at Point Aconi or Little Bras d'Or applied for by Mr. Purves. We refer to these letters now because they have immediate reference to the subject on which his excellency desires information for the house of assembly, and we solicit the favor that they may be considered as comprising statements in reply to his excellency's command now before us.

We desire to mention that, in the case of neither of the mines referred to in these letters, did the general mining association commence to open or work them in consequence of the gazette notices, but for other reasons.

We have further the honor to state that the general mining association have not commenced to open any of the mines referred to in the other notices in the Royal Gazette.

We have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed)

CUNARD, BOGGS & CUNARD,

Agents general min. asso'tion.

Honorable L. M. Wilkins,
Provincial secretary, &c. &c. &c.

No. 13.

(See page 37.)

Estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province for the year 1856.

Salary of his excellency the lieut. governor,	£3750	0	0	
Ditto private secretary to ditto	312	10	0	
				4062 10 0

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Salary of the Chief Justice,	1250	0	0	
Ditto Judge Bliss,	812	10	0	
Ditto other assistant judges,	2100	0	0	
Ditto Attorney general,	500	0	0	
Ditto Solicitor general,	125	0	0	
Ditto Clerk of the crown,	100	0	0	
Judges' travelling fees	340	0	0	
Costs of criminal prosecutions,	270	0	0	
Coroners inquests,	350	0	0	
				5847 10 0

Provincial

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Salary of provincial secretary,	£700	0	0
Salaries of clerks to ditto	575	0	0
Contingencies of office,	125	0	0
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	1400	0	0

RECEIVER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Salary of the receiver general,	600	0	0
Ditto clerk to ditto	300	0	0
Contingencies of office,	17	10	0
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	917	10	0

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Salary of the financial Secretary,	600	0	0
Ditto clerk to ditto	250	0	0
Contingencies of office,	17	10	0
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	867	10	0

PENSIONS.

Sir Rupert D. George,	700	0	0
Miss Cox,	125	0	0
Judges of common pleas,	600	0	0
Master of the rolls,	400	0	0
J. S. Morris, commissioner of crown lands,	300	0	0
H. W. Crawley, ditto (C. Breton,)	300	0	0
N. W. White, registrar of court of chancery,	125	0	0
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	2550	0	0

REVENUE.

Salaries of officers of excise department, Halifax,	1385	0	0
Ditto Gaugers and proof officers,	300	0	0
Clerk to board of revenue,	100	0	0
Lockers and extra lockers of warehouse department, and extra and temporary waiters,	3000	0	0
Comptrollers of customs and registrar of shipping,	1800	0	0
Seizing officers,	200	0	0
Drawbacks,			
Revenue boats,			
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LEGISLATIVE.

Salary of the speaker of the house of assembly,	200	0	0
Ditto clerk to ditto	200	0	0
Pay and travelling expenses of members of assembly,	2800	0	0
Ditto ditto ditto of legislative council,	975	0	0
Clerk of legislative council,	200	0	0
Law clerk ditto	150	0	0
Postage of legislative council and house of assembly,	450	0	0

Chaplain

Chaplain of legislative council,	£25	0	0
Ditto of house of assembly,	25	0	0
Gentleman usher of the black rod,	75	0	0
Sergeant-at-arms to house of assembly,	50	0	0
Assistant ditto ditto	30	0	0
Contingencies of legislative council and assembly,	800	0	0
Assistant clerk to house of assembly,	100	0	0
Printing,	600	0	0
Reporting and publishing debates of assembly,	350	0	0
		7030	0 0

MILITIA.

Adjutant general and quarter master general of militia,	120	0	0
Adjutants,	300	0	0
Cleaning and storing arms,	120	0	0
Billeting troops,	25	0	0
		565	0 0

EDUCATION.

For support of Normal school,	700	0	0
Ditto Colleges and academies,			
Ditto Grammar and common schools.			

MISCELLANEOUS.

For support of light houses,	7000	0	0
Ditto Sable Island,	400	0	0
In aid of post communication.			
Steam boats, packets and ferries.			
Poor asylum, Halifax,	2000	0	0
Provincial penitentiary,	1000	0	0
Interest on deposits in Savings' bank,	3800	0	0
Service of roads and bridges.			
Casualties to ditto			
Commissioners for Indians.			
Public buildings.			
Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0

Financial secretary's office, }
 February, 1856. }

SAMUEL CREELMAN, financial secretary.

No. 14.

(See page 49.)

GENERAL ABSTRACT

Of the returns of impost and excise duties collected at the different ports of this province during the year ended 31st December, 1855.

PORTS.	Brandy.	Candles.		Coffee.		Chocolate.	Crackers.	Cheese.
		3d. per lb.	1d. per lb.	1d. per lb.	2d. per lb.			
Halifax,	20288	6402	3729	153334	2734	100	217	23
Amherst,	363	25	1177		320		1	2
Antigonishte,							3	2
Arichat,		45	2772	3649	210	1450	1	0
Advocate Harbor,	18						7	2
Annapolis,			1952	816		50	2	21
Barrington,			602	866				
Beaver River,			85	60				
Bridgetown,		6	1889	178	521	25	0	2
Canada Creek,			194					22
Church Point,			81	80				
Clementsport,			798	95	120	10	3	0
Cornwallis,			390	230				
Cape Canso,					56			
Digby,	83½		4711	2201		121		
French Cross,			80	60				
Granville, Thorne's Cove,			260	23	10			
Great Bras d'Or,								
Guysborough,	131			108				
Harbor au Bouche,								
Horton,					326			
Hantsport,			140		162			

Joggins Mines,	7	213	3850	666	3	2	0	0	2	26
Liverpool,	70	1225	262							
Lunenburg,										
Londonderry,	2	230	1939	120						
LaHave,		589				50				
Margaree,		582								
Maidland,		40								
McNair's Cove,		422	266	454						
North Sydney,	49	496	908	508						1
Pictou,	1993	99	28							1
Parrsborough,	30	80	110							1
Pugwash,				60						1
Port Hood,		15	25	120						0
Pubnico,				60						2
Port Medway,		40	1434	60						12
Ragged Islands,				60						
Sydney,	211	1520	200	955						0
Shelburne,						438				
Ship Harbour,										
St. Ann's,										
Sandy Cove,										
Tatamagouche,										
Truro,		316	272	396						
Tusket,		200								
Walton,		40								
Wilmot,		412	100							
Windsor,		2962	620	530						
Wallace,										
Wesport,	5	409	173	45						
Weymouth,		90								
Yarmouth,	97	5207	6907	1651						
	23347½	6900	178794	10084	2399	257	2	19	26	2
										23

General

GENERAL ABSTRACT—continued.

Ports.	Cordials.	Flour.	Clocks.		Geneva.	Hams, &c.	Leather.	
			5s. each.	10s. each.			1d. per lb.	2d. per lb.
Halifax,	46 7-10		160		24311 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 3 0	221141	4179
Amherst,					309		6269	
Antigonishe,							523	12
Arichat,							2083	
Advocate Harbor,							854	
Annapolis,							502	
Barrington,							343	
Beaver River,			3				3126	25
Bridgetown,							2808	41
Canada Creek,							639	32
Church Point,							625	
Clementsport,							1584	
Cornwallis,			4					
Cape Canso,								
Digby,			2		7		2680	
French Cross,							100	
Granville, Thorne's Cove,							135	
Great Bras d'Or,							1869	
Guysborough,								
Harbor au Bouche,							75	160
Horton,			6				1664	
Hantsport,			1				145	
Joggins Mines,							628	10
Liverpool,								69
Lunenburg,			3		96		401	28
Londonderry,							2327	
LaHave,							1631	

Margaree,							1919	24
Maitland,		12					375	
McNair's Cove,								
North Sydney,						3 0 22	17779	311
Pictou,		19	54		817		453	
Parsborough,							2164	
Pugwash,			7				1678	
Port Hood,							198	
Pubnico,								
Port Medway,							1915	10
Ragged Islands,				12			100	
Sydney,							84	
Shelburne,							4370	
Ship Harbour,							110	
St. Ann's,		1					95	
Sandy Cove,							945	64
Tatamagouche,							2233	
Truro,							470	
Tusket,								
Walton,								
Wilmot,								
Windsor,								
Wallace,								
Westport,								
Weymouth,								
Yarmouth,								
	46 1-10	32	261		25547 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 3 22	8879	1799
							295919	6764

General

GENERAL ABSTRACT—continued.

PORTS.	Value of Goods.				Amount Sterling.
	2½ per cent.	6¼ per cent.	10 per cent.	20 per cent.	
Halifax,	£63520 12 5	£387769 10 10	£24392 5 2	£949 13 8	£71526 15 7
Amherst,	199 4 7	6638 3 6	321 0 3	46 9 10	984 19 3
Antigonishe,	7 17 11	1052 16 8	49 12 4	20 16 0	151 16 11
Arichat,	1402 14 9	2624 15 2	1070 0 3	16 11 0	563 14 3
Advocate Harbor,	29 0 0	117 0 0	6 0 0	1 0 0	14 4 6
Annapolis,	1528 5 10	5256 13 9	248 6 6	11 6 7	543 6 3
Barrington,	68 2 3	889 19 8	73 10 10	137 9 3	137 9 3
Beaver River,	255 13 4	143 9 6	32 0 0	25 8 4	25 8 4
Bridgetown,	803 7 8	3454 9 8	414 18 4	43 5 8	365 11 3
Canada Creek,	916 0 0	2410 7 0	284 0 0	15 13 9	342 6 7
Church Point,	656 13 9	1306 12 6	22 5 8	10 0 0	168 19 5
Clementsport,	46 19 7	1030 8 9	92 14 9	2 14 3	126 17 3
Cornwallis,	255 11 0	4386 17 10	413 15 0	69 0 0	451 17 2
Cape Canso,		215 18 5	289 3 2	5 6 3	55 6 9
Digby,	1139 6 6	8017 3 1	612 17 4	30 17 3	1020 14 9
French Cross,	2 0 0	702 5 0	83 10 0	128 3 4	128 3 4
Granville, Thorne's Cove,	318 18 4	463 6 3	15 17 5	8 9 0	55 10 9
Great Bras d'Or,	103 14 0	1231 18 3	120 0 0		211 6 7
Guysborough,	35 4 0	3 0 0	7 8 0		1 16 3
Harbor au Bouche,		13 2 0	13 7 7	47 11 0	3 7 2
Horton,	210 16 1	4276 7 4	323 0 0		395 1 5
Hantsport,	390 13 7	405 16 6	7 17 6		45 5 8
Joggins Mines,	181 14 3	733 16 6	40 10 0		114 14 3
Liverpool,	927 12 4	4484 15 4	819 1 8	128 1 5	919 16 6
Lunenburg,	29 2 0	785 10 5	60 15 10	14 9 6	64 5 9
Londonderry,	1058 10 0	2421 10 0	173 17 6	6 12 6	304 3 6
LaHave,	260 12 9	1867 6 11	277 11 5	28 16 9	225 18 2

Margaree,	1938 4 1	1023 8 3	56 9 6	1 2 0	0 17 2
Maitland,	6 6 4	249 8 7	26 5 0		185 2 10
McNair's Cove,	356 0 0	1825 15 0	131 0 0	54 0 0	27 9 4
North Sydney,	7312 19 3	22333 16 4	1202 2 9	466 15 1	404 11 10
Pictou,	246 6 8	303 15 8	38 12 6	1 5 0	3023 3 11
Parrsborough,	7 10 0	729 6 6	221 14 4	5 11 7	80 8 4
Pugwash,	1 0 0	158 1 3	5 0 0	2 5 0	119 2 6
Port Hood,	73 1 4	258 8 4	25 16 9	2 7 0	32 12 1
Pubnico,		106 12 0	27 18 3	6 0 0	35 12 2
Port Medway,		192 14 9	159 13 7	2 0 0	35 1 2
Ragged Islands,	1970 19 0	4916 14 0	5 0 0	4 4 6	244 3 9
Sydney,	5 0 0	252 18 9	52 2 0	11 3 0	441 7 10
Shelburne,	6 7 6	133 12 8	59 0 0	0 13 3	60 0 0
Ship Harbour,		16 10 10	0 8 4		28 11 9
St. Ann's,		56 0 0			1 8 9
Sandy Cove,		33 3 9			13 10 2
Tatamagouche,	456 19 10	4564 2 10	370 16 2	42 16 4	2 1 6
Truro,	122 17 3	420 0 2	121 2 0	1 5 6	406 9 0
Tusket,	95 0 0	55 0 2	257 0 0	2 0 0	189 18 4
Walton,	32 0 0	3180 13 6	528 7 8	27 9 4	10 13 11
Wilnot,	1616 15 9	9570 17 10	136 17 0		381 15 4
Windsor,		103 10 0			850 7 3
Wallace,	73 17 10	1062 17 8			10 4 4
Wesport,	167 8 1	338 6 6			147 0 4
Weymouth,	6007 10 5	20851 3 9	719 2 5	99 3 6	51 1 2
Yarmouth,					3116 16 11
	94844 10 3	515390 0 8	34409 14 9	2186 6 6	88918 8 6

No. 15.

(See page 49.)

Abstract of articles imported into this province on which duty was collected in the year 1855.

Brandy, galls. 23,347½, 2s. 8d. per gallon,	£3,113	0	0
Candles, lbs. 34,047, 1d. per lb.,	141	17	3
Do. lbs. 6,900, 3d. per lb.,	86	5	0
Coffee, lbs. 178,794, 1d. per lb.,	744	19	6
Do. lbs. 10,084, 2d. per lb.,	84	0	8
Chocolate, lbs. 2,399, 1d. per lb.,	9	19	11
Crackers, cwts. 257 2 19, 3s. 4d. per cwt.,	42	18	11
Cheese, cwts. 26 2 23, 5s. per cwt.	6	13	6
Cordials, galls. 46 7-10, 2s. 8d. per gallon,	6		6
Clocks, No. 261, 5s. each,	65	5	0
Flour, barrels 32, 1s. per barrel,	1	12	0
Geneva, gallons 25,547½, 2s. 8d. per gallon,	3,406	6	0
Hams, cwts. 7 3 22, 9s. per cwt.,	3	11	6
Leather, lbs. 295,919, 1d. per lb.,	1,232	19	11
Do. lbs. 6,764, 2d. per lb.	56	7	4
Molasses, gallons 1,306,011, 2½d. per gallon,	13,604	5	7
Onions, cwts. 267 3 25, 2s. 6d. per cwt.	33	10	6
Pork, barrels 2, 4s. per barrel,	0	8	0
Raisins, lbs. 41,913, ¼d. per lb.	43	13	2
Do. lbs. 166,957, ½d. per lb.	347	16	7
Rum, gallons 27,517, 1s. 6d. per gallon,	2,063	15	6
Sugar, cwts. 30,591 0 1, 7s. per cwt.	10,706	17	0
Do. cwts. 2,284 1 18, 10s. per cwt.	1,142	4	5
Do. cwts. 81 1 10, 14s. per cwt.	56	18	9
Tea, lbs. 1,023,356, 2d. per lb.	8,527	19	4
Do. lbs. 2,526, 4d. per lb.	42	2	0
Tobacco, lbs. 386,197, 1½d. per lb.	2,413	14	7
Whiskey, gallons 3,235, 2s. 8d. per gallon,	431	6	8
Wine, gallons 18,680 5-4, 1s. 3d. per gallon,	1,167	11	0
Do. do 5,927 1-5, 2s. 6d. per gallon,	740	18	0
Do. do 880 3-5, 3s. per gallon,	132	1	9
Value of goods at 2½ per cent.,	£94,844	10	3
Do. at 6½ " "	515,390	0	8
Do. at 10 " "	34,409	14	9
Do. at 20 " "	2,186	6	6
Add amount received from distilleries,	5,620	0	0
Total sterling,	£94,538	8	6

SAML. CREELMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February, 1856.

No. 16.

(See page 49.)

Comparative statement of articles imported into this province, and of the amount of excise duties collected thereon for the years 1854 and 1855.

Articles.	Imports, 1854.	Imports, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.
Apples, bbls.	822 $\frac{3}{4}$			822 $\frac{3}{4}$
Beef, cwt.	12 2 0			12 2 0
Do. bbls.	338 $\frac{1}{2}$			338 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brandy, gns.	25269	23347 $\frac{1}{2}$		1921 $\frac{1}{2}$
Butter, cwt.	43 0 23			43 0 23
Cordials, gns.		46 $\frac{10}{10}$	46 $\frac{10}{10}$	
Candles, (tallow) lbs.	23984	34047	10063	
Do. other kinds, lbs.	8316	6900		1416
Cheese, cwt.	107 0 9	26 2 23		80 1 14
Chocolate, lbs.	1178	2399	1221	
Clocks, (cost under 20s.)	749	261		488
Do. (cost over 20s.)	46			46
Coffee (green) lbs.	195453	178794		16659
Do. (roasted) "	4482	10084	5602	
Crackers, cwt.	256 3 3	257 2 19	0 3 16	
Flour, bbls.	30746 $\frac{3}{4}$			30714 $\frac{3}{4}$
Geneva, gns.	27326	32		1778 $\frac{3}{4}$
Hams, cwt.	68 0 18	25547 $\frac{1}{2}$		60 0 24
Lard, "	283 1 17	7 3 22		283 1 17
Leather (sole) lbs.	220215			
Do. (upper) "	4396	295919	75704	
Molasses, gns.	1275994	6764	2368	
Onions, cwt.	1621 0 27	1306011	30017	
Pork, "	171 0 20	267 3 25		1353 1 2
Do. bbls.	2449 $\frac{3}{8}$			171 0 20
Raisins (boxes) lbs.	206078	2		2447 $\frac{3}{8}$
		166957		39121

Articles.	Imports, 1854.	Imports, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.
Do. (other pkgs.) " glns.	38109	41913	3804	
Rum,	27394½	27517	122½	
Sugar (muscovado) cwt.	30729	30591		138 2 13
Do. (crushed) "	2481	2284		197 0 10
Do. (refined) "	193	81		111 3 21
Tea, (black) lbs.	963212	1023350	60144	
Do. (green) "	2291	2526	235	
Tobacco,	414808	386197	381	28611
Whiskey, glns.	2854	3235		
Wine, at 1s. 3d. per gln.	16049½	18680½	2631½	
Do. at 2s. 6d. "	5476½	5927½	451	
Do. at 3s. "	805½	880½	75½	
Value of goods at 2½ p. c.	£170606	94844		75702 2 8
Do. at 6¼ "	639446	515390		124050 2 1
Do. at 10 "	32974	34409	1434 16 1	
Do. at 20 "	1087	2186	1098 8 0	
Add amount received } from distilleries,	3618	5620	2002 0 0	

Articles

Articles.	Duties, 1854.	Duties, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.	Nett Decrease.
Apples, bbls.	£164 11 0			164 11 0	
Beef, cwt.	3 16 0			3 15 0	
Do. bbls.	67 14 0			67 14 0	
Brandy, glns.	3369 4 0	3113 0 0		256 4 0	
Butter, cwt.	17 5 8			17 5 8	
Cordials, glns.	99 18 8	0 4 6	6 4 6		
Candles, (tallow) lbs.	103 19 0	141 17 3	41 18 7		
Do. other kinds, lbs.	26 15 5	6 13 6			
Cheese, cwt.	4 18 2	9 19 11	5 1 9		
Chocolate, lbs.	187 5 0	65 5 0			
Clocks, (cost over 20s.)	23 0 0				
Do. (cost over 20s.)	814 7 11	744 19 6			
Coffee (green) lbs.	37 7 0	84 0 8			
Do. (roasted) "	42 16 0	42 18 11			
Crackers, cwt.	1537 6 9	1 12 0			
Flour, bbls.	3643 9 4	3406 6 0			
Geneva, glns.	30 13 6	3 11 0			
Hams, cwt.	113 7 2				
Lard, "	917 11 3	1232 19 11			
Leather (sole) lbs.	36 12 8	56 7 4			
Do. (upper) "	13291 12 1	13604 5 7			
Molasses, glns.	202 13 1	33 10 6			
Onions, cwt.	51 7 1				
Pork, "	489 19 4	0 8 0			
Do. bbls.	429 6 7	347 16 7			
Raisins (boxes) lbs.	39 13 11	43 13 2			
Do. (other pkgs.) "	2054 11 9	2063 15 6			
Rum, glns.	10755 9 4	10706 17 0			
Sugar (muscovado) cwt.	1240 15 0	1142 4 5			
Do. (crushed) "	135 5 10	56 18 9			
Do. (refined) "					

Articles.

Articles.	Duties, 1854.	Duties, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.	Nett Decrease.
Tea, (black) lbs.	8026 15 4	8527 19 4	501 4 0		
Do. (green) "	38 3 8	42 2 0	3 18 4		
Tobacco, "	2592 11 0	2413 14 7		178 16 5	
Whiskey, glns.	380 10 8	481 6 8	50 16 0		
Wine, at 1s. 3d. per gln.	1003 2 2	1167 11 0	164 8 10		
Do. at 2s. 6d. "	684 10 6	740 18 0	56 7 6		
Do. at 3s. "	120 16 6	132 1 9	11 5 3		
Value of goods at 2½ p. c.	4265 3 4	2371 2 3		1894 1 1	
Do. at 6¼ "	39965 8 11	32211 17 7		7753 11 4	
Do. at 10 "	3297 9 10	3440 19 6	143 9 8		
Do. at 20 "	217 11 8	437 5 4	219 13 8		
Add amount received } from distilleries, }	3618 0 0	5020 0 0	2002 0 0		
	£104142 15 1	94538 8 6	3914 4 6	13518 11 1	9604 6 7

Financial secretary's office, February, 1856.

SAMUEL CREELMAN, financial secretary.

No. 17.

(See page 49.)

Comparative statement exhibiting the increase and decrease of the amount of excise duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the years 1854 and 1855.

PORTS.	Duties, 1854.	Duties, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.	Nett Decrease.
Halifax,	£80353 0 5	£71526 15 7		£8826 4 10	
Amherst,	1469 9 0	934 19 3		534 9 9	
Antigonishe,	32 0 9	151 16 11	£119 16 2		
Arichat,	547 5 4	563 14 3	16 8 11		
Advocate Harbor,	6 3 6	14 4 6	8 1 0		
Annapolis,	818 11 5	543 6 3		275 5 2	
Barrington,	185 12 6	137 9 3		48 3 3	
Beaver River,	11 18 7	25 8 4	13 9 9		
Bridgetown,	368 0 2	365 11 3		2 8 11	
Canada Creek,	377 0 6	342 6 7		34 13 11	
Church Point,	317 8 6	168 19 5		148 9 1	
Clementsport,	207 14 0	126 17 3		80 16 9	
Cornwallis,	363 0 6	451 17 2	88 16 8		
Cape Canso,	61 3 4	55 6 9		5 16 7	
Digby,	1476 3 6	1020 14 9		455 8 9	
French Cross,	110 15 8	128 3 4	17 7 8		
Granville, Thorne's Cove,	71 1 5	55 10 9		15 10 8	
Great Bras d'Or,	63 2 1	211 6 7	148 4 6		
Guysborough,	0 12 3	1 16 3	1 4 0		
Harbor au Bouche,	13 19 6	3 7 2	63 11 0	10 12 4	
Horton,	331 10 5	395 1 5		27 15 10	
Hantsport,	73 1 6	45 5 8			
Joggins Mines,	58 14 6	114 14 3	55 19 9		
Liverpool,	1403 3 10	919 16 6		483 7 4	
Lunenburg,	44 0 3	64 5 9	20 5 6		

Ports

PORTS.	Duties, 1854.	Duties, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.	Nett Decrease.
Londonderry,	£447 2 4	£ 364 3 6		£82 18 10	
LaHave,	390 4 9	225 18 2		164 6 7	
Margaree,	12 10 7	0 17 2		11 13 5	
Maitland,	256 12 3	185 2 10		71 9 5	
McNair's Cove,	16 18 0	27 9 4	£10 11 4		
North Sydney,	261 4 0	404 11 10	143 7 10		
Pictou,	2859 15 8	3023 3 11	163 8 3		
Parrsborough,	175 3 10	80 8 4		94 15 6	
Pugwash,	218 0 6	119 2 6		98 18 0	
Port Hood,	182 13 6	32 12 1		150 1 5	
Pubnico,	52 8 2	35 12 2		16 16 0	
Port Medway,	46 14 9	35 1 2		11 13 7	
Ragged Islands,	237 14 0	244 3 9		93 10 3	
Sydney,	113 13 10	441 7 10	327 14 0		
Shelburne,	42 19 11	60 0 0	17 0 1		
Ship Harbour,	121 12 3	28 11 9		93 0 6	
St. Ann's,	1 14 3	1 8 9		0 5 6	
Sandy Cove,	22 14 11	13 10 2		9 4 9	
Sheet Harbor,	3 4 6	0 0 0		3 4 6	
St. Mary's,	85 17 4	0 0 0		85 17 4	
Tatamagouche,	122 13 7	2 1 6		120 12 1	
Truro,	422 12 2	466 9 0	43 16 10		
Tusket,	134 9 6	189 18 4	55 8 10		
Walton,	54 19 2	10 13 11		44 5 3	
Wilmot,	601 18 2	381 15 4		220 2 10	
Windsor,	1189 14 0	850 7 3		339 6 9	
Wallace,	132 16 5	10 4 4		122 12 1	
Wesport,	249 10 0	147 0 4		102 9 8	
Weymouth,	82 9 0	51 1 2		31 7 10	
Yarmouth,	3120 0 4	3116 16 11		3 3 5	
Received from distilleries,	3618 0 0	5620 0 0	2002 0 0		
	£104142 15 1	94538 8 6	3316 12 1	12920 18 8	9604 6 7

Financial secretary's office, February, 1856.

SAMUEL GREELMAN, financial secretary.

No. 18.

Comparative statement of the gross amount of light duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the years 1854 and 1855.
 (See page 49.)

PORTS.	Duties, 1854.	Duties, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.	Nett Decrease.
Halifax,	£1789 3 6	£1791 19 6	£2 16 0		
Advocate Harbor,	10 5 0	1 19 0		£8 6 0	
Amherst,	60 10 0	19 10 6		40 19 6	
Annapolis,	46 15 0	58 3 6	11 8 6		
Antigonishe,	16 16 3	35 16 3	19 0 0		
Aricbat,	263 17 6	247 9 0		16 8 6	
Barrington,	55 17 6	55 11 6		0 6 0	
Beaver River,	9 6 0	4 4 6		5 1 6	
Bridgetown,		0 0 0			
Bridgeport,		16 15 0	16 15 0		
Canada Creek,	28 19 9	29 12 9	0 13 0		
Cape Canso, (Norris)	2 17 6	4 1 6	1 4 0		
Do. (Bigelow)	314 4 0	345 14 0	31 10 0		
Canso Strait, (McKeen)	987 4 6	210 17 6		776 7 0	
Church Point,	30 12 6	29 8 6		1 4 0	
Clementsport,	21 4 6	19 0 6		2 4 0	
Cornwallis,	27 7 0	32 12 6	5 5 6		
Digby,	50 9 6	60 4 6	9 15 0		
French Cross,	8 19 6	9 6 0	0 6 6		
Great Bras d'Or,	16 11 0	10 3 6		6 7 6	
Guysborough,	11 6 0	14 1 6			
Hantsport,	89 17 9	72 6 6	2 15 6		
Harbor au Bouche,	11 8 6	11 4 6		17 11 3	
Horton,	21 19 0	24 1 3		0 4 0	
Joggins Mines,	58 1 6	30 15 6	2 2 3		
LaHave,	29 0 0	25 16 9		27 6 0	
Liverpool,	189 19 6	174 12 6		3 3 3	
Londonderry,	29 8 0	28 1 0		15 7 0	
				1 7 0	

Ports

ports.	Duties, 1854.	Duties, 1855.	Increase.	Decrease.	Nett Decrease.
Lunenburg,	£54 19 0	£38 5 0		16 13 3	
Maitland,	68 14 6	71 16 9	£3 2 3		
McNair's Cove,		2 15 6	2 15 6		
Margaree,	13 6 0	7 18 6		5 7 6	
Parrsborough,	77 17 3	50 18 9		26 18 6	
Pictou,	659 8 0	577 11 9		81 16 3	
Port Hood,	60 5 6	3 14 6		56 11 0	
Port Medway,	23 7 3	39 12 6	16 5 3		
Pubnico,	33 16 9	39 3 0	5 6 3		
Pugwash,	137 12 3	20 12 0		117 0 3	
Ragged Islands,	52 6 6	43 0 9		9 5 9	
Sandy Cove,	11 11 0	23 11 0	12 0 0		
Sheet Harbour,	6 4 0	10 18 6	4 14 6		
Shelburne,	24 8 0	24 16 6	0 8 6		
Ship Harbour,	22 17 6	10 18 0		11 19 6	
St. Ann's,	7 4 0	9 15 0	2 11 0		
St. Mary's,	14 15 0	22 10 6	7 15 6		
Sydney, C. B.	24 0 0	16 17 0		7 3 0	
Sydney, North,	575 8 0	543 8 9		31 19 3	
Tatamagouche,	31 10 6	20 16 0		10 14 6	
Thorne's Cove,	25 10 6	39 2 0	13 11 6		
Truro,					
Tusket,	26 3 6	28 10 6	2 7 0		
Wallace,	23 2 0	28 8 6	5 6 6		
Walton,	42 7 6	45 15 3	3 7 9		
Westport,	38 14 6	45 17 0	7 2 6		
Weymouth,	38 5 3	68 17 9	30 12 6		
Wilmot,	24 2 9	30 18 0	6 15 3		
Windsor,	305 19 0	331 6 6	25 7 6		
Yarmouth,	204 0 3	205 16 0	1 15 9		
	£6809 17 0	5767 2 0	254 16 3	1297 11 3	1042 15 0

Financial secretary's office, February, 1856.

SAMUEL CREELMAN, financial secretary.

(No. 19—parts 1, 2, and 3, see report of committee on fisheries, appendix No. 77.)

No. 20.

(See page 51)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Wheeler Minard and others, report as follows:

Having duly considered the subject matter of the several petitions before them, the committee have adopted the following principle for their guidance:—Where the government have undesignedly granted land in part or in whole granted before, the party receiving the grant is entitled to be paid back of the purchase money a sum proportioned to the quantity and value of land so wrongly granted, and if the party have been prosecuted by the claimant of any part of land so wrongly granted, he ought to be paid a sum equal to the necessary costs of defence; or if it be necessary to bring an action at law to test the title, and he fail from it, having been made to appear that the land had been granted before he ought to be paid his necessary costs incurred, provided in such cases he has exercised a prudent discretion in defending or prosecuting such suits.—The committee do not, however, admit that in every case of land wrongly granted, the grantee is entitled to be indemnified in the amount of costs incurred in ascertaining the title, because in almost every case the party by diligent and careful examination of facts may discover the imperfection of his title; but only in cases where the parties cannot be expected to have discovered that imperfection.

In applying this principle to the case of Wheeler Minard, the committee are of opinion that a decidedly false survey had been made of a lot granted to Andrew Cowie, by whose consent a corrected survey was afterwards made, which left a portion of the ungranted land for which the petitioner applied;—this new survey gave another line or boundary to one David Kempton, between whom and petitioner litigation ensued of a very expensive nature about the land between the boundary of Kempton's lot, according to the new and correct survey. It appears that Kempton had pointed out to petitioner this land between the two boundaries as ungranted land, and it was so treated and granted, but erroneously to the petitioner, who had no reason to entertain the least doubt of his title to it under the grant. The committee therefore recommend that ten pounds of the fourteen paid for his grant be repaid him, and that he receive a further sum of thirty pounds towards the payment of the large amount of costs incurred in several suits; the committee being of opinion that no further or greater sum than thirty pounds need have been expended in testing the title. The sums demanded by the petitioner for seizing timber, injury received from the personal violence of the parties claiming the property, and the other charges amounting to £167 13s. 1d., the committee cannot recommend to be paid.

As regards the petitions of John G. Balcomb and John H. Potter, claiming compensation for expense incurred by the petitioners in defending actions brought against them by one William B. Perkins, in respect of land owned by the latter, it does not appear to your committee that any grants have passed to the petitioners, and if they have been compelled to pay costs and damages for interfering with the land in question, they have no claim to reimbursements of such expenditures. Your committee therefore do not recommend the payment of the sums claimed by the two last named petitioners.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, Feb'y 14th, 1856.

B. WIER,
MARTIN M. WILKINS.
C. J. CAMPBELL.

No. 21.

(See page 60.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Alpheus Jones, deputy surveyor of crown lands, in the county of Digby, beg to report as follows:

The petitioner states upon oath that on the 20th day of April, 1855, he wrote two letters to the honble. J. B. Uniacke, commissioner of crown lands, one containing his account of surveys performed, the other enclosed in an envelope with eight petitions for crown land, in which envelope he enclosed in bank bills £52, province notes £12, and silver 2s. 6d., making £64 2s. 6d., the whole of which was put in the envelope in the presence of C. D. Jones, son of the postmaster at Weymouth, from whom he bought the envelope, and saw the said C. D. Jones seal up the letter or envelope, and mark on the top *money letter*, and that the whole of said money (say £64 2s. 6d.), was in said envelope when it was sealed by the said C. D. Jones, who took charge of it as acting postmaster.

In corroboration of which the said C. D. Jones swears that on or about the 20th April, the said Alpheus Jones called at the post office, Weymouth, and stated he had letters to send to the honble. J. B. Uniacke; one contained a large package of papers and a considerable sum of money in bills, he saw the money while assisting petitioner to enclose the papers in a large envelope bought by deponent; saw him enclose it with the papers, which he deponent sealed with gum-arabac in petitioner's presence; the money was not counted by deponent; petitioner said there was £64 or thereabouts; deponent took said letter and mailed it for Halifax, the day and year above written.

From the foregoing statement it appears that the letter containing money as alleged by petitioner, passed into possession of the acting postmaster at Weymouth, therefore petitioner has made out a case with this drawback, it was his duty to register the money letter in order to trace it in case of loss, his neglect in that particular makes the tracing impossible.

The postmaster at Weymouth is required to make up his mail for Halifax in a sealed bag with the office stamp on it, which is not subject to be opened till it arrives at Halifax, and any mail bag received not being thus secured is to be immediately reported. No report with regard to the bag in question having been made, the presumption is the bag was received at the office in Halifax, with the seal and stamp as required, the letter not being registered was delivered in the ordinary way.

Mr. Uniacke states that the messenger of the land office brought the letters to that office, they were there opened by him in presence of the clerks; the one containing the petitions was received, but no money in it, which did not excite any surprise at the time on his mind from the peculiar wording of petitioner's letters, thus, "I shall send £64 2s. 6d.," not that he had sent it.

On the 24th May, petitioner received a letter from Mr. Uniacke, stating his accounts had been received and audited, but the money referred to had not yet come to hand.

The above are the facts elicited by your committee upon investigation of the subject referred to them. All which they respectfully submit.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.
THOMAS KILLAM,
JOHN LOCKE.

Committee room, 16th Feb'y., 1856.

(No. 22—For statement of expenditure of commissioners of St. Peter's canal, see report of committee of public accounts, appendix No. 49.)—(F.)

No. 23.

(See page 61.)

(Copy)

(Circular)

Downing street, 21st June, 1855.

SIR—

Adverting to my predecessors circular dispatch of the 4th November last, and to the instructions therein enclosed, from the commissioners of customs in London, to the late imperial comptrollers of customs and navigation laws, in which, amongst other things, these officers were directed to instruct the colonial officers of customs as to the mode of preparing and rendering the accounts of trade, 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; I have now to acquaint you that it is considered desirable that these returns should be made up on the same days as similar returns for the united kingdom, by which means uniformity in the general accounts of the empire will be ensured.

I have therefore to desire that you will instruct the officers of customs in the colony under your government, to close the returns for the christmas quarter of 1854, and for the year 1855, on the 31st of December next, instead of the 5th of January following, and thenceforward regularly to make up the successive quarterly accounts of trade, &c. to the 31st of March, 30th of June, 30th September, and 31st of December of every year.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. RUSSELL.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

No. 24.

PART I.—(See page 62)

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing Street, 26th June, 1855.

SIR—

I have to acquaint you that her majesty's government have decided that, on and from the 30th instant, a British rate of postage of one penny (over and above any foreign rate chargeable where newspapers are conveyed through a foreign country,) shall be levied upon every newspaper forwarded from the united kingdom to a British colony, either by packet or by private ship.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

J. RUSSELL.

Lieutenant-governor, Nova Scotia.

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing street, 3d September, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to the circular despatch addressed to you by my predecessor on the 26th June last, signifying that on and from the 30th of that month, a British rate of postage of one penny would be levied upon every newspaper forwarded from the united kingdom to a British colony, I have now to acquaint you that her majesty's government have come to the determination to abolish the regulation, by which it has hitherto been requisite that all newspapers sent out of the united kingdom, besides being liable to postage, should bear an impressed stamp denoting the stamp duty.

Henceforth it will not be necessary that newspapers sent abroad, whether to the British colonies or to foreign countries, should bear the impressed stamp. The stamp will neither be required nor will it count as postage, as it will be presumed that, where it is employed, it has already served for the transmission of the newspaper within the united kingdom.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor, Nova Scotia.

PART II.

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing street, 7th August, 1855.

SIR—

Referring to the circular instructions of my predecessors, dated the 27th December, 1850, on the subject of the colonial book post, I transmit to you, herewith, extract of a letter, which has been addressed to this department by direction of the postmaster general, proposing that an alteration recently made in the scale of weight for charging postage on book packets sent between places in the United Kingdom should be extended to book packets sent to or from the colonies.

You will bring this subject under the early consideration of your executive council, and inform me whether your government is prepared to acquiesce in the proposed alteration. The date at which it will come into operation will be fixed hereafter by the postmaster general.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

WILLIAM MOLESWORTH..

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Extract of a letter from the assistant secretary of the general post office, dated 23rd July, 1855, addressed to Herman Merivale, Esq., under secretary of state for the colonial department:—

Under

“ Under the authority of a treasury warrant, dated the 4th ultimo, an alteration has been made in the scale of progression by weight, for charging postage upon packets of books sent by the inland book post between places in the united kingdom.”

“ When the weight of any such packet exceeds half a pound, the charge now increases by steps of half a pound, a rate equal to the charge for half a pound being added for each additional half pound that the packet weighs.”

“ The postmaster general considers it desirable to apply a like scale of weight to packets of books sent by the colonial book post to or from the colonies, and he has therefore obtained the authority of the lords commissioners of the treasury for requesting Lord John Russell to propose this measure.”

PART III.

(Copy.)

(Circular.)

Downing street, 12th April, 1855.

SIR—

Her majesty's government are now taking steps for ascertaining to what extent, and with what final results, the introduction of penny postage in Great Britain in 1840 has been followed by a reduction of inland postage and other improvements in foreign countries.

It is considered desirable that a similar enquiry should be instituted with regard to those British colonies which are under the controul of their local governments; and with this view I transmit to you a printed table, containing a series of questions, which you will be good enough to return to me with answers so full and clear as to leave no room for a demand of further explanations.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

G. GREY.

Lieutenant-governor, Nova Scotia.

No. 25.

(See page 62.)

Colonial secretary's office,

P. E. Island, 4th June, 1855.

SIR—

By command of the lieutenant-governor, I have the honor to enclose herewith for the information of the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, a proclamation by his excellency, respecting inter-colonial free trade, and enumerating the articles reciprocally admitted here duty free from your province.

I am further to acquaint you, for the information of his excellency, that the legislature of this Island being desirous to place the sister provinces on the same reciprocal basis as is enjoyed by the United States of America under the treaty act, introduced into the revenue act, (a copy of which I have the honor to enclose) at its last session, in section

12, an additional number of articles for reciprocal commerce, which are as follow, viz : rice, poultry, eggs, pitch, tar, turpentine, broom corn and bark, dye stuffs, flax, hemp, and tow unmanufactured, tobacco unmanufactured, rags and cotton wool, but in the absence of information, (which you will be good enough to supply), as to whether these articles are admitted duty free in Nova Scotia from hence, they were omitted in his excellency's proclamation.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your very obedient servant,

GEORGE COLES, *colonial sec'y.*

The honorable the provincial secretary of Nova Scotia.

(Copy)

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, July 30, 1855.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you dated the 4th ult., enclosing, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, a proclamation issued by his excellency the lieutenant-governor of Prince Edward's Island, respecting inter-colonial free trade, enumerating the articles reciprocally admitted into that Island free from the province of Nova Scotia, and transmitting a copy of an act for raising a revenue passed by the legislature of P. E. Island in the month of April last.

In relation to that part of your letter which apprises his excellency the lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, that the legislature of P. E. Island had introduced into the act referred to, an additional number of articles for reciprocal commerce, as detailed in your communication, which were not however included in his excellency's proclamation, from defect of information on his part, as to whether these articles were admitted into Nova Scotia from P. E. Island duty free. I have the honor, whilst transmitting copy of a proclamation issued by the lieutenant-governor of this province on the 14th of April, 1851, to inform his excellency the lieutenant-governor of P. E. Island, that the government of Nova Scotia are prepared, by further proclamation, to add poultry, eggs, and broom corn to the list of articles reciprocally free, and that all the other articles enumerated in the proclamation, whereof you have been pleased to transmit me a copy, are at present admissible from Prince Edward Island duty free, except pitch, tar, dye stuffs and cotton wool, which are not the productions of either that Island or Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

L. M. WILKINS.

Hon. George Coles, Charlotte Town.

No. 26.

(Circular.)

Downing street, 23rd January, 1856.

SIR—

Referring to the late Sir W. Molesworth's circular instruction of the 20th of September last, and to the abstract which accompanied that instruction, of the passengers act of 1855, I have to desire that you will expunge from the sixth article of that abstract, the following words, viz :—"Nor without the master having given a bond to the Crown."

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your most obedient humble servant.

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor, Nova Scotia.

Circular

(Circular.)

Downing street, 20th September, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit herewith, for your information and guidance, copy of an act passed in the last session of parliament, "to amend the law relating to the carriage of passengers by sea."

I enumerate in the margin those sections of the act to which your more particular attention is directed.

You will proceed at once to issue the proclamation required by the 97th section of the act, declaring, for the purposes of the act, the length of the voyage, and prescribing the scales of diet, medicines, &c., for passengers; and you will also make the necessary arrangements for the survey of such passenger ships as may sail from the colony under your government.

Although copies of the act of parliament are not required to be placed and kept on board such vessels, the emigration commissioners have reported to me their opinion that an abstract of certain parts of the act would be useful in these cases. You will, therefore, cause four copies of the abstract which is herewith transmitted, to be supplied to the master of every passenger ship leaving the colony, in order that two copies may be hung up in such vessel, as in the case of ships leaving England.

If you should have occasion at any time, to forward shipwrecked passengers to their destination, you will be careful to follow closely the directions contained in the act, and especially to transmit to me a certificate stating the total expenses that may have been incurred in providing passages, bedding, provisions, and stores, for the people, in order that the amount may be recovered as a crown debt from the owner, charterer, or master of the wrecked vessel. I enclose a form which it will be convenient that you should employ in furnishing the required certificate; and on this part of the subject generally, I shall probably, before long, supply you with some further instructions.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your very obedient humble servant.

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor, Nova Scotia.

12 & 19 Vic. cap. 119.

- sect.
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- 14. Limitation of passengers.
- 27. Boats.
- 29. Cargo.
- 31. Provisions.
- 52. Rescuing and forwarding wrecked passengers. Expenses to be a crown debt.
- 53. Landing of passengers.
- 54. Bond.
- 56. Recovery of penalties, &c.
- 57. Application of act; Colonial voyage and governor's proclamation.
- 58. Surveys.

Form of governor's or consul's certificate, in the case of passengers shipwrecked, &c.

I hereby certify that, acting under and in conformity with the provisions of the British "passengers' act," 1855, I have defrayed the expenses incurred in rescuing, maintaining, supplying with necessary bedding, provisions, and stores, and in forwarding to their destination passengers (including cabin passengers) who were proceeding from _____ to _____ in the passenger ship _____ which was wrecked at sea, &c.

And I further certify, for the purposes of the 54th section of the said act, that the total amount of such expenses is £ _____ and that such expenses were necessarily and duly incurred.

Given under my hand this _____ day of _____ 185

} Governor of &c. (or, as the case
} may be, her Britannic majesty's
} consul at

Abstract

Abstract of so much of the "passengers' act, 1855," (18th and 19th Victoria, cap. 119), as relates to passenger ships sailing from any British colony.

PREPARED BY HER MAJESTY'S EMIGRATION COMMISSIONERS, IN PURSUANCE OF THE 61ST SECTION OF THE ACT.

1. The act applies equally to Foreign and British vessels, but regular mail steamers, if provided with a certificate of exemption from the post-master general of the united kingdom, or of the country to which the vessel belongs, are exempt from the act. So also, for most purposes, are cabin passengers.

2. No persons are to be deemed cabin passengers unless the space allotted to the use of each statute adult be not less than 36 clear superficial feet; nor unless they shall be messes at the same table with the master or first officer. "The term "statute adult" means any person of the age of 12 years or upwards, or two persons between the ages of 1 and 12. A "passenger ship" means any vessel carrying more than 30 passengers in all, or more than one statute adult to every 50 tons, if a sailing vessel, or than one to every 25 tons, if a steamer, of the ship's registered tonnage.

3. A marked distinction is drawn between "passenger ships" and ships not coming within that definition. To the latter, only six sections of the act apply, viz., the 10th, which requires that facilities of inspection should be afforded to emigration officers; the 16th and 17th, that lists of passengers (however few) shall be delivered in duplicate to the custom-house officers; the 48th, that the passage money shall be returned, with compensation, if passages are not provided according to contract; the 49th, that subsistence money shall be paid to passengers in case of delay in sailing; and the 56th, that passengers shall not be landed at the wrong place.

4. The duties imposed on emigration officers are to be performed in their absence by their assistants, if any; and at ports where there are no such officers, or in their absence, by the chief officer of customs.—Sec. 9.

5. Facilities for inspecting all ships, either fitting for or carrying passengers, must be afforded to emigration officers.—Sec. 10.

6. No "passenger ship" is to clear out without first obtaining from the emigration or custom-house officer, as the case may be, a certificate that the requirements of the act have been complied with. The penalty for breach of this regulation is *the forfeiture of the ship*, if found within two years in any part of her majesty's dominions.—Secs. 11 and 12.

7. No ship is to carry passengers on more than two decks, except in the case of cabin passengers, where the number does not exceed 1 to every 100 tons of the ship's registered tonnage. No sailing vessel is to carry more *persons* than 1 statute adult to every 2 tons, including every individual on board; nor more *passengers* than 1 statute adult to every 15 superficial feet on the "upper passengers' deck," which includes the poop or round house, and deck house, if the passengers carried therein exceed one-third of the total number of passengers which can be lawfully carried on the deck below. On the "lower passenger deck" 18 superficial feet must be allotted to each statute adult; but if the height of that deck be less than 7 feet, or if the apertures (exclusive of side scuttles), through which light and air are admitted to the lower passenger decks, be less in size than the proportion of 3 square feet to every 100 superficial feet of that deck, then 25 superficial feet must be allotted to each statute adult. Moreover, whatever may be the tonnage, or superficial space of the passenger decks, no ship is to carry more passengers in the whole than 1 to every 5 superficial feet clear for exercise on the upper deck poop, or on any round or deck house, properly railed in on the top. The master is liable to a penalty, not exceeding TWENTY POUNDS nor less than FIVE POUNDS, for each passenger or person in excess. The tonnage check does not apply to steamers.—Secs. 13 and 14.

8. Any person found on board a "passenger ship" with intent to obtain a passage without the knowledge and consent of the owner, charterer, or master, and all persons aiding and abetting, are liable to a penalty not exceeding FIVE POUNDS, and in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months.—Sec. 18.

9. No "passenger ship" is to clear out until surveyed, and reported sea-worthy, and fit in all respects for the voyage, by some person or persons duly appointed for the purpose by the governor of the colony from which the ship sails.—Sec. 98.

10. Suitable and seaworthy boats, to be kept clear for immediate use, are to be carried according to the following scale, viz:—

For a ship of less than 200 tons,	2 boats.
“ 200 and less than 400 tons,	3 “
“ 400 and less than 600 tons,	4 “
“ 600 and less than 1,000 tons,	5 “
“ 1,000 and less than 1,500 tons,	6 “
“ 1,500 tons and upwards,	7 “

But no ship is bound to carry more boats than the emigration officer may think sufficient to hold all the persons on board. One of the boats must be a long-boat, and another a properly fitted life-boat. The latter is to be carried where the emigration officer may think it will be most available for immediate service. There must also be 4 properly fitted life-buoys kept ready for immediate use; one, or two chronometers according as the ship is bound to the northward or southward of the equator; three steering and one azimuth compass; and some adequate means for making night and fog signals; and a fire engine with or without some apparatus for extinguishing fire.—Sec. 27.

11. No gunpowder, horses, cattle, vitriol, lucifer matches, guano, green hides, or other article to endanger the safety of the ship or the health of the passengers, is to be taken as cargo or ballast, and no part of the cargo, water, provisions, stores, or passengers' luggage, is to be carried on the upper or passenger decks, unless stored and secured to the satisfaction of the emigration officer, and the space deducted in calculating the space check.—Sec. 29.

12. The provisions and water are to be surveyed by or under the direction of the emigration officer, who may mark and reject such as are not of wholesome quality, or in a sweet and good condition. The provisions and stores for the crew are also to be surveyed, and such as are of the like kind as those intended for the passengers must be of not inferior quality.—Secs. 31 & 32.

13. The dietary scale, medicines, and medical comforts, to be used during the voyage, must be those prescribed in any proclamation to be issued for the purpose by the governor of the colony from which the ship sails.—Sec. 97.

14. The passengers may be divided into messes, not exceeding ten statute adults in each. The provisions must be issued daily before 2 o'clock, P. M., to the head man of the mess, and those requiring cooking in a properly cooked state. But if the prescribed duration of the voyage is less than three weeks the requirements of the act respecting the issue of provisions, except as to the issue of three quarts of water daily to each statute adult, is not to be applicable to any passenger who may have contracted to furnish his own provisions.—Secs. 36 and 96.

15. Foreign ships, where one half of the passengers are British subjects, must carry one interpreter if the number of passengers does not exceed 250; and two interpreters where it exceeds 250; unless the master and officers, or not less than three of them, understand and speak intelligibly the English language.—Sec. 40.

16. A competent medical practitioner is to be carried in every "passenger ship":—

I. When the prescribed length of voyage for sailing ships exceeds 80 days, or for steamers 45 days, and the number of passengers on board exceeds 50.

II. When the number of persons on board (including cabin passengers, officers, and crew) exceeds 300.—Sec. 41.

17. No "passenger ship" is to proceed until a medical practitioner, to be appointed by the emigration officer, shall have inspected the medicine chest, passengers, and crew, and certified that the medicines, &c., are sufficient, and that the passengers and crew are free from infectious disease. If no medical man can be obtained to perform this duty, the vessel may sail on obtaining from the emigration officer a written permission for the purpose.—Sec. 44.

18. All persons who may be discovered to be unfit to proceed by reason of sickness, or to be affected with any infectious disease, or where it is necessary to purify the ship, either at the original port of embarkation or at any port in the united kingdom into which the vessel may subsequently put, are to be prohibited from embarking, or to be relanded with such members of their families, if any, as the emigration officer may direct, together with their clothes and effects. Passengers so relanded, if they are not re-embarked, are entitled to receive back their passage money, and subsistence money till they re-embark, or decline to proceed, at the rate of 1s. 6d. per day per statute adult, which may be recovered from the party to whom the passage money was paid, or from the owner, charterer, or master of the ship, by summary process, before two or more justices of the peace.—Secs. 45, 46 and 47.

19. If the ship does not sail before 3 o'clock p. m. of the day following the day of embarkation named in the contract, the passengers who may be entitled to a passage in the ship can recover from the owner, charterer, or master, subsistence money after the rate of 1s. 6d. per day for each statute adult, for the first ten days, and afterwards of 3s. a day till the final departure of the ship. If, however, the passengers are maintained on board, no subsistence money is payable for the first two days, nor subsequently if the ship be unavoidably detained by wind or weather, or any cause not attributable, in the opinion of the emigration officer, to the act or default of the owner, charterer, or master.—Sec. 49.

20. If the passengers be at the appointed place of embarkation before 6 o'clock p. m. of the day of embarkation named in their contract, and if from any cause, other than their own default, or the prohibition of an emigration officer, they shall not be received on board before that hour, and obtain a passage in the ship, they must be provided with one to the same port, by some equally eligible vessel, to sail within ten days from the day named in the contract, and in the meantime to be paid subsistence money at the rate mentioned above. In case the failure to obtain a passage arises from wreck or disaster at sea or any other cause *after the voyage has actually begun*, the passengers in like manner are entitled within six weeks at farthest to a passage in some eligible vessel, and in the meantime to be maintained by the master or to receive 1s. 6d. per day per statute adult as subsistence money. In default of this, the passengers, in both cases, can recover from the contractor, or from the owner, charterer, or master of the ship, any passage money they may have paid, and in the former case compensation not exceeding ten pounds.—Secs. 48 and 51.

21. Ships detained in port after clearance more than seven days, must, under a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, replenish their provisions, water, and medical stores, and obtain from the emigration officer a fresh certificate of clearance, before they can be allowed to put to sea again.—Sec. 50.

22. If passengers shall, from disaster at sea or otherwise, be cast upon or landed at any other place than that at which they may have contracted to land, the governor of the colony, or the British consul, is empowered to forward such passengers to their intended destination, if the master of the ship shall not do so within six weeks.—Sec. 53.

23. Passengers are not to be landed against their consent at any place other than the one contracted for.—Sec. 56.

24. The sale of spirits on board to the passengers by any one is prohibited, under a penalty not exceeding twenty nor less than five pounds.—Sec. 62.

25. The requirements of the act are enforced by penalties chiefly on the master. All penalties are to be sued for before two or more justices of the peace, to the use of her majesty. They can only be recovered in the united kingdom by the emigration officers, or by the officers of her majesty's customs; and in the British possessions abroad, by those officers, or by any other person duly authorized for the purpose by the governor of the colony.—Secs. 84, 85, and 86.

26. Passengers themselves, however, or the emigration officers on their behalf, may recover, by a similar process, any sum of money made recoverable by the act, to their own

own use, as return of passage-money, subsistence-money, or compensation; and, in such cases, the passengers are not to be deemed incompetent witnesses.—Secs. 84 and 91.

27. The right of passengers to proceed at law for any breach of contract is not abridged by proceedings taken under this act.—Sec. 58.

28. The master of every ship bringing passengers to the united kingdom from any place out of Europe, must, under a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds, within 24 hours after arrival, deliver to the emigration officer, or officer of customs, at the port, a correct list, signed by himself, specifying the names, ages, and callings of all the passengers embarked; the ports at which they may have embarked; and showing the deaths with the supposed cause of death, and the births on the voyage.—Sec. 100.

By order of her majesty's emigration commissioners.

S. WALCOTT, secretary.

Colonial land and emigration office,
8, Park-street, Westminster, September, 1855.

No. 27.

(See page 62.)

Office of committee of privy council for trade,
Whitehall, 15th August, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to your letter of the 6th instant, I am directed by the lords of the committee of privy council for trade, to transmit to you for distribution to the various colonies, the accompanying copies of the printed memorandum relating to light houses and light vessels in the colonies.

My lords have not before replied to the above mentioned letter, as it appeared to them that it would be desirable, in transmitting the memorandum in question to the colonial authorities, to call the attention of the governors and other officers to those provisions of "the merchant shipping act amendment act, 1855," which relate to the collection of dues for the maintenance and erection of colonial lights. If secretary Sir William Molesworth should think such a course expedient, the following are points which will, in my lords opinion, require special attention.

1. That the object contemplated by the imperial legislature is to assist the colonies in erecting and maintaining light houses, by providing funds for the purpose by means of tolls levied on the ships which derive benefit from the lights, whether those ships go to ports in the colony in which the light is situate or not.

2. That the principle upon which the tolls are to be fixed and collected is the same as that adopted in this country.

3. That provision is made for procuring advances for building, as well as an annual income for maintaining lights.

4. That whilst no colony can be required to levy a tax against its will, the money when paid must, of necessity (being levied in different colonies, as well as in the united kingdom) be under the control of the imperial government.

5. That it is not the wish or the intention of the board of trade, in administering any funds so levied, to interfere with the local authorities, who will still have the management of the lights, except so far as may be necessary to insure proper accounts, and a proper expenditure of the public money.

6. That whenever any application is made for assistance towards erecting or maintaining a light, the governor of the colony or possession should send all the information in his power, as to the number and tonnage of vessels passing or deriving benefit from the light, and the ports and places to or from which they trade. In giving this information, attention should be paid to the particular circumstances of the case, so that the imperial government may be enabled, in fixing the toll, to determine what the amount should be, and at what ports it will be desirable to collect it. As a general rule, it will probably be found most convenient to collect the dues at the port of departure of the ship, rather than at the port of arrival, where both ports are British ports, but the application of this rule must depend upon the circumstances of each case.

7. Where a light is to be erected or maintained in one colony, and tolls will have to be taken in other colonies, the communications from the first colony should be so made as to enable her majesty's government to communicate as early and as effectively as possible with the latter colonies.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

T. H. FARRER.

H. Merivale, esq., &c. &c. &c.
Colonial office.

(Circular.)

Downing street, 6th September, 1855.

SIR—

I have to communicate to you, for your information, as to the views of her majesty's government, and in order that you may bring them, whenever occasion shall require, under the consideration of your executive council, the following observations and proposal on the subject of colonial lights.

2. The great importance of a well ordered system of colonial lights to the trade and shipping of the British empire has suggested to her majesty's government the propriety of inviting the co-operation and assistance of the local authorities in the colonies, in order to bring about a more efficient and more economical system of management in the erection and maintenance of colonial lights than that which at present exists.

3. Since the passing of the "shipping law amendment act" in 1853, the control of the lights of the united kingdom has been vested in the lords of the committee of privy council for trade.

4. It is proposed to apply the information and experience which the board of trade has acquired under that arrangement in assisting the colonial governments to effect such improvements in the management of their lights as may be found desirable.

5. The accompanying printed memorandum, which has been prepared by the board of trade with the assistance of the elder brethren of the Trinity house, fully explains the nature and extent of the assistance and information which that department is prepared to afford to the colonial authorities, as well as the steps to be taken by those authorities for obtaining such assistance and information.

6. In addition to the assistance which the board of trade are prepared to give as above mentioned, the "merchant shipping act amendment act" recently passed, a copy of which I enclose, contains a provision for enabling her majesty, by order in council, to fix dues to be paid for colonial lights. The nature and objects of this provision you will find fully explained in a letter from the board of trade to this department, dated 15th August, of which a copy is also herewith enclosed.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor, Nova-Scotia.

An

An act to facilitate the erection and maintenance of colonial light houses, and otherwise to amend the merchant shipping act, 1854.

[Passed 14th August, 1855.]

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for facilitating the erection and maintenance of light houses in the British possessions abroad, and otherwise to amend the merchant shipping act, 1854: be it therefore enacted by the queen's most excellent majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and commons, in this present parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This act may be cited as "the merchant shipping act amendment act, 1855," and shall be taken to be part of the merchant shipping act, 1854, and shall be construed accordingly.

2. In any case in which any light house, buoy, or beacon has been or is hereafter erected or placed on or near the coasts of any British possession, by or with the consent of the legislative authority of such possession, her majesty may, by order in council, fix such dues in respect thereof, to be paid by the owner or master of every ship which passes the same or derives benefit therefrom, as her majesty may deem reasonable, and may in like manner from time to time increase, diminish, or repeal such dues, and from the time specified in such order for the commencement of the dues thereby fixed, increased, or diminished, the same shall be leviable throughout her majesty's dominions in manner hereinafter mentioned.

3. No such dues as aforesaid shall be levied in any colony unless and until the legislative authority in such colony has, either by address to the crown, or by an act or ordinance duly passed, signified its opinion that the same ought to be levied in such colony.

4. The said dues shall in the united kingdom be collected by the same persons by whom, and by the same means, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, so far as circumstances permit, by, in, and subject to which the light dues leviable under the merchant shipping act, 1854, are collected, and shall in each British possession abroad be collected by such persons as the governor of such possession abroad may appoint for the purpose, and shall be collected by the same means, in the same manner, and subject to the same conditions, so far as circumstances permit, by, in, and subject to which the light dues leviable under the merchant shipping act, 1854, are paid and collected, or by such other means, in such other manner, and subject to such other conditions as the legislative authority in such possession may direct.

5. All dues levied under this act shall be paid over to her majesty's paymaster general at such times and in such manner as the board of trade may direct, and shall be applied, paid, and dealt with by him, for the purposes herein-after mentioned, in such manner as such board may direct.

6. The dues levied under the authority of this act in respect of any such light house, buoy, or beacon as aforesaid shall, after deducting any expenses incurred in collecting and maintaining such light house, buoy, or beacon, and for no other purpose whatever.

7. For the purpose of constructing or repairing any such light house, buoy, or beacon as aforesaid, the board of trade may raise, upon the security of the dues to be levied in respect thereof, such sums of money as they may deem fit; and the commissioners of her majesty's treasury, out of any monies which may be provided by parliament, the public works loan commissioners, or any other person or body of persons, may advance the same accordingly, such advances to be made in the same manner, with the same powers, and subject to the same provisions, so far as circumstances permit, in, with, and subject to which, under the merchant shipping act, 1854, advances may be made upon the security of the mercantile marine fund for the construction and repair of light houses in the united kingdom.

8. Accounts shall be kept of all sums expended in the construction, repair, or maintenance of every light house, buoy, or beacon in the British possessions abroad for

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which dues are levied under the authority of this act, and of the dues received in respect thereof, in such manner as the board of trade may direct, and shall be laid before parliament annually; and the said accounts shall be audited in such manner as her majesty may by order in council direct.

9. Any person who, in any declaration made in the presence of or produced to any registrar of shipping, in pursuance of the second part of the merchant shipping act, 1854, or in any documents or other evidence produced to such registrar, wilfully makes, or assists in making or procures to be made, any false statement, concerning the title to, or the ownership of, or the interests existing in any ship, or any share or shares in any ship, or who utters, produces, or makes use of any declaration or document containing any such false statement, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

10. Shares in ships registered under the said merchant shipping act, 1854, shall be deemed to be included in the word "stock," as defined by the trustee act, 1850, and the provisions of such last mentioned act shall be applicable to such shares accordingly.

11. In any case in which any bill of sale, mortgage, or other instrument for the disposal or transfer of any ship or any share or shares therein or of any interest therein is made in any form or contains any particulars other than the form and particulars prescribed and approved for the purpose by or in pursuance of the merchant shipping act, 1854, no registrar shall be required to record the same without the express direction of the commissioners of her majesty's customs.

12. Upon the transfer of the registry of a ship from one port to another, the certificate of registry required by the ninetieth section of the merchant shipping act, 1854, to be delivered up for that purpose, may be delivered up to the registrar of either of such ports.

13. The commissioners of customs may, with the consent of the board of trade, exempt any pleasure yacht from the provision contained in the thirty-fourth section of the merchant shipping act, 1854, which requires the name of every ship and the port to which she belongs to be painted on her stern.

14. The owner of any ship which is measured under rule 2, contained in the twenty-second section of the merchant shipping act, 1854, may at any subsequent period apply to the commissioners of customs to have the said ship re-measured under rule 1, contained in the twenty-first section of the same act, and the said commissioners may thereupon, and upon payment of such fee not exceeding seven shillings and sixpence for each transverse section as they may authorize, direct the said ship to be re-measured accordingly, and the number denoting the register tonnage shall be altered accordingly.

15. The copy or transcript of the register of any British ship which is kept by the chief registrar of shipping at the custom house in London, or by the registrar general of seamen, under the direction of her majesty's commissioners of customs or of the board of trade, shall have the same effect to all intents and purposes as the original register of which the same is a copy or transcript.

16. The board of trade may issue instructions concerning the relief to be administered to distressed seamen and apprentices, in pursuance of the two hundred and eleventh and two hundred and twelfth sections of the merchant shipping act, 1854, and may by such instructions determine in what cases and under what circumstances and conditions such relief is to be administered; and all powers of recovering expenses incurred with respect to distressed seamen and apprentices, which by the two hundred and thirteenth section of the said act are given to the board of trade, shall extend to all expenses incurred by any foreign government for the purposes aforesaid, and repaid to such government by her majesty's government, and shall likewise extend to any expenses incurred by the conveying home such seamen or apprentices in foreign as well as British ships; and all provisions concerning the relief of distressed seamen and apprentices, being subjects of her majesty, which are contained in the said sections of the said act, and in this section, shall extend to such seamen and apprentices, not being subjects of her majesty, as are reduced to distress in foreign parts by reason of their having been

shipwrecked,

shipwrecked, discharged, or left behind from any British ship; subject nevertheless to such modifications and directions concerning the cases in which relief is to be given to such foreigners, and the country to which they are to be sent, as the board of trade may, under the circumstances, think fit to make and issue.

17. The enactment of the merchant shipping act, 1854, relating to Savings' banks shall apply to all seamen, and to their wives and families, whether such seamen belong to the royal navy or to the merchant service, or to any other sea service.

18. Any naval court summoned, under the provisions of the merchant shipping act, 1854, to hear any complaint touching the conduct of the master or any of the crew of any ship, shall, in addition to the powers given to it by the said act, have power to try the said master or any of the said crew for any offences against the merchant shipping act, 1854, in respect of which two justices would, if the case were tried in the United kingdom, have power to convict summarily, and by order duly made to inflict the same punishments for such offences which two justices might in the case aforesaid inflict upon summary conviction; provided, that in cases where an offender is sentenced to imprisonment the sentence shall be confirmed in writing by the senior naval or consular officer present at the place where the court is held, and the place of imprisonment, whether on land or on board ship, shall be approved by him as a proper place for the purpose, and copies of all sentences made by any naval court summoned to hear any such complaint as aforesaid shall be sent to the commander-in-chief or senior naval officer of the station.

19. Whenever any articles belonging to or forming part of any foreign ship which has been wrecked on or near the coasts of the united kingdom, or belonging to or forming part of the cargo thereof, are found on or near such coasts, or are brought into any port in the united kingdom, the consul general of the country to which such ship, or, in the case of cargo, to which the owners of such cargo, may have belonged, or any consular officer of such country authorized in that behalf by any treaty or agreement with such country, shall in the absence of the owner of such ship or articles, and of the master or other agent of the owner, be deemed to be the agent of the owner, so far as relates to the custody and disposal of such articles.

20. In cases where services are rendered by officers or men of the coast guard service in watching or protecting shipwrecked property, then, unless it can be shown that such services have been declined by the owner of such property or his agent at the time they were tendered, or that salvage has been claimed and awarded for such services, the owner of the shipwrecked property shall pay in respect of the said services remuneration according to a scale to be fixed by the board of trade, so, however, that such scale shall not exceed any scale by which payment to officers and men of the coast guard for extra duties in the ordinary service of the commissioners of customs is for the time being regulated; and such remuneration shall be recoverable by the same means and shall be paid to the same persons and accounted for and applied in the same manner as fees received by receivers appointed under the merchant shipping act, 1854.

21. If any person, being a British subject, charged with having committed any crime or offence on board any British ship on the high seas or in any foreign port or harbour, or if any person, not being a British subject, charged with having committed any crime or offence on board any British ship on the high seas, is found within the jurisdiction of any court of justice in her majesty's dominions which would have had cognizance of such crime or offence if committed within the limits of its ordinary jurisdiction, such court shall have jurisdiction to hear and try the case as if such crime or offence had been committed within such limits: provided, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed to alter or interfere with the act of the thirteenth year of her present majesty, chapter ninety-six.

22. It shall be the duty of the East India company to take charge of and send home or otherwise provide for all persons, being Lascars or other natives of the territories under the government of the said company, who are found destitute in the united kingdom;

and

and if such person is relieved and maintained by any guardians, overseers, or other persons administering the relief of the poor, such overseers, guardians, or other persons may, by letter sent through the post or otherwise, give notice thereof in writing to the secretary of the court of directors of the East India company, specifying, so far as is practicable, the following particulars, viz :—

1. The name of the person so relieved or maintained :
2. The presidency or district or part of the territories of the East India company of which he professes to be a native :
3. The name of the ship in which he was brought to the united kingdom :
4. The port or place abroad from which such ship sailed, and the port or place in the united kingdom at which such ship arrived, when he was so brought to the united kingdom, and the time of such arrival :

And the said East India company shall repay to the said overseers, guardians, or other persons, out of the revenue of the said company, all monies duly expended by them in relieving or maintaining such destitute person, after the time at which such notice aforesaid is sent or otherwise given.

23. It shall be lawful for any master or owner of a ship or his agent to enter into agreements with Lascars or natives of the territories of the East India company, binding them to proceed to any port or ports in the united kingdom, either as seamen or as passengers, and there to enter into a further agreement to serve as seamen in any ship which may happen to be there, and to be bound to any port in the territories of the East India company ; provided, that every such original agreement shall be made in such form, and shall contain such provisions, and shall be executed in such manner, and under such conditions for securing the return of such Lascars or natives to their own country, and for other purposes, as the governor general of India in council, or the governors of the respective presidencies in which the original agreement is made, in council may direct ; and if any Lascar or other person who has bound himself by any such original agreement is, on arriving in the united kingdom, required to enter into a further agreement to serve as a seaman in any ship bound to any port in the territories of the East India company, and if it is certified by some officer appointed for that purpose by the East India company that such further agreement is a proper agreement in all respects for such Lascar or other person to enter into, and is in accordance with the original agreement, and that the ship to which such further agreement relates is in all respects a proper ship for such Lascar or other person to serve in, and that there is not, in the opinion of such officer, any objection to the full performance of the said original agreement, such Lascar or other person shall be deemed to be engaged under such further agreement, and to serve as a seaman in the ship to which it relates, and shall thereupon be deemed to be for all purposes one of the crew of the ship ; and for every Lascar or other person in respect of whom such certificate is applied for, the person applying for the same shall pay to such officer as aforesaid such fee as the East India company may appoint, not exceeding ten shillings.

24. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to repeal or affect any provisions contained in the twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, or thirty-fourth sections of the act of the fourth year of king George the fourth, chapter eighty, or in the sixteenth section of the act of the eighteenth year of her present majesty, chapter one hundred and twenty.

No. 28.

(See page 62)

(Copy)

Government House, P. E. Island, 8th June, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's despatch of the 3rd ultimo, which reached me at the time arrangements were nearly completed to secure steam communication for the present season between this Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, but too late to admit of your excellency's suggestion being then acted upon.

Fully concurring however in the view your excellency takes of this subject, and desirous at once, as far as practicable, to mature means for carrying it out, after consultation with my council, I am enabled to propose that a commissioner should be appointed by each of the provinces, and that the three commissioners should meet at such place as may be agreed upon, to determine and report upon the amount which each province ought to contribute towards encouraging steam communication between them, preparatory to such legislative action as may be necessary to carry out the object.

The legislature of this Island last year appropriated £900 for steam communication with the neighbouring provinces. This year £1200 has been appropriated for a similar purpose, and the Lady LeMarchant steamer, has been engaged for that sum, to run twice in each week between Shediac, Charlottetown, and Pictou with the mails: to leave Shediac for Charlottetown and Pictou every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 6 o'clock, and leave Pictou for Charlottetown and Shediac every Wednesday and Friday morning at 6 o'clock, calling at Bedeque every Friday on her way to Shediac.

Should the liberal appropriation of the legislature of this Island be met in a corresponding spirit by those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, the services of two good and sufficient steamers might be secured in the gulf of St. Lawrence between the three provinces, as contemplated by the government of this colony in the advertisement lately published, calling for tenders to run a boat twice in each week, between Bedeque and Shediac, &c., or in such other manner as the commissioners proposed to be appointed, may think advisable, and likely to afford the best accommodation to the public.

I have as yet had no communication with Sir Gaspard LeMarchant on this subject, but will transmit a copy of this letter to his excellency by next mail.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

D. DALY, lt. governor.

His excellency the licut.-governor, &c. &c. &c.
New Brunswick.

Government house, P. E. Island, 11th June, 1855.

SIR—

From the tenor of a despatch which I have received from the lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick, I presume that your excellency is aware of the suggestion that his excellency has made for promoting arrangements by which the annual appropriations made by the legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, might be applied with increased advantage to the establishment of sufficient steam communication between this Island and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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Under that impression, I have the honor to transmit to your excellency copy of a despatch which I addressed to the lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick on the 8th instant.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your excellency's most obedient humble serv't.

D. DALY, lt. governor.

His excellency lieutenant-governor, Nova Scotia.

(Copy)

Government house, Halifax, 18th June, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your excellency's despatch of the 11th instant, on the subject of inter-communication by steam as respects P. E. Island and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and transmitting copy of a despatch addressed by your excellency to the lieutenant-governor of New Brunswick on the 8th instant.

These despatches have been under the careful consideration of my council, who have reported to me their opinion, in which I concur that, in the communication proposed between Shediac, Charlottetown, and Pictou, which does not contemplate including some port in the Island of Cape Breton, this province does not appear to have an interest that would warrant a further grant from its legislature, than those conditional ones already made by it.

The accompanying extract from the appropriation act of the last session, will inform your excellency of the extent and nature of the grant referred to.

I have, &c.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

His excellency lieutenant-governor, P. E. Island.

(Copy)

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to his excellency the lieutenant-governor, praying that his excellency will be pleased to issue a warrant for a sum not exceeding £300, in favour of any party who shall run a good and substantial steamer once in each week during open water, between Shediac and Prince Edward Island, upon satisfactory proof being produced to his excellency in council, from commissioners to be appointed for the purpose, that the service has been faithfully performed.

Government house, Fredericton, N. B., May 3rd, 1855.

SIR—

I have the honor to inform your excellency that the sum of £300 has been appropriated by the legislature of this province for securing for the ensuing season, during open water, a weekly communication by steamer between Shediac and Prince Edward Island.

I enclose for your excellency's information a copy of the joint address upon this subject, which was presented to me by a committee of both houses of the provincial legislature on the 12th ult.

A similar sum was voted last year, but the terms of the contract were not fully carried out, and £200 only was paid to the contractor.

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I believe that the sum of £300 was last year appropriated by the legislature of the province under your excellency's government for the purpose of promoting steam communication between that province and Prince Edward Island. I am not aware whether any grant of this nature has been made for the ensuing year, or if so, to what amount. Neither am I as yet informed whether the legislature of Prince Edward Island, which last year appropriated the sum of £600 for the promotion of steam communication during the year 1854, between that Island and the neighbouring provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, has this year made any similar provision.

It appears however that the whole amount expended for these services during the year 1854 by the governments of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, was paid to the same person; and I would suggest to your excellency that if, as I believe is the case, the respective legislatures of the three provinces have determined to appropriate sums which, although differing in amount, are applicable to an object in which each of these provinces has an interest, although not an equal interest, it might be advisable that joint action should be taken by the three governments for the purpose of obtaining that accommodation to the public, consistent with the respective interests of each of these provinces, which the whole amount of the grant, if thus combined, might be expected to secure.

I have laid before the lieutenant-governor of Prince Edward Island my views upon this subject, and should his excellency and your excellency alike be of opinion that the suggestion which I have made is feasible, and would tend to facilitate inter-communication between the three provinces, I have no doubt that the details of the scheme might be readily arranged.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

J. H. T. MANNERS SUTTON.

His excellency the lieut.-governor, Nova Scotia.

(Copy)

*Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, August 28th, 1855.*

SIR—

I transmit by command of the lieutenant-governor, for the information of the government of Prince Edward's Island, the enclosed copy of a minute of the executive council of the government of this province, which refers to a correspondence on the subject that it involves, which has recently been held between the two governments, and to an interview which the government of this province recently had on this subject with the honorable Charles Young.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

LEWIS MORRIS WILKINS.

The honorable the colonial secretary,
Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

At a council held at Halifax, the 28th day of August, A. D., 1855.

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,

&c. &c. &c.

The board referring to the correspondence which has recently taken place between this government and the government of Prince Edward's Island, on the subject of inter-

colonial steam communication, and referring also to certain oral explanations on that subject this day made to this board by the honorable Charles Young, on behalf of the latter government, representing very clearly and fully the present extent and cost of steam communication with the Island, and the amount of its trade with this and the other North American provinces, instruct the provincial secretary to state that this government are fully alive to the importance and advantage of facilitating and extending the present steam communication with Prince Edward Island, and are inclined to believe that the legislature would be disposed to add considerably to the present grant, in order to obtain that object.

PART II.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Lestech P. W. Desbrisay, report as follows :

The committee recommend that the sum of two hundred pounds be placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, to be paid to the owner of a steamboat to run between the ports of Charlotte Town in P. E. Island and Pictou, in this province, provided the boat ply daily, Sundays excepted, between the said ports, while the navigation is open during the current year.

Committee room, 19th February, 1856.

MARTIN I. WILKINS,
THOMAS KILLAM,
GEORGE MCKENZIE.

No. 29.

(See page 67.)

The committee appointed to consider the petition of Matthew Sproule, of the county of Pictou, beg leave to report :

That the petitioner applied by petition to this house at its last session, asking reimbursement for loss sustained in building a bridge in that county by contract, out of the provincial funds. That a committee appointed last session to consider this and other similar claims, recommended them to be referred to the discretion of the members of the several counties. That the petition referred to embraced two distinct items :—First, reimbursement for actual loss, amounting to £31 ; secondly, some allowance for the petitioner's time and personal services. It appears by the petition that the members for the county have refunded the £31, but have not thought fit to make any further grant.

The committee think that in this matter the members have acted wisely ; that the petitioner ought to be content with repayment for his actual loss, in a case wherein by law, he could not claim anything, and they do not therefore recommend any further grant.

House of assembly, 16th February, 1856.

EDWARD L. BROWN.
THOMAS KILLAM.
F. N. PARKER.

No. 30.

(See page 69.)

The commissioner of the crown lands in account with the provincial government of Nova Scotia, for the quarter ending, 31st March, 1855.

Dr.

1855.				
March 31.—	To balance from last quarter,	£31	10	3
	cash received from purchasers of crown lands and balances on previous sales,	3263	15	10½
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		3295	6	1½
	To balance,	187	2	5

Cr.

1855.				
March 31.—	By amounts repaid to purchasers of crown lands on rejected and withdrawn applications,	228	5	0
	amount paid county surveyors <i>vide</i> their quarterly accounts and abstract,	305	12	4
	cash paid for registering grants, &c.	14	6	4½
	W. A. Hendry as part of his salary <i>vide</i> order in council,	50	0	0
	C. H. Carman for services in office, ditto ditto	10	0	0
	receiver general at different times,			
		608	3	8½
		2500	0	0
	Balance in hand,	187	2	5
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		£3295	6	1

Department of crown lands,
31st March, 1855.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,

Commissioner of crown lands.

The commissioner of crown lands in account with the provincial government of Nova Scotia, for the quarter ending 30th June, 1855.

Dr.

1855.				
June 30th.	To cash received from the purchasers of crown lands upon sales made this quarter, and balances upon previous sales,	£1237	13	1½
	To balance from last quarter,	187	2	5½
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		£1424	15	6½
	To balance,	672	16	1½

Cr.

1855.				
June 30th.	By amounts paid to county surveyors, <i>vide</i> their quarterly accounts 1 to 18 inclusive,	£538	6	2½
	Ditto do. repaid to purchasers of crown land on rejected and withdrawn applications,	166	7	6

Ditto

Ditto post office account for this and previous quarter,	47 5 8½	
Ditto balance in hand,		751 19 5
		672 16 1½
		£1424 15 6

Department of crown lands,
30th June, 1855.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,
Commissioner of crown lands.

*The commissioner of crown lands in account with the provincial government of Nova Scotia,
for the quarter ending 30th September, 1855.*

Dr.

1855.

September 30.—To cash received from the purchasers of crown lands upon sales made this quarter, and balances upon previous sales,	£2966 7 2	
To balance from last quarter,		672 16 1½
		3639 3 3½

To balance,	£276 7 1½	
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1855.

September 30.—By amounts paid the county surveyors <i>vide</i> their quarterly accounts 1 to 18 inclusive,	212 0 8	
Repaid to purchasers of crown lands on rejected and withdrawn applications,	125 10 0	
Post office account,	25 5 6	£362 16 2
Cash paid the receiver general at different times,		13000 0 0
Balance in hand,		276 7 1½
		3639 3 3½

Department of crown lands,
30th September, 1855.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,
Commissioner of crown lands.

The commissioner of crown lands in account with the provincial government of Nova Scotia, for the quarter ending 31st December, 1855.

Dr.

1855.

December 31st. To balance from last quarter,	£276 7 1	
cash received from the purchasers of crown lands upon sales made this quarter, and balances upon previous sales,		2716 7 5
		£2992 14 6

To balance,	1218 15 0	
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Cr.

1855.

December 31st. By amount paid the county surveyors <i>vide</i> their quarterly accounts, 1 to 18 inclusive,	£280 0 9	
cash repaid to purchasers of crown lands on rejected and withdrawn applications,	1395 16 3	Ditto

Ditto paid Peter Doyle, <i>vide</i> order in council,	30 0 0	
Ditto post office account,	20 7 6	
Ditto J. S. Morris (late commissioner of crown lands) for office furniture, <i>vide</i> his account and order of the receiver general,	28 10 0	
Ditto for registering grants in the different counties, <i>vide</i> their ac- counts,	19 5 0	
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Ditto balance in hand,		1218 15 0
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		£2992 14 6

Department of crown lands,
31st December, 1855.

JAMES B. UNIACKE,
Commissioner of crown lands.

PART II.

Department of crown lands,
Halifax, 18th February, 1856.

SIR—

I have the honor to submit, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, the annual report of the work done in this department for the year ending 31st December, 1855.

The correspondence of the office has considerably increased this year over last.

The tabular statement will shew the number of applications received from each county, and the number of acres granted.

COUNTIES.	Acres granted.	Water Lots granted.	Acres applied for.	Water Lots applied for.
Annapolis,	17381	2	8390	3 water lots & 2 small lots.
Colchester,	1429		950	
Cumberland,	6209	2	6046	
Digby,	2475		3826½	2 lots of flats.
Guysborough,	543	2	950	3 water lots.
Halifax,	2900	7	13750	7 do do
Hants,	2844		23997	1 do do
King's,	1260		500	2 do do
Lunenburg,	2613	1	6975	2 Islands.
Pictou,	756		850	
Queen's,	3230		3550	1 water lot lot & an island.
Shelburne,	399		3825	
Sydney,			700	
Yarmouth,	2500		900	
Cape Breton,	546½	2	1240	2 water lots.
Inverness,	2520	8 town lots.	6240	1 water lot & 3 town lots.
Richmond,	1481	1 water lot & 3 small lots	4542	11 water lots & small lots and an island.
Victoria,	1340	1 water lot	1750	1 water lot.
Total,	50,426½		88,981½	The

The gross proceeds of the office amount to £10,184 1s. 8d.

The nett proceeds to £6,687 2s. 11d.

This will appear more in detail by reference to the quarterly returns and accounts now before the legislature.

It will be seen that the number of grants prepared and sent for registration is less this year in proportion to the number of applications than last. This is occasioned partly by time spent in making general plans, and by the absence for several months of the junior clerks who assisted in 1854.

It may also be stated that a larger number of applications have been rejected and withdrawn than in any previous year.

Grants are in course of preparation on all applications that have received the approval of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, and will shortly be forwarded to the several counties to be registered.

I have postponed this report for the purpose of obtaining information on the subject of meridian lines, which was brought to your notice by the deputy commissioner of crown lands in 1853.

That I might be able to lay before you authentic information on that subject, I have obtained from Col. J. J. Abert, of the corps of topographical engineers at Washington, through the kindness of Albert Pillsbury, esquire, American consul at this port, in reference to that and other matters connected with geodesy, which I send for your perusal, and to which I beg to call your particular attention.

I have also communicated with Captain Shortland, of H. M. surveying steamer Columbia, and with Mr. Foreman, chief engineer on the Nova Scotia railroad.

All those gentlemen express strong opinions on the utility, and indeed necessity of constructing such lines; and you will observe in Col. Abert's answer to one of the questions put respecting the practical use of meridian lines, he says:—"The benefits found to result from their construction may be summed up in one word—accuracy."

"An accurate survey, when all marks are lost, can be gone over again, and all points recovered—an inaccurate one under the same circumstances never can with certainty be recovered."

In reference to the expense of construction, I am of opinion that it may go beyond Colonel Abert's estimate, *vide* his answer to my question.

It is unnecessary for me to add more on this subject, except to express my conviction of its utility, and an earnest wish that his excellency may entertain the same opinion, and that a sufficient sum may be allowed to enable me to carry their construction into practical effect.

In the report from this department for 1853, an allowance to the county surveyors was recommended.

I entirely concur in the suggestions there thrown out, and beg to state further that they accepted office with the understanding that such allowance would be made.

I also beg to recommend that in addition to a moderate annual salary, a higher remuneration be given, while actually surveying—say instead of fifteen shillings, that the wages be raised to twenty shillings currency per day, the same as has been paid in the neighboring province of New Brunswick for several years past.

In this connection I may state that I have obtained leave, through the kindness of Capt. Shortland, who feels authorized to sanction my procuring copies of all marine surveys made in this province under the direction of the admiralty.

Those surveys will be of great value in connection with the surveys already accumulated in the office, in preparing land maps or general plans of the counties, many of those now in use having been found so erroneous that the construction of new maps has become obligatory.

It will be necessary however that the undivided time and attention of one person be given to that service for at least two years.

This and other matters above referred to will incur certain expense, but I am so thoroughly

thoroughly convinced of the value to the province of carrying them to completion that I again solicit attention to the subject, and hope the legislature will sanction the undertaking forthwith.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, com. of crown lands.

No. 31.

(See page 71.)

The committee appointed to consider the petition of the inhabitants of Guysborough and Musquodoboit, praying aid from the legislature to assist in establishing a house of entertainment on the new Eastern road between the settlement of St. Mary's and Musquodoboit. Also, the petition of George Merry and others, asking aid to assist in sustaining a house of entertainment between Brookfield, Queen's county and Annapolis, report as follows :

Your committee recommend that the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to John Nelson, to enable him to keep a half-way house between Upper Musquodoboit and St. Mary's, in the county of Guysborough ; and a further sum of twenty-five pounds to assist him in the erection of a frame house for the accommodation of travellers on the said road.

Your committee also believe that a small sum of money would be of great service to George Merry, to enable him to afford shelter and accommodation to persons travelling through an unsettled part of the country where he resides ; and believing as they do, that unless some aid is afforded him, he will be obliged to abandon his present location. Your committee therefore recommend that the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to the said George Merry to enable him to carry out the views set forth in his petition.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, February 20, 1856.

JOHN MARSHALL, chairman.
ALFRED WHITMAN.
JOHN ESSON.

No. 32.

(See page 73.)

Bureau of Topographical Engineers,

Washington, January 24, 1856.

SIR—

I return the letter to Mr. Pillsbury, with answers to the proposed questions :

Question 1st.—“What is the best mode of constructing a meridian line as regards *materials*, and how deep should the marks be placed to prevent the action of frost?”

The question evidently does not refer to the astronomical methods of determining and prolonging the true meridian, but merely to the marking it after determination.

The methods of marking vary in the United States according to character of country and latitude, thus : in a prairie country, subject to being burned over, all wooden

marks

marks are discarded, and resort is had to mounds of earth, hollow cast iron, and stone posts. Where there is no danger from fires, the choice would naturally be between using posts of wood and iron.

First.—In reference to iron posts, owing to their expensiveness, and difficulty of transporting them on account of weight, it is not usual to cast them over 6 to 7 feet in length, with diameters of 6 and 4 inches, at the ends respectively.

Posts as above described were used in marking the Maine boundary, and were buried to the depth of $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet. During a partial resurvey of a portion of the boundary in 1851, many of these posts were found heaved out of place by the frost, and in a few instances in danger of being overthrown.

It is evident then, that if cast iron is used, the post should be longer, and buried to a greater depth, which would make them too costly and unwieldy for any but important points. A cast iron post is liable to this objection: no compass could be placed near it on account of its influence upon the needle.

Another post was used in connection with iron, on this boundary, and found to answer extremely well; in fact no fault can as yet be found with it. The following will give an idea of it: A cedar or locust post 7 to 8 feet in length is morticed or otherwise fastened to a heavier cross piece; the cedar is charred for better preservation; this is buried so that the cross piece lying east and west, shall be below the action of the frost, say 4 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet, the post vertical, and in the true meridian, extending as far above ground as may be necessary to be visible.

A post so placed has stood unmoved when a straight cast iron one has been thrown quite out of position. As to durability—cedar is not objectionable, and ordinarily it can be procured at or near any desired point.

For other methods of marking meridian lines, I refer you to a copy of instructions from the general land office to the various surveyor generals of the different States herewith enclosed.

Question 2nd.—“What would be the probable expense of mechanical labor in constructing such line, and how many marks or pillars would be required, and what distance should they be apart?”

The government of the United States paid for running and marking their meridian land survey lines, from 5 to 6 dollars per mile, and it is found to cover expenses, including a profit to the surveyor;—and all such lines, as well indeed as every other, are marked every $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile.—In general the marks should be in sight of each other whether the distance is greater or less.

Section 3.—“How far apart would you recommend the lines to be, and what benefits have you found to result from their consideration?”

The distances apart should have reference solely to the convenience of county surveyors, and be so regulated that the surveyor will always visit the two meridians on either side of his survey, and determine the variation of his instrument at each by observation, then apply a variation proportional to his distance from one or the other to all lines run, and refer the courses to the true meridian.

It has been found convenient, I may say necessary, in our government land surveys, to have what they term *check lines* carefully run about 24 miles apart.

In Nova Scotia where the change in variation of the needle as you go east or west, is about *one and a half minutes* per mile, the error in course would be great, should the surveyor fail to apply the correction constantly. It would not appear unnecessarily close then if the meridians were run every 24 to 30 miles.

“The benefits found to result from their construction,” may be summed up in one word—*accuracy*. An accurate survey, when all marks are lost, can be gone over again, and all points recovered—an inaccurate one, under the same circumstances, never can with certainty be recovered.

REMARKS.

Every surveyor having a true meridian for reference, should apply his own instrument to it, and determine variation of the needle ; for among ordinary instruments no two will necessarily give the same results, owing to incorrect centering and graduation of instruments, as well as want of delicacy in the construction of the needle.

It would be well for the purposes stated to have the magnetic variation for the year, month and days, determined at various known points ; plant posts there, and use them as point d'appui for ordinary surveying, requiring surveyors frequently to determine variation of needle, which will enable them to make a correct exhibition of their survey.

Respectfully, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. J. ABERT, *col. corps R.*

Hon. T. J. D. Fuller,
House of representatives.

No. 33.

(See page 75.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Ship-carpenters of Digby, report as follows :

The committee, after considering the subject matter of the petition in its various aspects, are of opinion that a legislative enactment, such as that prayed for, would be attended with much hazard and inconvenience, and form so great an obstruction to ship-building, and expose the builders of vessels to so many annoyances in defending unfounded claims upon their property, and having their property seized frequently without sufficient cause, that they cannot recommend the house to comply with the prayer of the petition. The committee cannot see that the ship-building laborer requires the extraordinary protection prayed for, more than other laborers, who are properly left to work to the personal credit of those who engage their services, and they are satisfied that the evil complained of is not of sufficient magnitude to justify the species of legislation prayed for.

MARTIN I. WILKINS,
THOMAS KILLAM,
GEORGE MCKENZIE.

No. 34.

(See page 75.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Hill and others, praying for the repeal of an act relating to the Chesley aboiteau ; also the petition of Thomas W. Chesley and others, praying that the act be not repealed—

Beg leave to report that, having carefully examined all the documents laid before them, and having obtained all the local knowledge in their power, also the act having been in operation for some time ; and whereas it has not been shewn to the committee that any serious disadvantage has accrued, and the committee are of opinion that the act

is well guarded, therefore the committee recommend to the house that the act be left to its operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, Feb. 29, 1856.

JOHN RYDER.
C. R. BILL.
W. W. BENT.

(No. 35—account of board of works for 1855, see report on public accounts, appendix E.)

No. 36.

(See page 76.)

Annual report of the central board of agriculture, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1855.

The central board of agriculture in submitting this their annual report to the honorable the legislature, refer with unmingled pleasure to the annexed report of the local societies, as exhibiting ample proof of the steady and certain progress of the agricultural prosperity of Nova Scotia.

The board contemplate with pleasure the progressive improvement being made in practical husbandry, and the unmistakable evidence of the intellectual and social progress of the country; it is a pleasing reflection to think that the bounty of the legislature has been mainly instrumental in stimulating the energies of our rural population during years of agricultural depression, and exciting a laudable spirit of honorable emulation among practical agriculturists. A careful perusal of the annexed reports of forty-seven agricultural societies in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, receiving proportions of the agricultural grant, and corresponding with the central board, cannot fail to gratify the reasonable expectations of those whose patriotism has led them to espouse the cause of our provincial agriculture. From these reports we learn that the past season, taken in all its bearings, has proved most propitious to the general interest of agriculture during the early part of the summer; a succession of genial showers induced a close and luxuriant sward of grass, which at an early period protected the surface of the ground from the scorching rays of a summer sun, and subdued the evils resulting from a too rapid evaporation of moisture. The fine weather which succeeded the showery season enabled the industrious husbandman to secure an ample hay crop in prime condition. The general adoption of the horse rake and the partial introduction of the mowing machine mitigated to some extent the inconvenience resulting from a general deficiency and consequent high rate of manual labour. At no period of the agricultural history of the province have farmers been in a better condition to maintain good stocks of cattle, and supply a large surplus of good hay to market, nor is there any precedent to the uniform high price of this article in market. The grain crops taken as a whole proved rather under the usual average in quantity rather than quality; this deficiency is attributable to a late seed time consequent upon the heavy state of the ground from rain, and subsequent contraction of the ground by solar heat, arresting the circulation of air and moisture in the soil, depriving the growing crops of a due proportion of nourishment, and inducing premature maturity in the straw. The wheat crop, which has of late years been an object of much solicitude, is now cultivated with uniform success when proper regard is had of the observances which experience dictates as safe guides in cultivating this precarious crop;—experience proves that any effort to exterminate the wheat midge is unavailing, and that the only means of mitigating its ravages is to deprive it of its favoured seed bed where it invariably deposits eggs for effecting its purpose. The newly developed ears of wheat are its choice, though rather than sacrifice its progeny it will reluctantly deposit its eggs in the ears of barley and rye. The object with

with agriculturists is to find an early variety of spring wheat that will ripen in our climate within eighty days from sowing time, combining the properties of resisting the rust to which late sown grains are liable.

The variety of spring wheat named the "golden straw," has been for several years successfully adopted as combining those qualities; from the fifteenth to the twenty-fifth of May, seems to be the safest period for sowing this variety, in order that the natural period of the winged state of the fly shall have passed before the ear of the wheat bursts the shoot leaf. This valuable variety of wheat is now easily obtained in the midland counties of the province, and the central board deem it their duty again to direct the attention of agriculturists to the subject; from the high price of bread stuffs, the farmer has every inducement to increase the breadth of his sowings, and embrace every rational means for insuring successful cultivation. The potatoe crop has again suffered to some extent from blight; this disease has for the last few years assumed a milder character than formerly, and farmers have been gradually regaining so much confidence in the crop, as to annually increase their plantings; experience has also taught some valuable lessons under the calamity, and the intelligent farmer has not failed to profit by his experience; it is now clearly demonstrated that superabundant moisture, either in the atmosphere, the ground, or the stems of the potatoe, is the conservator of blight; over aqueous vapours of the atmosphere man has no controul, but he may so regulate the superfluous water in the soil and the luxuriance of plants as to secure healthy action in vegetable life; by the exercise of this power observing farmers still gather good crops of sound potatoes from dry sandy and gravelly soils, taking care to avoid unfermented manures which induce over luxuriance in the stems, or any other rich fertilizer which has a tendency to unduly excite vegetation; it is also evident that the general adoption of early varieties of seed will more certainly insure the maturity of the crop before the usual period at which the blight makes its appearance.

These simple considerations are the deductions of practical experience, and can never be too frequently pressed upon the attention of agriculturists; the board therefore consider this sufficient apology for recapitulating them.

From the correspondence with the local societies the board are glad to learn that while the value of the legislative grant is duly appreciated, its true and legitimate objects are much better understood, and its great advantages more clearly apprehended. A more general diffusion of patriotic spirit and action upon principle is supplanting the selfish motives which formerly constituted the main spring of action. The board from this knowledge feel it their duty to refer to these societies, the legitimate offspring of legislative endowment, and worthy of increased attention and legislative favour. These societies have done much for the general improvement of the country, they effected what individual enterprise could not successfully attempt; through their exertions every variety of genuine agricultural seed and improved implements have been introduced and circulated at such a rate as to bring them within the reach of every cultivator of the soil. Pure blooded cattle have been largely imported and generally introduced into every agricultural district. In these importations the claims of the dairy, the working team, and the feeding stall have been duly consulted;—these efforts in conjunction with the more recent importation of improved breeds of horses and sheep, by special grant, and under the distinguished patronage of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, must soon bring up our grades of domestic animals to that standard of excellence which our agricultural resources are calculated to sustain.

The central board, aware of the vast importance of extending green crop husbandry, have ever pressed this consideration upon the attention of farmers, they still perceive much room for improvement in the production of auxiliary crops, without which every attempt to improve our domestic stock will result in failure and discouragement. The value of esculent food for the purpose of stall feeding, increasing the quantity and improving the quality of our dairy products, is not yet appreciated, nor is due regard paid to the comfortable and economical construction of farm buildings. It has been laid down as a maxim, that the preservation of animal heat is equivalent to a certain
portion

portion of food ; acknowledging the truth of this assertion we venture to add that the importance of housing animals comfortably cannot be estimated by any standard ; extra food will not compensate for the loss of animal heat, food and attention bestowed upon cattle exposed to the rigours of a variable climate, is a waste of time and display of ignorance.

Knowing the high value set upon bone dust as a special manure for growing turnips, and being aware that by a little well directed industry, vast quantities of this valuable article might be produced in Halifax at a moderate price, the central board in their last annual report to the legislature recommended that a small special grant should be made towards this object.

The board now beg to acknowledge the liberality of the legislature in granting the sum of fifty pounds, to be applied by the board to the special object of manufacturing bone manure in furtherance of this object. The board appointed from their own body a committee to make the necessary enquiries relative to procuring the raw materials, and the machinery necessary to carry on successful manufacture. The committee, after due inquiry, found that though the city presented every facility for such a branch of manufacture, still the most essential was wanting, no suitable person could be found able and willing to embark in this promising branch of manufacture even from a promise of a handsome bonus. The bones are at present collected and sent on to the United States, at a rate which ought to excite some enterprise in Halifax; in consequence of this failure of their reasonable anticipations, the board has not drawn the sum voted from the treasury.

The only object which demanded the boards special attention and encouragement during the past year, was the general agriculture fair and exhibition which was held at Bridgetown, on the 12th and 13th October. The Bridgetown Agricultural society having obtained the patronage of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, and a handsome donation to their prize fund, designated the governor's prize, solicited the presence and assistance of the central board. The board responded to the solicitation as it had done on former occasions, at Horton, Truro, Pictou, Windsor, and Halifax. On this occasion the board voted sixty pounds of the funds at their disposal to the Bridgetown society, to enable them to extend the prize list, so as to embrace every object worthy of encouragement, with a view still further to encourage these laudable efforts to excite agricultural emulation in this fertile district. A portion of the board, consisting of the hon. the president, the vice president, two of the members and the secretary attended the exhibition. The weather ultimately proved propitious ; the arrangements were good, and the attendance of the rural population very respectable. The show of cattle, sheep and horses, though embracing some good specimens of improved stock, was not upon the whole what was expected in the midst of the finest agricultural district of Nova Scotia ; and the board are aware that the stock exhibited did not by any means embrace a fair sample of the ordinary herds of the valley, it being very difficult to enlist the general sympathies of these old settled communities.

The office bearers of the society exhausted every available resource to make the exhibition all that could be wished. The arrangements for exhibiting domestic manufactures, dairy produce, and fruit, were excellent, and the specimens of dairy produce and domestic manufacture exhibited, though limited in quantity, was fair in quality.

The fruit presented some peculiar objects of attraction, the variety and quality of apples was above mediocrity.

The products of the field, had they been exhibited to advantage, would have excited admiration. The ploughing match presented no feature of attraction. The competition was meagre, and the work not admissable in modern competition.

At the close of the exhibition, the honorable president of the central board in a very appropriate and well timed speech, made a strong appeal to the patriotism and public spirit of the rural population in favour of our provincial agricultural institutions. Finally the hospitality and good taste of the office bearers of the Bridgetown Agricultural society was displayed in a substantial dinner served up to their guests in the public

public hall. These first efforts at general exhibitions of agricultural products, though in general falling short of gratifying excited expectations, are nevertheless worthy of patronage and encouragement, as they will eventually bring about the desired objects. The board therefore while dealing candidly with the promoters of these institutions, have a desire to encourage the spirit by which they are dictated, and have on all occasions when practicable, responded to the calls of the respective agricultural districts.

In their last annual report to the honorable the Legislature, the central board adverted very briefly to several subjects which they deemed worthy of special encouragement. The board are highly gratified to perceive that some of their suggestions have been acted upon to the fullest extent. The importation and general distribution of a large number of improved breeds of sheep, is a valuable acquisition to Nova Scotian agriculture; throughout the province this valuable branch of agriculture has been neglected, though no description of stock will better reward the farmer for his outlay and care. The subject of a model farm is still an open question, and so long as the desirable objects which it should embrace are unattained, the board deem the subject worthy the favorable consideration of the legislature.

The capabilities of our soil, the general agricultural resources of the province, and the peculiar feature of the climate, which favours the growth and maturity of any description of agricultural production, are generally acknowledged by all who have given them a fair and impartial trial, yet there are many important questions connected with the subject which can only be solved by careful experiments repeated and the various phases carefully contrasted.

The time has also arrived when agriculture is regarded as a scientific and honorable profession; it therefore becomes the duty of those who select it for their sons ultimate adoption, to see that they are perfectly educated in all that constitutes an accomplished agricultural student; these accomplishments can only be attained practically and consequently in the school of experience, it is therefore an object of the highest importance that these experiments should be rightly directed. A well directed experimental farm would, in the opinion of the board, prove the grand conservator of our provincial agriculture.

Finally, the board in taking a retrospective view of their proceedings with the local societies, contemplate with high satisfaction the degree of harmony which has at all times subsisted between themselves and those objects of their solicitude. The scale of appropriation is based upon the principle of even handed justice, a strict adherence to the spirit of the act which regulates the agricultural grant, has at all times guided the board in issuing circulars and arbitrating in cases of dispute or misconception.

The treasurer's account herewith submitted exhibits a due regard to economy in all the boards expenditures, and they earnestly recommend a renewal of the agricultural grant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, president.
ALEX. FARQUHARSON, vice president.
ANDREW SHIELS.
JOHN KING.
J. JENNINGS,
J. N. SHANNON, treasurer.
JOHN MORTON.

No. 37.

(See page 78.)

The committee appointed to consider the petitions of Susan Kelly, John Barnaby, Donald Ross, John Gully, John McDonald, and Peter Piers, the first four praying aid from the legislature to enable them to educate their deaf and dumb children, and the last two praying aid in procuring medical assistance to cure them of blindness or in acquiring a trade, beg leave to report :

That Susan Kelly and John Barnaby have each received under a vote of the late legislature the sum of twenty-five pounds to assist them in the education of their children ; Francis Kelly and William O. Barnaby, the former twelve and the latter fifteen years of age, and have placed said children in an institution for the education of deaf mutes at Hartford, Connecticut. That your committee have had submitted to them a letter from the principal of said institution, dated 30th January last, certifying that they have made respectable proficiency, and are good scholars. Your committee therefore considering the destitute circumstances of these two petitioners, recommend that the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted to each, to enable them to continue the education of their said children for another year.

That Donald Ross is a poor man, having in his family three deaf and dumb children, and solicits aid in the education of his son William, aged seventeen. Your committee are informed that he has already made some progress in education with the limited opportunities in his reach, and have reason to believe that by adopting the usual methods of education, he could be made a comparatively useful member of society, and therefore recommend that the sum of thirty pounds be granted the said Donald Ross, to enable him to pay the passage of his son to the United States, and to provide for his education there.

The petition of John Gully of Halifax, which is certified to be correct by several gentlemen of standing, sets forth that he has in his family a boy of 13 years of age, whom he is desirous of educating, and praying aid from this legislature to enable him to do so, and your committee recommend that the sum of twenty-five pounds be paid him to enable him to carry out his wishes. They further recommend that none of said monies be drawn until the governor and council are satisfied that said children are respectively placed in some institution each, as contemplated in said petitions.

The petitioner John McDonald states that he became blind from the effects of a fever some eight years ago, and prays aid to enable him to proceed to the United States for medical aid, in hopes of effecting a cure ; but your committee see no reason to recommend a grant in this case, as from information received regarding his case, they are of opinion that any medical man within petitioner's reach, is quite competent to treat it successfully.

The petition of Peter Piers (colored man) sets forth that he is 27 years of age, and blind, and is desirous of learning a trade, and prays the aid of this legislature to enable him to do so ; but your committee, after enquiring into his situation, are of opinion that the circumstances of his case would not warrant any expenditure of public money in his behalf.

All which is respectfully submitted.

March 1, 1856.

A. C. McDONALD.
W. WEBSTER.
ICHABOD DIMOCK.

No. 38.

(See page 79.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Flinn, have considered the petition and the affidavits accompanying the same, and report as follow, viz :

That it appears that Michael Flinn, the father of the petitioner, paid into the hands of Charles W. Wallace, the sum of thirty pounds currency, on the sixth day of June, 1846 ; and the petition states that the said sum was paid to Mr. Wallace for investment in the Savings' bank of the province ; but the receipt for the money (attached to the petition) is given by Mr. Wallace, as his own transaction, and he binds himself therein to pay the sum of thirty pounds to Michael Flinn, or his order, with interest endorsed on the back of said receipt, show that the interest due on that sum was paid by Mr. Wallace to James Flinn, son of the deceased Michael Flinn, in full, up to November, 1849. Your committee therefore cannot recommend the payment of the sum claimed by petitioner, out of the provincial treasury, because Mr. Wallace was removed from the office of provincial treasurer in the year 1845, and before he received the money of petitioner ; and although the petitioner has, as we believe, a just claim on C. W. Wallace, she cannot have a shadow of a claim upon the treasury of this province.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, chairman.
THOMAS F. MORRISON.
THOMAS KILLAM.

Committee room, March 1st, 1856.

No. 39.

(See page 80.)

The committee to whom the several petitions and papers of Richard Logue, late deputy sheriff and jailor of the county of Cape Breton, Richard Gibbon, esquire, sheriff of such county, and Mr. Nicholas H. Martin, were referred, have to report as follows :

That on investigation of the matters detailed in the petition of the said Richard Logue, and the facts in connexion therewith brought to their notice, your committee have come to the conclusion, under the peculiar circumstances and hardships of the case, to recommend that there be granted to him the sum of forty-one pounds ten shillings, for expenses of board and maintenance of jurymen and constables during the protracted trial of Nicholas H. Martin, esquire, such expenses having been incurred by him at the request of Mr. Justice DesBarres, the presiding judge on the trial of Mr. Martin, leaving the other items in the account annexed to such petition to be dealt with by the county from which source, if correct, he should be paid.

On the petition of Nicholas H. Martin, we find that subsequent to his trial, and during his incarceration in the jail at Sydney, under the order of the government, for a period of nearly seven months, he was supported and attended by his family, who were ill able to bear the expense thus incurred by them ; and by an understanding between the prisoner and Mr. Sheriff Gibbons, it was agreed that as the precarious state of his health required more careful treatment and better attention than could be given by the keeper of the prison, he should be maintained by his family, and that they would be reimbursed therefor, we therefore recommend a grant to him of the sum of thirty-two pounds ten shillings, to repay the expenses so incurred.

On the petition and account of Mr. Gibbon, the sheriff of the county, your committee are of opinion that the sum of six pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence, being for fuel and other expenses necessarily incurred by him in reference to Mr. Martin's confinement at Sydney, after being tried, should be paid him, and recommend a grant for that

that purpose, but cannot recommend any portion of the sums charged therein for his board and attendance, the same having been provided by the prisoners family.

All which we respectfully submit.

Committee room, 3rd March, 1856

JOHN TOBIN, chairman.
A. McFARLANE.
B. WIER.
JAMES McKEAGNEY.
WM. CHAMBERS.

No. 40.

(See page 80.)

The committee appointed to consider the petition of John McGuire and others, report as follows :

The petitioner took a contract to cut down and improve the street called Barrack street, in 1852, for six hundred and ninety pounds. At the time he entered into the contract he was given to understand that the earth would be carted away free of all expense to him by Mr. Collins, who, however, was prevented from depositing the earth on the common, and was therefore obliged to decline the removal of it. This led the petitioner into great additional expense, and the contract by reason of this and other obstacles proved a very losing one to the petitioner. The petitioner, notwithstanding the consequences, persevered and completed his contract to the entire satisfaction of the city authorities. It appears that the city council, if disposed, have it not in their power to relieve the petitioner ; and it would probably be with some reason contended, that as the city of Halifax is compelled to keep up several expensive roads leading from the country to the city, and considerably beyond the limits of the city proper, and that the improvement is beneficial in a high degree to the people from the country, a part of the expense of the improvement ought justly to have been borne by the province ; it is not unreasonable that the petitioner should be allowed some relief out of the public chest. The committee cannot approve of the principle of relieving contractors for public works, in general, from the effects of losses incurred in the performance of their contracts, but there is something so peculiarly hard in the case of the petitioner, who is an aged and honest man, and who has been reduced to absolute ruin from comparative independence, in consequence of having injudiciously and ignorantly undertaken a job for a consideration plainly below its cost and value, and which he has faithfully completed in the very face of ruin itself ; and as the work performed for the public is decidedly much more valuable than the price paid for it, your committee would recommend the sum of two hundred pounds to be paid to the petitioner as a partial compensation for his heavy losses.

Committee room, March 3, 1856.

JOHN TOBIN, chairman.
JOHN J. MARSHALL,
MARTIN I. WILKINS.

No. 41.

(See page 81.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Donald Urquhart, report as follows, viz :

Your committee in reference to the journals of 1855, find that certain sums of money was then granted, and has since been paid out of the provincial treasury, to John Ross and others, for services performed by them in exploring and looking out a track for a railroad between Onslow and the Folly Lake ; and your petitioner having shown by his petition, that he was employed by Mr. Ross in the same service for the space of eight days, and for which service he has as yet received no remuneration. Your committee therefore recommend that the sum of four pounds be granted and paid to Mr. Urquhart for his services, he having quite as just a claim upon the province as Mr. Ross and others, who have been paid their claims heretofore.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, March 3, 1856.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, chairman.
GEORGE MCKENZIE,
JOHN LOCKE.

No. 42.

(See page 81.)

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, in and over her majesty's province of Nova-Scotia, and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c., and the honorable the members of her majesty's council of the said province.

THE MEMORIAL OF THE INLAND NAVIGATION COMPANY,

HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That your memorialists were incorporated a joint stock company, with a capital of thirty thousand pounds, divided into one thousand and five hundred shares of twenty pounds each, by act of the provincial legislature, passed on the 4th day of April, A. D., 1853, for the purpose of constructing an inland water communication from the harbor of Halifax, in the said province, to the Basin of Minas, through the Dartmouth lakes, so called—the lakes and channels or course of the River Shubenacadie, to such part of the river between its place of discharge in the Basin of Minas and the Great Lake, as should be proper for making a continuous navigable channel or canal for the passage of boats or vessels to and from the Basin of Minas and the harbor of Halifax, respectively.

That your memorialists purchased from the provincial government the property belonging to the late Shubenacadie canal company, for the sum of two thousand pounds, which was conveyed to your memorialists, by deed bearing date the fourth day of June, A. D., 1854.

That immediately upon being invested with the said property, your memorialists commenced operations with a subscribed capital of thirteen thousand and eighty pounds, which

which was subsequently increased by a further subscribed capital of five thousand pounds, making together the sum of eighteen thousand and eighty pounds.

That your memorialists have successfully prosecuted such work, although they have met with many unforeseen difficulties, (chiefly in consequence of the old work of the Shubenacadie canal company turning out so much worse than could possibly be supposed), until they have completed upwards of two thirds of the whole work necessary for rendering the said inland water communication a perfect, thorough and permanent canal or highway for boats or vessels from the said Basin of Minas to the harbor of Halifax.

That your memorialists are still prosecuting such work, and in a month or two will have expended thereupon, including the amount of the purchase money paid as aforesaid, the whole amount of the subscribed capital.

That your memorialists find it will require the further sum of fifteen thousand pounds to complete the said inland water communication; that the chief item of such further expenditure will be the sum of nine thousand pounds for the purchase of the machinery and completion of two inclined planes,—the one between Lake William and Lake Charles—overcoming a height of thirty-two feet, and intended to do the work of three locks, and the other between the harbor of Halifax and the basin or water connecting with the first Dartmouth lake, overcoming a height of 61 feet, and intended to do the work of six locks.

That your memorialists fear they will be unable to raise the sum requisite by the sale of stock, and feeling that the work in which they are engaged will, when completed and in operation, be of vast public utility, affording great facilities to settlers in the interior, giving a cheap means of conveyance of goods, thereto increasing the trade and developing the resources of the country, and drawing to the capital the material of an export trade which must eventually add to its commercial prosperity, are induced to ask your excellency and your honorable board to cause to be expunged from the said deed to your memorialists, a certain respective clause contained therein—providing for the re-conveyance of the said property to her majesty's provincial government, in case of the non-completion of such inland water communication within the period of five years, upon payment to your memorialists of the purchase money mentioned in such deed, in order that your memorialists may have an opportunity of borrowing the sum required upon security of the property hereby conveyed. And your memorialists would further respectfully call the attention of your excellency and your honorable board to the said deed; whereby it is also provided, that your memorialists should be at liberty, with the sanction of your excellency and your honorable board, to sell and convey any part of the property aforesaid; to shew your excellency and your honorable board, that it was contemplated at the time the said deed was executed to make such property available for the benefit of the work in which your memorialists are embarked. And your memorialists would submit, that having expended so large a sum of money upon, and having accomplished so much of the work, they are in a position respectfully to urge upon your excellency and your honorable board, the necessity of the removal of the before mentioned clause from the said deed, and they do so in accordance with the terms of a resolution to that effect unanimously passed at a special general meeting of the stockholders in such company recently held for that purpose.

And your memorialists therefore humbly pray your excellency and your honorable board to cause the before mentioned restrictive claims to be expunged from the said deed. And that your excellency and your honorable board would afford to your memorialists towards the accomplishment of the useful and valuable public work they are now prosecuting, such other and further aid and assistance as to your excellency and your honorable board may seem right and proper.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.
Halifax, 7th February, 1856.

JAMES F. AVERY, president,
Inland navigation company.
WM. STAIRS, }
JOHN GIBSON, } Directors.

For

(For report of committee on this subject, see appendix No. 62.)

No. 43.

(See page 83.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Carmichael, and other inhabitants of New Glasgow, in the county of Pictou, asking a grant of money from the legislature, to deepen the river and improve the navigation of Pictou harbor, between South Pictou and New Glasgow, and shewing the necessity of the proposed work in regard to the trade and commerce of Pictou, and the province generally, report as follows :

Your committee being fully convinced of the great value, commercially, of the proposed work, and the impossibility of it being accomplished without large provincial aid, they therefore beg leave to recommend that the sum of £1000 be granted and paid to commissioners hereafter to be appointed by the governor and council, in aid of the above service, toward the purchase of a boat, machinery and lighters, required for the performance of the work petitioned for;—that the said sum, and the carrying on of the work, be entrusted to commissioners to be appointed by the governor in council, and who shall give security for the faithful performance of the duties; and shall make a report of their acting in regard to the same to the provincial secretary; and your committee further recommend that the said boat, machinery and lights, when not required for the above service petitioned for, shall be at the disposal of the governor and council for the use of such other persons as may require them for performing similar service within the harbour and river of Pictou, or elsewhere.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 5th March, 1856.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, chairman.
NATHAN MOSES,
W. MUNRO.

No. 44.

(See page 83.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Desire Purrier and Charles McAlpine, setting forth the energy, courage, and manly conduct displayed by Andrew and John Flakes, in rescuing the crew of the schooner Isabella, of Guysborough, wrecked at St. Mary's, in December last, and praying this house to grant them 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 Andrew and John Flakes, to mark their approval of their praiseworthy and humane conduct, and to stimulate others to like exertions in similar perilous cases.

MATTHEW McCLEARN, chairman.

March 3, 1856.

No. 45.

(See page 84.)

William Dowling, supervisor of the great eastern road from Dartmouth to Pictou county line, begs to report to his excellency the lieutenant-governor, the expenditure of the public money entrusted to him for the purpose of repairing said great road, and bridges on the same, in the year 1855, as follows, viz :

In Halifax county, the sum of £250, together with an advance of £44 18s. 6d. making in all £294 18s. 6d. expended between Dartmouth and Keys' bridge, which has maintained the road in said county in a tolerable state of repair, besides laying down a considerable quantity of stone where most needed, thereby macadamizing and rendering permanent, a portion of the most places which will require but a few repairs for some years.

The supervisor has also built in a substantial manner the remaining half of the bridge at Hyde's stables, or Key's bridge, so called, on which service he has expended the sum of £200.

He has also expended in Hants county, from Keys' bridge, to Parker's bridge £143 8s. original grant, together with an advance of £24 10s., in all £167 18s., which has not only kept the road in repair, but has made a marked improvement in many places by macadamizing, and the extensive opening of side drains.

One third of Parker's bridge has also been rebuilt, on the truss work principle, which has cost £300; the remaining two-thirds will (for the safety of the travelling public) require to be rebuilt next season; and could provision be made for this service in time to have the timber furnished before the expiration of the present season, I am of the opinion that it would be obtained for about one-third less than otherwise; and I may here remark that when the said bridge will be rebuilt, the whole of the bridge on the line under my supervision will be in a state of good repair, being all nearly new, and will not require any except slight repairs for a number of years.

From Parker's bridge to Truro there has been expended of original grant £128 10 1; and of advance from Grant's to Truro £100, in all £228 10 1, which has put the road between Parker's and Grant's in good repair, and also made a decided improvement on that section between Brookfield and Truro; there yet remains a section between Stewiacke and Brookfield, which needs a large amount to put it in good repair.

There has also been expended from Truro to Pictou county line, the sum of £20 18s. 3d. original grant, and £50 of advance, in all £70 18s. 3d., which has put the road in a tolerable state of repair; it requires, however, a considerable amount between Truro and Dickson's, to render it as passable as that between Dickson's and the co. line.

Subjoined is a synopsis of the expenditure of the various amounts.

Halifax county—Dartmouth to Keys' bridge,	£250	0	0
Advances,	44	18	6
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Total expenditure in 1855,	£294	18	6
Hants county—Keys' bridge to Parker's bridge,	143	8	0
Advances,	24	10	0
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Total expenditure,	£167	18	0
Colchester county—Parker's to Truro,	128	10	0
Advances from Grant's to Truro,	100	0	0
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	£228	10	0
Truro to Pictou county line,	20	18	3
Advances,	50	0	0
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	£70	18	3
			Bridge

Bridge at Keys',	£200	0	0
Bridge at Parker's,	300	0	0
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	£500	0	0
Expenditure in Halifax county,	294	18	6
“ Hants,	167	18	0
“ Colchester, Parker's to Truro,	228	10	0
“ Truro to county line,	70	18	3
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Total expenditure in the year 1855,	£1262	4	9

Port Hood, 24th January, 1856.

SIR—

I beg to submit for the information of his excellency the following report of my doings on the main post road in the county of Inverness during the past year, and estimate for 1856. During the fall of 1854, and winter of 1855, the frequent changes of the weather with heavy rains was very destructive to the roads, and left them in the spring nearly impassable. I laid out during the spring and summer about £450 to put them in a tolerable state for travelling, and when the wet weather set in during the fall, and several of the bridges getting injured, I was compelled to lay out, as will be seen by my accounts, a considerable sum more than the amount appropriated to the main roads in this county; indeed from the great increasing of travelling in this county within these few years, and the very little benefit derived from the statute labour, it is utterly impossible to keep the main road in good repair with the sum of five hundred pounds a year.

During the ensuing year there are several large bridges which must be renewed. On the section from Long Point to Judique, where it has for some years past been in contemplation to make a new line, there are two bridges of a considerable length which (unless the new line is opened this year) must be rebuilt; there is also a very long bridge at Low Point in a very dangerous condition, which from the small quantity of water that runs through it, I would propose to make an embankment with only sufficient space to allow the water to run, which might be built of stone; there are two more at the Strait of Canso, and one near Margaree—all of which must be new this summer; and during the gales and high tides which we had in December; the embankment at Plaster Cove and at the South East of Mabou, have been very much injured, and the bridge at the latter place, which was built about four or five years ago, at an expense of nearly £200, was found to be so low that the tide rose nearly a foot above it; and had the wind happened to have been right up the river at the time, it would in all probability been carried away; the embankment at this bridge is a very long one, and will require to be raised from two to three feet the whole length, and the bridge which is nearly one hundred feet long must also be raised, this perhaps would be easiest done when the river is frozen.

To make the alteration alluded to at Long Point complete, the new section at Ship Harbour, (which has been opened through) to make the necessary repairs on the road, and build the bridge above mentioned, will require a sum not less than from eight to ten hundred pounds.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Most respectfully,
Your very obedient servant,

GEORGE C. LAWRENCE,
Supervisor of main roads,
County of Inverness.

The honorable provincial secretary of Nova Scotia, &c. &c. &c.

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May it please your excellency and council;

I hasten to lay before you a report, for your information, of my proceedings the past year, also an estimate to be provided for the road service the present year.

I have expended the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds granted in the last session of the legislature for the road service from Colchester line to Amherst. This sum I expended by days work, with the exception of six pounds fifteen shillings, which sum was let by tender and contract. A copy of which sum is hereunto appended.

The road was never in so good a state of repair as it was last autumn; but the heavy rains in December damaged it some, and carried away the sluice bridge, so called, at River Philip, which compelled me to make another expenditure of twelve pounds eleven shillings and two pence half-penny; this sum I drew an order on the provincial treasury for, but it was not paid. This I had to advance, as laborers could not be got otherwise.

The sum to be provided for the ensuing year will be one hundred and seventy-five pounds, from Colchester line to the frontier of New Brunswick, exclusive of the road over the Amherst marsh, which has been under the supervision of Mr. William Donkin for some years.

There is a small alteration, though an important one, required to be made on the road between Fullerton's and River Philip. There is two sharp hills which might be avoided by turning the road; the expense would be about twenty-five pounds.

Should your excellency accede to this, I could pay for laying out the new line, and taking levels out of the grant.

I have the honor to be

Your excellency's obedient servant,

HENRY PURDY, supervisor.

Westchester, February 1st, 1856.

(Copy.)

I, John R. S. Purdy, of Westchester, hereby agrees with Henry Purdy, of Westchester, to perform the following work, viz: that is to say—to rebuild the bridge near Benjamin Fullerton's, there must be a sufficient quantity of brush laid under each abutment to bed the first log, to prevent undermining, and four hemlock stringers 24 feet long and ten inches at the top end, and one side to be flattened; four joice 18 feet long, and to be flattened down to six inches thick; a breakwater to be made of brush, to be placed against the upper end of each abutment, to be raised three feet high, and to be loaded with stones, to prevent the water from undermining said abutments; also two timbers thirty feet long, and to be flattened, eight inches thick, to be placed on each end of said bridge, for the railing to stand on, and to complete the same in a good and workmanlike manner, on or before the twentieth day of July instant. For the due performance whereof Benjamin Fullerton, of Westchester, hereby becomes surety for the said John R. S. Purdy, and the said Henry Purdy, as supervisor for the performance of the work, hereby agrees with the said John R. S. Purdy, on the due performance of his contract to the satisfaction of the said Henry Purdy, to pay him the sum of six pounds fifteen shillings therefor.

JOHN R. S. PURDY.
HENRY PURDY, supervisor.
BENJAMIN FLULERTON.

Dated this 9th day of July, 1855.

County

County of Halifax, December 31, 1855.

According to your excellency's command, I proceeded to survey the road from the North West Arm to the county line; the bridges are all in good repair—the number of large bridges are twenty, averaging from fifteen feet wide to thirty-six feet, and about fifty smaller bridges; the road to St. Margaret's bay is in good repair, except at Black Point, where the high tide from the storm of the 10th instant, washed away the road, and made it unfit for the mail to pass; I repaired it with as little delay as possible, and altered the road from the beech; all the road requires to be widened, and there are many rocks in the road that require to be removed, that would cost about £6 per mile.

The Nine Mile River bridge require to be removed further up the stream, to make the road straight, that would cost about from £40 to 45.

JOSEPH QUIN.

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 amount at my disposal for the current year from Pollock's and Dean's settlement was £174 16 1, and from that point to Wallace bridge £64 6 3. The sum appropriated between Pollock's and Dean's included, an alteration near Mr. Gladwin's. This alteration has not been made as the reason given in my report of the 18th of May, 1854, on that section of road to the provincial secretary, has not yet been removed. This alteration I would again recommend to the favorable notice of the government, as one of very great importance to the public, and the necessary arrangements for its accomplishment should be made during the ensuing year.

On account of the alteration alluded to, not being made, I have with the advice of the county members expended the whole sum granted in repairing the road between the points prescribed, together with £17 10 8½ in making fall repairs—making in all expended on that part of that Guysborough road, between Pollock's and Dean's settlement, £192 6 9½ the present year. This sum has nearly put the road in tolerable repair without making any permanent alteration for the better, and on account of the materials on this section of the line being of a very inferior description, and the yearly increase of travel, the road is certainly not improving, if not yearly getting worse, with all that can be done with the sums appropriated to that road.

The sum apportioned from Dean's to Wallace bridge has not been sufficient to keep that road at its former standing, which was bad in the extreme. Last year's freshets having destroyed many of the bridges and spouts, and torn up parts of the road, the repairing of which left but a small sum of the money granted, for materially bettering the worn out posts. The sides of the road had grown up with brush, in many places nearly shutting up the passage; seeing that the sum granted was only merely sufficient to make the repairs indispensably necessary for the safety of travelling, the county members advised me to get the brush cleared from the road, to be paid out of next years grant. In accordance with that advice it was let by tender for £13 10—the finishing of which has been of important benefit, particularly for winter travelling.

In recommending a sum for the road from Dean's to Pollock's for the ensuing year, (a distance of 50 miles) £200 exclusive of the alteration near Gladwin's (which of itself will cost £40) is the lowest sum I could advise.

As the mail route is now established between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's, £150 is the lowest sum I could name, to put that section of road between Dean's and Guysborough county line, (a distance of 36 miles) in any way fit for that service.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN PARKER, supervisor.

To the honorable Lewis M. Wilkins,
Provincial secretary, &c. &c. &c.
Musquodoboit, December 26, 1855.

Barney's

Barney's River, December 31, 1855.

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 Strait of Canso, during the past season. Also, an estimate of the probable sums required for the same, during the ensuing year.

Section first.—From Colchester county line to New Glasgow. In this section, owing to the deranged and decayed condition of the New Glasgow bridge, I was obliged to make repairs upon it to the amount of £40, as early as the month of March last; and early in May, I had to make such general repairs, along the whole line under my charge, as would render travelling safe, until the proper season would arrive for road making, at which time the balance of the £200 appropriated for this section was expended in repairing bridges, deepening drains, &c. by days labour, except the furnishing of lumber for bridges and sluices; but the means at my disposal, being not sufficient to render the road and bridges in a safe condition for the season, I was obliged, with the consent of the county member, to make an over-expenditure of £230 10s. in erecting a new bridge across Grant's brook, at Middle River, of 120 feet long, and embankments of 40 feet, which, although costing more at first, will be a saving of money in time to come; and also, in putting new plank flooring on the Middle River and New Glasgow bridges.

Section second.—From New Glasgow to Antigonishe. The whole of the sum appropriated for this section, was expended as early in the season as was practicable, in repairing the road by days labour; and by opening, by tender and contract, two new sections, one between big clearing and Antigonish, in the county of Sydney, one and a quarter mile long; and the other from the end of the new section made last year at Sutherland's brook, in the county of Pictou, to Neil McLarin's, three-fourths of a mile long. After the money in this section was thus expended, there still remained about two miles of the new line between said Neil McLarin's and Sutherland's River bridge unopened; and as the old road in this place passed along the margin of a steep bank, and was narrow and hilly, consequently dangerous for travellers, both summer and winter. With the consent of the county members, these two miles were sold to contractors, and although it can not all be completed, according to contract, until the spring, yet it is so far done, as to render it quite passable for a winter road. The cost of opening it, together with repairs made upon other parts of the line, after the fall freshets, is £339 10s.

Section third.—From Antigonish to Straits of Canso. In this section, Whidden's bridge, at Antigonish Village, was carried away by the ice early in the month of April, which was rebuilt as soon after as possible. During the summer the balance of the money at my disposal in this section was expended by days labour in making general repairs along the whole line to the Strait of Canso, but from its being too small to enable me to repair the whole road sufficiently, I was obliged, with the consent of the county members, to make some additional repairs, and opened three-fourths of a mile of the new line at Little Tracadie, amounting in all to the sum of £160 9s. 6d. as an over-expenditure.

The greater part of the line of road under my supervision is a new road made within the last few years, new portions had been opened every year, and the annual grant of money has not been sufficient, to make the new sections required to be opened, and keep the whole line in repair, without making large over-expenditures yearly; and travelling having increased lately, and by the late mail arrangement, a coach passes over it daily. There is, also, heavy trucking in the vicinity of the Albion Mines; and large quantities of ton and ship timbers is hauled to the ship yards in New Glasgow, which is very destructive to the road, as the soil is of a clayey nature, for several miles east and west of New Glasgow, it has a worse effect upon it, and no gravel or stone can be obtained from the smallness of our means, as none are near the place; consequently, constant attention, and a large sum of money is required to keep it in a passible condition, and the amount of statute labour done upon it, is of very little service.

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There are still nine miles of this new line to be opened ; two miles in the county of Pictou, and seven in the county of Sydney ; when this is finished, the monies then granted could be applied to gravelling the roads, &c. ; and no over expenditure required, except in extraordinary cases.

After all the over-expenditures mentioned are provided for, the probable amount required for next season is as follows, viz :

Section first.—From Colchester county line to New Glasgow ; as the suspension span of the West River bridge require to be replaced by a new one,	£200 0 0
Section second.—From New Glasgow to Antigonishe, viz : from New Glasgow to Sydney, Cape Breton line,	£400 0 0
from said Cape Breton line to Antigo- nishe,	350 0 0
Section third.—From Antigonishe to Strait of Canso, All which is respectfully submitted.	£300 0 0

ADAM MCKENZIE, supervisor.

To the honorable Lewis M. Wilkins,
provincial secretary, Halifax.

Pursuant to my instructions, I now beg leave to report for the information of the government, my doings as supervisor on the main post road in the county of Richmond, during the past year.

Early in the spring I completed the new section commenced last year at Thom's brook, and made expensive repairs along the line in opening side drains and rebuilding and repairing bridges. The sum appropriated for the road being only £250, and having to pay about £40 of that sum for over-expenditure made during the preceding autumn and winter, I found the balance left in my hands too small to enable me to place the whole route in proper repair, Thomas H. Fuller, esquire, therefore applied to the government for an advance of £50, but did not succeed in his application. An over-expenditure was then made between Ship Harbour and St. Peter's, to the amount of £25; but owing to the want of money in hand, and to the greater number of labourers being engaged either at the fisheries, or canal, or railroad, I found it impossible to make such repairs by over-expenditure during summer as the road required. Late in the fall however, all the small bridges and sluices were properly repaired, and two large ones between Cashe's and Irish Cove placed under contract. The worst parts of the road also were repaired, the whole at a cost (including the said over-expenditures, made in summer, as already stated) of about £90. I have also to state that there are other bridges on the road which are unsafe, but I am in hopes they will stand until spring. Nothing was done towards them last season, as I was averse to increasing the over-expenditure. The suspension bridge over the River Inhabitants still remains in a dangerous state, the want of means preventing any thing being done to it this year. More than one half the road is without side drains, and is consequently in a bad state, particularly during the spring and fall, as the soil is in general of a clayey nature. No statute labour has been performed upon this line, excepting at Ship Harbour and the Red Islands; and in the latter place, from the lateness of the season at the time it was performed, it had better not been done at all.

In most cases I could not procure cart, horse, and driver, for less than 10s. per day, that being the usual wages at the canal; and in order to have the work performed, I was obliged myself to pay the 2s. 6d. not allowed by law ; and in addition to this I was subjected to loss of time and expense from my instructions and proper papers not having been timeously forwarded to me.

The sum of £600, including over-expenditure above mentioned, would be required for the year 1856.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES McKENZIE, supervisor.

Barney's River, 4th February, 1856.

No. 46.

(See page 85.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Murphy, surveyor of ships, on behalf of himself and others, report of follows :

The committee after considering the subject referred to them, are not of opinion that it is necessary to alter the scale of fees in chapter II of the statutes of 1855, but recommend that the fees should remain as they are.

As regards the petition of William H. Harris and Charles Blanchard, sheriffs, they report by bill.

Committee-room, 7th March, 1856.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.
MARTIN I. WILKINS.
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.
JOHN J. MARSHALL.
THOMAS KILLAM.

No. 87.

(See page 78.)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Edward Archibald and C. H. Harrington, relating to claims on account of advances made to labourers on roads and bridges in the Island of Cape Breton in the year 1850 and 1851, beg leave to report as follows :

That they have carefully perused the petitions, and made such other enquiry in the matter as was within their reach, and have no reason to doubt the correctness of statements set forth in the petitions as to the heavy loss and serious inconvenience they have been put to ; yet the committee do not consider that the petitioners have any claim upon the funds of the province.

Your committee further state that the subject matter of their petitions has before engaged the attention of committees of the house, and reported against, and since then no new facts have been presented, therefore they do not recommend the house to grant the prayer of petitioners.

C. J. CAMPBELL.
THOMAS KILLAM.
HUGH MUNRO.

No. 48.

(See page 88.)

Amended rules for the regulation of the practice of the house of assembly, reported by the committee on that subject, and adopted by the house, 13th March, 1856.

1. On the first day of the opening of a new parliament, for *despatch of business*, the house shall be attended by the first clerk in the provincial secretary's office, or by such other person as may be commissioned, by the governor to act as clerk of the house, until a speaker and first clerk shall have been duly elected by the house.

2. Whenever the house shall be informed of the unavoidable absence of the speaker, a member to be elected by the house, on motion to be made and seconded, and whereon the question shall be put by the clerk, is to take the chair of the house for that day only; and in the event of the speaker's absence continuing for more than one day, such member or any other member who may be in like manner elected by the house, shall take the chair during such absence.

3. If it appear no notice being taken, or on a division of the house on a question taken, that twenty-four members besides the speaker are not present, the speaker shall adjourn the house, without a question first put, until the next sitting day at ten of the clock.

4. When the speaker is set in his chair, every member is to sit in his place, with his head covered.

5. No member in coming into the house, or in removing from his place, is to pass between the speaker and the member speaking, nor is any member to pass from the one side to the other while the house is sitting.

6. No member is to come into the house with his head covered, nor to move from one place to another with his hat on, nor put on his hat in coming in, nor until he be set down in his place.

7. While the house is sitting, no member is to speak to another, so as to interrupt the house when any member is speaking, or any bill, or other matter is being read to the house.

8. When any member intends to speak, he is to rise from his seat uncovered, and address himself to the speaker; and no member, while speaking, shall be interrupted by the speaker, or any other member.

9. When two or more members rise at once, the speaker shall decide which member is entitled first to speak, subject to appeal to the house.

10. When the speaker desires to speak, he is to be heard without interruption, and explain any bill or other matter, but not to sway the house with arguments, or take part in debate.

11. When a business is begun, and in debate, if any member speak on a new business, any member may, but the speaker ought, to interrupt him; and no member shall speak beside the question in debate.

12. If in debate, words be let fall by a member that give offence, the same shall be immediately noted down in writing at the instance of any member, by one of the clerks, and noticed in the house before any other member has spoken, or other business intervened, or otherwise, he who is offended may move any time during the same day, and before such offending person go out of the house, that such member may not go out of the house till he give satisfaction in what was by him spoken; and in case he desire, or the house command him to explain himself, he is immediately so to do, standing in his place; which if he refuse to do, or if the house be not satisfied with his explanation, then he is to be subject to the censure of the house.

13. Though freedom of speech, and debate, be the undoubted privilege of the house, yet whatsoever is spoken in the house, is subject to the censure of the house.

14. No member shall speak more than twice to any matter in the house, except in explanation of a material part of his speech that may have been misconceived, and then he is not to introduce new matter.

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15. A member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and all debate on the question of order shall take place before the decision of the speaker.

16. When the speaker, or any other member, speaks to order, the question of order must be decided previous to the debate, or other matter being proceeded in.

17. No motion or proposition of a subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under colour of amendment.

18. Amendments may be proposed to an amendment already proposed ; and if so, the amendment last proposed shall be first put.

19. The names shall be taken upon all questions, if required by any two members then present.

20. The names shall be taken in like manner when the house is in committee on the general state of the province.

21. The previous question shall be in this form, " shall the main question be now put" —when moved and seconded for that purpose, it shall put an end to the debate, and if it be carried in the affirmative, shall bring the house to a direct vote upon the question then before the house. If negatived, the debate shall proceed.

22. The previous question may also be used for avoiding a decision upon the question under consideration, in the same way as it is used in the house of commons.

23. The rules of the house shall be observed in committee of the whole, as far as they may be applicable.

24. In a committee of the whole, a motion that the chairman leave the chair shall always be in order, and take precedence of every other motion ; and when the motion is made on account of any question of order or privilege arising, the speaker shall resume the chair without discussion or vote of the committee.

25. No vote for granting any sum of money shall pass the house before the same shall have been agreed to in a committee of supply.

26. If any motion be made for any public aid, or charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereupon shall not presently be entered on, but adjourned till such further day as the house shall think fit to appoint, and shall be referred to a committee of the whole house, and their opinion reported before any resolution or vote of the house do pass thereon.

27. No motion for a vote of money shall be received in the committee of supply which shall not have been referred to such committee by the house, or be a part of the usual appropriations, unless notice of such motion shall have been entered at least one day previous thereto in a book to be kept for that purpose ; and all such motions shall be made in committee of supply, while such committee is open, in the order in which the notices therefor shall have been entered.

28. There shall be no motion received for rescinding any resolution or order of the house, unless notice has been given of such motion on the same day on which such resolution or order was passed ; and such motion shall only be made after reading the journal, and while there are no strangers present.

29. The seat of any member who shall be absent for two sessions consecutively shall be vacated.

30. If any member shall leave the house without permission first obtained from the house, he shall be subject to the censure of the house, and shall forfeit his pay.

31. No rule adopted by the house shall be dispensed with, unless by consent of at least two thirds of the members present.

32. In all cases, not otherwise ordered, the house will be guided by the rules, usage, and forms of the imperial parliament.

No. 49.

(See page 96.)

The 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 carefully examined the various accounts and vouchers submitted to them, and find the same correct.

Your committee observe that the revenue of the past year derived from impost and excise duties, including the duties on distillery licenses amounts to £94,538 8s. 6d. sterling.

The revenue of the year 1854, from the same sources amounted to £104,142 15s. 1d., shewing a difference in favor of the year 1854 of £9,604 6s. 7d. sterling.

The revenue from the same sources for 1853 amounted to £83,969 16s. 3d. which shews a balance in favor of 1855 over 1853 of £10,568 12s. 3d. sterling.

The principal articles on which the decrease during the past year has taken place are the goods chargeable with $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. *ad valorem* duties. The deficiency on these two items of the tariff amounts to £9,647 12s. 5d., or a sum exceeding the whole decrease of the year by £43 5s. 10d.

A further decrease of £2,170 1s. 2d. arises from the exceptions of the reciprocity treaty, but this is more than balanced by the additional duties arising from distilleries, molasses, tea and leather.

The light duties collected in 1855, amount to £5,767 2s. currency, equal to £4,613 13s. 7d. sterling. This branch of the revenue therefore shews a decrease as compared with 1854 of £834 4s. sterling. It is to be observed, however, that no returns have been received from the collector at the Strait of Canso since 30th June, 1855, and that from this source a sum of £500 sterling, or thereabouts, ought to be forthcoming, on the average of preceding years; and if this were counted, the actual decrease of the light duties would be inconsiderable.—Your committee feel it their duty to call the attention of the house and the government to this neglect of the collector at Canso, and think that no further delay should occur in having the accounts of that officer placed on a satisfactory footing.

They observe that orders amounting to the sum of £1,069 17s. 10d. given by masters of vessels in payment of light duties upon their owners or consignees, have accumulated in the hands of this officer to the 31st December, 1854. In addition to this sum the returns of the officer for the past year, when made, will in all probability add largely to the amount of this unsatisfactory debt. It is exceedingly doubtful whether any part of it will ever be received; and your committee observing the unsatisfactory nature of this service, beg to recommend that the government should adopt some more efficient mode of collecting the light duties at the Strait of Canso, or else abandon their collection there.

By the account current of the receiver general, printed in the appendix to the journal, No. 1, it appears that the balance in the hands of that officer on the 31st December, 1855 amounted to £23,730 3s. 10d.; the balance in his hands on the 31st December 1854 was £11,226 0s. 8d.

The committee subjoin a statement of the amounts due on the 31st December, 1855, from the various collectors of impost, excise and light duties, by which it appears there was due from those officers at that day the sum of £5,104 15s. 11d.—since that period there has been paid into the treasury the sum of £4,595 7s. 11d., leaving a balance of £509 8s. still due by those officers. This amount is independent of what may be due from the collector of light duties at the Strait of Canso, and also from the collector of Cornwallis, for the quarter ending 31st December last, of which no returns have yet been received, and which ought to be called for without delay.

(For statement see appendix A.)

This

This statement is upon the whole satisfactory. On the 31st December, 1854, the amount in the hands of the same officers was £7,354 18s. 3d., and the payments made before the committee on public accounts reported amounted to £6,724 4s. 6d., reducing the balance in the hands of the collectors to £640 13s. 9d. In reference to the foregoing account, your committee call attention of the house to the amount due by the collector of Parrsborough; this sum ought to be paid into the revenue without further delay.

The amounts paid into the treasury during the year 1855 from the casual and territorial revenue are as follows:

(See appendix B.)

The gross proceeds of the lands sold and applied for during 1855, amount to	£10,184 3 6
The nett proceeds, after deducting the monies returned to applicants and charges, amount to	6,687 4 9
Add to this the balance in hand 31st December, 1854,	31 10 3
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	£6,718 15 0
Of which has been paid into the treasury,	5,500 0 0
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Leaving in the hands of the commissioner, since paid over	1,218 15 0

The whole revenue for 1855 may be stated as follows:

(See appendix C.)

The whole revenue for 1854 may be stated as follows:

(See appendix D.)

The amounts expended during the past year, in different departments of the public service, are as follows:

First—The expenditure of the board of public works is exhibited in the following general abstract, which shews also the different sources from which the monies expended by them have been received, and also sets forth a balance of £5,804 6s. 7d. due to the board on the 31st December, 1855.

(See appendix E.)

Your committee feel it proper to notice that they have observed in the accounts of the board of works, some small charges which they think unnecessary, and they cannot recommend too strongly the necessity of the most rigid economy in respect of a department charged with such large disbursements.

Secondly—The expenditure by the commissioners of St. Peter's canal is exhibited in the following statement.

(See appendix F.)

By this appears that the sum expended in 1855, was	£2,581 12 8½
The amount paid to Captain Barry,	60 0 0
Add the expenditure in 1854,	1,508 0 0
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And the whole expenditure in this service is

There is a balance in the hands of the commissioners of £448 7s. 3½d. to their credit in the bank of Nova Scotia.

The expenditure on the railway by the commissioners during the past year has been	£146,194 5 0½
In the year 1854 it was	56,288 2 6
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Making in all

£202,481 7 6½
There

There has been paid to the commissioners by the receiver general to the 31st December, 1855, £206,075 17 8

Leaving in the hands of the board at that day in cash, 3,593 10 1½
 Of the sum paid by the receiver general on account of the railway, there has been supplied from the new issue of notes, 45,000 0 0
 From the Savings' bank loan, 42,000 0 0
 From the general revenue, 13,000 0 0

Amounting in all to 100,000 0 0
 The remaining sum of } 106,075 17 8

Has been drawn, £206,075 17 8

First—From the proceeds of provincial debentures sold within the province; and *secondly*, from those sold to Baring & Brothers.

Of the proceeds of the latter debentures, the sum of about £100,000 remains still available.

Your committee subjoin a balance sheet exhibiting the state of the books of the commissioners to the 31st December, 1855.

(See appendix G.)

Your committee have enquired into the expenditure of the monies granted for the colored population, which amounted to the sum of £190, as per annexed abstract, but there are no vouchers for the expenditure, except for Halifax; Cumberland has received its grant, and sent vouchers since 31st December, 1855.

(See appendix H.)

Your committee report a list of undrawn monies, exclusively of road grants, to 31st December, 1855.

(See appendix I.)

Your committee also report a list of monies undrawn for roads.

(See appendix J.)

Your committee also report a list of the undrawn grammar school monies.

(See appendix K.)

Your committee have received from the provincial secretary £4,000 in torn and defaced province notes, which they have destroyed.

There have been issued during the past year £34,000 in province notes of the new issue, which added to the £11,000 reported last year, makes in all £45,000 of the new issue.

There has been borrowed from the Savings' bank during 1855, the sum of £21,500 0 0
 Which added to the sum borrowed in 1854, 20,500 0 0

Makes in all the sum of 42,000 0 0
 received from the Savings' bank under the acts of 1854 and 1855.

The whole amount of the provincial indebtedness appears to your committee to be as follows:

Amount of province notes, old issue, in circulation. 31st Dec., 1855, £59,682 0 0
 Amount of funded debt, deposits in Savings' bank, to 31st Dec., 1855, 50,000 0 0
 undrawn of roads and bridges, 3,114 9 11
 Amount

Amount undrawn for other services,	£25,436	5	0
due board of works for different services,	5,804	6	7
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	£144,037	1	6

CONTRA—Cr.

Balance in hands of receiver general, to 31st Dec., 1855,	£23,680	3	10
due from collectors of colonial duties,	5,400	0	0
due from casual revenue,	9,560	12	11
due Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island for lights,	1,271	1	9
due from counties for advance for road service,	1,759	7	4
due Dalhousie college,	5,000	0	0
due railway to general revenue,	13,000	0	0
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		59,671	5 10
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		84,365	15 8
Province notes, new issue, appropriated to railway purposes,	£45,000	0	0
Additional deposits in Savings' bank, under acts of 1854 and 1855, appropriated to railway purposes,	42,000	0	0
Advance to railway out of debentures sold in Nova Scotia,	16,750	0	0
Advance to railway out of debentures sold to Baring and Brothers,	85,732	7	6½
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	£189,482	7	6½
Cost of railway,	202,482	7	6½

Due provincial revenue £13,000, being amount advanced therefrom.

Your committee annex the annual abstract of the Savings' bank for the year 1855, shewing a balance in the hands of the cashier of £364 14 2.

(See appendix L.)

Your committee are informed by the provincial secretary, that the government of Nova Scotia are in correspondence with the Prussian government, in reference to the amount advanced from the treasury on account of the passengers per the ship Arcadia wrecked on Sable Island in 1854, and that the amount which is about £700 is likely to be refunded.

There has likewise been paid out of the treasury the sum of £39 10s. for the maintenance of imperial officers on their way to Bermuda, which amount has been refunded, and will appear in next year's accounts.

Your committee report the estimate furnished by the financial secretary of the probable assets and expenditure of the present year.

(See appendix M.)

They are happy to perceive that after making due allowance for the permanent and other usual grants, and adding the sum required for the payment of the interest on the rail road debentures for the present year, a balance will remain sufficiently large to enable

enable the house to appropriate towards the road and bridge service, from £35,000 to £40,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

STALEY BROWN, chairman.
JOHN MORTON.
T. D. ARCHIBALD.
Committee of council.

JOHN ESSON, chairman.
THOMAS KILLAM.
JOHN LOCKE.
ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.
CORNELIUS WHITE.
Committee of house of assembly.

(A.)

LIGHT, IMPOST AND EXCISE.

Balances due by collectors 31st December, 1855.

Since paid.					
£135	12 5.	Halifax,			£135 12 5
20	7 9.	Halifax light,			20 7 9
15	0 0.	Advocate Harbor,			23 19 2
458	12 7.	Amherst,			459 4 3
190	18 8.	Annapolis,			190 18 7
118	0 0.	Antigonish,			122 2 9
75	17 6.	Arichat,			133 18 7
49	18 11.	Barrington,			49 18 11
		Ditto late collector,	24 16 10		
12	12 10.	Beaver River,			12 12 10
145	0 4.	Bridgetown,			145 0 4
		Bridgeport,			0 18 3
95	8 6.	Canada Creek,			95 8 6
108	16 6.	Church Point,			108 8 5
61	0 0.	Clementsport,			61 0 0
		Cornwallis,			
0	10 10.	Cape Canso,			0 10 10
85	0 0.	Canso Strait, McKeen,			
		Ditto Hadley, old balance	46 1 5		
493	6 9.	Digby,			493 6 9
63	9 0.	French Cross,			63 9 0
5	0 1.	Great Bras d'Or,			6 7 10
		Guysborough, late collector	5 7 2		
23	9 1.	Hantsport,			23 9 1
9	0 0.	Harbor au Bouche,			10 8 4
100	0 0.	Horton,			161 19 1
99	9 10.	Joggins Mines,			99 9 10
124	15 0.	La Have,			124 15 0
423	18 10.	Liverpool,			423 17 8
		Ditto J. Newton, old balance	40 1 9		
169	5 6.	Londonderry,			169 5 9
0	13 0.	Lunenburg,			0 13 0
92	19 5.	Maitland,			92 19 5
20	7 2.	McNair's Cove,			20 7 2
267	2 5.	North Sydney,			274 4 10
		Parrsborough,			286 1 4

Since paid.					
£117	0 8.	Pictou,			£117 0 8
9	7 11.	Port Hood,			9 7 11
70	0 0.	Port Medway,			110 3 1
		Ditto	late collector	2 16 7	
8	16 11.	Pubnico,			8 16 11
116	9 0.	Pugwash,			116 17 1
9	3 2.	Ragged Islands,			9 3 2
65	0 0.	Sydney, C. B.			90 0 2
5	7 6.	Sandy Cove,			4 13 10
		Sheet Harbor,			10 18 6
25	12 3.	Shelburne,			25 12 3
		Ship Harbor,			16 8 6
2	1 3.	St. Ann's,			2 1 3
11	1 10.	Tatamagouche,			11 1 10
19	3 1.	Thorne's Cove,			19 3 1
165	19 2.	Truro,			165 19 2
		Ditto	late collector	6 3 8	
63	6 3.	Tusket,			63 8 4
12	15 5.	Wallace,			13 11 8
5	12 10.	Walton,			5 12 10
35	0 0.	Westport,			33 12 9
58	19 1.	Weymouth,			59 1 1
206	10 0.	Wilmot,			275 12 2
		Windsor,			5 14 0
122	8 8.	Yarmouth,			119 19 0
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£4595	7 11				£5104 15 11

(B.)

Abstract of sums received on account of casual revenue between 1st January and 31st December, 1855.

1855.

Jan'y 11.—By received for half years rent of coal mines,	£1875	0	0	
May 7.—Ditto for royalty on coal mines,	5133	7	3	
Ditto ditto,	3152	0	11	
July 24.—Ditto half years rent ditto,	1875	0	0	
Ditto one years lease duke of York's rent,	1	5	0	
	<hr/>			12,036 13 2
Jan. 16.—Ditto fees from secretary's office,	217	15	0	
June 2.—Ditto ditto,	200	0	0	
July 21.—Ditto ditto,	52	10	2	
28.—Ditto ditto,	100	0	0	
Dec. 11.—Ditto ditto,	261	0	0	
	<hr/>			831 5 2
Jan'y 23.—Ditto commissioner of crown lands,	1500	0	0	
March 24.—Ditto ditto,	1000	0	0	
July 11.—Ditto ditto,	2000	0	0	
Sept. 19.—Ditto ditto,	1000	0	0	
	<hr/>			5500 0 0
	<hr/>			£18,367 18 4

Statement

(C.)

Statement of the provincial revenue for the year 1855.

Impost and excise duties, including licenses to distilleries,	£118,173	0	7
Light duties,	5,767	2	0
Due from provincial secretary's office for fees,	858	12	5
ditto crown land department,	6,687	4	9
ditto mining association, including the sum of £3,152 0 11 due for slack coal raised in 1851, 1852, and 1853,	12,466	15	0
	<u>£143,952</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>

(D.)

Statement of the provincial revenue for the year 1854.

Impost and excise duties, including licenses to distilleries,	130,178	8	10
Light duties,	6,809	17	0
Due from provincial secretary's office for fees,	809	11	2
ditto crown land department,	11,127	19	4
ditto mining association,	9,198	6	0
	<u>£158,124</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

(E.)

*(See page 75.)*1855. DR. *Province of Nova Scotia in account with the board of works.*

1854.

Dec. 31.—To balance due to date,			£4279	19	2
Hospital for insane,	2836	13	9		
Penitentiary,	1214	10	0		
Sable Island,	1304	4	6		
Daring,	702	19	11		
Acadienne,	3440	8	0		
Light-house service, including St. Paul's and Scattarie,	10,060	3	0		
Public buildings,	4873	8	10		
Board of works salaries,	637	9	0		
Advertising, post office, and various charges,	59	12	4		
Amount paid to receiver general for light houses, Sable Island, &c. &c.	2219	10	2	27,348	19 6
				<u>£31,628</u>	<u>18 8</u>

1855.

Dec. 31.—To balance brought down, 5804 6 7

CR.

By cash from receiver general for 1854,			£4279	19	2
do. do. 1855,			18,970	0	10
do. Penitentiary,	13	16	6		
do. Daring,	380	7	2		

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By amount Acadienne's freight,	£30	0	0	
Sable Island,	1970	11	3	
Light-house service,	109	2	9	
Public buildings,	70	14	5	2574 12 1
Balance carried down,				5804 6 7
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				£31,628 18 8

Halifax, N. S., December, 1855.

H. BELL, chairman board of works.

(F.)

(See page 61.)

The province of Nova Scotia in account with the commissioners of St. Peter's canal.

DR.

1855.

Dec. 31.—To paid G. T. Handley as compensation for damage to barn, forge, &c.	1.	£30	0	0
paid McLeod, contractor for removing buildings, &c. from canal ground,	2.	70	0	0
paid McKenzie, surveyor, per bill,	3.	2	18	0
paid Ward for advertising,	4.	1	5	0
paid A. McPherson, for deb. tools,	5.	0	12	0
paid construction of bridge,	6.	66	3	4
paid John McLeod, contractor for excavating 39,600 cubic yards at 1s. 1d.	7.			
		£2145	0	0
Less 60 ft. reserved		128	15	3
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		2016	4	9
paid C. W. Folsam, engineer, per account,	8.	266	11	11½
paid David Landry, ferryman,	9.	4	11	0
paid George E. Jean, esquire, registrar,	10.	0	8	0
commission on £2458 14 0 at 5 per cent.		122	18	8
balance remaining in bank of Nova Scotia, to credit of commissioners,		448	7	3½
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		£3030	0	0

CONTRA.—CR.

1855.

Dec. 31.—By amounts placed to our credit with Bank Nova Scotia, by receiver general,	3000	0	0
amount of tools sold to contractor,	30	0	0
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Errors and omissions excepted.	3030	0	0

Arichat, December 31st, 1855.

JAMES McLEOD, } Commissioners of
ISAAC LEVISCOUTE. } St. Peter's canal.

THOMAS H. FULLER.

Balance

(G.)

Balance, December, 1855.		Dr.	Cr.
1.	Cash,	£78 17 0½	
7.	Bank,	3514 13 1	
20.	The receiver general,		206,075 17 8
26.	Premium and discount,		73 11 9½
36.	Baring, Brothers & co.		12,408 15 8½
58.	Wheelbarrows,	23 15 4½	
67.	Insurance account,	150 7 6	
72.	Sleepers,	2,576 7 11	
89.	Materials,	330 3 0	
96.	Iron rails,	45,684 16 0	
103.	William Marshall,		62 10 0
105.	Office furniture,	153 12 8	
115.	Firewood,	143 9 8½	
122.	Station house, &c., at terminus,	1,444 4 7	
124.	Spikes,	1,330 14 4½	
126.	Iron chairs,	10,582 9 0½	
132.	Permanent way,	54,535 6 7	
140.	Switches and crossings,	998 19 10½	
141.	Keys,	1,324 14 4	
142.	Wharf,	618 17 1	
143.	Gunpowder,	22 14 4	
147.	Creelman & co.	18,278 3 11½	
148.	Peckford & co.	59 6 6	
157.	Elias Woodworth,	0 1 6	
161.	Rolling stock,	13,082 16 2	
167.	William McCully,		48 11 7
174.	Thomas Hanright,	27 10 0	
176.	Omnibuses,	329 3 0	
184.	John Stairs,		220 1 7
188.	Interest account,		112 15 7½
149.	Joseph Jennings & son,		59 10 8
151.	Thomson & Esson,		15 15 0
191.	Sawing machine,	392 15 0	
192.	Blacksmith shop,	81 19 1½	
193.	William Grant,	2514 0 3	
194.	Robert Graham,	130 0 0	
198.	Governor's farm,		9 3 2
199.	Thomas Shey,	64 17 6	
202.	Robert Caudle & co.	1,774 12 7	
203.	Bridge at Sackville,	2,937 10 4½	
205.	William Fairbairn & sons, Manchester,	1,000 0 0	
210.	Williams Adams,	435 9 9½	
213.	Wheels and axels per "Plantagenet"	479 11 5½	
215.	Brickmaking machine,	936 10 2½	
218.	Station at Sackville,	519 2 7½	
221.	Stairs, Son & Morrow,		89 1 2
222.	Black, McDonald & Irons,	21,297 9 0	
230.	Survey into Halifax,	10 15 6	
232.	Angus Campbell,		1 2 6
234.	Executive government,	306 2 3	
240.	Scows,	77 10 0	
244.	King, Brothers,	13 18 9	

248.

248.	Lumber, timber, &c.	£586	19	9½			
252.	Revenue,				901	18	3
256.	Thomas Foot,	51	0	0			
268.	McDonald & Simpson,	48	2	10			
270.	Uniforms, guards, &c.	2	15	3			
272.	— Mitchell,	5	0	0			
278.	Contract, No. 4, trunk line,	1,388	12	6			
282.	Station at 9 mile house,	3	10	8			
288.	Express waggons,	66	12	2½			
290.	Johnson & Dimock,	223	14	4			
294.	Blacksmith shop at Sackville,	44	2	2			
306.	Cameron & co., contract No. 4, west branch,	12,832	0	0			
314.	Cameron & co., general account,	204	18	0			
332.	Thomas Gahegan,	185	13	10			
334.	Locomotive & cars,				22	2	7
338.	Cameron & co., contract No. 3, west branch,	2,238	0	0			
342.	McDonald & Simpson, No. 5, west branch,	2,141	0	0			
346.	Contract, No. 3,	137	5	3			
348.	Embankment across Rocky Lake,	833	6	8			
352.	Bridge at Fletcher's,	722	1	0½			
356.	Chairs and spikes, per "Highland Mary",	1,382	8	9			
358.	Henry Yeoman's,				37	15	0
360.	Edward Goudge,				47	17	6
362.	Cameron & co., contract No. 1, west branch,	2,145	0	0			
366.	Contract at Sackville bridge,	159	7	10½			
370.	New engine house,	64	16	0			
372.	Alexander Stewart,				162	10	0
374.	Freight of iron,	653	4	8½			
376.	McDonald & Simpson, contract, No. 2.	2,094	0	0			
380.	Donald Fraser,	3,726	6	2			
382.	Alexander Moir,	32	10	0			
383.	Rock cutting, contract 4,	188	9	11			
384.	John Kennedy,	8	0	0			
385.	James Bowes & son,				78	12	3
378.	P. M. Cunningham,				6	9	0½
386.	George Smithers,				36	14	3
388.	Freight of iron up the road,	38	9	4			
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		£220,570	15	4	220,470	15	4

Errors and omissions excepted.
Halifax, 31st December, 1855.

(H.)

Granted to coloured population, and drawn previous to 31st December, 1855.

Hants county,	£10	0	0
Queen's county,	10	0	0
Yarmouth,	10	0	0
Guysboro',	10	0	0
Annapolis,	10	0	0
Sydney,	10	0	0
Shelburne,	10	0	0
Digby,	10	0	0

King's

King's county,	£10	0	0
Halifax,	100	0	0
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	£190	0	0
1856.			
Jan'y 30.—Cumberland county,	10	0	0

(I.)

Undrawn monies, 31st December, 1855.

Ferries,	£1,359	10	0
Bahama grant,	17	7	5
Salaries,	4,127	10	0
Education,	661	2	3
Revenue expenses,	3,430	0	0
Agriculture,	79	3	4
Navigation securities,	2,770	2	6
Post communication,	574	14	1
Lunatic asylum,	9,913	6	3
River fisheries,	435	0	0
Road compensation,	170	0	0
Drawbacks,	24	16	10
Public printing,	6	10	0
Transient paupers,	2	1	3
Militia,	520	0	0
Grant to two blind children,	25	0	0
Furniture to government house,	1,170	1	1
Dawson's work on agriculture,	150	0	0
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	£25,436	5	0

(J.)

UNDRAWN ROAD MONIES—31st DECEMBER, 1855.

Annapolis.

No. 38	Philip Dukeshire,	1853,	£7	10	0
132	Josiah S. Harris,	"	10	0	0
27	Elliot Sproul,	1854,	25	0	0
74	John Munro,	"	2	2	2
147	Alfred Munro,	"	1	1	3
24	J. Anderson,	"	0	1	6
27	John Brenton,	1855,	5	0	0
55	George Orde,	"	37	0	0
46	Jonathan Miller,	"	10	0	0
76	Jacob Kempton,	"	1	15	6
98	John Stoddard,	"	15	0	0
99	Robert Stoddard,	"	10	0	0
130	Harris Ward,	"	5	0	0
132	Thomas Moody,	"	5	0	0
140	Benjamin Brown,	"	5	19	3
		"	15	10	10
151	Josiah S. Harris,	"	15	0	0
168	Samuel Parker,	"	7	10	0
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			£178	10	6
			Colchester		

			<i>Colchester.</i>		
32	80, 207, 189, 104,	1853,	£0	14	4
123	James Seaton,	1854,	3	0	0
44	John McLaughlin,	1855,	4	0	0
47	James Dismore,	"	3	0	0
50	Robert Atken,	"	3	0	0
73	Simpson,	"	3	0	0
79	John Fletcher,	"	0	1	0
92	Joshua Corbet,	"	4	0	0
94	Alex. Vance,	"	5	0	0
96	Ferguson McNutt,	"	5	0	0
97	Francis Fulton,	"	3	0	0
117		"	7	10	0
122		"	6	0	0
132	David Archibald,	"	3	0	0
138		"	4	0	0
171	John Higgins,	"	5	0	0
231		"	0	13	9
243		"	0	10	0
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			60	9	1

			<i>Cumberland</i>		
104	Daniel McLeod,	1852,	10	0	0
130		"	15	2	9
132		1853,	10	0	0
142	James Ward,	"	6	0	0
144		"	5	0	0
	Sundries,	"	0	7	3
81	Aaron Ross,	1854,	5	0	0
104	Nelson Forrest,	"	5	0	0
124	Charles Baker, junr.	"	10	0	0
130	Josiah Ruscoe,	"	5	4	9
137	Nathan Noulton,	"	5	0	0
138	John Noulton,	"	10	0	0
143	J. H. Newcombe,	"	10	0	0
154	Wm. Tinpell,	"	5	0	0
158		"	35	0	0
160		"	53	14	0
55		"	1	9	8
64		"	0	3	0
69	Aaron Ross,	1855,	5	0	0
78	William Taylor,	"	5	0	0
92	Joseph Chappel,	"	5	0	0
96	Thompson Bond,	"	10	0	0
97	Henry Purdy,	"	4	11	10
129	John Knowlton,	"	7	10	0
130	William Eldrikin,	"	10	0	0
134	William Leech,	"	7	0	0
135	William Skidmore,	"	8	0	0
143	Joshua Ward,	"	5	0	0
145	Gaius Lewis,	"	7	10	0
149		"	4	3	2
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			270	16	5
			Cape		

Cape Breton.

2		1855,	£10	0	0	
75	John W. Swaine,	"	5	0	0	
78	Malcom Johnston,	"	5	0	0	
88		"	15	9	7	
104		"	0	0	9	
109		"	15	0	0	
112		"	12	10	0	
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Digby.

95	Daniel Rice,	1850,	9	17	0	
69	Luke Therrio,	1853,	10	0	0	
	Sundries,	"	0	15	0	
17	Jacob Roop,	1854,	2	0	0	
31	George Cook,	"	0	3	0	
63	William Harris,	"	0	4	0	
92	William Mann,	"	12	0	0	
93	Luke Therrio,	"	5	0	0	
10	Daniel Rice,	1855,	5	0	0	
13	Robert Haines,	"	13	0	0	
25	John Brophy,	"	0	7	6	
43	Maurice Melanson,	"	10	0	0	
53		"	8	0	0	
55	Richard Clarke,	"	12	0	0	
69	James Ray,	"	12	0	0	
71		"	12	0	0	
77	Ceril Melanson,	"	20	0	0	
87	William Berry,	"	10	0	0	
108	Janvray Mallet,	"	9	0	0	
144	Charles F. Comeau,	"	10	0	0	
147	Glaude Termeth,	"	7	0	0	
154	George Derous,	"	15	0	0	
173	Stephen Marshall,	"	1	0	0	
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Guysborough.

36	Thomas Cooper,	1852,	1	0	0	
	Sundries,	1853,	1	8	0	
74	Ira Whitman,	1854,	20	0	0	
76	Andrew Hall,	"	5	0	0	
82	Elie Maltre,	"	5	0	0	
30	1s. 5d. 35 8s.	"	0	9	5	
6	Daniel Kennedy,	1855,	2	0	0	
18	James A. Tony,	"	25	0	0	
30	George Norriss,	"	0	4	0	
31		"	4	0	0	
32		"	0	2	0	
34	David Archibald,	"	20	0	0	
42		"	10	0	0	
44	Samuel Rude,	"	7	10	0	
69		"	7	10	0	
81		"	0	6	0	
88	Alexander Fraser,	"	10	0	0	
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Halifax,

Halifax.

7		1855,	£0	16	4
10	Alexander Hubley,	"	0	1	6
31	John Drysdale,	"	0	0	3
39	Benjamin Umlah,	"	5	0	0
42	William Shea,	"	0	0	3
44	Philip Fink,	"	3	0	0
56	Contingencies,	"	0	8	9
59	James Myers,	"	20	0	0
66	John Leslie,	"	0	2	0
81	Peter Mosher,	"	10	0	0
84	William Anderson,	"	5	0	0
88	ditto,	"	10	0	0
94		"	5	10	0
135	Charles Hamilton,	"	12	10	0
137		"	4	4	10

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Hants.

79	Dougald McDonald,	1852,	5	0	0
25	John Murphy,	1853,	5	0	0
25	John Murphy,	1854,	2	10	0
139	William Davison,		5	0	0
40	5s. 7l, 2s. 6d., 94, 2s. 9d., 98, 3s., 105, 1s. 6d. 124, 1s.	1854,	0	15	9
10	Philip Harvey,	1855,	5	0	0
12	William McKay,	"	5	0	0
18	John A. Burgess,	"	5	0	0
20	William Reynolds,	"	2	10	0
23	Eben Sweet,	"	4	10	0
32	John McDonald,	"	8	0	0
53	James Ellis,	"	6	0	0
66	John Wright, junr.	"	8	0	0
127		"	8	0	0
142	Edward Stoddart,	"	10	0	0
144	William Davison,	"	5	0	0
146	Jonathan Smith,	"	6	0	0
152	William Chambers,	"	46	13	4

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Inverness.

134	Campbell and Miller,	1852,	1	0	0
148	P. Godet,	"	3	0	0
156	McDonald & McKeen,	"	7	10	0
157	John McGregor,	"	7	0	0
123	Malcolm McKay,	1853,	4	16	0
	Sundries,	"	0	16	0
30	John McDonald,	1854,	15	0	0
78	Donald Campbell,	"	7	0	0
137		"	50	0	0
	Sundries,	"	0	10	11
27	H. McMasters,	1855,	15	0	0
41	Malcom McKay,	"	35	0	0
44	John McAuley,	"	5	0	0
46	Malcolm McKay,	"	5	0	0
48	Alexander Chisholm,	"	15	0	0

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52	Donald McKay,	1855,	£5	0	0
54	D. McDonald, (big)	"	15	0	0
55	John Murray, esq.	"	15	0	0
63	Archibald Campbell,	"	15	0	0
92	Angus Campbell,	"	10	0	0
99	Neil Campbell,	"	7	0	0
102	Harding Smith,	"	10	0	0
112	J. McFarlane,	"	7	0	0
125	Rev. H. J. Chenal,	"	10	0	0
143	John McFarlane,	"	20	0	0
145	G. C. Lawrence,	"	100	0	0
146	Reserved,	"	30	13	6
	Sundries	"	0	8	7

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King's.

185		1853,	5	0	0
188	Robert King,	"	5	0	0
	Bal. from Nos. 95, 193,	"	4	12	9
	and 199,	"			
18	Nathan Firt,	1854,	6	0	0
23	A. Beckwith,	"	6	0	0
60	Joseph Kinsman,	"	5	0	0
66	William Thomas,	"	10	0	0
94	William A. Foot,	"	4	0	0
	Unappropriated,	"	15	0	0
116	Thomas Fansworth,	"	20	0	0
118		"	7	10	0
123	William Cregly,	"	6	0	0
144	Benjamin Spring,	"	5	0	0
	Unappropriated,	"	12	1	3
168	George Harvey,	"	10	0	0
200	Unappropriated,	"	0	1	6
22	2s. 130 4s.	"	0	6	0
104	Samuel Beckwith,	"	3	0	0
5	Ephraim Patterson,	1855,	14	0	0
15	Patrick Sarsfield,	"	6	0	0
29	George Newcombe,	"	5	0	0
36	Joel Cogswell,	"	7	0	0
41	Richard Woodsworth,	"	6	0	0
48	Ephraim Terry,	"	5	0	0
51	Judah Wells,	"	5	0	0
59		"	23	6	8
68	Isaiah Shaw,	"	5	0	0
71	William Logan,	"	4	0	0
77	Campbell Ruggles,	"	8	0	0
80		"	5	0	0
93	Enoch Condon,	"	5	0	0
99	Sydney Shaw,	"	20	0	0
112	Cyrus Atwell,	"	12	10	0
113	James Nowlin,	"	5	0	0
116	James T. Davison,	"	5	0	0
121	J. L. Pelton,	"	10	0	0
132	J. Forsyth & D. O'Leary	"	50	0	0

147	Unappropriated,	1855,	£53	12	2
	Over-expenditure 1854,	"	3	1	9
152	William McKittrick,	"	0	10	0
187	William Patterson,	"	0	1	9
190	Unappropriated cross road money,	"	28	6	3
196	Thomas Welden,	"	44	11	4
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Lunenburg.

42		1854,	1	10	0
109	Jacob Will,	"	10	0	0
168	L. Wambolt,	"	2	0	0
177	Jno. Frank,	"	1	15	0
	Sundries,	"	0	8	3
41	Edward Vienot,	1855,	12	0	0
143	Unappropriated,	"	4	2	9
167	John Publicover,	"	10	0	0
184		"	300	0	0
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Pictou.

134	D. McKay,	1854,	2	19	3
89	3s. 158, 11s.	"	0	14	0
17		1855,	0	12	7
23		"	3	17	6
26		"	0	13	0
28		"	1	0	0
32		"	1	0	0
48		"	1	8	5
51		"	1	0	0
62		"	60	0	0
68		"	0	2	0½
73		"	0	2	9
75		"	100	0	0
80		"	24	0	6
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Queen's.

	Sundries,	1853,	3	7	9
89	Benjamin Pazant,	1854,	5	0	0
10	Thomas Leslie,	1855,	0	2	0
12	Solomon Lewis,	"	10	0	0
48	Simon Hunt,	"	5	0	0
68	Michael McDonald,	"	10	0	0
69	Neal McDonald,	"	7	10	0
78	Barnabas Freeman,	"	15	0	0
90	John Armstrong,	"	5	0	0
97	James Purdy,	"	0	12	3
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Richmond.

	Sundries,	1853,	0	7	6
15		1854,	0	2	0
0	Angus McDonald,	1855,	2	0	0

Murdoch

	Murdoch Smith,	1855,	£0	8	11	
18	Malcolm McDonald,	"	14	0	0	
20		"	0	12	6	
34	Maurice Kavanagh,	"	10	0	0	
57		"	0	8	3	
63		"	11	0	0	
79		"	50	0	0	
117	Hypolite Marmand,	"	8	0	0	
119	Unappropriated,	"	10	0	4	
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	<i>Sydney.</i>					
	Fraser and McKenzie,	1851,	2	12	0	
	Sundries,	1553,	0	7	6	
48		1854,	3	7	4	
102	John Bown,	"	5	0	0	
	Sundries,	"	2	5	2	
21	Angus McDonald,	1855,	4	0	0	
42	William McDonald,	"	5	0	0	
		"	0	0	6	
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	<i>Shelburne.</i>					
	Sundries,	1853,	0	12	4	
99	William McQuhae,	1854,	1	6	9	
	A. Hamilton,	"	7	13	6	
59	2s. 106, 12s. 6d.	"	0	14	6	
39	Thomas Crowell,	1855,	8	0	0	
43	John Pazant,	"	0	5	0	
72	Joshua Nickerson,	"	0	3	9	
73	Daniel Smith, junr ,	"	0	2	5	
76	Josiah Snow, junr.,	"	0	6	8	
88	Herman Kenny,	"	0	9	11	
93	Stephen Banks,	"	0	4	6	
	Unappropriated,	"	5	0	0	
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	<i>Victoria.</i>					
14		1853,	2	5	0	
4		1854,	10	0	0	
7		1855,	116	13	4	
9	Francis W. McKenzie,	"	80	0	0	
26		"	10	0	0	
34	John Munro,	"	12	10	0	
44		"	4	0	0	
47 & 48	John Munro;	"	89	6	9	
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	<i>Yarmouth.</i>					
35	Leon Porter,	1855,	1	8	0	
51	David Saunders,	"	23	0	0	
64	John Parry,	"	10	0	0	
107	Samuel Holmes,	"	20	0	0	
121		"	16	5	0	
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31st December, 1855.

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Undrawn grammar school monies for 1855.

Halifax—western division,				£50	0	0
Guysboro'—St. Mary's district,	4	3	4			
“ Guysboro' district,	50	0	0			
				54	3	4
Cumberland—Eastern district,	28	2	6			
“ Parrsboro' “	25	0	0			
				53	2	6
Digby—Clare district,	33	6	8			
Yarmouth—Argyle district,	33	6	8			
Inverness—South district,	30	11	0			
Annapolis,	50	0	0			
Hants—Rawdon district,	11	11	2			
Sydney,	10	10	0			
Pictou—South district,	16	13	4			
“ North district,	8	6	8	25	0	0
				351	11	4

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Annual abstract of the accounts of the Halifax Savings' bank for the year 1855.

1854.						
December 31—To balance,				£306	15	2
1855.						
March 12—To this sum being interest on £20,500 received and paid between 1st January and 31st December, 1854, on broken periods,				270	12	3
December 31—To this sum received from depositors between the 1st January and 31st December, 1855,				42,882	14	5
Ditto To one years interest on £70,500, at 4 per cent.				2,820	0	0
Ditto To interest on £19,500, paid between 16th January and 31st December, on broken periods,				333	13	3
				£46,613	15	1
1855.						
December 31st—By this sum repaid depositors between 1st January and this date,				24,487	10	5
By interest paid thereon,				255	12	9
By this sum paid into the treasury between 16th January and this date, under acts passed in 1854 and 1855,				21,500	0	0
By this sum paid for expenses of management,				5	17	9
				46,249	0	11
By balance,				364	14	2
				£46,613	15	1

Savings' bank office,
Halifax, 31st December, 1855.

E. DUCKETT, cashier.

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Statement of the probable assets of the province of Nova Scotia for the year 1856.

Balance in the hands of the receiver general 31st Dec., 1855,	£23,680	3	10
Due from collectors of colonial duties,	5,400	0	0
Casual revenue,	9,560	12	11
Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, for lights,	1,271	1	9
Counties for advances for road service,	1,759	7	4
	<u>£41,671</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>

PROBABLE RECEIPTS.

From collector of excise at Halifax,	£92,000	0	0
Collectors at outports,	23,000	0	0
Collectors of light duty,	5,000	0	0
Casual revenue,	10,000	0	0
Distilleries,	6,500	0	0
	<u>136,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		178,171	5 10
Deduct undrawn monies for roads and bridges,	3,114	9	11
For other services,	25,436	5	0
Balance due board of works,	5,804	6	7
	<u>34,355</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
		143,816	4 4
Deduct ordinary and legislative appropriation, viz :			
Salaries of lieut-governor and public officers,	15,910	0	0
Legislative expenses,	7,000	0	0
Revenue department, Halifax,	5,450	0	0
General education,	16,000	0	0
Saint Peter's canal,	3,000	0	0
Interest on funded debt,	3,680	0	0
Interest to be provided for railroad bonds,	13,000	0	0
Support of light houses,	8,000	0	0
" Sable Island,	400	0	0
Provincial penitentiary,	800	0	0
Public buildings £1000, Rations to troops £25,	1,025	0	0
Poor asylum £2000, transient paupers £250,	2,250	0	0
Immigrant expenses,	250	0	0
Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0
Post communication,	5,600	0	0
Packets and ferries £1300, Indians £300,	1,600	0	0
Road compensation £1000, casualties £1000,	2,000	0	0
Drawbacks £6,500, River fisheries £450,	6,950	0	0
Miscellaneous,	8,500	0	0
	<u>101,465</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		£42,351	4 4

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

May it please your excellency ;

I beg leave to submit to your excellency the following report of my proceedings since I entered on the duties of my office in May last.

As I was appointed under the provisions of the Normal school act, passed by the legislature in 1854, and as it was proposed to commence operations in that institution about the beginning of November, I deemed it advisable to devote the greater proportion of the intervening time to the diffusion of information relative to that important undertaking and to the necessary preparations for its opening.

The legislative enactment referred to contemplated the conducting of the provincial Normal school, as far as practicable, in accordance with similar institutions in Massachusetts and Canada ; and as all my knowledge of the management of these institutions had been derived from those in the parent country, and especially from the original one in the city of Glasgow, the pioneer and model of the whole in Great Britain, I considered that I was but doing justice to myself and to the institution over which I was to preside, to visit the Normal schools in these countries. Accordingly in the month of April last I proceeded to Boston, and spent about a month in the New England States, examining the practical working of their Normal schools. Thence I went to New York and Canada, making myself acquainted as I went along, not merely with the Normal schools but with all the educational institutions of these countries. Whilst I am free to admit that I obtained much valuable information by this visit, and saw much to admire and praise, especially in the external arrangements of the educational establishments of these countries, I would be dealing falsely with my own convictions did I not unequivocally declare that in so far as Normal schools are concerned, I saw nothing in all this tour, which in a purely educational point of view and for the accomplishment of the end intended, can once be compared with the Normal school of Glasgow, originated and matured by the distinguished David Stow, not only one of the most enlightened educationists but one of the most devoted philanthropists of the day, whose name shall be handed down to posterity as enstamping on the times in which he lived a clearly marked educational impress, and as developing the only sound and lasting scheme for the amelioration and moral elevation of the masses of the people in the large manufacturing towns of his native land.

I returned to Nova Scotia towards the end of May, and very soon thereafter I published a large impression of a pamphlet, on the nature, the history, and the benefits of Normal schools. I also prepared a code of bye-laws and regulations for the management of the Normal school, which, with some modifications, were sustained and sanctioned by the board of directors.

About the beginning of July, I started on an educational tour through the province. At all the seats of the boards of school commissioners I held meetings with said boards as well as with the teachers of the district ; and after minute enquires respecting the state of education in the several localities, I addressed them respectively on the general cause of education, on the nature of Normal schools, and especially on the provisions and arrangements necessary for carrying into effect the Normal school enactment of this province. I also addressed public meetings on the same topics at the following places, viz : Truro, Economy, Parrsborough, Amherst, Pugwash, Wallace, Tatamagouche, River John, Pictou, New Glasgow, Antigonishe, St. Mary's, Guysborough, Halifax, Dartmouth, Chester, Lunenburg, Shelburne, Barrington, Tusket, Yarmouth, Digby, Annapolis, Bridgetown, Kentville, Horton, Windsor, Gore, Middle-Musquodoboit ; and in Cape Breton—Port Hood, Mabou, Broad Cove, Margaree, Middle River, Hogamah, Baddeck, St. Ann's, Boulardrie, Sydney Mines, Sydney Town, Miree, Grand

Grand River, Arichat, Strait of Canso. After the addresses were delivered an interesting discussion oftentimes took place on some topic that had been advanced; and by this means, as well as by the addresses, much valuable information was, I trust, diffused on the general cause of education, and my own knowledge of the condition in the different localities vastly enlarged.

In the course of this tour I embraced the opportunity of visiting several schools on my way, of enquiring into the general character of the school books, as well as into the circulation and usefulness of the library books.

In reference to the schools I visited I can say but little. With some creditable exceptions, there seems to prevail the greatest ignorance regarding the organization and management of schools, and even regarding the very object of education itself; and indeed this state of things is scarcely to be wondered at when we reflect on the small amount of remuneration received by the teachers, not even averaging that of common labourers. Neither is it to be wondered at that there are whole districts entirely destitute of the means of education, 5, 6, 7 8, and 9 contiguous school houses shut altogether, and in not a few instances, an utter indifference manifested by the inhabitants of the district—an indifference keeping full pace with the very destitution that reigns. The only effectual remedy that I know for this alarming condition of things is the adoption of the assessment principle for the support of schools—the highest possible encouragement given to the Normal school—the holding of Teachers' institutes throughout the country, and a thorough system of local inspection of schools by well paid qualified agents. But as these points have been so often insisted on by my predecessor, Mr. Dawson, I feel it altogether unnecessary to dwell on them here.

I returned from this tour of visitation about the beginning of October, and from that period to the opening of the Normal school I was busily occupied in making the necessary internal arrangements. On the first Wednesday of November the school was opened for the admission of pupils, and on the 14th of the same month it was formally opened in presence of several members of the government and legislature, of clergy of different denominations, and others. As a detailed account of the proceedings on that occasion has already been published and circulated, it is quite unnecessary for me here to say any thing on the subject.

Since that period I have been chiefly engaged in organizing the Normal school, aiding in carrying on the studies of the pupil teachers, and especially in giving instruction on the theory and practice of the training system of education; and it affords me the highest satisfaction to be able to report favorably respecting the whole conduct and progress of the pupil teachers in attendance. I trust that even at the end of this term a few will be able to take first or second class certificates, and go forth as accredited teachers of the young in the province.

The pupil teachers have been gratuitously supplied with stationery, text and reference books, conformably to the provisions of the Normal school act. A small library has also been procured for the sitting apartments—a respectable apparatus for illustrating the lectures in chemistry, natural philosophy, and physiology, has also been obtained. Though the articles are comparatively few in number, they are all of first rate quality. This was considered the best course to adopt at the outset, as they will be much more desirable, and the smaller articles can be gradually added. The school apparatus made by Mr. Willis, of the National school, and which took the first prize at the provincial industrial exhibition, has also been purchased. It is exceedingly unique, and will prove of much utility. It was expected that of the building fund there would have been an overplus sufficient to purchase this apparatus. It is found, however, that the additional buildings indispensably necessary, and the other fittings in furniture, &c., have more than exhausted that fund. It is hoped that the legislature will make a special grant for the payment of the articles already got, amounting to upwards of £100, as well as for the purchase of several articles that are still wanting, and that are indispensably necessary for completing the apparatus.

I may here also mention that I have already commenced collecting specimens of natural history, with the view of forming a regular provincial museum, and that I intend to devote to this object the fees of the ten paying pupils, according to the provisions of the Normal school act. This museum will be of great service in furnishing illustrations for the lectures on natural science, delivered every term to the pupil teachers, as well as furnishing to all visitors a visible demonstration of the vast resources of the province.

In all countries where education has assumed a national character, vocal music forms a branch of elementary education, and accordingly in all the Normal schools both in the old and new world instruction in the principle and practice of vocal music is imparted to all the pupil teachers. In their views I cordially concur, and have resolved to use every means to get vocal music introduced into all the common schools of the province, as not only well calculated to soften and refine the minds of the young, but as an admirable exercise for the invigorating of their bodily frame, as well as for their intellectual and moral advancement. For the accomplishment of all this the teachers must themselves be taught; but no provision has been made for this in the Normal school bill. I have nevertheless on my responsibility already engaged for an hour every day the services of a Mr. Fitch, a gentleman who seems in every way competent for the work, and I trust the legislature will make an annual grant of £40 or £50 towards this object.

The grand desideratum however of the Normal institute is the Model schools. The bill passed by the legislature in 1854 provided for the converting of the Common schools of the place into Model schools; but this arrangement has all along appeared to me utterly impracticable; and in this opinion I am borne out by all who have made the attempt. These Model schools ought to form patterns to all the other schools in the province in architecture and furniture, in external and internal arrangements; they ought to be exhibitions of the most approved methods of the organization, the discipline, and management of schools, as well as of the whole style and character of their education; and still more and above all, they ought to furnish a practical exemplification of the instruction imparted and the principles inculcated in the teachers' seminary;—and how can these ends be served unless these schools are entirely and absolutely under the same system of management and control as the teachers' seminary, unless they are completely under one head, and so arranged as to act in perfect concert—the one being for the communicating of professional knowledge, and the other for the reducing of that knowledge to practice.

These Model schools should, in my opinion, be placed in close juxtaposition to the teachers' seminary, and should consist of three compartments, viz: the initiatory or the primary, the juvenile or the intermediate, and the high, with a separate teacher for each chosen by the superintendant of education, and entirely under his control. These schools should be recognized by the board of commissioners as the schools of the district, and receive the usual allowance. As there would then be no necessity for an academy at Truro, the grant now made to it might be transferred to the Model schools; and this, I think with the usual allowance from the commissioners, would be sufficient for the support of the additional part of the Normal school establishment. Much yet remains to be done in the erection of outhouses, enclosures and other conveniences, but it appears to me that with economy and a uniform plan, these, with the Model schools, might be erected for about £600 or £700.

Should these measures be carried into effect, several modifications and alterations in the Normal school bill passed in 1854, will be required, but it may be matter for consideration whether these should be brought about now, or after these schools come into operation. There is however one point, in reference to which some immediate judgment were very desirable—I refer to the matter of scholarships for the pupil teachers. It is well known that the great majority of States which establish Normal schools as an indispensable appendage to their national education grant, a certain sum for the partial

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support of the students in attendance. I disapprove of this plan for several reasons, and vastly prefer scholarships or the appropriation of a certain sum to those who at the end of the term obtain the first class diplomas of the institution. I recommended the adoption of this course to the legislature last session, and they very liberally placed at my disposal the sum of £150 for this and other purposes appertaining to the Normal school, that being the amount due the assistant teachers, had the school come into operation as contemplated in May, 1855, instead of November, 1855.

The directors of the institution decided that this boon be dispensed by awarding the sum of £5 to each pupil regularly recommended by the boards of commissioners, who should carry off at the end of the term a first class diploma; and that every one who, in these circumstances, only obtains a second class certificate should receive the same amount at the commencement of the following term, with the view of encouraging him in the prosecution of his studies, and in the hope that at the end of the second term he might be successful and take a first class certificate. It appears to me that this arrangement will operate beneficially for the institution, and ought to be continued; but it may be a matter for the deliberation of the legislature whether a certain sum be voted directly for this purpose from the treasury, or whether the various boards of school commissioners be authorized to grant the same sum to such students, recommended by them respectively out of the funds placed at their disposal by the legislature to the extent of £5 per cent. on the whole.

There is still another subject connected with this important undertaking to which I must advert, viz: the proposed experimental garden and farm.

That agriculture forms one of the most important departments of human industry in this province, and that it ought to be introduced into all our schools as a branch of elementary education, are, we believe, points now very generally, if not universally admitted. The legislature of Nova Scotia has already given forth its judgment thereon, in enjoining the teaching of agricultural chemistry in all the more advanced schools in the province. But in order to the effective accomplishment of this object the teachers themselves must be instructed in the theory and practice of agriculture; and this is proposed to be done in the Normal school. In the teacher's seminary, a thorough knowledge of vegetable and animal physiology, as well as of agricultural chemistry will be imparted; those branches in fact on which the whole issue of the science of agriculture depends. In the experimental garden and farm they will see these principles reduced to practice. By actual experiment will they be made acquainted with the modes of improving and qualifying the different kinds of soils; with the various manures and other fertilizing substances; with the effects of different soils on different crops; with the rotation of crops and the best methods of producing and securing them; with the agricultural implements and the machinery which have been invented to save labour; with the different kinds of stock; the various modes of feeding, &c.

In the report of the directors of the Normal school, read at its opening, it is thus stated:—"Besides the property immediately designed for the purposes of the school, the commissioners, with the sanction of the legislature, and with the sum of £400 granted to them last session for the purpose, have possessed themselves of the dwelling house standing to the eastward of the building, and a hundred acres of land adjoining; and they hope before another year shall have passed to see established in connexion with the school an experimental farm, such as this province ought to possess, and for which the lands purchased by the board are well adapted."

From this statement it is evident that all is in a state of readiness for commencing operations with the experimental farm, and it now devolves on the legislature to decide in what way these operations shall be carried on, and on what footing the whole of this department should be placed.

It may be matter for the consideration of the legislature whether this department should not legitimately fall under the supervision of the central board of agriculture, and be supported by its funds. As the outlay at first must be very considerable, it

were unreasonable, in our estimate, to lay that to the charge of the Normal school proper, when the avowed object is the furtherance of agriculture, and that in the way apparently best fitted to effectuate the end.

Such are some of the projects and proposals in connection with the Normal school movement, all less or more necessary to give effect to that movement, in the way of elevating the standard of teaching qualification. But all this is not sufficient—something more is required in order to perpetuate and increase the benefit derived from the Normal school, as well as to stimulate the teachers already in the field to yet greater exertions in the acquisition of professional attainments, and to bring before them the various improvements that are constantly taking place in the whole matter of education, in the hope thereby of effecting a speedier uniformity of system throughout the province; and I know nothing better calculated for the accomplishment of this object than the holding of teachers' institutes in the various counties or school commissioners' districts. It appears to me desirable that at the first these institutes or Normal schools, in premature, should not extend beyond the bounds of each school board, and that they should not last for more than a day or a day and a half. By this means the superintendent would have an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the teachers of every district, and they with one another, and so learn to sympathize with and strengthen one another's hands. By this means too, the teachers would have more confidence in giving utterance to the results of their educational experience, and their intercourse thereby rendered more beneficial and improving. Afterwards these institutions might embrace the teachers within the bounds of three or four boards of commissioners, according to their contiguity, and, being much more seldom convened, might last for a week or so at a time, and these again at some subsequent date, when the educational interests of the province are more advanced, might be resolved into a great provincial convention. This I apprehend is the true way of enabling the teachers to keep pace with the progressive improvements of the day, and to secure and perpetuate, in conjunction with the Normal school, a uniformity in the style of education throughout the province. It is accordingly my intention, during the spring and autumn recess of the Normal school to hold a series of teachers' institutes within the bounds of each board, and am in hope that I shall be able to accomplish the round of the whole province in the course of one year.

The usual grant of £600 has been expended in the purchase of school books. As these required to be ordered almost immediately after I entered on the duties of my office, I deemed it inexpedient to make any alteration on the list of books recommended by Mr. Dawson. Besides being determined to use every means to bring about as far as practicable a uniformity of school books throughout the province, I considered it more judicious not to make any change till I had enquired into the whole matter during my course of visitation. I may state, however, that I have now, after the most careful investigation and deliberation resolved to use every means for the purpose of introducing the Irish national series, as on the whole the most unexceptionable, the best adapted to all the circumstances of this province, and as a series by far the cheapest. This series has accordingly been introduced into the Normal school, that those who go forth therefrom as accredited teachers may be practically acquainted with their contents, and more likely thereby to take an interest in their circulation in the localities where they may be settled. Other books may also be required in several schools, but this is the series we intend to recommend as of general utility. It shall be my endeavour to ascertain with as little delay as possible in what way these books can be procured in the cheapest and most durable form; whether at the original depot in Ireland, or in Canada, where they are in general use, or by getting them reprinted in this province; and shall give due intimation of the result of my enquiries; thus storekeepers and others may be provided with an ample supply.

During the course of my visitation of the province last summer, I made diligent enquiry into the state of the school libraries, and gathered much valuable information in

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reference to their practical working ; the character of the books most generally read, &c., &c., &c. In some districts I found the deepest interest taken in these libraries, in others the boon seems but slightly appreciated, and in others scarcely ever known. As these libraries are mainly designed to inspire the more youthful of our population with a taste for reading, it appears to me very desirable that a considerably larger proportion of elementary works are needed, and that yet more strenuous efforts should be made to enlist the teachers more generally and cordially in their circulation.

ALEXANDER FORRESTER.

ACCOUNTS.

1st.—School books, 1855.	
2nd.—School libraries for 1855.	
3rd.—Apparatus as per invoice,	£85 17 1
Mr. Willis' school apparatus, &c.	18 0 0
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	105 17 1
4th.—Supplying books, stationery,	95 1 6
Men's wages for papering, cleaning, &c.	20 0 0
Fuel,	12 10 0
Small articles,	8 15 0
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	136 6 6
5th.—Travelling expenses,	127 0 0
Postage,	8 10 0
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	135 10 0
6th.—Grant of £150 for publications, scholarships, &c., on behalf of Normal school not fully expended till end of term of Normal school.	
7th.—Received the sum of £20 for 10 paying pupils at Normal school, according to provisions of act. This sum expended in fitting up and purchasing articles for museum.	

No. 51.

(See page 102.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Andrew LeCain and others, praying that trespasses upon the lands of private parties, and cutting and taking trees therefrom, shall be made larceny by law, are not of opinion that it is necessary to adopt a principle so much at variance with the rules which have hitherto governed legislation on this subject. They are not therefore prepared to recommend to the house the passage of any bill involving such a change.

Committee room, 14th March, 1856.

A. G. ARCHIBALD.
THOMAS KILLAM,
A. McFARLANE.

No. 52.

(See page 102.)

The committee appointed to examine the accounts for public printing, beg leave to report,—

The following accounts have been submitted to your committee, viz :

Queen's printer accounts for province of Nova Scotia,	£314	1	1
Publishing in Royal Gazette,	157	15	3
Receiver general's office,	5	16	6
Crown land office,	19	4	9
Excise office,	65	6	6
Customs department,	23	17	6
Financial secretary's office,	20	4	0
Legislative council, viz : 17 sheets journals, at 52s. 6d., and 13 sheets of appendix, at 55s.	80	7	6

The queen's printer has received

686	13	1
350	0	0

Balance due,

Richard Nugent's account for printing for house of assembly,	£336	13	1
For provincial secretary's office,	301	15	11½
	38	13	1½

Mr. Nugent has received,

340	9	1
250	0	0

Balance due,

Also sundry accounts, viz :	£90	9	1
John H. Crosskill,	49	15	7½
A. Grant, £31 10 0, £11 4 2, and £2 1 3,	44	15	5
Thomas Annand, £45 16 3, and £3 7 6,	49	3	9
English & Blackadar, £19 6 10½, and £12 0 0,	21	6	10½
A. Lawson, £8 8 9, and £1 15 0,	10	3	9
S. J. M. Allen,	12	13	9
Athenæum, £2 3 6, and 8s. 9d.	2	12	3
Christian Messenger,	1	16	0
Gazette office,	0	15	0
William Gossip,	1	2	0
James Barnes,	1	11	0
E. M. McDonald,	6	17	6
John Boyd,	0	15	0
Wesleyan,	3	5	4
W. A. Penney, £33 0 0, and £1 10 0,	34	10	0
J. & W. Compton, £31 19 7, and 0 12 6,	32	12	0
James Bowes & Sons,	206	10	3

£480 5 7

The queen's printer accounts agree with the scale of charges heretofore established, the amount is less than last year, notwithstanding the customs department has been added to the list since that time.

Mr. Nugent's accounts are in conformity with his contract.

The largest item in the foregoing sundry accounts is for advertising notice to marines of important lights on the American coast. The various accounts have been duly certified, and as far as the committee have been able to ascertain, the charges for advertising are made

made at the ordinary rate ; but your committee recommend that a more strict economy should be observed in future in relation to this branch of the public service, and that when advertisements of this nature again become necessary, they should be either limited in extent or the number of continuances lessened.

The account of James Bowes & Sons is for blanks furnished the customs, and the committee have been informed by Mr. Paulin, registrar of shipping, that as the British government ordered the new registry act to come into operation on the 1st May, 1855, and as the necessary blank forms to carry this law into force, did not arrive here till the 16th August, and then only in a very limited supply, not more than sufficient for the use of the port of Halifax, he was consequently obliged to have them struck off here for the other ports of registry in the province.

Your committee observe in some of the accounts a charge for advertising an act for setting off the township of Morrystown, in the county of Sydney ; they would recommend in future that such or similar charges shall be borne by the county or township to which the act relates.

Amounts to be provided for, and which the committee recommend to be paid.

To the queen's printer, balance,	£336	13	1
To Richard Nugent, ditto,	95	12	1
To sundry sums, per memo.,	480	5	7
	£912	17	9

(Nine hundred and twelve pounds seventeen shillings and nine pence.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, Halifax, 15th March, 1855.

JOHN LOCKE, chairman.
A. C. McDONALD,
NATHAN MOSES.
ROBERT ROBERTSON.
H. HYDE.

No. 53.

(See page 104.)

The committee on navigation securities, beg leave to report as follows :

That upon carefully considering the petitions referred to them, on the subject of breakwaters, piers, rivers, and harbours, they have adopted the following general principle, to apply to all provincial grants for those services unless otherwise specially provided for, to wit :—That before any grant be drawn from the treasury, it must be shown to the satisfaction of the governor in council, that a sum not less than twice the amount of the provincial grant has been subscribed and actually expended by those interested in the work, so that the whole expenditure shall be equal to three times the amount of the provincial grant.

Upon the above terms they recommend that there be granted and paid in aid of the Canada Creek pier company, King's county, one hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the Hall's harbour pier company, King's county, one hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid to extend the wharf at Billeveau's Cove, county of Digby, one hundred and sixty-five pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Cape Cove, county of Digby, one hundred pounds.

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Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Church Point, county of Digby, one hundred and thirty pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Groscoque, county of Digby, one hundred and fifty pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of a public wharf at Fort Lawrence, county of Cumberland, twenty-five pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of a pier at Little River, county of Sydney, one hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the Ogilvie breakwater, King's county, one hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Montegan, county of Digby, one hundred and fifty pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of a breakwater at Chivarie, Hants county, fifty pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the Margaretville pier company, county of Annapolis, two hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of a breakwater at Minudie, county of Cumberland, two hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid to aid in protecting the cove and beach in Port Hood, county of Inverness, seventy-five pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of a breakwater at Bird Island, county Victoria, one hundred pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the Arisaig pier, in the county of Sydney, two hundred pounds, upon a like sum of two hundred pounds being raised and expended by the inhabitants.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of the Chute Cove breakwater, county of Annapolis, seventy-five pounds, or in that proportion should the amount subscribed and expended fall short of one hundred and fifty pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid to the owner of a steam boat to ply between Charlottetown, P. E. Island, and Pictou, N. S. daily, Sundays excepted, two hundred pounds, provided she carries the mail, agreeably to the report of the committee on that subject.

Also, there be granted and paid to aid in clearing out the entrance of Little Tracadie harbour, county of Sydney, upon condition that double that amount be subscribed and expended, twenty-five pounds.

Also, there be granted and paid in aid of clearing out the channel of Bear River, county of Annapolis, and putting up buoys, fifty pounds, upon condition that double that amount be subscribed and expended.

Also, there be granted and paid to improve the harbour of Tracadie, county of Sydney, one hundred pounds, upon condition that double that amount be subscribed and expended for that object.

Also, there be granted and paid to aid in clearing out the following rivers, viz :

Bear River, above Morgan's mills, Annapolis county, ten pounds.

Allen's River, above the General's bridge, Annapolis county, twenty pounds.

Weymouth River, Digby county, two hundred pounds.

Roseway River, in the county of Shelburne, from Ryer's mills to the bridge, seventeen pounds ten shillings.

Also, the Roseway River, county of Shelburne, from the tide to the upper part of said river, thirteen pounds.

Also, the Jordan River, county of Shelburne, from the mills to Lake John, twenty pounds, upon condition that for each of the foregoing River services double the amount of the grant be first subscribed and expended.

Also, that the sum of fifty pounds granted last session for a breakwater at Broad Cove and undrawn, be paid to J. McLeod, to reimburse him in part for the erection of a breakwater at Margaree Island, county of Inverness.

Also,

Also, there be granted and paid to aid in clearing out the harbour in Gabarus Bay, in the Island of Cape Breton, forty pounds, upon condition that double that sum be subscribed and expended in said work.

Also, there be granted and paid for the following services as follows:

For the slip at Digby, twenty-five pounds, the faithful expenditure to be certified by the sessions of Digby.

To Edward Leonard, to compensate him for making signals at Digby, five pounds.

To replace buoys in the harbour of Pubnico, ten pounds.

To the ferryman at St. Ann's, county Victoria, in addition to sum already granted, two pounds ten shillings.

To each of the ferrymen at the Big Bras d'Ore ferry, five pounds in addition to the sum already granted.

Also, to each of the ferrymen at the Gut of Canso, from Auld's Cove to McMillan's Point, four pounds in addition to the sum already granted.

To each of the ferrymen at Lahave River, two pounds ten shillings in addition to the sum already granted.

To the ferryman at Molasses Harbour, county of Guysborough, five pounds.

Also, to aid in the erection of a breakwater at Liverpool, Queen's county, in connection with a marine railway, five hundred pounds, upon condition that four hundred pounds be subscribed and expended in addition thereto on said breakwater.

Also, to aid in the repair of the ferry wharf at Fisher's Grant, Pictou, upon condition that double that sum be subscribed and expended in addition thereto on said ferry wharf, thirty pounds.

The committee have had under consideration the petitions on the subject of light houses, and would recommend that fifteen hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the board of works for that service this present year, and would earnestly recommend, so soon as practicable, the erection of a light house at or near the Margaretville pier, in the Bay of Fundy; also, a light house at or near the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or Lake, in the Island of Cape Breton; also, that a survey be made by a competent person with a view to determine the best locality for a light near the Western entrance of Barrington harbour. They also recommend that the erection of a light house at Lingan, in Cape Breton, as reported by the committee last year, be abandoned, and a site for the light on that coast be selected by the government and board of works.

The committee recommend that one hundred pounds be granted and paid to aid in the erection of a breakwater at Woodworth's Bay; also three hundred pounds to aid in building a public wharf at Oak Point, both in King's county; also, twenty pounds to aid in building a wharf at St. Peter's, county of Richmond, upon condition that double the amount granted for each of these services be first subscribed and expended by the people on said works; also, two hundred pounds in aid of the Givan wharf, King's county, upon the same terms, with the understanding that an over-expenditure of last year is to be considered in the subscription.

The committee have considered the correspondence submitted by his excellency the lieutenant-governor, had with the governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, on the subject of steam communication between Charlottetown, Shediac, and Pictou, and are not prepared to adopt the suggestions there made, but have recommended the usual grant of two hundred pounds for a steam boat to ply daily between Charlottetown and Pictou, and would recommend that a commissioner be appointed at Pictou, who shall certify that the service has been satisfactorily performed before the grant be drawn.

On the correspondence from the committee of the privy council for trade on the subject of light houses, your committee are not sufficiently informed on that subject to recommend any departure from the present system.

The following petitions have been received, and upon due consideration your committee do not feel justified in recommending a grant of money, viz:

Thos. Robson and others, on the subject of a fog bell on Capes Tormentine and Cape Traverse.

Wm. Burton and others, for a ferry at Hantsport.

J. C. Campbell and others, for a ferry at Low Point, Gut of Canso.

J. Purcell, Ship Harbour, and J. Wallace, McNair's Cove, Gut of Canso, for a ferry.

J. Fraser and others, for a ferry at Little Bras d'Or.

M. McNeil and others, for a ferry at Great Bras d'Or.

M. McLean, for a ferry at McRay's Point, Victoria.

Martin Meagher, for a ferry at Cole Harbour.

James Cassidy, for aid to run a packet from Pictou to Magdalen Islands.

Alexr. Gillis, for aid to run a packet from Port Hood to Halifax.

C. R. Prescott and others, for an embankment at the town plot, Cornwallis.

Augustus Brown, for a bridge at Boot Island.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 18th March, 1856.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.

JOHN C. WADE.

C. R. BILL.

NATHAN MOSES.

W. W. BENT.

GEORGE MCKENZIE.

THOMAS H. FULLER.

No. 54.

(See page 104.)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Henry Thurston, of Yarmouth, and Jane Boyle, of Liverpool, for remuneration for expences incurred in sustaining certain shipwrecked passengers, and a sick seaman, report as follows:

They recommend a grant to Henry Thurston for the full amount petitioned for, viz: ten pounds and ten shillings, because it appears from the papers submitted, and other information, that of the thirty-two passengers taken by the brigantine "Speed," from the American ship "States Rights," the seven supported by petitioner were not American citizens.

They also recommend a grant of seven pounds to Jane Boyle, for boarding and lodging a sick seaman named James Dunn, nine weeks and three days.

EDWARD L. BROWN.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

JOHN TOBIN.

GEORGE GELDERT.

No. 55.

(See page 105.)

The committee to whom were referred the numerous petitions from the various parts of the province, praying for the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law, beg leave to report—

That having examined each petition carefully, and ascertained the number of names thereto

thereto attached, they find that the under-written counties have sent in signatures according to the following statement :

	males.	females.	total.
Colchester,	1,129	1,239	2,368
King's,	1,782	1,602	3,384
Halifax,	2,007	2,544	4,551
Yarmouth,	1,466	1,844	3,310
Guysborough,	1,166	758	1,924
Annapolis,	868	934	1,802
Digby,	607	589	1,196
Hants,	2,669	3,077	5,746
Victoria,	213		213
Lunenburg,	254	158	412
Queen's,	819	1,004	1,823
Cape Breton,	1,428	1,068	2,496
Shelburne,	778	1,055	1,833
Cumberland,	579	415	994
Pictou,	2,397	2,120	4,517

males 18,162 females 18,407 total 36,569

Also the petition of the Central Baptist association representing a population of about 16,000 persons.

Also the petition of the Western Baptist association, comprising 41 churches, and representing a population of about twenty-five thousand persons. And also the petition of the Free church presbytery of Pictou, signed by the moderator on behalf of that body ; the prayer of all which petitions is for the house to pass a prohibitory liquor law.

Your committee have also had their attention drawn to a petition signed by John G. Marshall, and sixty-six other delegates, representing the order of the Sons of Temperance, and the other temperance societies throughout the province ; the prayer of which petition was also for the passing of a prohibitory liquor law.

All of which information your committee respectfully submits for the consideration of this honorable house.

Committee room, 18th March, 1856.

THOMAS G. MORRISON, chairman.

No. 56.

(See page 109.)

Mr. Thorne presented to the house several petitions for aid to roads, in the county of Annapolis.

A petition of Henry Gesner, and others of Granville.

A. B. Thorne, and others of Lower Granville.

Mr. Locke presented to the house the petition of Peter Perry, and others of Black Point, for aid to a road in the county of Shelburne.

The honorable the solicitor general presented to the house the petition of James Forrester, and others of the Strait of Canso, for aid to a road in the county of Sydney.

The honorable Mr. McLeod presented to the house the petition of Robert Arnold, and others of the counties of Cape Breton and Victoria, for aid to roads in those counties.

Mr. Killam presented to the house the petition of John Vroom, and others of Clements, for aid to a road in the county of Yarmouth.

Mr.

Mr. McKeagney presented to the house several petitions praying for aid to roads in the county of Cape Breton.

A petition of Richard Rockett, and others of Low Point.

A petition of Allen McDonald, and others of Carriboo Marsh.

No. 57.

(See page 110.)

The committee on the penitentiary beg leave to report as follows :

That they visited the penitentiary, and were pleased to find the order, good management and cleanliness which pervaded the establishment.

That your committee have had before them the report of the chairman of the board of works, from which it appears that the expences of the establishment for the past year amounted to one thousand two hundred pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence, exclusive of what has been raised on the premises sold or made therein for the use of the prisoners ; and the said chairman estimates that the sum of one thousand and four hundred pounds will be required to support the establishment for the present year, which sum your committee recommend to be granted.

Your committee have also had before them a general statement furnished by Mr. Fish, the governor of the penitentiary, shewing that during the past year twenty-eight prisoners were received, and fourteen were discharged—three of whom were pardoned by the lieutenant-governor. There has been one death and one birth ; that three prisoners escaped, but two were recaptured at an expense of one hundred and ten pounds; and on the thirty-first day of December last, there were twenty-five prisoners in the establishment, including three in solitary confinement.

Your committee recommend that the chairman of the board of works be authorised to have the line wall of the establishment finished by public contract.

Your committee have also considered the petition of Mr. Fish, the governor, and recommend that an additional sum of thirteen pounds be paid to him yearly, but do not recommend any advance to any of the under-keepers.

Committee room, 18th March, 1856.

ROBERT ROBERTSON.
THOMAS F. MORRISON.
EZRA CHURCHILL.
JOHN RYDER.
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

No. 58.

(See page 110.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Munro, have carefully examined the statements of the petitioner, and are of opinion that the sum he claims, viz., £27, is justly due to him for labour and money expended in opening up a new road at Tatamagouche, under circumstances named in the petition ; and they recommend that it be referred to the members of the county of Colchester, to provide the sum so due to him, out of the road money of the present year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 12th March, 1856.

ROBERT ROBERTSON.
ICHABOD DIMOCK.
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

No. 59.

(See page 110.)

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the commissioners of the poor asylum, have performed that duty, and beg leave to report—

That the expense of maintaining the institution for the year ending the 31st December, 1855, amounts to the sum of £3808 0s. 4d. The commissioners to meet this expense received from the province for the past year the sum of £2000; also, the sum of £1000 from the city and county treasurer at Halifax, making a total of £3,000, and leaving a balance due by the establishment at the end of last year of £572 10s. 3d., which sum your committee respectfully recommend this house to provide for.

The number of paupers remaining in the institution and admitted during the year ending 31st December, 1855: men, 389; women, 224; children, 178; in all 811. Of this number 582 are transient, and 229 poor, belonging to the county of Halifax.

The number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st December, 1855, amounted to 340, namely, 150 men, 124 women, and 66 children; of this number 66 are lunatics. The total number in the institution on the 31st January, 1856, men, women, and children, were 375, of which 73 were admitted during the month.

The amount required for the maintenance of the institution for the present year will be £2,000, and should the present high rate of provisions still continue, this amount will not meet the expense of the establishment.

Your committee cannot but express their approbation of the manner in which the commissioners employ the inmates capable of any labour, by which a saving has been effected last year of £340 10s. 11d., and placed to the credit of the institution, as appears by their accounts.

Your committee have visited the establishment, examined the commissioners books, and inspected every ward in the asylum, and they unanimously beg leave to bear testimony to the cleanly and orderly state of every department therein, to be such as reflects the highest credit upon those who controul and manage its affairs.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, March 19th, 1856.

HUGH MUNRO, chairman.
 THOMAS F. MORRISON.
 M. ROBICHEAU.
 WILLIAM CHAMBERS.
 GEORGE GELDERT.
 EZRA CHURCHILL.
 E. D. DAVISON.

No. 60.

(See page 110.)

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 and paid to the following persons, for duties collected from them on machinery imported into the province, viz:

To John Lockhart,	£10	0	0
William Curry,	23	8	9
Alexander Grant,	15	14	8
Heman Crowell,	7	14	3
W. A. Penney,	10	10	0
John L. Brown, for duties paid by him on 1132 gallons molasses, which was afterwards exported to Portland, in the U. States,	14	14	9

To

To Fire wardens of New Glasgow, duties paid on a fire engine for that township,	£16 2 6
Charles Jamison, return duties on manufacturing,	2 16 0
Messrs. Eaton and Rockwell, for duties paid on goods which were afterwards destroyed by fire,	28 2 1
Thomas Killam, duties paid by him on wrecked materials,	11 5 0
To the following persons, for duties paid by them on printing paper imported from 1st January, 1856, to the period when that article became free from duty, viz :	
To Richard Nugent,	£6 17 5
R. H. Willoughby,	3 12 3
J. H. Crosskill,	4 6 5
Proprietors of the Christian Messenger,	2 15 6
Proprietors of the Wesleyan,	5 5 2
A. J. Ritchie,	1 15 11
James Bowes & Son,	2 8 3
James Barnes,	2 16 0
W. A. Penney,	7 6 4
William Annand,	4 17 0
William Gossip,	1 8 5
English & Blackadar,	1 15 0

Your committee do not deem it expedient to recommend the prayer of the following petitions, viz :

Robert Trotter, for aid to a milling and manufacturing establishment.

William Kidston, ditto ditto

George Connolly, ditto ditto

John Harris and others, and to the Lequille mills.

R. & A. Fraser, to aid a cloth manufactory.

Donald McDonald for saw and grist mills.

Donald Robinson, ditto.

William Dunbar, ditto.

Also, the petition of Albert Graves and J. M. Caldwell, asking for return duties on carriages and hay imported by them.

They also decline recommending that the duties paid by the Guysborough and Musquodoboit agricultural societies should be refunded to these societies.

They have had before them the petition of E. W. Foster, asking remuneration for services performed as seizing officer in the county of Annapolis. They do not think the case of such a nature as requires the interference of your committee, and they decline to recommend the prayer of said petitioner.

Your committee also decline recommending light duties to be repaid to the following persons, viz :

Peter Lashur,

A. Thompson,

Thomas Killam.

Your committee observe that the applications to this house for return duties are becoming more numerous every year, particularly on articles comprised under the head of machinery; and they are of opinion that the practice of granting such return duties should in future be discontinued.

They have considered the subject of a letter addressed to the hon. provincial secretary by C. Leonard, esquire, collector at Sydney, having reference to a revenue boat employed there for several years past. The committee are not satisfied that the employment of the boat referred to is of much public utility, and therefore decline recommending the continuance of the grant.

Your committee have had before them, a circular addressed to the lieutenant-governor, from the colonial office, referring to the periods of closing the accounts—of trade, navigation, and statistics, and requesting that instead of being made up to 5th January, 1856,

1856, they should be closed 31st December, 1855; and that successive quarterly accounts should be made up to 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, of every year. The committee see no reason why the request should not be carried into effect, and they recommend that it should be so done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

17th March, 1856.

B. WIER, chairman.
 THOMAS KILLAM.
 M. I. WILKINS.*
 G. W. McLELAN.†
 GEORGE McKENZIE.
 C. J. CAMPBELL.‡
 M. McLEARN.

* Except as to petition of R. & A. Fraser, rejected.

† Except as to petitions in aid of manufactures.

‡ With the exception of the sum of £28 2 1, to Messrs. Eaton and Rockwell.

No. 61.

(See page 111.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Kent, of Tatamagouche, in the county of Colchester, beg leave to report as follows :

That they have fully examined into the statements set forth in his petition, and find that in the year 1851 he was obliged as a constable to arrest and commit to jail one Alexander Wilson, who was convicted of a breach of the licence law—that he acted under a warrant regularly issued by a justice of the peace for that purpose, and in all respects acted strictly within the requirements of the law regulating such matters ;—that an action was subsequently brought against him by said Wilson for false imprisonment, which, after some delay and expense was settled, each party paying their own costs. That though your committee believe that petitioner could have made a perfect defence, they are also of opinion that he acted prudently in arranging the matter as he did, as it is evident that Wilson is a person possessed of no means from which petitioner costs could have been realized. That as petitioner acted in the discharge of a public duty, and one which he was compelled to perform, your committee are of opinion that he is entitled to some protection. They therefore recommend that the sum of seven pounds ten shillings be granted him to cover the amount expended in witness and prothonotary's fees in said suit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

March 20, 1856.

A. C. McDONALD,
 CHARLES TUPPER.

No. 62.

(See page 111.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Inland navigation company addressed to her majesty's provincial government, (see appendix No. 42.) beg to report as follows :

Your

Your committee are of opinion from the facts and explanations given them by certain of the directors and the engineer of said company, that the canal or inland water communication which said company are now engaged in forming between the harbor of Halifax and the Basin of Minas, will if completed, be of great benefit and utility to the province.

That said company has up to this time expended the sum of eighteen thousand pounds in the prosecution of their enterprise, including two thousand pounds paid to the provincial government for the property formerly belonging to the Shubenacadie canal company, which was conveyed to this company by the honorable James McNab on the part of the government, by deed bearing date the 10th day of June, 1854.

That in such deed there was a clause inserted, imposing certain terms and conditions, controlling the estate and interest of the said company in the property so conveyed, which your committee are of opinion was at the time properly so introduced. But your committee finding that the said company have since the making of said deed, actually expended the sum of sixteen thousand pounds in the construction of this important work, and that they are determined to prosecute the same to its final completion, and believing that the terms and conditions of said deed may have a tendency to throw difficulties in the way of said company's disposing of their stock, or otherwise raising funds for the completion of their operations, are of opinion that the said terms and conditions should now be expunged from the conveyance aforesaid, in order that the company may have a full and absolute estate in fee simple of the property upon which they have, with a great public object in view, expended so large a sum of money, and therefore recommend that the same be so expunged. Your committee also, in consideration of the large sum already expended by said company, and with a view of affording them encouragement and assistance in the completion of this important and heavy undertaking, which may ultimately prove highly beneficial to this province, would further recommend that said sum of two thousand pounds, the consideration expressed in said deed, be remitted to the company, and that such other aid as to your honorable house may seem wise and proper be afforded them in the prosecution of their enterprise.

All which is respectfully submitted.

20th March, 1856.

A. C. McDONALD,	} Committee.
JOHN J. MARSHALL,	
MATTHEW McLEARN,	
JOHN ESSON,	
JOHN LOCKE,	

No. 63.

(See page 112.)

The committee on Indian affairs beg leave to report as follows :

Having examined the accounts and vouchers submitted to them, they find the following sums have been paid on account of the Indians during the past year, viz :

To Captain Chearnley, Indian commissioner,	£100	0	0
Edward Knowlan, an Indian at Dartmouth,	5	0	0
Newel Jeddore, an Indian,	4	0	0
Hugh O'Riley and others, county of Pictou,	100	0	0
A. Whitman, county of Annapolis,	20	0	0
A. G. Archibald, of Colchester,	0	10	0
John McKinnon, of Sydney,	30	0	0
Rev. Mr. Geary, of Clare, (Digby)	15	0	0
Rev. Mr. Hannan, of Halifax,	6	0	0
			Doctor

To Doctor Brown, of Horton,	£3	0	0
Samuel Bayard, Guysborough,	4	17	11
John H. Minor, Horton,	8	11	10
John Wade, Digby,	10	0	0
Irad Benjamin, Horton,	0	12	5
Doctor Jeans, Sydney mines,	10	0	0
Doctor Harrison,	5	0	0
John Creighton, Lunenburg,	10	0	0
Doctor Forbes, Liverpool,	5	0	0
N. T. Harris, Hantsport,	1	0	0
Doctor Tupper, Cumberland,	5	0	0
Doctor Forman, Cape Breton,	3	0	0
Rev. Mr. Corteau, Richmond,	20	0	0
Doctor Croker, Liverpool,	2	2	3
John Esson, Halifax,	4	0	0
J. B. McDonald, Halifax,	1	0	0
Patrick Blake, Parrsborough,	4	0	0
Rev. Mr. Walsh, Liverpool,	20	0	0
Hon. Mr. McLeod, Cape Breton,	20	0	0
Rev. Mr. Dunphy, Shubenacadie,	20	0	0
Doctor Jennings, Halifax,	34	4	0

£471 19 0

Balance of Indian grant in the treasury, December
31st, 1854, per report,

£14 0 7

Special vote for Pictou Indians, 1855,

50 0 0

Ordinary Indian grant, 1855,

300 0 0

366 0 7

Advances,

£105 18 5

Balance due Capt. Chearnley, Indian commissioner,
December 31, 1855, for advances, per account,

53 13 7

Sundries for which he is personally liable,

76 5 0

129 18 7

Total advances, 1855,

£235 17 0

For the following sums no returns have been received of the expenditure.

The Rev. Hugh O'Riley and others, Pictou,	£50	0	0
Martin I. Wilkins, Pictou,	10	0	0
J. Shulte, D.D., Pictou,	20	0	0
Rev. A. McSweenc, Pictou,	20	0	0
Rev. Mr. Dumphy, Shubenacadie,	20	0	0
Rev. Mr. Hannan, Halifax,	6	0	0
John Wade, Digby,	10	0	0
Rev. J. Corteau, Arichat,	20	0	0
Hon. Mr. McLeod, Cape Breton,	20	0	0

Your committee having considered the petitions for medical services during the past year, recommend the following sums be paid out of the grant for 1856, viz :

Doctor Forbes, Queen's county,	£9	9	5
“ Croker, do. do.	4	12	10
“ Elmsley, Baddeck,	3	17	6
“ Shaw, King's county,	1	16	10
“ Brown, do. do.	1	9	6
“ Wilson, Barrington,	2	10	6
To John McKinnon, junr., North Sydney, to buy medicine,	3	0	0

To Newel Jeddore, a lame and blind Indian,	£3 0 0
Stephen D'Entremont, expense of a sick Indian,	3 0 0
Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Queen's county, to aid Cobliel Glode to build a house,	5 0 0
aid the distressed Indians, Gut of Canso,	10 0 0

The following petitions not being certified as required by the rule of this house cannot be entertained :

Doctor Muir of Truro.

ditto Dennison and Weeks, of Newport.

ditto Geddis, two petitions for Argyle and Clyde River.

The following petitions are referred back to the members who presented them, as they cannot be provided for out of the ordinary Indian grant, viz :

The petition of the overseers of the poor, township of Clare, county of Digby, for	£67 10 10
The overseers of poor for Shelburne,	3 6 7½
The overseers of poor for Horton,	5 12 8
	£76 10 1½

The petition of John Murphy asking payment for a survey of the Indian reserves in Inverness, your committee recommend be referred to the commissioner of crown land, and if the charges are such as is usually paid for those services, that such amount be paid.

The committee do not entertain the petition of the inhabitants of Whyccomah, in the county of Inverness, praying to have the Indian reserves in that locality sold, but would recommend the immediate and vigorous action of the executive government upon the report of the committee last year on that subject, with a view to restore to the Indians the possession of those portions of their lands that have been encroached upon by the inhabitants.

The amount advanced from the provincial treasury during the past year of £105 18 5 beyond the grant made for the Indians, and also the sum claimed by Capt. Chearnley, Indian commissioner, for advances and liabilities incurred by him of £129 18 7, amounting together to £235 17 0 have deeply embarrassed your committee, and in order to overcome that difficulty and prevent its recurrence, they would recommend a special grant to pay those two amounts, and that the ordinary sum of £300 be granted for the current year, and that the following sums be paid out of it.

To John McKinnon for Indians, in county of Sydney,	£30 0 0
Mr. Bailey for Indians in Lunenburg,	10 0 0
Mr. McKeagney, Cape Breton,	20 0 0
Mr. Whitman, county of Annapolis,	20 0 0
Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Queen's county,	15 0 0
Mr. Wade, Bear River,	10 0 0
Rev. Mr. Geary, Clare, county of Digby,	15 0 0
“ Mr. McSwenc, Indians in the county of Pictou,	30 0 0
Doctor Webster, King's county,	10 0 0

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, March 24, 1856.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.
 W. B. WEBSTER.
 JOHN MCKINNON.
 JAMES McKEAGNEY.
 HENRY MARTELL.
 E. D. DAVISON.
 F. R. PARKER.

No. 64.

(See page 121.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George Ryarson, and other inhabitants of the township of Clements, praying for an alteration in the eastern line of that township, and also the petition of the poor for district No. 1, in the township of Annapolis, against such an alteration, beg to report that taking into their consideration the probability of the county of Annapolis availing itself of the act for the municipal government of counties, the committee do not feel themselves called upon to interfere with the township lines, and therefore cannot recommend the prayer of the petition for the alteration above alluded to.

Committee room, March, 1856.

THOMAS F. MORRISON, chairman.
NATHAN MOSES.
JOHN ESSON.

No. 65.

(See page 102.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of John Young, of the county of Cape Breton; Alexander Corner, of the county of Halifax; and Campbell & Co., and others, of Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, relative to grants of land made in the above named counties, of which the petitioners complain, have considered those petitions, and report as follows, viz:

Mr. Young states that about two years ago he applied for a grant of a lot of land on the north side of Lingan Harbour, commonly called a "a water lot," of which he had possession for upwards of twenty years, and upon which he had built a wharf, and made other improvements,—that he paid into the crown land office the sum of twelve pounds ten shillings, and expected that a grant would be issued without delay,—that subsequently he learned that the said lot for which he applied and paid his money, had been granted to the mining association and one Morrissey; and petitioner prays justice may be afforded him, and that his claims may not be overlooked, to gratify a powerful monopoly.

Your committee, upon application to the commissioner of crown lands, and from other information, find that although the statements made in Mr. Young's petition are in part correct, there are other facts which have been communicated to them, which induces them to believe that no wrong has been done to Mr. Young, and that the grant to the mining association to which he refers, was made by consent of himself, and his attorney; and if there is any thing in the transaction of which he has now cause to complain, your committee are not aware of any way in which they can afford him either satisfaction or relief.

Mr. Alexander Corner, of Sheet Harbor, complains that he paid into the crown land office in 1837, the sum of £7 10 9; and on the 3rd day of April, 1837, he obtained a grant of 66 acres of land,—that he has had peaceable possession of the said land until about 2 years ago, when he was ejected from off the same, and damaged to the amount of £70, by one William Watt, the owner of the land, granted by government to petitioner, and he prays this house to repay him the sum above named.

Your committee have made search in the crown land office, and find that a grant of 5000 acres of land was made to the hon. Jonathan Belcher, in the year 1773; and that William Watt, of Sheet Harbour, purchased the same from the proprietor in 1848. It appears upon reference to the plans in the office of crown lands, that a grant of 66 acres
of

of this tract was granted to Alexander Corner, by mistake, in 1837, as well as grants to other persons, who are now similarly situated with petitioner.

Your committee report that they cannot afford petitioner all the relief he asks; but they recommend that the sum of £7 10 9 paid by petitioner for the land, be granted and paid to him out of the provincial treasury.

Upon the petition of Campbell and Co. and others of Baddeck, in the Island of Cape Breton, praying that water lots may be granted to them in front of land owned by Mr. William Kidston, and upon which they have made improvements.

Your committee report—that, after taking all the circumstances into consideration, they do not conceive there is any cause for interference on the part of the house—petitioners not having suffered any injury; nor can your committee perceive any just claim the petitioners had to the lands they applied for, they being tenants of Mr. Kidston at the time they applied to the government for grants of the water in front of their landlord's premises.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, March 26th, 1856.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, chairman.
A. C. McDONALD.
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

No. 66.

(See page 121.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Peter Colp, of Queen's county, praying to be reimbursed in the sum of ten pounds expended by him last year in erecting a bridge over Moose Creek, in said county, report as follows:

Your committee having examined into the merits of the claim in question, are of opinion the sum was expended by the petitioner under the directions and by the authority of the member for the county of Queen's, and they are of opinion he should be reimbursed to the extent of ten pounds, on his producing to the receiver general an account of expenditure, in the ordinary manner.

Your committee therefore recommend that the same be provided for out of the road grant for the county of Queen's.

Committee room, 25th March, 1856.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.
THOMAS KILLAM.
CHARLES TUPPER.

No. 67.

(See page 130.)

The committee on agriculture beg leave to report:

That the house having determined at the last session to discontinue the grants heretofore made towards the erection of oatmills and kilns, and the committee approving of that decision, they have felt themselves obliged to reject the petitions of Donald McDonald, Alexander McLeod, John McGrigor, Hezekiah Ingraham, Moses and John McDonald, and Alexander McCrae.

That in pursuance of the settled policy of the legislature, they have also rejected the petition of the inhabitants of Digby Neck for aid in building a tide-wall.

That

That with reference to the petition of Messrs. Gammell and Tupper for a return of duties on mowing machines, the committee having no information as to the prices or sale thereof, cannot recommend that the duties should be remitted.

That they recommend the bond given by William Fletcher, of Yarmouth, and his sureties, in respect of the provincial stud horse Membrine to be cancelled, upon condition of the horse being sold within the province, in which case the committee hope that he may be purchased for some of the counties better adapted for a horse of that breed, and for keeping him in prime condition.

That the agricultural implements imported by Mr. E. G. Fuller for the industrial exhibition should be sold at auction, during the sitting of the assembly, and that the difference between the cost of these implements and the nett proceeds should be granted to the importer.

Your committee have had under consideration the report of the central agricultural board, and are pleased to learn that so many as forty-seven of the local societies are in operation. It appears by the public accounts that these societies have drawn £833 6 0 from the treasury, and the committee are willing to hope that they have done an amount of good commensurate to that expenditure in the several counties.

The committee subjoin an abstract of the expenditure of the board during the past year, and are of opinion that charges for travelling will not in future to be borne out of the public funds; believing as they do that the exertions of the board have aided the agriculture of the province, the committee recommend that the usual grant should be continued.

The committee have examined the accounts of the nine stallions imported in the year 1854 from Canada and the United States, and find that inclusive of all charges, they cost the sum of

£2195 7 0

And that the nett proceeds of the nine horses paid into the treasury came to

292 4 3

Leaving an expenditure for this service of

1903 3 5

As the object of the legislature was attained by the introduction of these animals into the country, several of which are highly esteemed in their localities; the committee would not be deterred by this result from recommending a further grant for the importation of stallions or breeding mares, did they not consider that there are other objects of paramount importance.

The accounts of the three stallions and the sheep imported last year, have not yet been closed, and the results cannot be fully ascertained till next session.

As these sheep, however, were confined to the five counties in which they were sold, and as it is desirable and proper that the other counties should have a similar advantage, the committee recommend that £1000 be placed at the disposal of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, whose unwearied efforts for the improvement of our stock your committee gratefully acknowledges; and that sheep being imported therewith from Canada and United States, and shipped to Yarmouth and Halifax, should be transhipped therefrom by the secretary of the central board, and sold within the other thirteen counties who had none of the sheep imported last year, and the nett proceeds paid into the treasury. This committee desire that the grant should be held sacred for the use they have indicated, and be applied to no other.

They recommend that £100 should be expended in the importation and keeping of improved breeds of pigs, and the same should be kept on the land intended for an experimental farm at Truro.

They do not recommend any further grant towards said farm in the present session.

They recommend that two premiums of £50 each, be granted for the erection of a bone mill by John McLean, and others, at Pictou, and of the first other mill for the same use in any other part of the province. And least these small premiums should not be sufficient to induce the erection of such mills, they recommend that a sum not exceeding £200 be placed at the disposal of the lieutenant-governor, to be expended in

such

such way as he may find most advisable for the establishment of a mill of sufficient power for converting bones into manure, and permanently introducing into the province that valuable branch of rural economy.

The committee lastly recommend that the five thousand copies of Mr. Dawson's admirable work on the management of live stock, rural husbandry, and agricultural chemistry, which are now being printed for distribution, pursuant to the report of last year, should be bound at the contract price of nine pence each copy.

Your committee have had under consideration a plan for a more extended organization of the central board, which they annex for future reference, but have thought it advisable to defer any action thereon during the present session. They must record, however, their conviction that the great agricultural capabilities of this province, as evinced in the magnificent display at the industrial exhibition of 1854, and in the extension of our exports to the markets of the United States and adjoining colonies, have not hitherto been appreciated at their proper value, and that their development opens a noble field to the public spirit and intelligence of our legislature and people.

Committee room, 31st March, 1856.

WILLIAM YOUNG, chairman.
ALEX. McFARLANE,
JOHN McKINNON,
MARTIN I. WILKINS,
F. R. PARKER,
C. R. BILL,
S. S. THORNE,
M. ROBICHEAU,
HENRY BAILEY.

PLAN OF AN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

1.—It is proposed to change the central board into a great agricultural association, to be called the Nova Scotia Agricultural society, and the societies in existence or that may yet be formed, into branches or auxiliaries of this association, with the same relationship, management, and dependence as now subsist between the central board and the agricultural societies.

2.—That the object of this society shall be the same as that contemplated by the central board through the medium of the various societies, that is the general encouragement of agriculture throughout the province, and more especially the diffusion of all information connected with the subject; the importation of stock, grain, roots, implements, &c.; the management of an experimental farm; the change of the agricultural exhibitions throughout the province, &c. &c.

3.—That all shall be held members of this association who are *bona fide* members of any society throughout the country.

4.—That the business of this association shall be managed by a president, three vice presidents, a treasurer, an honorary and an agricultural secretary, with an assistant, and a committee of 15, five of whom shall be a quorum; that these office bearers shall be elected every third year at the great triennial exhibition, hereafter noticed, and that the only paid officers shall be the agricultural and business secretaries.

5.—That the province be divided into four sections, in one of which a great triennial agricultural exhibition, for whose promotion a certain grant shall be made out of the general funds, as well as the whole provincial annual grant made to the auxiliaries in the included sections.

6.—That the various branch societies shall carry on their operations in their respective localities as they now do, except on occasion of the great exhibition within their sections, when all their provincial funds and energies shall be devoted to its furtherance.

7.—That the ground already purchased by the directors of the Normal school for an experimental garden and farm, when sanctioned by the legislature, shall be placed under the management and control of a committee appointed by this association, of which committee the principal of the Normal school shall be a member.

8.—That the following shall be standing committee of this association, to be appointed by the general committee, and to be added to as the general committee shall see cause :

I.—On experimental garden and farm.

II.—On triennial exhibitions.

III.—On stock, seeds and roots.

IV.—On implements and agricultural mechanical improvements.

V.—On agricultural chemistry, museum, tracts, periodicals, &c.

9.—That there shall be an annual meeting held at Halifax during the meeting of the legislature, at which the various standing committees shall report, and a general report drawn up to be submitted to the legislature, printed and widely circulated.

Abstract account of central board of agriculture, 25th February, 1856.

Paid salaries to secretaries,		£75	0	0
Appropriation to Bridgetown fair,		60	0	0
Printing,		7	16	3
Stationery,		0	16	7
Postage accounts,		2	8	10
Books distributed,		17	9	9
Rent,		5	0	0
Coach hire and expenses attending Brigetown fair,		32	12	6
				£201 3 11
Balance last years account,	£59	17	6	
Provincial grant,	200	0	0	
Cash sale of stock,	8	10	0	
				268 7 6
				£67 3 7

No. 68.

(See page 130.)

The committee to whom were referred various petitions and documents touching the crown lands, beg leave to report as follows :

First.—In reference to the petition of A. Campbell, principal deputy surveyor of the county of Annapolis, praying a salary or other remuneration to compensate him for the additional duties attaching by the act of 1851 to the office he holds. Your committee have to observe that the recognition of his claim involves the necessity of providing for each of the eighteen principal deputy surveyors throughout the province. Many of these officers receive large sums yearly for the surveys made by them ; and your committee are of opinion that the small services they render to the government in making an annual report upon matters with which their official employment must necessarily make them familiar, should in ordinary circumstances be looked upon as an incident of their office, and does not justly constitute a claim on the revenues of the country. Your committee are, however, of opinion that the extra labor performed in 1853, by John Murphy, the deputy surveyor for Inverness, in procuring the materials of his report, published in the appendix to the journals of 1854, containing among other things a

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list of the squatters upon crown lands in that county, ought to be considered an exception to the ordinary rule. That officer, in his petition, which has been referred to your committee, states that he spent thirty days in this service; and your committee beg inspection of his report, and by information derived from other sources think him entitled to an allowance of ten pounds, which they recommend this house to grant to him.

In reference to the petitions of Messrs. Carman and Doyle, two of the clerks in the crown land office, your committee have enquired from the officers in charge of that department, as to the capacity and usefulness of those gentlemen, and are of opinion they are insufficiently paid at forty pounds a year. They think their salaries should be raised—Mr. Carman's to eighty pounds, and Mr. Doyle's to seventy pounds.

Your committee have investigated the merits of the petition of Jonathan Elliot. It appears that in 1820 he applied for and obtained a grant of a lot of land at Dartmouth, which he enclosed and occupied from that period for nearly twenty years, when an action was brought against him by parties claiming under a grant of the same land, alleged to have been made in 1799, and by the advice of counsel Mr. Elliot compromised the action by paying the plaintiffs ten pounds and their costs, which with his own amounted to the further sum of thirteen pounds. It does not appear from the petition what was the extent or situation of the land granted, but your committee are opinion that the plaintiffs' title could not have been unequivocal, or a larger sum would have been demanded as a condition of settlement. They further observe, that although the settlement was made as long ago as 1843, and thirteen years have since elapsed, no application for indemnity was made till the present session.

Your committee feel that under all the circumstances of this case, they would not be warranted in recommending this petition to the favorable consideration of the house.

In reference to the petition of John Northup, esquire, and the honorable Richard McJeffrey, your committee beg to state that on the second of March, 1855, Mr. Northup, one of the petitioners, applied for a tract of wilderness land of five thousand acres or more, lying in the county of Hants, between the Pockwalk and Ponkook lakes, and on the same day paid on account of the application, two hundred and fifty pounds. On the 12th March, one hundred and twenty-five pounds, and on the 7th July the balance of one hundred and seventy-one pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, making in all five hundred and forty-six pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence, the cost of the land at the upset price of one shilling and ninepence sterling per acre.

On the 12th March, both petitioners applied for a further tract of 2500; two thousand five hundred acres, situate between the Uniacke township line and the River St. Croix, paying with the application the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds; and on the 7th July, the balance of one hundred and forty-eight pounds eight shillings and ninepence required to make up the purchase money estimated at the same price.

The lands applied for in both petitions lie to the westward of the line located for the Windsor railway, and constitute a tract skirting the line at a distance of one hundred and twenty to one hundred and sixty chains therefrom, for a course of some eight or nine miles. The railway itself traverses the rear of a range of lots granted many years ago, and which extend to the west of the railway as far as the land in question.

From a survey made by the principal deputy surveyor for Hants county on the 5th October last, it appears that the land applied for is generally covered with a growth of hard and soft wood, and that the soil on the higher grounds is of good quality, producing hardwood timber in many parts, and well suited for ship building purposes—in other parts of smaller growth suitable only for fuel. That the lower lands are principally covered with soft wood, producing a considerable quantity of pine and spruce, valuable for timber—of which, however, a considerable portion has been cut and taken off in the neighbourhood of the lakes and rivers. That the whole tract abounds in cliffs and boulders of granite rock, which will render it unfit for cultivation, though in many parts it appears to be otherwise of sufficiently good quality for the purpose. Mr. Smith estimates the land nearest the railroad line at three shillings sterling per acre; but

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thinks the more remote parts of the tract not worth more than one shilling and nine pence sterling. He fixes no precise distance to which the higher price is applicable.

The petitioners ask either to have their grant completed, or in case of its being refused, that their money shall be repaid to them with interest, and that they should receive compensation for the trouble and expense they have incurred.

The application of these gentlemen having been brought to the notice of the government, it was refused on the ground of its contravening the policy of the act passed in 1851, in reference to the crown lands. By that act it is provided that it shall be the duty of the commissioner of crown lands, in addition to his present duties, when so required by the governor in council (among other things)—“To cause a survey to be made of all the crown lands within ten miles on each side of any line of railway which may be put *first* under contract in this province, such land to be laid off in lots of one hundred acres each, except in the neighbourhood of any railway station or other desirable locality where town lots of smaller dimensions may be laid off.” “To sell without reference or delay, where there is no adverse possession, at such price as may have been affixed by order of the governor in council, any such lot to which the title of the crown is clear.” The petitioners do not consider the act as binding on the crown land office, inasmuch as the head of that department has not been required by the governor in council to make the surveys mentioned in the act. Your committee, however, cannot consent to this construction of the statute. The final location of the line to Windsor took place within a very short period after the application, and before any steps had been taken under it to make a survey of the ground. If the government in the face of a statute passed as part of a system in connexion with the construction of railways by the provincial funds, and made particularly applicable to the line *first put under contract*, had consented to pass to any one or two individuals a tract of seven thousand five hundred acres, the very choice of the wild land nearest to Halifax, opened up and raised in value by the railway, and that too at the upset price of ordinary wood lands, your committee are of opinion that they would have been wanting in their duty to the country, and would have justly incurred the censure of this house.

The scope and policy of the act of 1851 appears to your committee to have been, to derive from the enhanced value of lands lying nearest the railway lines, some small return for the outlay which should raise their value. That policy, besides being apparent on the face of the statute, has formed a prominent feature in all the discussions of the past few years. If it is now to be abandoned, it would in the opinion of your committee be better it should be done by positive enactment. No government should be allowed at its pleasure to dispense with the positive provisions or clear implications of a statute.

Your committee would further observe that during the last session the attention of the house was called by petition to the circumstance of large tracts of crown lands being applied for by parties—many of them foreigners, for speculative purposes, and that a committee of your honorable body, including several of the gentlemen who are members of your present committee, united in recommending to the house that under ordinary circumstances grants exceeding five hundred acres should not pass, and that in no case should larger tracts be granted unless with such safeguards as ensured the application of the lands to purposes promotive of manufacturing industry. This report, which was presented to the house on the 29th March, was, after laying on the table from that period to the fifth of April, on that day adopted by the house on motion, without a division or objection. Your committee therefore looking to the principles of this report as embodying the sense of the house, are of opinion that the government, even in the absence of any legislative enactment, would have been unwise to countenance a policy in which the whole house had concurred, without some graver necessity than that which the circumstances of this case present.

The petitioners conceive that they ought not to be subject to the policy of this report, because their application was made before the report was presented to or adopted by the house. But in reply, your committee have to say that the principles of the report

were not confined to future applications, but were, with such modifications as justice seemed to require, extended to the case of petitions lodged with the department long before those of Messrs. Northup and McHefey, and grants have since been refused to such applicants, unless in conformity with the report. In these cases the lands had acquired no additional value from fortuitous circumstances. The rule was applied because it was thought necessary for the protection of the public in ordinary cases; and if enforced in such cases, your committee do not see how it could be relaxed with any degree of justice where the importance of enforcing it was manifestly greater.

Your committee are willing to admit that the petitioners are entitled to be dealt with in a fair and liberal spirit. No public notice has been given of the intention of the government to lay off the lands on the railway tract. The money of petitioners was received at the department, and retained for some months before they were officially informed that the grant would not pass, and they have incurred considerable labour and expense in connection with the application. Under all the circumstances your committee think it would be just to refund them their money with interest, and to pay them any expenses or outlays actually incurred by them.

They would further recommend that in any future dealing with the lands in question under the provisions of the act of 1851, the government should so far as may be consistent with the scope and spirit of the statute, give to the petitioners any benefit that may fairly result from their priority of application.

In reference to the petition of James B. Uniacke, esquire, commissioner of crown lands, complaining of the reduction of his salary as the head of that department, from six hundred pounds currency to five hundred pounds, by the act of last session, and asking the house to raise it to the former sum, your committee have to say that they consider the amount of salary to be attached to a departmental office, more a matter of general policy to be dealt with by the house, than a question of the value of services to be ascertained by a committee. With these views they have not felt it their duty to enter further into the subject, than to observe, that they consider the duties of the office to be such as require great industry and practical sagacity; and that the difficulties arising out of the want of system which has heretofore characterized the disposal of the crown lands, affords full scope for the best intellect the country can furnish.

The committee have also had under consideration the report of the commissioner of crown lands, touching the affairs of the department during the past year; and in reference to the recommendation of that officer, that a sum should be appropriated for the purpose of establishing meridian lines in the different counties, your committee have to observe that as a general rule, the object of such a work is to furnish within convenient distances certain standard lines, in reference to which, any survey once accurately made may at any time be recovered.

In the Western States, where the lands are laid out in rectangular blocks of six miles each way, with the side lines corresponding with the points of the compass, and where these blocks extend over several degrees of latitude, great mathematical accuracy is necessarily required on these surveys. It is obvious that two lines commencing on the same parallel of latitude, at a distance of six miles apart, both running due north, will as they proceed, approach each other. The northern line of such a block is therefore necessary, shorter than the southern line, although the whole block is called a square. The difference in the breadth of the lot at its two ends will be in this latitude about nineteen rods; and therefore in laying off a series of such lots, it is necessary to make such allowance in the south line of each tier, as results for the difference of geographical position. To insure accuracy in marking these surveys, the American government have at great expense run meridian lines at short distances from each other throughout their public lands previously to the sub-divisions being made.

The use of these meridian lines with us would be somewhat different, but by no means unimportant.

The variation of the compass laid down on the charts of the hydrographic office,
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published by the authority of the imperial government, was found in 1830 to be as great as nine degrees between the eastern and western parts of this province. The variation at Cape North was 23 degrees to the westward, while at Cape Sable it was only fourteen degrees, the variation diminishing in proceeding westward. This is equivalent to one and one half minutes in a mile, or a degree every forty miles. The plans in the office of the surveyor general have been compiled altogether from magnetic surveys; a line on the plan preparatory to run north at Barrington is nine degrees different on the ground from one at Cape North, appearing to run the same course. Parallel lines therefore on the plans indicate anything but parallelism on the ground.

To this must be added other grave sources of error. The instruments in ordinary use seldom correspond with each other, and a difference of one or two degrees in the same place as exhibited by different compasses is no unusual circumstance. Add to this that many of the early surveys (and perhaps later ones ought fairly to be included) have been conducted with great looseness, and to the inaccuracy derived from the laws of nature, and the defects of the instruments may be fairly added a large amount of error from the imperfect way in which the work has been done. From all these sources of inaccuracy, the plans at the crown land office are in a most defective state. The officer at the head of that department is desirous of constructing an entirely new series of plans, and the imperial officers who have charge of the coast surveys have kindly placed at his disposal the charts they have constructed, and which exhibit an accurate outline of our headlands and coasts as ascertained by correct principles of geometry. To connect this survey with our own, to enable the department to avail themselves of the imperial expenditure for provincial purposes, it would be highly desirable that meridian lines, should be run in each county, or at all events from some of the more important of these headlands. By referring the course of the lines of any grant to the meridian line as a standard, the true position of the lot will be determined, and the department may to a large extent, correct the unavoidable errors which have resulted from the system (or rather want of system) which has heretofore prevailed in that department. These lines too, afford the means for every surveyor to correct his compass at any time. They will give him the exact variation which exists at the date of any survey he is called on to make, and will enable him to proceed with a degree of accuracy utterly unattainable at present.

Your committee feeling this subject to be one of great importance, respectfully recommend to the house the propriety of granting a sum of money out of the proceeds of the office to be appropriated to that purpose. They are of opinion that £300 ought to be expended during the present year on that survey, and would recommend the department to establish lines on the extreme east and extreme west, with as little delay as possible.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 26th March, 1856.

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.
JOHN MARSHALL.*
ALFRED WHITMAN.*
JOHN LOCKE.
ALEXANDER McFARLANE.
PETER SMYTH.†

* Except as to the part of the above report which touches the claims of Messrs. Northup and McHeffey; we being of opinion that under the circumstances these gentlemen ought to receive their grant.

† Except as to the policy of paying county surveyors; I am of opinion they ought to be paid a small salary.

No. 69.

(See page 133.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of the governors of the Halifax visiting dispensary ; the petition of the society for the support of the house of refuge in this city—each asking for a grant in support of those establishments ; and the petition of Doctors Jennings and Slayter, recommending the establishment of a marine hospital, have agreed to report as follows :

Although your committee consider the granting of money out of the general revenue to institutions of this kind of a character purely local, and confined in their charities to this city, to be unsound in principle, unjust towards the rest of the population, and opposed to the general policy this legislature, and although they believe that all charitable institutions of similar description, either in the parent country, the colonies, or in the United States, are sustained by solely funds raised by voluntary contributions or assessment on the city or town where they are situate. Yet as they are convinced from personal inspection and inquiry, that these institutions, and especially the visiting dispensary, are useful and beneficial, they are unwilling that their usefulness should be curtailed from the want of funds sufficient for their maintenance, your committee therefore recommend the same sum as was granted in the last session of the legislature, viz : £100 for the visiting dispensary, and £50 for the house of refuge, at the same time distinctly disavowing the principle of such grant, so as to avoid their being drawn into a precedent hereafter.

The annual grant of £50 to the old Halifax dispensary having been deferred in committee of supply until this committee should report, leads your committee to conclude that the house thereby virtually submitted its claims to their decision, and considering that one dispensary well sustained is preferable to two inferior ones—that the more active and effective management of the Halifax visiting dispensary has in a great measure superseded the necessity of the old establishment ; and that the functions of the two may be and ought to be united, do not therefore recommend any further grant to that institution, except in so far as it may be made to appear that the present superintendent has not been compensated for past expenditure.

Your committee concur with Doctor Jennings and Slayter as to the utility and desirableness of a marine hospital in this city, and hope their exertions will stimulate the inhabitants of Halifax to co-operate with them in so patriotic and praiseworthy an undertaking.

EDWARD S. BROWN.
CHARLES TUPPER.

No. 70.

(See page 133.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Michael Cody, of Walton, in the county of Hants, praying for compensation for injuries received, and expenses incurred by him, and other losses set forth in his said petition, whilst performing his duties as mail carrier from Martin's to Walton, and having read the certificate by the post master general annexed thereto, beg leave to recommend that the sum of fifty pounds be granted to petitioner for such compensation.

Committee room, 31st day of March, 1856.

THOMAS H. FULLER.
MARTIN I. WILKINS.
B. WIER.

No. 71.

(See page 138.)

The committee on education beg leave to report :

First of all, on the various petitions referred to them.

That they have considered the subject matter of these petitions at several meetings, and recommend,

1st.—That the sum of £100 be granted to the president and trustees of St. Francis Xavier's college at Antigonishe, to enable them to provide a physical apparatus for elucidating and rendering attractive the study of natural philosophy. The committee with a view to the recent commencement of this institution, and the wide field to which its influence extends, unanimously concur in recommending this grant.

2nd.—A majority of the committee in consideration of the facts set forth in the petition of Mr. Joseph R. Hea, and the certificate which accompanies it, recommend that the sum of £50 be granted to the institution under his care at Lower Horton, in addition to the grammar school allowance which is at present assigned to it.

3rd.—The committee recommend that £18 15s. of the undrawn grammar school money for the county of Cumberland, be granted under the circumstances stated in his petition, to Donald M'Kay, teacher of the grammar school at Wallace.

4th.—They also recommend that £12 10s. of the undrawn grammar school money for the county of Annapolis be granted to H. W. Johnston, teacher of the academy at Annapolis, his equitable right thereto having been certified by the trustees.

5th.—The committee have considered the joint memorial of the trustees of the Antigonishe grammar female schools, certified by the certificate of the school commissioners at that place, and the counter petition of the trustees of the grammar school at St. Andrew's, in the county of Sydney, and are of opinion that it would be unwise as well as unjust to deprive the latter school of the allowance it has hitherto received. At the same time they are sensible of the importance of encouraging, by an adequate grant, an institution which promises to be so efficient as the united grammar and female school at Antigonishe ; and suggest that, should the educational bill now before the house pass into a law, a sufficient provision will be made for all the three schools out of the £150 proposed for each county.

6th.—Having inspected Mr. Alexander Munro's work on New Brunswick, and being desirous of encouraging to a moderate extent what appears to be a meritorious literary effect, the committee recommend that 150 copies of the work be purchased for the use of the county libraries at 1s. a copy.

7th.—They have taken into consideration the circumstance stated in the memorial of William Henry Waddell, teacher for eighteen months of the Cross-road school at River John, and the report made there by the superintendent of education at the desire of the committee of last session, and recommend that Mr. Waddell be paid thirty pounds in full of his claim, out of the common school money of the county of Pictou.

8th.—They have also considered the petition of Joseph McNaught, the contractor for the Normal school, with the letters of the petitioner and of Mr. Blanchard in relation thereto ; and on a review of all the facts therein stated, and of the personal explanations offered to the committee, they recommend that the sum of £25 be granted to the petitioner in full of his claims.

9th.—They recommend a continuance of the usual grant to the Infant school at Halifax.

10th.—The petition from the inhabitants of Middle Musquodoboit in favor of assessment for the support of common schools does credit to those men who have concurred in it ; but the principle having been affirmed by a large majority of the present House, no interference is required on the part of this committee.

11th.—In consideration of the long and meritorious services of Daniel Gallagher, as a school master, and of the certificate of the commissioners for the city of Halifax,

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the committee recommend that a free grant of 200 acres of the public lands be made to him pursuant to his petition.

12th—The committee have considered the petition of the trustees of the grammar school taught by William Shipley, at Bridgetown, supported by the explanation personally given by Mr. Thorne and Mr. Spurr. They have also considered the counter petition signed by the chairman of the school commissioners for the county of Annapolis, with the affidavit of Thomas James, Esq., and referring to the decision come to by the committees of the two last sessions of assembly, this committee are of opinion that the sum of £25 undrawn of the grammar school allowance for that county, ought to be awarded to Mr. Shipley. Without entering into the controversy and the conflicting statement as to the efficiency of this school, the committee conceive that the teacher having been licensed in compliance with the law, and being sustained by the trustees elected by the people, and the requisitions of the act having been in other respects complied with, the commissioner, ought not to interfere.

13th—The committee must reject the petition of Henry Grantmire; no sufficient explanation of the facts of this case having been furnished, nor of the long delay that has intervened since August.

14th—They feel themselves bound also to reject the application of the Rev. Henry Deblois, until at least a fuller account is given of the circumstance on which his claim is founded.

Having disposed of all the petitions, the committee next reviewed the returns made by the colleges and academies for the past year.

1st—St. Mary's college at Halifax. The report states that there are five professors besides two assistants—that there has been an average attendance of 90 pupils—that the classes taught comprehended Greek, Latin, French, natural and moral philosophy, elocution, vocal music, and drawing, with the other usual branches—that the fees from students were £252, and the legislature grant £250, of which sums £316 were paid to the professors, and the balance for servants wages, fuel and other necessary charges. The ages and time of attendance of the pupils are not given.

2nd.—St. Francis Xavier's college at Antigonishe. It appears by the return that there are five professors and teachers aided by two others, ecclesiastical students—that instruction is given over a wide range extending from eloquatic and moral theology, the ancient and modern languages, logic and metaphysics, to the usual branches of an English education,—and that in the higher department there are 33 students—in the English 62, making 95 in all, the ages of whom are not stated in the return.

3rd.—Wesleyan Academy at Sackville. The course of instruction in this flourishing institution, and the number of male and female pupils in attendance are familiar to the house from the printed returns. It received from the N. Brunswick legislature for the two branches £600, and from our own augmented grant £225. The male branch yielded about £1500; the female about £1300. The balance due by the institution is stated at £1170.

4th—Academy at Horton, under charge of the Baptist education society, the number of pupils who attended during the year was 146, of whom 13 remained on the 31st January. Average attendance throughout the term 66; numbers studying French, 14; Latin, 32; Greek, 16; mathematics, 32. Fifteen pupils were prepared to enter Acadia college in June last.

5th—Academy at Pictou. It appears by the return of the teacher of the classical and mathematical department, that it is attended exclusively by 17 pupils, and by 25 others who attend also the English department. The return of the latter shews an attendance of 57 pupils besides the above 25. The ages and religious denominations of the pupils are given in a separate return. There appeared to be 60 presbyterians; 16 belonging to the church of England; 5 Roman Catholics, and 7 drawn from other religious bodies.

6th—Academy at Truro. There are two teachers, and the course of instruction comprehends Greek, Latin, French, and the usual branches of an English education. The number

number of pupils is not stated, but £105 11s. 6d. was received for fees. This academy therefore would seem to be well sustained.

There are no returns from the other educational institutions endowed from the public funds, and the committee renew the recommendation of last year, that a commission should be appointed by the government to visit and report upon the efficiency and actual state of these institutions, under such instructions as the government may see fit to give.

In reference to the general character of the country and the Normal school, the committee refer to the able report of the superintendent, and the abstract of returns which will be printed in the journals of the present session. The committee forbear from touching the question of common school education, as it has been largely discussed in the assembly. The Normal school was opened in November last, under the happiest auspices, and if it continues to be conducted with judgment, impartiality, and vigor, it promises to meet the expectations of its warmest friends, and to fulfil the intentions of the legislature; about 70 pupils are in attendance, a number more than double of what was contemplated. The resident superintendent in his report and in his oral examination before the committee urged the necessity of erecting three Model schools, which it is proposed to place under one roof in the immediate vicinity of the Normal school, and a majority of the committee adopting these views recommend that the sum of £500 be granted for that purpose, on condition that £200 be raised by private subscription or otherwise, and so as the whole expenditure on these schools shall amount to £700. The committee further recommend that £200 be placed at the disposal of the commissioners of the Normal school to meet their outstanding liabilities, including a balance of £25 14s. 3d. now due them, and to be accounted for at the next session.

They also recommend a grant of £200 for philosophical and other apparatus, out of which the charge of £105 17s. 1d. already incurred therefor, shall be paid. They recommend that a balance of £35 10s. due to the superintendent for travelling charges and postage should be granted, and that an over-expenditure of £36 6s. 6d. for school contingencies should be defrayed out of the annual sum of £100 allowed by the act.

The committee regret that as the school has so recently come into operation, they cannot recommend any increase in the salaries of the two assistant teachers, the value of whose services however they fully appreciate.

Lastly, they have examined the accounts of expenditure for school libraries, apparatus, and books under the educational act. These as well as all the other accounts, have been checked in the office of the financial secretary. Of the sum of £500 allowed by the act for the purchase of school libraries, £477 19s 7d. were laid out by Andrew McKinlay, esquire, during a visit to the city of New York, and the works were purchased and distributed by that gentleman with his usual public spirit without charge to the province. School books to the amount of £578 16s. 11d. were also purchased and distributed through the same medium, leaving a balance of £21 3s. 1d. out of the grant undrawn.

Halifax, 31st March, 1856.

WILLIAM YOUNG, chairman.
L. M. WILKINS.
CHARLES TUPPER.
EDWARD L. BROWN.
W. B. WEBSTER.
A. C. McDONALD.
H. HYDE.
J. W. JOHNSTON.

The recommendation in favor of Mr. Waddell past under the impression that the school academy at Pictou required it. By a letter since received from them, this appears to be a misapprehension.

J. W. J.

I differ from some of the views adopted in this report, and desire to record my dissent from it as a whole.

JAMES McKEAGNEY.

REMARKS ON TABLES.

The accompanying statistical educational tables are made up from the returns of the clerks of the several boards of school commissioners, forwarded to me through the provincial secretary's office. A considerable portion of these returns did not reach me till long past the time fixed by law, and two of them as will be seen from the tables, are still wanting. What renders the tables still more incomplete is the circumstance that only two or three of the grammar school and academy returns have been sent to me. It is now required that a full statement of the condition of the grammar schools be forwarded to the financial secretary's office before the trustees of said schools be entitled to draw the provincial allowance for their support; and it is to be feared that some at least content themselves with such returns.

With these statements and explanations, it will be seen that the tables in many of their aspects differ but little from the very full and accurate tabular statement for 1852, presented to the legislature by my predecessor, Mr. Dawson. Notwithstanding the natural increase of the population, it is evident that the number of children attending school since that return was given in has considerably fallen off,—a circumstance, mainly I believe, to be attributed to the very inadequate remuneration allowed to the teachers. At the lowest calculation there cannot be less than 25,000 children destitute of education, and thus with the very inefficient character of many of the schools, presents the present condition of the education of the province in a very appalling aspect, and calls loudly for some remedial application.

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TABLE 1st.
Number of Schools and Districts.—Support of Schools.

	No. of Schools.		No. of Districts.	Support from District.			TOTAL.	Support from Province.			TOTAL.							
	W.	S.		WINTER.	SUMMER.	TOTAL.		WINTER.	SUMMER.	TOTAL.								
1. City of Halifax,	16	21		356	2	4	710	1	0½	362	10	0	415	0	0	777	10	0
2. E. Halifax,		23		No return.			334	12	6				215	10	0	215	10	8
3. W. Halifax,	23	31	36	333	15	10	900	19	0	165	11	7	184	0	0	349	11	7
4. Lunenburg,			No return.							No return.								
5. Queen's,	25	35		365	4	6	909	9	6	195	0	0	195	0	0	390	0	0
6. Annapolis,	48	61	51	747	0	0	1700	6	9	344	15	0	349	10	0	694	5	0
7. King's,	50	54	69	973	19	4	2014	12	9	292	5	0	288	7	6	580	12	6
8. N. Pictou,	48	53	61	774	0	0	1653	15	0	288	16	8	297	3	4	586	0	0
9. S. Pictou,	56	60		676	19	0	1424	1	9	262	5	2	280	1	10	542	7	0
10. Parrsborough,				No return.						No return.								
11. N. Cumberland,	66	76	58	859	10	9	1696	19	4	222	11	9	226	14	11	449	6	8

12. S. Colchester,	46	53		693	18	3½	367	7	10½	239	10	0	239	10	0	478	10	0
13. Stirling,	15	27	17	195	2	9	458	11	4½	71	0	0	71	0	0	142	0	0
14. E. Hants,	18	21	36	355	18	4	770	10	5	132	13	4	122	2	2	254	15	6
15. W. Hants,	27	35		652	12	6	1475	2	8½	226	16	8	226	16	8	453	13	4
16. Clare,	11	15		120	10	3½	261	11	9	85	10	0	85	10	0	171	0	0
17. N. Digby,	27	40	29	614	2	3	1340	10	6	169	16	1	167	16	4	408	13	4
18. Yarmouth,	27	38	37	612	1	7	1120	8	6	94	0	0	161	15	0	337	12	5
19. Argyle,	13	23	27	169	14	10½	392	12	2½	117	15	0	127	0	0	255	15	0
20. Barrington,	20	28	28	217	8	2	463	0	2	114	6	0	129	14	0	244	15	0
21. Shelburne,	23	26	18	192	6	8	389	13	5	114	6	0	129	14	0	244	0	0
22. St. Mary's,				Return			257	13	4	Return			for year.			149	3	4
23. E. Guysborough,	22	25	39	242	10	1	508	18	11	145	4	0	150	15	0	295	19	0
24. Sydney,	55	60		737	3	10½	1469	2	10	328	6	3	324	18	3	653	4	6
25. S. Inverness,	42	40	55	403	4	8	799	10	2	271	1	2	258	18	7	529	19	9
26. N. Inverness,	21	20	37	212	9	6	434	9	9	134	7	3	129	10	0	263	17	3
27. Cape Breton,	49	53	54	546	11	3	1192	11	7	348	2	3	343	3	0	691	5	3
28. Victoria,	34	28	50	327	1	9	690	18	5	187	10	0	229	0	0	416	10	0
29. Richmond,	27	30	33	255	6	6½	491	10	6½	205	12	7	205	2	7	410	15	2
	809	976	806	11624	15	1½	81249	53	4	5005	5	9	5423	19	10	10987	2	3

TABLE II.
Number, age, and sex of pupils.—Total number of children.

	Paid pupils.		Free pupils.		Total.		Age of pupils.						Sex of pupils.				Total persons from 4 to 15 yrs. of age.
							under 8.			over 8.			Male.		Female.		
	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	
City of Halifax,	740	835	584	675	1324	1510	241	323	1083	1246	660	743	664	772			
Co. Halifax,		658	39		697		222		420		359	324					
W. Halifax,	847	1253	97	110	944	1363	223	431	751	936	541	433	433	646			971
Lunenburg,			No return.				No return.		No return.								
Queen's,	566	804	62	102	628	906	128	256	500	624	323	406	305	500			
Annapolis,	1345	1532	216	277	1561	1809	244	533	1250	1227	1035	911	526	898			1760
King's,	1416	1633	266	308	1682	1941	260	603	1422	1338	1141	913	541	1028			
N. Pictou,	1934	2044	129	143	2063	2187	307	578	1756	1609	933	1122	1130	1065			2402
S. Pictou,	2140	2466	112	148	2252	2614	464	743	1788	1871	1269	384	983	1230			2133
Parrsborough,			No return.				No return.		No return.								
N. Cumberland,	1465	1515	222	186	1687	1701	310	422	1377	1279	987	891	700	810			1226

Colchester,	1490	1475	116	152	1606	1627	293	504	1313	910	816	696	810	1447
Stirling,	527	738	0	31	536	769	72	190	464	578	403	217	366	975
E. Hants,	628	743	25	32	653	803	144	210	509	573	386	267	432	786
W. Hants,	904	1170	136	182	1040	1352	219	310	821	1042	696	397	656	2069
Clare,	274	331	57	83	331	414	38	72	293	342	190	143	224	685
Digby,	907	1012	100	154	1007	1166	134	300	873	866	612	277	554	
Yarmouth,	959	999	195	260	1154	1259	110	391	1044	868	579	264	680	2200
Argyle,	244	394	63	103	307	497	57	149	250	348	247	113	250	1346
Barrington,	516	568	78	119	594	687	83	220	511	467	354	143	333	
Shelburne,	423	465	60	70	483	535	97	86	386	449	253	182	282	
St. Mary's,	378		27		405		110		286			190		454
E. Guysborough,	516	571	118	144	634	715	116	173	518	542	387	278	328	
Sydney,	1541	1648	163	165	1704	1813	217	316	1487	1493	1093	631	722	1206
S. Inverness,	1149	961	145	145	1294	1106	142	206	1152	900	686	440	420	1051
N. Inverness,	604	491	63	85	667	576	93	90	574	486	389	243	187	
Cape Breton,	1384	1675	171	190	1555	1865	311	458	1244	1407	1085	648	780	
Victoria,	987	949	90	82	1077	1031	118	219	957	812	607	453	424	1023
Richmond,	536	594	224	295	660	889	140	208	620	681	482	297	407	965
	24420	37524	3528	4280	27948	31804	4671	8213	23229	16820	15715	11161	15128	22758

TABLE III.
Duration of schools—sex of teachers—character of schools—school houses, &c.

	Duration of Schools in weeks.		Sex of Teachers.				School Houses.				Schools having Library Books.		Schools having School books in Commissioners' hands.		Apparatus.		
	W.	S.	Male.		Female.		Frame or stone or Log.	Good.	Bad or injured.	Schools having Library Books.	W.	S.	Schools having School books in Commissioners' hands.	Globes.	Wall Maps.	Black Boards.	Other apparatus.
			W.	S.	W.	S.											
City of Halifax,	23	21	8	13	10	12	4	all	6	7	8	9	18	6	85	22	3
E. Halifax,		24	15	15	8	8	4	20	13	7	7	7	18	2	103	11	3
W. Halifax,	22	23	42	49	18	21	4	23	21	1	1	10	13	2	142	14	3
Lunenburg,	22	23.2															
Queen's,	22.1	23.2	13	9	12	24	3	35	4					3	47	13	1
Annapolis,	22.1	23.1	36	29	12	32	17	all	25	8	8	11	11	4	80	32	2
King's,	23	22.1	38	23	12	31	14		15	10	11	26	18	2	89	26	2
N. Pictou,	22.5	21.6	35	37	13	16	2	46	30	8	13	19	24	2	163	35	2
S. Pictou,	20.4	20.5	42	43	3	11	7	34	38	7	16	16	25	3	66	25	2
Parrsborough,																	
N. Cumberland,	22.8	21.2	46	48	20	28	12	43		3	8	18	6		28	28	1

S. Colchester,	17.9	19	32	20	16	33	4	all	30	3	13	10	5	3	116	30	2
Stirling,	23	22.2	11	10	4	9	2	13	6	2	5	10	12		26	10	
E. Hants,	22	17.2	12	13	6	8	1	15	12	3	6	3	6		36	5	
W. Hants,	22.9	24.6	21	23	6	11	5	all	18	2	8	2	8		72	18	
Clare,	19.1	20.8	3	2	8	13	1	all	4	2	10	8	10		2	2	
Digby,	22.9	23.0	22	16	5	24	5	all	8	1	5	18	5		37	11	
Yarmouth,	18.8	22.8	23	7	4	31	13	all	25	1	10	7	10		92	38	
Argyle,	14.8	19.8	9	10	4	13	3	all		2	3	5	10		21	8	
Barrington,	19.2	23.2	16	6	4	21	5	all		1	4	7	10		20	8	
Shelburne,	19.1	21.6	13	7	10	19	3	all		1	2	1	2		10	9	
St. Mary's,																	
E. Guysboro'	23.2	22.1	12	13	10	12	5	18	16	5	11	15	11		58	11	
Sydney,	22.2	19.9	44	45	11	15	2	48	39	11	16	20	14		28	4	
S. Inverness,	23.2	22.1	40	38	2	2	9	35	30	7	15	31	5		81	13	
N. Inverness,	21.2	22.4	20	18	1	2	4	6	15	14	4	17	12		20	8	
Cape Breton,	24.3	22.6	41	41	8	12	3	26	29	14	22	34	9		74	6	
Victoria,	19.3	20.4	33	27	1	1	8	7	23	3	5	4	6		12	4	
Richmond,	23.2	24.3	19	19	8	11	5	19	2	12	7	4	12		30	2	
	556	591.5	631	581	188	420	186	379	394	98	230	322	240	25	1538	392	22

No. 72.

(See page 140.)

The committee appointed to examine the petitions and claims for the support of transient paupers, have agreed to recommend the following grants.

To Rev. E. B. Nichols, Liverpool,	£2	5	0
Mary McIsaac, Judique,	17	5	0
Overseers of poor St. Andrews, for R. McDonald,	2	10	0
Overseers of poor for Horton, for supplies, &c., to Thomas Lemon and David Poor,	11	10	0
Overseers of Windsor for sundries for Michael Sexton,	19	7	1½
Overseers of Windsor for ditto, for George Wood, including £20 in full of Dr. Gore's account,	32	0	1½
Overseers of poor, 2nd section, township of Pictou,	18	18	0
Dr. Johnston, Pictou,	11	0	0
First section, township of Pictou,	48	18	9
Thomas Culling of Sydney,	5	15	0
Overseers of poor, 3rd district, Annapolis,	7	17	11
3rd district, No. 1, township of Annapolis,	20	3	10
Overseers of St. Andrew's, for Alexander McNeil,	6	15	0
Overseers of first section, township of Egerton,	9	13	5
Thomas Walsh, North Sydney,	30	0	0
William Payson, Weymouth,	7	10	0
Overseers of poor, Aylesford,	3	16	3
Overseers of Dalhousie,	12	0	0
Overseers of Barrington,	7	0	0
Overseers of Liverpool,	30	17	2½
Overseers of Granville for Mary Sands,	9	0	0
Overseers of township of Clements,	15	1	10
Angus McKinnon, Arichat,	15	0	0
Dr. Jean for attendance of G. Fairing,	18	0	0
Dr. Jean for ditto,	6	5	0
	£368	7	5½

The committee do not recommend any grants for the following claims for the reasons annexed thereto.

To Doctors Weeks and Dennison, Newport.

Dr. Dennison, Newport.

Jabez Morton, Queen's county.

Overseers of 4th section of Pictou.

Overseers of 5th section, township of Egerton.

Joseph Dickson, Colchester.

As the petitioners have failed to satisfy the committee, that the parties returned were transient paupers, according to the regulations of this house upon that subject.

To overseers of poor, Albion Mines, as the committee have understood that the mining association agree to support their own poor.

The committee having been directed to report specially with reference to the claims of Drs. Weeks and Dennison above referred to, would suggest the propriety of making the districts through which the railway papers meet the charges for attendance on rail-

way laborers, (who are paupers) during its construction, in consideration of the great local advantage of so large an expenditure of money as that work involves.

House of assembly, April 4th, 1856.

CHARLES TUPPER.
 ICHABOD DIMOCK.
 PETER SMYTH.
 M. McCLEARN.
 C. R. BILL.

No. 73.

(See page 140.)

The committee on the criminal law beg leave to report :

That in their judgment the proceedings in criminal cases are susceptible of several improvements, which they regret it is out of their power to consider during the present session, as they require more reflection and time than it is possible now to bestow upon them.

On the petitions of James Campbell and Mark Curry, the committee without recognising or attempting to lay down any general principles, recommend under the peculiar circumstances of these cases, that the sum of ten pounds be granted to each.

Halifax, 4th April, 1856.

WM. YOUNG.
 ALEX. ARCHIBALD.
 THOMAS F. MORRISON.
 GEORGE GELDERT.

I acquiesce in the report as respects Mark Curry, to remunerate him for charges incurred in bringing a criminal to justice. I do not agree in paying James Campbell the expenses of defence against a prosecution against himself, until an alteration shall be made in the law to meet all losses of a similar kind.

J. W. JOHNSTON.

No. 74.

(See page 142.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin K. Dodge, praying remuneration for his services in vaccinating poor persons in the county of Annapolis, beg leave to recommend, that the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the petitioner, such sum to be in full of all claims for past services.

Committee room, 4th April, 1856.

W. B. WEBSTER,* chairman.
 JOHN RYDER.
 EZRA CHURCHILL.

* Dissenting from the report.

No. 75.

(See page 142.)

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of Ambrose Bourneuf and George Bingay, report as follows :

First.—They have considered the statements in the petition of Ambrose Bourneuf, collector of colonial duties at Church Point, in the township of Clare, setting forth the loss he has sustained in consequence of the insolvency of Mark LeBlanc, under the peculiar circumstances detailed in the petition ; and feeling that the petitioner has acted *bona fide*, and only erred from a misconception of his duties as such collector, your committee recommend that the sum of forty-three pounds ten shillings and ten pence sterling, duties paid by the petitioner into the receiver general's office, be refunded to him ; and also, that the sum of forty-two pounds and seventeen shillings, being the amount of costs incurred by petitioner in legal proceedings with reference to the recovery of the amount of the duties so paid by him, should be paid to the petitioner in addition to such duties.

Secondly.—With reference to the petition of George Bingay, coroner of the county of Yarmouth, your committee, taking into consideration the circumstances detailed by him, recommend that the sum of two pounds and ten shillings, the usual allowance to a coroner for conducting an inquisition, be paid to the petitioner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 4th April, 1856.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.
THOMAS F. MORRISON.
JAMES McKEAGNEY.

No. 76.

(See page 143.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Christopher, of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, praying this house to allow him the arrears of his wages due by the estate of the late James Turnbull, of Arichat, in the county of Richmond, as a domestic and farm servant, as set forth in his said petition. The committee having examined into the nature of his claim, and on enquiry, finding that the province having largely benefitted by the estate of the late James Turnbull, to the exclusion of the just debt of petitioner, recommend that the sum of ten pounds be granted to petitioner.

Committee room, 2nd April, 1856.

THOMAS H. FULLER.
JAMES McKEAGNEY.
CHARLES J. CAMPBELL.

No. 77.

(See page 151.)

The committee on the fisheries having duly considered the various papers and petitions referred to them, agree to report as follows :

1°. They have prepared and reported a bill making certain alterations in the fish inspection act of last session, the necessity for those alterations having been made apparent to your committee by the petitions on that subject.

2°. Your committee have had their attention directed to the despatch of Mr. Labouchere of 22nd November last, addressed to the lieutenant-governor, on the subject of the destruction of the fisheries by American fishermen throwing offal overboard. The committee feel satisfied that such practices cannot fail to have a most pernicious effect on the fisheries of this province ; yet they are not aware to what extent the provincial government can interfere with American fishermen since the passage of the reciprocity treaty ; but they earnestly call the attention of the government to this most important subject, and trust that it will be brought to the notice of her majesty's government, in order that prompt means may be adopted to prevent the total destruction of the shore fishery. Your committee believing that a great portion of the American coast fishery has been destroyed in former years by the practice now complained of, which also appears from the letter of commander Cochrane to rear admiral Fanshawe, annexed to the despatch in question.

3°. Your committee have perused the letter of captain William Townsend, addressed to the chairman, and calling their attention to the fact that rights not definitely stated, are conceded to American fishermen, and pointing out the necessity of taking such measures as will secure to our people a fair and honest interpretation of the fishery treaty as respects the defining the mouths of the rivers. The committee on the fisheries alluded to this subject in their report of last year, and they now earnestly call the attention of the government to this important matter, and wish the letter of Mr. Townsend to appear on the journals as an appendix to this report.

4°. The petition of John Publicover, and other inhabitants of the county of Lunenburg, asking the legislature to prevent the use of bag nets in our bays, harbors and rivers, and stating that the taking of fish by such means is fast destroying the bait, the food of other fish visiting our coasts, and consequently ruining the shore fishery, has been seriously considered by your committee, and they would recommend the passage of such an act through the legislature, were it not that they are met with the difficulty which has impeded their action in other matters ; and they feel that to restrict our own people from doing what foreigners are permitted to do with impunity would be unwise, especially until it is defined what it is meant in the treaty by " mouths of rivers," as it is impossible to decide where nets may or may not be set, until such definition is made.

5°. The committee have had before them the returns of the chief inspectors throughout the province, and have inserted a clause in the inspection act reported by them to compel a return of the kind of fish they inspect as well as of the quantity inspected. The abstract of return of pickled fish may shew the whole amount of pickled fish inspected in the province, but it by no means embraces all the fish taken in Nova Scotia and taken therefrom ; nor does it show exactly the quality of fish taken in each county or exported therefrom. Your committee are not aware that anything can be done this year to remedy this defect ; but they confidently hope that the day is not far distant when this subject, as well as many others connected with this most important branch of provincial industry, will create a deeper interest in the minds of those intrusted with the legislation of the country.

6°. Complaints have been made by petition and otherwise to your committee, that most unfit persons have been selected to act as chief inspectors of counties ; on this point your committee feel that they cannot do better than call the attention of the

house

house and the government to the recommendation of the committee on the fisheries at the last session, as embodying the views of your committee in that respect.

7°. Your committee recommend that a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds be granted as a bounty for the encouragement of the deep sea bank fishing, to be paid under the following regulations, viz :

To all vessels of 30 tons and upwards, properly fitted for the business, and employed 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.

Your committee have perused with much pleasure the report of captain Chearnley, on the river fisheries, containing much valuable information on that subject, and also making suggestions for the amendment of the law in relation to that subject ; your committee however do not feel called upon to report any alteration in that law, as the act for the municipal government of counties, to a great extent, relieves them from the necessity of making such amendments. Your committee deem it their duty however to record their sense of the services of captain Chearnley, and recommend that his report do appear on the journals as an appendix to this report.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 5th April, 1856.

JOHN J. MARSHALL, chairman.
JOHN RYDER.
FRANCIS BOURNEUF.
HENRY MARTELL.
JOHN TOBIN.
HENRY BAILEY.*
BENJAMIN RYNARD.*

* Dissent from that part of the report which provides the appointment of wardens of the river fisheries.

PETER SMYTH.
JOHN CAMPBELL.

No. 1.

Downing street, 22d November, 1855.

SIR—

I transmit for your information an extract of a report from commander Cochran, of her majesty's ship "Mariner," relative to the fisheries in the Bay of Fundy, and I am desirous of calling your attention, with a view to devising means for checking it, to the practice which prevails of throwing offal overboard on the fishing grounds, whereby considerable numbers of fish are either destroyed or driven away from the coast.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

His excellency sir J. G. LeMarchant.

Extract of a letter from commander Cochrane to rear admiral Fanshawe, dated H. M. sloop Mariner, at Halifax, 29th September, 1855.

"Complaints are made that certain of the existing laws are infringed, prohibiting any "gurry" or offal being thrown overboard on the fishing grounds, which I am assured many vessels, both British and American, persist in doing ; if this practice is continued it must inevitably do serious mischief to the fishery, as it either destroys or

drives

drives away all good fish, besides attracting those of a bad description, viz. : shark, skate, &c.

“ It is stated upon good authority that the fishery on the American coast, down to Cape Cod, has been quite destroyed by this practice, which in some measure accounts for the increase in the number of American fishing vessels of late years in British waters. I am also informed that the herring spawning ground, off the S. W. head of Grand Manan, is occasionally poached during the close season between July and October.

“ A heavy penalty is attached to the infringement of both these laws, but from all I can understand there appears great difficulty in bringing the offenders to justice.

“ It may seem presumptuous on my part to offer an opinion as to the working of the present system of carrying out the laws relative to the fisheries, but from the observations I have been able to make, and from the information I have gained from people competent to judge of the matter, there seems to be but little doubt that the present arrangement is far from meeting the wants of the case.

“ I am of opinion that if the provincial governments employed a small vessel under a competent officer (similar to the vessel employed by the Scotch fishery board) in continually cruising on the fishing grounds, the irregularities complained of would soon cease to exist, and I conceive that the expense attending this would not be greater than that now incurred for the protection of laws which appear to be violated with impunity.”

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Return of pickled fish inspected in the year 1855.

COUNTY.	S A L M O N.											
	Tierces.			Barrels.			Half Barrels.					
	1	2	3	Rusty.	1	2	3	Rusty.	1	2	3	Rusty.
Cape Breton,	40	21			2	5						
Cumberland,					110	2			3	2		
Digby,					1846	550	346	8	96	15	12	
Guysborough,					91	3						
Halifax,					7							
Inverness,												
Lunenburg,												
Queen's County,												
Richmond,												
Shelburne,												
Sydney,					60	55	12		6			
Victoria,					167	6	2		3			
Yarmouth,						1						
Totals—	40	21	—	—	2283	622	360	8	108	17	12	—

Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, 25th February, 1856.

Province

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Return of pickled fish inspected in the year 1855.

COUNTY.	MACKEREL.													
	Barrels.						Half Barrels.							
	1	2	Med. 2	3	Med. 3	4	Small.	Rusty.	Sour.	1	2	Med. 2	3	Med. 3
Cape Breton,	540	170		40										
Cumberland,				522		15								
Digby,	1	3	2889	4486	4215	9	267			13	2	4	6	287
Guysborough,	1831	1297	9146	13541	58479	482	265	66	36	35	181	91	91	112
Halifax,	2263	2798		1570	152									
Inverness,	316	242	906	196	16000	18				10	14	12		
Lunenburg,	137	132	1150	83	739		5							15
Queen's County,	26	19	610	1561	1921	20	10			20	3	4	0	1
Richmond,	277	74	178	178	1078					1				
Shelburne,	30	26	347	179										
Sydney,			150	120	729	10	230			54			2	30
Victoria,	539	182	405	419	1040	57	343							
Yarmouth,	2		52	179										
Totals -	5962	4943	15833	22895	84353	611	1120	66	36	133	202	111	105	445

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Halifax, 25th February, 1856.
Province

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Return of pickled fish inspected in the year 1855.

COUNTY.	MACKEREL.				HERRING.								
	Half Barrels.				Barrels round.		Half Barrels round.			Barrels split.			
	4	Small.	Rusty.	Sour.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.
Cape Breton,	-	-	-	-	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland,	-	-	-	-	396	100	-	-	-	-	555	26	-
Digby,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10694	6	-
Guysborough,	-	-	-	-	13340	156	-	8	-	-	3104	-	-
Halifax,	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1307	-	-
Inverness,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunenburg,	-	-	-	-	236	-	-	-	-	-	1425	42	-
Queen's County,	-	-	-	-	61	-	-	-	-	-	2085	-	-
Richmond,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1500	1100	60
Shelburne,	-	-	-	-	677	472	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sydney,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Victoria,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yormouth,	-	-	-	-	15170	728	-	8	-	-	20670	1174	60
	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, 25th February, 1856.

Province

PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Return of pickled fish inspected in the year 1855.

	HERRING.						ALEWIVES.					
	Half Barrels split.		Barrels bulk.		Half Barrels bulk.		Barrels.		Half Barrels.			
	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.
Cape Breton,												
Cumberland,												
Digby,												
Guysborough,	987	2		6155	220		858	2		4	1	
Halifax,	296						964	11		4	3	
Inverness,				714			750	44½				
Lunenburg,												
Queen's County,	167	1					6	4		4		
Richmond,							84					
Shelburne,	1						30					
Sydney,												
Victoria,					100		800					
Yarmouth,												
	<u>1451</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>6869</u>	<u>320</u>		<u>3492</u>	<u>61½</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	

Halifax, Provincial secretary's office,
Halifax, 25th February, 1855.

Halifax, March 14th, 1856.

J. J. MARSHALL, esquire,

SIR—

Through you, as chairman, I take the liberty of calling the attention of the committee on the fisheries to what I consider of much importance to the fishing interests.

Under the treaty lately entered into between Great Britain and the United States, admitting American fishermen to the right of fishing on our shores, a commission has been appointed to define the boundaries where the fishermen of either country shall and shall not fish. For the purpose of preventing disputes and collisions:

In my opinion the substance of the treaty as far as the fishing interests are concerned, depends upon the defining of those boundaries. And as there is no appeal from the decisions of the commissioners, it is of much importance that the defining of those boundaries in our province should be jealously guarded.

It will be perceived on reference to the treaty, that although harbours are named, the first article of the treaty declares that it is understood that the liberty to fish by either party solely relates to the sea fishery; and there can be no doubt that close harbours were not intended to come within the meaning of the treaty.

Fishermen of both countries are almost excluded from harbours by the words of the treaty. They cannot infringe on the rights of private property. They cannot interfere with the rights and privileges of either as at present enjoyed; and each are excluded from the salmon and shad fisheries in rivers and at mouths of rivers. There is scarcely a spot in any of our close harbours where fish is taken that is not exempted by the foregoing reservations. And if the limits to fish are only defined in accordance with the spirit of the treaty, the general object will be obtained, and quite possible serious collisions avoided. There can be no question, that the less complex those boundaries are defined the better for all parties.

My object in calling the attention of the committee to the subject is that the interests of the province may not be left entirely in the hands of strangers, when the commissioners are defining the boundaries on our shores. Trusting you will excuse the liberty I have taken,

I am yours, respectfully,

WILLIAM T. TOWNSEND.

Halifax, March 14th, 1856.

SIR—

As chairman of the committee on fisheries, I take the liberty of calling your attention to the total absence of any statistical information respecting this important interest.

I do not think I am wrong in stating, that in no other fishing country is there so little interest taken to obtain correct information respecting their fisheries.

To a country like Nova Scotia, dependent upon the fisheries, correct information respecting the capital and men employed, and the value of the returns of such capital, and labour, could not fail to be of much value.

Being aware how much you are interested in the fisheries, I have broached the subject to you, believing that it only requires to be seriously thought of to have a system adopted by which a complete statistical account of our fishing interests could be yearly made up.

Yours very respectfully,

WILLIAM T. TOWNSEND.

To J. J. Marshall, esquire.

Sir

Sir—

In reply to your circular, dated December 11th, 1855, relating to the river fisheries, I beg leave to report as warden of river fisheries for Halifax county.

There has been a steady increase of fish, in our market at Halifax. It was in 1854 better supplied with salmon, than for many years previously, and in 1855 the number offered for sale, has far exceeded the former years. Salmon have also been in the market this autumn in numbers; the first intimation of their appearance on the coast was from the circumstance of several having been taken in mackerel nets; these fish in my opinion, are those which last season wintered in the fresh water, had resisted the salt water, and were finding their way to our rivers, there to deposit their "ova," before the extreme hard weather set in, the pea in them being much more forward than in the fish taken in the spring, when the fish have the whole season before them. "Cod-fish" are also taken much nearer to our coast than for some years, I attribute this to the bait being now tolerably plenty, many of our rivers being opened altogether, and almost all partially so.

It is known that mackerel are taken in the fall of the year in great abundance in the North Bay, that part of the ocean lying between Prince Edward Island and Cape North, in Cape Breton, by the hook and line, the bait used being other fish put into a mill and cut into slices which represent small fish or bait; the avidity with which this is taken proves that mackerel seek for sustenance the smaller species of fish. Mackerel frequent the North Bay, it being the outlet of the great St. Lawrence River, with its numerous large feeders that discharge themselves into it, multitudes of young fish are to be found in this great gulf which have been spawned in those tributaries.

That there has been a wondrous increase of mackerel on our shores for the last two years is notorious, this increase may in part be owing to the opening of the rivers which flow from the interior of the province; a large portion of the gaspereau, smelt, and other fish that frequent them have been able to attain to their spawning grounds in the spring; the young fish hatched in the spring and summer return to the salt water in the autumn, as is visible to any one who may wish to be an observer.

At Tangier River (for instance) this year, a man on whose word I can depend, assured me that he visited its head waters, in spawning season, and found them literally swarming with salmon and trout.

In the year 1854, I was present at a meeting of the inhabitants who reside at the mouth of the river, when they determined that the mouths of rivers should be considered as extending to the headlands of the inner harbour, distant at least one mile from where it falls into salt water, and made some excellent rules regarding the setting of nets. It is a well known fact that salmon and trout, which were formerly abundant in Tangier River, from no other cause than excessive netting (there being no mill or dam, on the stream) had nearly disappeared in 1852, and for years previously. Our present laws give a discretion to "justices of the peace," as to the fine to be inflicted on conviction of offenders; in some cases which have come under my observation the penalty has been wholly inadequate to the injury done, indeed so little are the laws regarded, that a miller who was fined a few shillings for not having a suitable fish pass, has not altered his dam.

A more summary mode of proceeding against violators of the fishing law is essential, as the existing laws do not give the necessary facility to convict an offender, being both tedious and complicated. Something must be done to allow a portion of the fish to reach those grounds at the heads of rivers, where alone they will breed; those people who are situated near the mouths of the rivers, and intercept the fish by means of nets, dams, and weirs, have no such right.

The chief aim of legislation on this subject from the days of magna charta has been to prevent fixtures of any shape whereby salmon on their way up should be intercepted, and also again on their return from the spawning ground, be prevented from reaching the salt water.

I would recommend that all millers, and others using mills of any description, should be forced to place gratings before the channel leading to the mill wheels, of the closeness of half inch, in order to prevent the fish getting crushed as they return to the salt water.

That thousands of barrels of various kinds of fish are yearly destroyed by this means is beyond controversy. Grating should be placed at the entrance to each mill race, wherever it debouches from the stream, not less than half inch, and a heavy penalty inflicted if such grating is not in proper repair, and always down, excepting when men are absolutely present, driving, guiding, or otherwise taking logs, &c. to the mill pond.

I have often seen the broken fragments of full grown fish, as well as masses of fry, that have been killed by the mill wheel. Last year in my district, at one mill, it was computed that thirty barrels of salmon fry had been destroyed, and at another several hundred old salmon have been captured, and destroyed in the mill race. In both instances I was prepared to prosecute the offenders, but could not get my informants to come to court. In the present state of affairs, many who witness the destruction and are quite eager to protect the fish, are not willing to enter into a doubtful prosecution of the offenders; whilst the destroyer is quite regardless of detection as long as he has so great a chance of a mere nominal fine being inflicted in case of conviction. The practice of those in high places in this community has set a bad example to others in not protecting the interests of the public, by punishing and aiding to punish offenders—hence the destruction of our fisheries;—indeed I wonder under such management of them as heretofore existed, that we see even salmon in our waters, which our forefathers describe as abounding in miraculous multitudes of fish. It has been supposed by some people in this country, that the usage of obstructing the rivers and destroying the fish, has vested in them a right to perpetuate the evil; this is however contrary to the spirit of British law, for lord Ellenborough has expressed himself as follows:

“The action was brought for building an imperious wear or dam, whereby fish could not pass and repass a certain river”—the question came before the court for a new trial.

It is impossible to sustain this verdict, the right set up by the defendant to erect a stone wear is plainly founded on encroachment; the erection of wears across rivers was reprobated in the earliest period of our land, they were considered as public nuisances.

The words of the magna charta are, that all wears from henceforth shall be utterly pulled down by Thames and Medway, and through all England, and this was followed up by subsequent acts, treating them as public nuisances, and forbidding the erection of new ones. I remember that the wears erected on the river “Eden” by the late lord Lansdale and the corporation of Carlisle, whereby all the fish were stopped in their progress up the river, were pronounced in the court of queen’s bench upon a motion for a new trial, to be illegal and a public nuisance.

I beg leave to call your attention to a letter addressed to me by some gentlemen, the committee of an association formed to protect the inland fisheries of this province. Too much praise cannot be given for their sacrifice of valuable time, and their untiring exertions in endeavouring to bring a matter of such great importance to the province to a perfect working, they have now through me addressed the honorable house of assembly on the subject.

It is my sincere trust that the legislature will be pleased to receive the suggestions offered by those gentlemen, and to enact a law which will have the effect of preserving the river fisheries.

I would venture to offer briefly the outline of a law:

First.—That the natural history of the fish frequenting our rivers, should be studied in order that the subject may be discussed and conducted with advantage.

Secondly.—That on the progress of the fish from the sea to the rivers for the purpose of breeding, should meet with no impervious artificial obstructions to their attaining their spawning grounds.

Thirdly

Thirdly.—That spearing be altogether done away with, under heavy fines, &c., and that in the breeding season, salmon should be protected by the strictest laws.

Fourthly.—That grating, if not more than half inch apart be placed before all mill wheels and races, whensoever they leave the natural stream, and that all dams shall have a suitable fish way.

Fifthly.—That a number of conservators should be appointed and paid, and sworn to see the laws enforced.

The setting of nets, (duration of the close season, and bounds of rivers,) is I think wisely left to the sessions to determine. In my district I have consulted the wishes of the residents about the rivers, concerning bounds, &c. (as much as possible), and am now preparing a paper to lay before the next general sessions, marking all river bounds in this county; this proceeding has naturally taken some time.

Defective as our law now is, much good has arisen since it came into operation. I considered the opinion quoted of the late lord Ellenborough as conclusive against impervious mill dams. The public it is to be hoped will know when and how to apply the doctrine, where are many opportunities for such application throughout the province; nothing in my opinion is so prejudicial to the salmon fishery as these impervious mill dams. Dams may be so constructed as to answer the fair purposes of trade, without entailing total ruin on our fisheries.

The rivers in the county of Halifax may be considered now in a wholesome state; large quantities of fish have been seen this season frequenting the spawning grounds, more especially in those streams where the dams have been either totally removed or partially opened. In the district of Margaret's Bay, however, which of all sections of the country is most interested in the well being of its salmon fishery, the people are still somewhat backward. I have entered complaints against two individuals, one occupying a mill at North East River, the other on Ingraham's River, and had I not been called to a distant part of the province at the time, they would have been prosecuted as the law directs.

The complaints of the poor who reside about our rivers has been loud and frequent against these interested parties, who have violated the law; and the extreme measures which I have been unwillingly obliged to take against those who have transgressed, has created much opposition, but the opposition is given by those who enrich themselves at the expense of the province. The importance to the province of its export of lumber, &c., is I admit great, but cannot be considered to be equal to its interest in its fisheries.

The wishes of a large portion of the population of the country impels me onward, and I now appeal to the representatives of the people, to pass such laws, as will preserve to the province the fisheries now so cruelly and ruthlessly destroyed

WILLIAM CHEARNLEY,
Warden of fisheries, Halifax county.

The honorable the provincial secretary.
Halifax, Feb. 7th, 1856.

No. 78.

(See page 151.)

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Nepean Clarke, the clerk of the late commissioners for issuing province notes, beg leave to report, that taking into consideration the nature of Mr. Clarke's services, the length of time for which he had acted, and the very inadequate compensation received by him, as detailed in his memorial, your committee recommend that the sum of twenty-seven pounds and fourteen shillings be paid to your memorialist in full for his services, in addition to the amount received by him from the commissioners.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 8th April, 1856.

JOHN C. WADE, chairman.
A. C. McDONALD.

No. 79

(See page 157.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Young and Thomas Donohoe, praying to be relieved from fine and costs for neglecting to perform the duty of assessors, report as follows :

That the matter submitted is a county business, and if through any misunderstanding, these parties have been fined and put to heavy costs, are of opinion that the sessions of the county is the only proper tribunal to consider the matter, and if injustice has been done we trust the wrong will be redressed.

Committee room, 8th April, 1856.

THOMAS KILLAM.
THOMAS H. FULLER.

No. 80.

(See page 157.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Isle Madame, praying for the levying of a tax for dogs, beg leave to report, that in their opinion chapter 107 of the revised statutes, sufficiently provides for the evil complained of by the petitioners, and your committee do not recommend any further legislation on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 8th April, 1856.

JAMES McKEAGNEY, chairman.
THOMAS F. MORRISON.
HENRY MARTELL.
GEORGE McKENZIE.
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

No. 81.

*(See page 164.)**(Copy.)*

Circular.

Downing street, 21st December, 1855.

No. 11.

SIR—

My attention has recently been called to the frequent cases which occur of seamen arriving in this country from the North American provinces in a destitute condition, and in many instances unable to work, for whose relief no funds are provided, either by the imperial or by the local governments.

You are probably aware that by the merchant shipping act of last session, power is conferred on the lords of the committee of privy council for trade, to cause distressed seamen found in foreign parts, being subjects of her majesty, to be sent home either to this country or to the colony to which they belong. For this purpose an annual vote is taken ; but the act in question does not confer the power to send home to the colonies to which they may belong, colonial seamen found distressed in this country.

The duty which the act in question devolves on the imperial government is founded on the principle that each government is bound to provide for its own seamen, and I cannot doubt the legislature of Nova Scotia would readily admit the justice of this principle, and that it applies with equal force to the case of seamen belonging to colonial ports.

I have therefore to request that you will bring the subject under the consideration of your council ; and it will afford me much gratification to learn that the legislature is prepared to undertake the necessary expense, and to co-operate with her majesty's government in making any arrangement which may be necessary for effecting the object they have in view.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. G. LeMarchant, &c., &c., &c., Nova Scotia.

No. 82.

(See page 164.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition and other papers of Mr. James Wilson, praying to be relieved from a debt due from him to the province, report as follows :

That they have heard Mr. Wilson, and made every enquiry within their reach, relative to the matter, and believe that Mr. Wilson is an insolvent debtor, and unable to pay, therefore recommend the judgment held against him be cancelled.

Committee room, 10th April, 1856.

THOMAS KILLAM.
MARTIN I. WILKINS.

No.

No. 83.

(See page 169.)

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the province building, and the consideration of such steps as may be necessary to obtain for the use of the legislature and for the provincial offices, the rooms in the building now occupied by the supreme court, and by county offices, beg leave to report as follows :

The square on which the province building stands, was laid off soon after the settlement of Halifax as the site of a government house.

The governor resided first on a temporary building erected on this spot, but it was removed in 1757, and it was not until about 1775 that a new building was erected, which was the governor's residence from that period till about the beginning of the present century.

By a statute passed in 1799, it was provided, that so soon as a house for the residence of the governor should be erected upon a site which commissioners were authorized by that act to purchase, the government house should be used for the purposes of the general assembly, the courts of justice and the public offices.

In 1811 the house had fallen into decay. An act was passed in that year authorizing three commissioners to erect on the ground on which it stood a new building, agreeably to a plan prepared by Mr. John Merrick, to be 140 feet long, 70 feet broad, and 42 feet high.

The same act provided that there should be a room for holding the supreme court of judicature and other provincial courts, and also rooms for the different public offices.

The building, begun shortly after, was completed about the year 1819. Earl Dalhousie on the 11th February of that year, in the speech from the throne "congratulates the legislature on the occasion of their first meeting in this splendid building," and says, "It stands and will stand I hope to the latest posterity, a proud record of the public spirit at this period of our history."

It cost the province about £55,000—the whole sum was paid out of the provincial revenue, and the building is therefore strictly speaking, a public building for provincial uses. The county of Halifax, as a county, have no just right in the building over any other county in the province.

Besides the room used for the registry of deeds, which is strictly a county office, the room where the supreme court is held, the robing rooms adjacent, the prothonotary's office and the law library, are occupied for purposes which may be considered partly provincial and partly county purposes.

So long as these rooms were not required for the uses of the legislature, there appears to have been no disposition to scan very narrowly the right of the county to the occupation of any of the rooms of which they had possession ; of late years, however, the greatest inconvenience has been felt for want of suitable rooms for the meetings of committees and for a legislative library, and the matter having been brought before the assembly, an act was passed in 1851, authorizing the grand jury and sessions of Halifax to assess on the county two-thirds of such a sum as might be required to erect a suitable building for the purpose of a court house, in which might be conducted, not only the local business of the county of Halifax, but such part of the business of the supreme court and other courts as was of a provincial nature. Towards the expenses of this building, the province was to pay the remaining one-third, and the act prescribed the amount of accommodation to be furnished by the building ; besides the rooms for the law library and prothonotary's office, there were to be two court rooms, with the requisite robing and jury rooms. In case the sessions failed to impose the rate, the supreme court were authorized to amerce the county.

Under this act, the grand jury expressed their willingness to raise £3,333 6s. 8d., being two-thirds of £5,000, but would not go beyond that.

In 1853, the act was amended, by allowing the commissioners for erecting the building to borrow the amount the county had agreed to raise, and to distribute the assessment over 4 years, but limited the whole expenditure for county and province to £5,000.

In 1854 the commissioners appointed agreeably to these acts, procured plans and specifications, and advertised for tenders, but owing to the high price of labor and materials in that year, no tenders were received in answer to their advertisements. It appears that a building, such as the plans and specifications described, would have cost £15,000. The county authorities are unable, at all events are willing to increase the amount which they had agreed to assume; and as the legislature could hardly be expected largely to add to their offer, it is obvious that if they are determined to have the use of the rooms they require, the assembly must either provide for provincial purposes a separate court house, or consent to the erection of a building on a less expensive scale, and which shall be sufficient to furnish the accommodation absolutely required for the courts.

Since the act of 1851, several changes in the law have thrown a large amount of provincial business into Halifax. The new practice act creates much chamber business, a large part of which is from the rural districts. The abolition of the court of chancery has added greatly to the amount, and the judges may be considered as spending probably one-half of their time in the business of counties beyond Halifax. It might not therefore be unreasonable to bear one-half of the whole cost, and assuming the county of Halifax to raise £3333 6 8, and the province £3333 6 8, it would form a fund of £6666 13 4, which in the opinion of your committee would be sufficient to erect a building amply sufficient for present purposes.

Your committee would therefore recommend such an alteration of the act as will make the province contribute one-half the cost, not to exceed in the whole the amount named, with such other provisions as would enable the county authorities immediately to deal with the subject, and make it the special duty of the crown officers to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the wishes of the house; in case of their neglect so to do, so as if possible by the next meeting of the assembly the rooms occupied by the supreme court or by other than provincial offices may be at the disposal of the assembly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, April, 1856.

A. G. ARCHIBALD.
THOMAS KILLAM.
A. C. McDONALD.
WILLIAM ANNAND.
CHARLES TUPPER.

84.

(See page 169.)

The committee appointed to investigate the claims made for land taken in altering certain main post roads, described chapter 61, of the revised statutes, and charges for fencing the same, beg leave to report:

Upon the following agreements between commissioners appointed by the government to expend monies on the main post roads, and parties interested in the lands taken therefor, which having been confirmed by the sessions, your committee recommend the claims hereinafter described be provided for:

	soil.	fencing.	total.
Donald Chisholm, Antigonishe,	4 0 0	10 0 0	14 0 0
Valentine Chisholm, "	2 0 0	5 0 0	7 0 0
Archibald McEachern, "	1 10 0	1 10 0	3 0 0
Wm. McDonald, "	0 10 0	2 10 0	3 0 0
James Wilkie, clerk of peace,			0 7 6

£27 7 6
Amable

James Payson, Digby,	£3 7 6	10 9 3	13 16 9
J. G. Sorinson, "	3 11 0	12 8 9	15 19 9
Alexander D. Hoyet, "	8 15 0	7 8 6	16 3 6
Charles Jones, "	5 6 3	5 17 0	11 3 3
C. P. Jones, "	6 17 6	5 12 6	12 10 0
Margaret Moody, "	12 12 0	18 18 0	31 10 0
Mrs. Causman and Jane Ray,	4 18 0	10 11 6	15 9 6
Robert Marshall,	4 7 6	11 5 0	15 12 6
Richard Jones,	1 11 10	9 9 0	11 0 10
Robert Harkinson,	2 3 9	15 8 0	17 11 9
Appraisers on production of account,			4 0 0
Alpheus Jones, survey, plan, &c.			1 16 6

£189 18 10

Jessie Kenny, Weymouth, Digby,	3 0 0	1 16 0	4 16 0
Francis Bourneuf, "	1 0 0	1 16 0	2 16 0
Luke White, "	6 17 6	5 5 3	12 2 9
Frederick Jedrie, "	1 0 0	0 3 0	1 3 0
John Dakin, Edmund J. Haines and John E. Kinney, appraisers, 20s. each,			3 0 0

£23 17 9

Neil McLaren, Marshy Hope Road,	6 0 0	6 0 0	12 0 0
Francis Love,	5 0 0	2 10 0	7 10 0
Widow Grant,	5 0 0	10 0 0	15 0 0
Charles Grant,	0 1 0	0 0 0	0 1 0
John Sutherland,	25 0 0	24 0 0	49 0 0
Daniel McQueen,	10 0 0	6 10 0	16 10 0
clerk of peace, Pictou,			0 15 0
George W. Lowden, survey, plan, &c.			2 0 6
William Smith and others, for appraisalment and report,			3 5 0

£106 1 6

D. B. McNab, county Richmond,	6 10 0	nil.	6 10 0
John Scott, "	5 0 0	"	5 0 0
Alexander Murchison, Angus McLeod, and Charles McNab, appraisers, 2 days each at 10s. report,			3 0 0
			0 5 0

£18 5 0

Nathaniel Churchill, Yarmouth,	11 14 0	18 16 0	30 10 0
Thomas Crowell,	10 0 0	nil.	10 0 0
Z. Churchill, survey,			0 7 6

£40 17 6

Alexander Fraser, Guysboro', amount of account for survey, plan, &c., £3 2 6, and £1 12 6 to pay Thomas Whitman and other assistants, making in all £4 15s. (omitted to be provided for last session),

4 15 0

Your committee recommend that £4 10s. be paid Angus McLeod, on appraisals on the main post road in the county of Victoria, in 1854, the same having been omitted to be provided for last session. They also recommend that the sum of £5 18s. be granted

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and paid to Edmund Dillon, agreeably to the prayer of his petition—the said amount having been awarded by mistake to D. McColl, esquire.

Upon the petition of Mr. Gammell and D. N. McQueen, esquire, administrator of the estate of William Kynock, claiming payment for a barn destroyed in removing when making an alteration of the main post road, your committee decline to recommend payment until the sessions of Victoria report which of the parties claiming damage therefor is entitled to compensation.

Upon the petition of Ann Connors, who states that a portion of the eastern shore road, in the county of Halifax, was made through her land, several years ago, by which serious injury was done her property, and for which she never received any compensation, the committee have not been enabled to procure a copy of the appraisement which was made in 1848, but after enquiring of the commissioner who made the road, and others, into the facts of the case, they have agreed to recommend that five pounds be paid petitioner as a reasonable remuneration for the loss sustained by making the aforesaid road through her land.

Your committee decline, in the absence of the necessary information and certificates, to recommend the prayer of the several petitions of Alexander McLean, William McKeen, and Alexander Campbell, all of the county of Inverness, claiming payment for fencing lands through which a portion of the main post road was made several years ago, and for which petitioners allege they received no compensation.

Your committee also decline to recommend the prayer of the petition of Robert M. Cutler, as they feel it would be improper to recommend a larger sum, in consideration of land damages, than was allowed by the appraisers who alone had the necessary knowledge to deal with the subject.

Upon the petition of Ann Fitchet, who states that a number of years ago, in the absence of petitioner, a bridge was built across a piece of marsh land on the Missiquash river, in the county of Cumberland, by which serious injury was done her, and for which she has received no compensation; but no information having been furnished to the committee as to the precise amount of damage sustained by petitioner by the building of said bridge, which it appears was erected in 1841, they feel themselves restrained from recommending the prayer of petition.

Your committee have had under consideration the petition of John McLeod, James McKay, Donald Douglas and Duncan Balfour, all of New Larig, in the county of Pictou, who state that in 1829 a new line of road from Stewiacke to the Middle River of Pictou, was laid off and established under an order in council—that the damages were assessed and appraised to petitioners and others, owners of the land through which the road runs, as by law required, amounting in the whole to £78 12s. ; that the said road was not finally opened and completed until 1851; and that, although application for payment has since been made, petitioners have not received any part of the amount to which they conceive themselves to be fully entitled. The committee find the averments of petitioners to be fully borne out by certified copies of the order in council, of the appraisement, and the confirmation of the judge of the court of common pleas at Pictou; and they recommend that under the circumstance of the road being laid off under the authority of the government, to its having been subsequently made and fenced, and the petitioners having no lien upon the county, that the following persons, or those claiming under them, be paid the amounts opposite their respective names:

	soil.	fencing.	total.
Donald McKay,	£1 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0
John McLeod,	2 0 0	20 0 0	22 0 0
Donald McLeod,	2 10 0	19 4 0	21 14 0
Widow Douglas,	1 0 0	6 0 0	7 0 0
Duncan Balfour,	1 0 0	19 4 0	20 4 0
Nicholas Balfour,	0 10 0	1 10 0	2 0 0

To

To Widow McDonald, Duncan Matheson, Wm. McDonald, John McDonald, Alex. Gunn, Robt. McDonald, Robt. Campbell, Donald Matheson, Donald Sutherland, Donald Murray, Angus McLeod, K. McKenzie, James Colly, and Anthony Colly one shilling each,

0 14. 0

 £78 12 0

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, assembly, 15th April, 1856.

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman.
 H. MUNRO.
 W. W. BENT.
 ICHABOD DIMOCK.
 BENJAMIN RYNARD.

 No. 85.

(See page 172.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Oliver Brenan of Halifax, setting forth that he has for the last twenty-four years been engaged in reducing fractures, and prescribing for and curing broken bones, and that he has in the majority of cases received little or no remuneration,—that he is now getting old and not so well able to give his services to poor persons as he has heretofore have done and support his family, and that he is still continually applied to, and prays for a small grant to enable him to continue his services to the public; beg leave to report that your committee are of opinion, from the ninety-two certificates annexed to the petition, and from other sources of information, that the petitioner has been of service to a great many individuals whose cases he has successfully treated, and that he has not received sufficient remuneration, many persons being unable to pay him.

Your committee doubt the soundness of the policy of making public grants to individuals as compensation for such services, as a general rule; but under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and the knowledge that the petitioner is a poor man, that he has given gratuitously a good deal of his time and attention in alleviating distress and pain, and is anxious to be enabled to continue to do so, your committee are not unwilling to withdraw this case from the operation of the general rule.

Your committee therefore recommend a grant of twenty pounds to the petitioner, should the house decide that the case under consideration may be safely dealt with without establishing a precedent to future applications.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, 9th April, 1856.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.
 F. R. PARKER.

No. 86.

(See page 147.)

Comparative statement of the value of merchandize imported at the different ports of Nova Scotia, during the years 1854 and 1855.

PORTS.	Value of Imports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase
	1854.	1855.			
Amherst,	£20072	£14124		£ 5948	
Annapolis,	15585	17743	£2158		
Antigonishe,	890	2065	1175		
Arichat,	17789	16916		873	
Aylesford,		2512	2512		
Barrington,	6067	8463	2396		
Beaver River,		2133	2133		
Big Bras d'Or,	288	2346	2058		
Bridgeport,		70	70		
Canada Creek,	8054	10253	2199		
Canso, Cape,	7779	6108		1671	
Church Point,	7292	8368	1076		
Clementsport,	4260	2792		1468	
Cornwallis,	6784	12127	5343		
Digby,	24039	25192	1153		
Guysborough,	1454	3930	1576		
Halifax,	1359761	1434243	74482		
Hantsport,	1886	1363		23	
Horton,	9117	9981	864		
Joggins,	2234	3104	870		
LaHave,	6014	4656		1358	
Liverpool,	18002	22496	4494		
Londonderry,	8906	10075	1169		
Lunenburg,	3228	3112		116	
Maitland,	9915	9622		293	
Margaree,		24	24		
Parrsborough,	5734	6544	810		
Pictou,	65509	72852	7343		
Port Hood,	3404	3073		331	
Port Medway,	2199	1299		900	
Pubnico,	4156	4077		79	
Pugwash,	5429	2306		3123	
Ragged Islands,	8590	8381		209	
Shelburne,	615	1707	1092		
Sherbrooke,	1768	454		1314	
Sheet Harbor,	33	43	10		
Ship Harbor,	8568	2369		6199	
Sydney, C. B.	10656	9673		983	

Ports

PORTS.	Value of Imports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase
	1854.	1855.			
Tatamagouche,	£304	£560	£256		
Thorne's Cove,	2269	2940	671		
Tusket,	3290	6203	2913		
Wallace,	4345	293		£4052	
Walton,	2843	2525		318	
Westport,	4670	6045	1375		
Weymouth,	7134	7845	711		
Wilmot,	12705	14846	2141		
Windsor,	26029	26609	580		
Yarmouth,	71416	68641		2775	
Totals sterling,	1791082	1882703	123654	32033	91621

SAMUEL CREELMAN.

Financial secretary's office, }
 March, 1856. }

Comparative statement of the principal articles of merchandise imported into the province of Nova-Scotia, during the years 1854 and 1855.

ARTICLES.	Value of Imports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase.
	1854.	1855.			
	Ale and Porter, - - - - -	£2102			
Arms and Ammunition, - - - - -	858	6115	5257		
Apples, - - - - -	210	1474	1264	£3258	
Beef, - - - - -	5191	1933	2739		
Brandy, - - - - -	15561	16300	3847		
Bread, - - - - -	11312	15159	1125		
Burning Fluid, - - - - -	2678	3803		271	
Butter, - - - - -	2604	2333			
Cabinet Wares, - - - - -	3805	5502	1697		
Candles, - - - - -	1026	1807	781		
Cheese, - - - - -	87	1303	1216		
Clocks and Watches, - - - - -	1152	2001	849		
Coffee, - - - - -	3300	7448	4148		
Corn and Wheat, - - - - -	16097	25718	9621		
Cornmeal, Oatmeal, &c. - - - - -	51901	68475	16574		
China and Earthenware, - - - - -	2194	16683	14489		
Codfish, - - - - -	57778	67090	9312		
Cordage, - - - - -	22176	34073	11897		
Cotton, Linen, and Silk Manufactures, - - - - -	651162	293148		358014	
Drugs and Apothecaries' Wares, - - - - -	11540	9397		2143	
Fishing Tackle, - - - - -	1856	14423	12567		
Flour, (Wheat) - - - - -	306575	402000	95425		
Flour, (Rye) - - - - -	14514	28256	13742		
Fruit, - - - - -	11553	11360		193	
Fur, - - - - -	In miscellaneous.	5942	5942		
Geneva and Whiskey, - - - - -	6462	6346		116	

Glassware, - - - - -	£2385	£5517	£3132		
Hardware, - - - - -	75612	143788	68176		
Hats and Caps, - - - - -	5364	8947	3583		
Herrings, - - - - -	26685	21595		5090	
Hides and Skins, - - - - -	6557	7002	445		
Leather and Leather Manufactures, - - - - -	24824	41002	16178		
Lard and Tallow, - - - - -	7933	10224	2291		
Lumber, - - - - -	1618	3418	1800		
Mackerel, - - - - -	427	1010	583		
Molasses, - - - - -	92517	116424	23907		
Oakum, - - - - -	2454	1690		764	
Oil, (Seal and Fish) - - - - -	8042	15436	7394		
Oil, (other kinds) - - - - -	2677	7596	4919		
Oats and Barley, - - - - -	8598	21789	13191		
Paper Manufactures, Books and Stationery, - - - - -	10165	19770	9605		
Paint, - - - - -	1631	6259	4628		
Pork and Hams, - - - - -	10020	12119	2099		
Potatoes and Vegetables, - - - - -	6318	9042	2724		
Rice, - - - - -	5160	5952	792		
Rum, - - - - -	10252	16136	5884		
Salt, - - - - -	36667	15461		21206	
Seale Fish, &c. - - - - -	1615	3146			
Shad and Salmon, - - - - -	8195	12326	1531		
Shingles, - - - - -	3442	5021	4131		
Soap, - - - - -	1322	3453	1579		
Sugar, - - - - -	80859	140373	2131		
Tea, - - - - -	71463	58652	59514		
Tobacco, - - - - -	23034	18834		12811	
Timber, - - - - -	In miscellaneous.	1161		4200	
Wine, - - - - -	10035	10017		18	
Woodwares and Agriculture Implements, - - - - -	13474	12444		1030	
Miscellaneous, - - - - -	30043	76470	46427		
Total sterling—	179182	1882703	500735	409114	91621

Statement

Fin. secretary's office, March, 1855.

SAMUEL OREELMAN.

Statement of imports into the port of Halifax, during the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the quantity and value of each article imported, and indicating from what country imported.

ARTICLES.	Total.		Imported from				
	Quantity.	Value.	Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America.	West Indies.		
Ale and Porter,		£2475	£2431	£37		£7	
Arms and Ammunition,		5303	5215	14		74	
Apples,		595		10		585	
Beef,		1614		460		1154	
Brandy,		15591	1732	390			£13469
Bread,		12499	420	10		12069	
Burning Fluid,		3371		931		3371	
Butter,		2308	652	5		1377	
Cabinet Wares,		1907	207			1250	
Candles,		942		120	2471	735	
Coffee,		6714		7		454	3669
Cheese,		1055	57			991	
Clocks and Watches,		1775	1417	125		233	
Corn and Wheat,	Bush.	22042		3000		19042	
Cornmeal and Oatmeal,	Bbbs.	36529	5	1598		34926	
China and Earthenware,		14247	8515			5732	
Codfish,	Qtls.	65977		65977			
Cordage,		24114	21794	130		2190	
Cotton, Linen & Silk manfrs.		250087	227258	1809		21020	
Drugs & Apothecaries wares,		7058	4002	11		3045	
Fishing Tackle,		12064	11537	12		1115	
Flour, (wheat,)	Bbbs.	224834		40695		184139	
do. (rye,)	"	23006	28			22978	
Fruit,		10621	192	50	124	997	9258
Fur,		5924	3320	2622			

Geneva and Whiskey,		6130	5709	20		401	62
Glassware,		3934	2933			939	16
Hardware,		102306	89823	650	97	11720	
Hats and Caps,		7781	3706			4075	
Herrings,		18105		18105			1904
Hides and Skins,		6590		4354	272	60	
Leather & Leather manfrs.		29246	11269			17977	
Lard,		9747	1364	62		8321	
Lumber,		1919		1822		97	
Mackerel,		759		759			
Molasses,		106472		3930	6555		95055
Oakum,		710	701			9	
Oil, (seal and fish,)		14928		14499		429	
do. (other kinds,)		6395	5384	86		665	260
Oats and Barley,	Bush.	16271	314	15873		84	
Paper manfrs. books & stay.		16211	8501	184	150	7376	
Paint,		5248	4992	168		88	
Pork and Hams,		8162	12	453	26	7697	
Potatoes,		7091		6977		88	
Rice,		3898	1111	630		2157	5985
Rum,		15688	99	775	3593	5236	2610
Salt,		8044	705	2890	830	1009	
Scale Fish, &c.		2945		2945			
Salmon,		11392	200	11084		108	
Shingles,		4375		4375			58
Soap,		2798	2673	160	5532	67	123978
Sugar,		135074	2535	15		2869	28199
Tea,		50677	9147			13316	470
Tobacco,		15319	192	133	28	14487	5096
Wine,		9814	2120	1853		745	
Wood Wares, &c.		7168	339	1156		5673	
Miscellaneous.		45776	15424	1104	2612	24827	1809
Totals,		1434243	458007	213103	22290	448936	291907

Financial secretary's office, March, 1856.

SAMUEL CREELMAN.

Comparative statement of the value of merchandize exported from the different ports in Nova-Scotia, during the years 1854 and 1855.

PORTS.	Value of Exports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase
	1854.	1855.			
Amherst,	£4546	£2979		£1567	
Annapolis,	23405	17693		5712	
Antigonishe,	8312	9860	£1548		
Arichat,	19892	14853		5039	
Aylesford,		3681	3681		
Barrington,	8864	10645	1781		
Beaver River,		976	976		
Big Bras d'Or,	8080	10732	2652		
Bridgeport,		1201	1201		
Canada Creek,	14520	16339	1819		
Canso, (Cape)	6018	5959		59	
Church Point,	5761	3856		1845	
Clementsport,	4080	2673		1407	
Cornwallis,	18477	20432	1955		
Digby,	15976	15229		747	
Guysborough,	2061	3326	1265		
Halifax,	739305	964129	224824		
Hantsport,	7917	11112	3195		
Horton,	12299	10587		1712	
Joggins,	5451	1615		3836	
LaHave,	9610	7160		2450	
Liverpool,	60929	44769		16160	
Londonderry,	7598	6354		1244	
Lunenburg,	5506	6105	599		
Maitland,	7921	6694		1227	
Margaree,		2827	2827		
Parrsborough,	7374	8406	1032		
Pictou,	35713	79081	43368		
Port Hood,	2174	4326	2152		
Port Medway,	12336	12059		277	
Pubnico,	1925	2555	630		
Pugwash,	24702	8647		16055	
Ragged Islands,	19086	17315		1771	
Shelburne,	1969	2741	772		
Sherbrooke,	3193	9696	6503		
Sheet Harbor,	3480			3480	
Ship Harbor,	6844	5359		1485	
Sydney, C. B.	29184	22945		6239	
Tatamagouche,	5955	3307		2648	
Thorne's Cove,	3889	6542	2653		
Tusket,	3679	5472	1793		
Wallace,	7037	5161		1876	
Walton,	2661	2110		551	

Ports.

PORTS.	Value of Exports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase
	1854.	1855.			
Westport,	£7760	£9803	£2043		
Weymouth,	16359	15642		£717	
Wilmot,	19871	19528	157		
Windsor,	16671	12552		4119	
Yarmouth,	19838	17182		2656	
Totals sterling—	1247668	1472215	309426	84879	224547

SAMUEL CREELMAN.

Financial secretary's office, March, 1856.

Statement of exports from the port of Halifax, during the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the quantity and value of articles exported, and indicating to what country exported.

ARTICLES.	Total of exports.		Exported to					
	Quantity.	Value stg.	G. Britain.	N. America.	British Colonies.	W. Indies.	U. States.	Other Countries.
Apples, plums and berries,		£987	£509	£316	£61	£100	1	
Ale, porter and cider,		2293		1092	1166		35	
Alewives,	Brls. 7410	4892			2377	1974	541	
Beef,		1245		1212	17	16		
Bread,		3081		3081				
Brandy, Geneva and Whiskey,		14158	480	13449	639	70	74	
Butter,		10091		3060	5251	1226		
Cheese,		256		246	10	11		
Coals,		820		745		75		
Codfish,		177004	345	3856	90595	12492	69716	
Coffee,	Qtls. 263030	3727		3527		200		
Cotton and woollen manfrs.		32880		31783	478	619		
Corn meal, &c.		7364		7364				
Flour,	Brls. 10732	23446		22242	979			
Fruit, (foreign)		2527		2512				
Furs,		8970	8905			65		
Gypsum,		84		56		28		
Hardware,		15465		12644	685	1671	465	
Herrings,	Brls. 87700	56251	17	5428	21328	23671	5807	
Do. (smoked)	Boxes 19450	2848	401	856	1268	165	158	
Hides and skins,		6153	1200	2798		2155		
Horned cattle,		740		620	120			
Horses,		35		35				

Leather & leather manfrs.		4833		4805	28	48	5639	
Lumber,		9595	601	835	2472	48	10048	
Mackerel,	Brls. 155316	191026	19	734	22876	157349	133	
Molasses,	Bushls. 13600	79068	34999	43536	567	400	12	
Oats and barley,		1784		1120		85	256	
Oils (fish and seal),		21298	1045	2443	8157	9392	175	
Pork and Hams,		4826		4217	190	244	12	
Potatoes and Vegetables,	" 1150	495		67	330	86	72	
Rum,		13488	4315	7908		1193		
Salt,		8716		8266		450		
Scale Fish, &c.		22715	501	1127		4656	14617	
Shad and Salmon,		17958	4	40	2325	15030	559	
Sheep,		294		284	10			
Shingles,		3050		153	1798		1099	
Staves and Hoops, &c.		9843	201	85	88	15	9454	
Spars and Knees,		353		20	2	95	286	
Soap,		1320		1186	112	6955	22	
Sugar,		133639	21031	105582	16		55	
Timber,		71	71					
Tea,		26141		19065	56	7000	20	
Tobacco,		4840		4554		100	186	
Wine,		4418	65	3495	825	5	28	
Wood,		17				17		
Miscellaneous.		29024	3200	21404	1097	3152	171	
		964129	77909	347853	167737	250799	119831	

Fin. secretary's office, }
March, 1856.

SAMUEL OREELMAN.

Comparative statement of the principal articles of merchandize exported from the province of Nova-Scotia, during the years 1854 and 1855.

ARTICLES.	Value of Exports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase.
	1854.	1855.			
Apples and Plumbs,	£7188	£7512	£324		
Ale, Porter and Cider,	3476	2485		£991	
Alewives,	3818	5800	1982		
Beef,	3291	1772		1519	
Bread,	5099	3381		1718	
Brandy,	7940	14158	6218		
Butter,	20219	22182	1963		
Cheese,	2548	3633	1085		
Coals,	47699	84049	36350		
Codfish,	195085	223190	28105		
Coffee,	In miscellaneous.	3727	3727		
Corn and Meal,	ditto	8428	8428		
Cotton and Woollen Manufactures,	36576	33584		2992	
Eggs,	1172	1674	502		
Fruit, (Foreign)	4581	2528		2053	
Flour,	29083	26634		2449	
Furs,	8797	8970	173		
Gypsum,	14987	16175	1188		
Hardware,	30992	18662			
Herrings,	78970	74054		12330	
Herrings, (Smoked)	6059	4232		4916	
Hides and Skins,	In miscellaneous.	6153	6153		
Horned Cattle,	26916	25884		1827	
Horses,	3121	248		1082	
Leather and Leather Manufactures,	5125	5147	22		
Lumber,	135596	107012		28584	

Mackerel,	194062	221451	27389		
Molasses,	43154	79162	36008		
Oats and Barley,	2336	3732	1396		
Oil, (Seal and Fish)	24400	27114	2714		
Pork and Hams,	14468	6975		7493	
Potatoes and Vegetables,	54382	62324	7942		
Rum,	14602	13514		1088	
Salt,	4396	9555	5159		
Scale Fish,	2974	24475	21501		
Shad and Salmon,	16057	20684	4627		
Sheep,	4746	6270	1524		
Shingley,	5713	4574		1139	
Staves and Hoops,	20348	11547		8801	
Spars and Knees,	9562	6294		3268	
Spay,	512	1322	810		
Sugar,	50698	133723	83025		
Timber,	14941	8952	6307		
Tea,	21220	27527		5989	
Tobacco,	6901	5166		1735	
Wine,	4232	4418	186		
Wood,	30577	42340	11763		
Miscellaneous,	25889	39822	13933		
Geneva and Whiskey,	3160			3160	
Total sterling—	1247668	1472215	320504	95957	224547

General
 Fin. secretary's office, }
 March, 1856.

SAMUEL CREELMAN.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS.

Being a detailed account of the principal articles shipped from Nova Scotia during the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the quantity shipped at each port, and indicating to what country exported.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	APPLES and PLUMBS—exported to					
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.	
				North America.	West Indies.			
Aylesford,	Brls 350	137		137				
Annapolis,	5900	2437		2287		150		
Big Bras d'Or,	345	11		11				
Canada Creek,	50	116		116				
Clementsport,	470	22		22				
Cornwallis,	600	165		165				
Digby,		329		329				
Halifax,		987	509	316	61	100		
Horton,		75		75				
Liverpool,		6		6				
Lunenburg,		2		2				
Parrsborough,		22		20		2		
Pictou,		40		40				
Ship Harbor,		3		3				
Tatamagouche,		3		3				
Thorne's Cove,		229		225				4
Wilmot,	5816	2927		2902				25
Yarmouth,		1					1	
Totals—	12231	7512	509	6652	70	281		

ALE, PORTER and CIDER—exported to ditto

Annapolis,	Brls. 395	168	146		22
Clementsport,	10	3	3		
Cornwallis,	20	10			10
Halifax,		2293	1092	1166	
Sydney, C. B.		4	4		
Wilmot,		7	7		
Totals—	425	2485	1252	1166	32

ALEWIVES—exported to ditto.

Arischat,	75	60			60
Halifax,	7410	4892		2377	1974
LaHave,	6	4			4
Port Medway,	5	3		3	
Ragged Islands,	3	2		2	
Tusket,	901	640		540	100
Yarmouth,	278	199		199	
Totals—	8678	5800		3127	2138

BEEF—exported to ditto.

Halifax,	5	1245	1212	17	16
Liverpool,		13		13	
Londonderry,		10	10		
Parrsborough,		76	76		
Pictou,	37	69	66		3
Pugwash,	4	8			
Ragged Islands,		3		3	
Sydney, C. B.	1	340	340		
Westport,	4	8			
Totals—	51	1772	1704	88	19

General

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	BRANDY, GENEVA and WHISKEY—exported to			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries
				North America	West Indies.	
Halifax,		14158		13449	639	70
Totals—		14158		13449	639	70
BREAD—exported to ditto.						
Halifax,		3081		3081		
Pictou,		8		8		
Ship Harbor,		245		245		
Yarmouth,		47		47		
Totals—		3381		3381		
BUTTER—exported to ditto.						
Aylesford,	80	334		334		
Amherst,	147	510		440		70
Annapolis,	27	123		123		
Antigonishe,		2647		2647		
Arichat,		55			55	
Big Bras d'Or,		3698		3684		
Canada Creek,		72		72		
Halifax,	1	10091	480	3060	5251	1226
LaHave,		5				5
Londonderry,	30	132		114		18

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Maitland,	46	223		218		6	10
Margaree,		209		199			
Parrsborough,		84		32		52	
Pictou,		303		300		3	
Port Hood,	3	1020		1020		17	
Shelburne,		17		90			
Ship Harbor,		90		110			
Tatamagouche,		110		6			
Wallace,		6		2306			
Wilmot,		2306		108	32	7	
Yarmouth,		147					
Totals—		22182	480	14863	5338	1403	98
CHEESE—exported to ditto.							
Aylesford,	28	204		204			
Annapolis,		417		417			
Beaver River,		2				2	
Canada Creek,		27					
Halifax,		256			10		
Sydney, C. B.		823					
Wilmot,		1858				18	
Yarmouth,		46					
Totals—		3633		3603	28	2	
COALS—exported to ditto							
Arichat,	70	50				50	
Bridgeport,	1945	1192				1192	
Guysborough,	94	86				86	
Halifax,		820		745		75	
Joggins,	1881	1197		1075		122	
Pictou,	79713	59975		2540		57435	
Ship Harbor,	72	54				54	
Sydney, C. B.	26915	20284		12208	409	6227	1440
Yarmouth,	400	391		75	90		226
Totals—	111090	84049		16643	499		1666

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—Continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CODFISH—exported to ditto.				
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
			North America	West Indies.	North America	West Indies.	
Arichat,	7123	5984		18	581	30	5365
Barrington,	13126	6792		1175		5617	
Beaver River,	3	2				2	
Canada Creek,	30	15		15			
Canso, (Capo)	1140	809		656		153	
Church Point,	2	1		1			
Clementsport,	160	80		80		6	
Digby,	485	275		262	7		
Guysborough,	96	48		48			
Halifax,	263030	177004	345	3856	90595	12492	69716
LaHave,	430	215			3809	215	
Liverpool,	5839	4237				428	
Lunenburg,	45	32				32	
Pictou,	34	20		20			
Port Hood,	300	150		150			
Port Medway,	269	155			131	24	
Pubnico,	2003	1182			13752	1182	182
Ragged Islands,	20580	13934		40		362	
Shelburne,	672	402		7			
Sherbrooke,	10	7					
Ship Harbor,	182	114		114			
Tusket,	1140	570			10	560	
Westport,	9872	5226		2396	29	2801	
Weymouth,	1897	1254		1015	239		
Wilnot,	645	95		95			
Yarmouth,	782	4587		2485	715	922	405
Totals—	336433	223190	345	12433	109868	24816	75728

COFFEE—exported to ditto.

Halifax,	3527	200
Totals—	3527	200

CORN MEAL—exported to ditto.

Canso, Cape,	22	
Halifax,	7364	
Maitland,	2	
Pictou,	969	3
Ragged Islands,	33	
Ship Harbor,	35	
Totals—	8392	3

COTTON and WOOLLEN MANUFACTURES—exported to ditto.

Church Point,	262	619
Halifax,	31783	478
Liverpool,	425	
Pictou,	17	
Totals—	32062	478

EGGS—exported to ditto.

Aylesford,	20	12
Annapolis,	106	4
Bear River,		10
Big Bras d'Or,	11	5
Canada Creek,	55	2
Church Point,	306	1
Clementsport,		
LaHave,		
General Londonderry,	2	

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS.—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	EGGS—exported to ditto.				
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States, Other countries.
			North America.	West Indies.	North America.	West Indies.	
Maitland,	60	1		2		1	
Parishborough,	80	2					
Pubnico,	1420	35				35	
Sydney, C. B.	80	2		2		25	
Weymouth,	2700	71		46			
Wilmot,	26736	720		720			
Yarmouth,	10050	309				309	
Totals—	61766	1674		1270		404	
FLOUR—exported to ditto.							
Canso, Cape,	30	43		43			
Halifax,	10732	23446		22242	979		
Pictou,	1295	2708		2708			
Ship Harbor,	200	400		400			
Yarmouth,	18	37		37			
Totals—	12275	26634		25430	979	225	
FRUIT, (Foreign)—exported to ditto.							
Halifax,		2527		2512			
Ship Harbor,		1		1			
Totals—		2528		2513		15	

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	EGGS—exported to ditto.				
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States, Other countries.
			North America.	West Indies.	North America.	West Indies.	
Halifax,		8970		8905		65	
Totals—		8970		8905		65	
GYPSUM—exported to ditto.							
Antigonish,	1938	415		415			
Arichat,	350	73		37		36	
Canada Creek,	115	28				28	
Cornwallis,	740	125		56		125	
Halifax,	8700	84				28	
Hants Port,	918	1590				1590	
Horton,	85	185				185	
Londonderry,	19628	12				12	
Maitland,	4912	2578				2578	
Parishborough,	8800	1282				1282	
Walton,	8800	1433		30		1403	
Windsor,	50015	8370				8370	
Totals—	95301	16175		588		15637	
FURS—exported to ditto.							
Halifax,		8905				65	
Totals—		8905				65	
HARDWARE—exported to ditto.							
Amherst,	14	14				14	
Arichat,	13	13					
Church Point,	173	173					
Halifax,	15465	15465					
Liverpool,	64	64					
Londonderry,	1819	1819					
Pictou,	457	457					
Sydney, C. B.	25	25					
Wilmot,	388	388					
Yarmouth,	244	244					
Totals—	18662	18662		16		478	

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	HERRINGS—exported to ditto.				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America.	West Indies.		
Annapolis,	5	3				3	
Antigonishe,	26	95					
Arichat,	1410	1071		25		171	
Barrington,	539	416		900		39	
Canso, (Cape,)	4319	2815		377			
Cornwallis,	20	10		2815			
Guysborough,	379	300		10			
Halifax,	87700	56251	17	300	21328	23671	5807
LaHave,	57	33		5428	6	27	
Liverpool,		1845		90	1411	338	6
Lunenburg,	2025	1226		678	30	1196	
Pictou,	936	712		17		34	
Port Hood,		195					
Port Medway,	227	368		188		7	
Pugwash,	460	368				368	
Ragged Islands,	575	386		45	341		
Sheburne,	920	884		884			
Sherbrooke,	873	694		688		6	
Ship Harbor,	3911	3363		3363			
Tusket,	297	250		250			19
Westport,	1897	1048		257		615	
Weymouth,	577	482		76	406		
Wilmot,	88	88		88		28	
Windsor,	46	28				1155	15
Yarmouth,	1397	1544		76	298		
Totals—	108684	74054	17	16117	24415	27658	5847

HERRINGS (SMOKED)—exported to ditto.

Annapolis,	470	54	43	8	3
Church Point,	102	13	46	13	50
Clementsport,	842	96	112	50	53
Cornwallis,	1150	112	25	1268	165
Digby,	778	108	856	3	
Halifax,	19450	2848		266	7
LaHave,	15	3			
Liverpool,	2038	280			
Pictou,	10	2			
Thorn's Cove,	4850	262	262		2
Tusket,	10	2			11
Westport,	495	7	43	10	25
Weymouth,	18	10	83	234	5
Yarmouth,	3810	363			
Totals—	34338	4232	1470	1832	332

HIDES and SKINS—exported to ditto.

Halifax,		1200			2155
Totals—		1200			2155

HORNED CATTLE—exported to ditto.

Aylesford,				206	
Annapolis,	28	206		206	
Antigonishe,	543	6252		6252	
Big Bras d'Or,	110	5726		5726	868
Canada Creek,	765	4696		3828	
Digby,	2	25		25	
Halifax,	123	1430		1430	
LaHave,	70	740		620	120
Margaree,	28	204		204	
Totals—	258	2439		2120	319

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	HORNED CATTLE—exported to ditto.				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America.	West Indies.		
Port Hood,	436	2016		2016			
Sydney, C. B.	40	391		30			361
Wilmot,	222	760		760			
Windsor,	48	274		274			
Yarmouth,	27	125				126	
Totals—	2700	25884		23887	120	320	1548

HORSES—exported to ditto.

Antigonishe,	1	12	12				
Big Bras d'Or,	1	16	16				
Digby,	1	25	25				
Halifax,		35	35			10	
LaHave,	1	10	10				
Margaree,	1	15	15				
Windsor,	5	120	120			15	
Yarmouth,	1	15	15				
Totals—	11	248	223			25	

LEATHER, and LEATHER MANUFACTURES—exported to ditto.

Halifax,		4833		4805	28		
Liverpool,		40		77	40		
Parrsborough,		77		36		121	
Pictou,		157		3			
Sydney, C. B.		3		37			
Tatamagouche,		37					
Totals—		5147		4958	68		

LUMBER and LAST BLOCKS—exported to ditto.

	M.						
Amherst,	1041	1269	740	517	12		
Annapolis,	24	1677		99	946		
Antigonishe,		58		58		26	150
Arichat,	141	456				70	
Barrington,		252				13	
Beaver River,		13		390		250	
Big Bras d'Or,		688		15		272	
Canada Creek,	800	265		70			
Church Point,	10	1130		24			
Clementsport,		24				156	
Digby,		474		835		48	
Halifax,	1469	9595	601	366			
Hants Port,		5144	5144	401		2064	
LaHave,	9965	2819		368		876	
Liverpool,	230	27474	395	165		20	
Londonderry,	328	783				291	
Lunenburg,		456				120	
Maitland,		752		291		380	
Parrsborough,		3105	341	1534		30	
Pictou,		4699	4595	74		473	
Port Medway,	3418	9845					
Pugwash,	5194	8029	7682				
Totals—							

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS.—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	OATS and BARLEY—exported to						
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.		
				North America.	West Indies.				
Aylesford,	Bush. 550	65		65					
Annapolis,	17	2		2					5
Antigonishe,	30	6		6					12
Big Bras d'Or,	850	105		105				85	
Canada Creek,	13600	1784		1120	567			2	
Halifax,	192	34		32				625	
Londonderry,		22		22					
Parrsborough,		1153		528					
Pictou,		25		25					
Ship Harbor,	63	4		4					
Sydney, C. B.	4689	527		527					
Wilmot,		3732		2436	567			712	17
Totals—									
Annapolis,		28		28					
Arichat,		1841		22	100			81	1638
Barrington,		1883		24				1859	
Canada Creek,		3		3				360	
Canso, (Cape.)	5000	522		162					
Digby,	1070	146		146					
Guyshorough,		20		20					
Halifax,		21298	1045	2448	8157		9392		256

OIL, Fish and Seal—exported to ditto.

LaHave,	420	44						44
Liverpool,		82			82			13
Lanenburg,	100	13						207
Pictou,		1	1					155
Pubnico,		207			16			50
Ragged Islands,		16						285
Shelburne,		158						287
Ship Harbor,		14						
Tusket,		50						
Westport,		464		179				
Yarmouth,		324		22	15			
Totals—		27114	1045	3072	8370		12733	1894

PORK and HAMS—exported to ditto.

Amherst,	1	4							
Annapolis,	83	181		181					
Antigonishe,	48	194		194					
Big Bras d'Or,		115		115					
Canada Creek,	8	30		30					
Canso, (Cape.)		26		26					
Charch Point,	10	2			2				
Digby,		32		32					
Halifax,		4826		4217	190			244	175
Londonderry,		22		10				12	
Parrsborough,	16	80		80					
Pictou,	235	724		724					
Wilmot,		739		739					
Totals—	401	6975	1045	6352	192		256	175	

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	POTATOES and VEGETABLES—exported to				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America	West Indies.		
Aylesford,	Bush. 10100	1205		445		760	
Amherst,	275	14		11		3	
Annapolis,	14064	1691		689		1002	
Barrington,	307	53		3		50	
Big Bras d'Or,	287	25		18			7
Canada Creek,	79250	13006		3882		9124	
Church Point,	8	1				1	
Clementsport,	145	11		10		1	
Cornwallis,	150060	19680		1955		17725	
Digby,	5762	753		753	330		
Halifax,	1150	495		67		86	12
Hants Port,	22200	3615		1175		3615	
Horton,	73053	9915				8740	
Joggins,	575	75				75	
LaHave,	166	51			7	51	
Liverpool,	50	7					
Londonderry,	24361	2065		541		1524	
Maitland,	6536	839		311		528	
Parrsborough,	15216	1585		356		1229	
Pictou,	135	20		8		12	
Port Medway,	1816	362				362	
Pubnico,	1894	339				339	
Pugwash,	54	6				6	
Sydney, C. B.	396	27		27			
Thorne's Cove,	4850	970				970	

Tusket,	567	103				103	
Walton,	158	19				19	
Westport,	600	66		66			
Weymouth,	154	28		25	3		
Wilmot,	12892	1624		934		690	
Windsor,	17241	2547				2547	
Yarmouth,	5972	1127		50		505	3
Totals—	450294	62324		11326	909	50067	22
Halifax,							
Yarmouth,							
Totals—							
Halifax,		13488	4315			1193	72
Yarmouth,		26				16	
Totals—		13514	4315			1209	72
Arichat,	48	48		48			
Barrington,	7	7				7	
Canso, (Cape)	107	107		107			
Halifax,	8716	8716		8266		450	
Tusket,	50	50				50	
Yarmouth,	627	627		287		340	
Totals—		9555		8708		847	
Arichat,	51	51		51			
Barrington,	108	108				108	
Canso, (Cape)	303	303		84		219	
Halifax,	22715	22715	501	1127	1814	4656	14617
Liverpool,	301	301		101		200	
Lunenburg,	1	1				1	

RUN—exported to ditto.

SALT—exported to ditto.

SCALE FISH—exported to ditto.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	SCALE FISH—exported to				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Pictou,		45		45	7	12	166
Port Medway,		19				194	
Ragged Islands,		360				4	
Sheburne,		11		7	3		2
Tusket,		3					
Westport,		432		322		108	
Yarmouth,		126		100	5	21	
Totals—		24475	501	1736	1930	5523	14785
SHAD and SALMON—exported to do.							
Barrington,		111	4	40		111	559
Halifax,		17958			2325	15030	
LaHave,		46			320	46	
Liverpool,	101	320					
Londonderry,		1062				1062	
Parrsborough,		625				625	
Pictou,		512	12			500	
Port Hood,		9		9			
Pugwash,	9	24				24	
Shelburne,	2	4				4	
Sherbrooke,		2		2			
Tusket,		6					
Yarmouth,		5			6		
Totals—		20684	16	51	2656	17402	559

SHEEP—exported to ditto.

Aylesford,		275	275				
Annapolis,	550	581	581				115
Antigonish,	1156	772	772				
Big Bras d'Or,	1043	468	468				
Canada Creek,	582	62	62				
Digby,	164	72	72				
Halifax,	144	294	294		10		
Margaree,	150	164	164				
Parrsborough,	2572	6	6				42
Port Hood,	12	402	402				
Sydney, C. B.	482	39	39				39
Winnol,	20	3098	3098				
Windsor,	5784	37	37				
Totals—	30	6270	6270	10	10	6	196

SHINGLES—exported to ditto.

Amherst,		4	4				
Annapolis,	10	21	21		21		37
Big Bras d'Or,		60	60				
Church Point,		29	29				
Clementsport,		12	12				
Halifax,		3050	3050		1798	115	1099
LaHave,		158	158		43	15	6
Liverpool,		397	397		376		
Lunenburg,		1	1		1		
Maitland,		177	177			42	
Pictou,		10	10				
Port Medway,		189	189		174		15
Ragged Islands,		279	279		261		18
Sydney, C. B.		10	10				
Tusket,		9	9		9		
General							

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	WOOD—exported to				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America	West Indies.		
Aylesford,	1995	1235		20		1215	2
Amherst,		26				26	
Annapolis,	4434	3545		9		3536	
Arichat,		2					
Bear River,	938	663				663	
Big Bras d'Or,		64				64	
Canada Creek,	3917	2422				2359	
Church Point,	2483	1935		63		1935	
Clementsport,	2578	2054				2054	
Cornwallis,	560	280		30		250	
Digby,	8788	9827		29		9798	
Halifax,		17				17	
Horton,	221	137				137	
Joggins,	94	43		13		30	
LaHave,	2268	1603				1603	
Liverpool,	357	562				562	
Londonderry,	200	99		20		79	
Lunenburg,	347	274				274	
Maitland,	1447	751		224		527	
Parrsborough,	677	398		15		383	
Pictou,	34	17		9		8	
Pubnico,	513	425				425	
Ragged Islands,	65	56				56	
Sherbrooke,	54	27				27	
Ship Harbor,	184	91		22		69	

Thorns' Cove,	6823	4956				4956		
Tusket,	711	459				459		
Walton,	305	152				152		
Westport,	536	245				245		
Weymouth,	5630	5490		90		5400		
Wilmot,	6474	4130		506		3624		
Yarmouth,	330	355		4		351		
Totals—	52573	42340		1054		41284		2

MISCELLANEOUS—exported to ditto.							
PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America	West Indies.		
Amherst,	78	78		28		50	
Annapolis,	301	301		121		180	
Antigonishe,	5	5		5			
Arichat,	122	122					
Barrington,	154	154					
Beaver River,	8	8					
Bridgeport,	9	9					
Canada Creek,	152	152					
Canso, Cape,	97	97					
Church Point,	79	79					
Clementsport,	8	8					
Cornwallis,	50	50					
Digby,	1688	1688					
Guyaborough,	23	23					
Halifax,	29024	29024	3200	21404	1097	3152	171
Hants Port,	504	504	504				
Horton,	182	182		50		132	
Joggins,	300	300				300	
Liverpool,	805	805		667	32	106	
Londonderry,	199	199					
Lunenburg,	40	40				40	
Parrsborough,	422	422				400	
Pictou,	2283	2283	321	1241		721	General

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	SCALE FISH—exported to					
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries	
				North America	West Indies.			
Port Hood,		32		32				
Pubnico,		76						76
Ragged Islands,		34				6		28
Shelburne,		522						522
Ship Harbor,		35		5				35
Sydney, C. B.		35		8				30
Tatamagouche,		8						
Thorne's Cove,		125		125				
Tusket,		22				3		19
Westport,		607		99				508
Wilmot,		8		8				
Windsor,		115						115
Yarmouth,		1700		994		37		669
Totals—		39822	4025	26932		1175		7397
								293

Financial secretary's office, March, 1856.

SAMUEL CREELMAN.

General

General statement of imports, being a detailed account of the principal articles of British and Foreign merchandise imported into Nova Scotia, during the year ended 5th January, 1854, shewing the quantity and value of each article entered at each port, and indicating from what countries imported.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	ALE, CIDER and PORTER—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Halifax,		2475	2431	37		7	
Joggins,		11		11			
Pictou,		61	60	1			
Yarmouth,		3		3			
Totals—		2540	2491	42		7	7
ARMS and AMMUNITION—imported from ditto.							
Amherst,		29		29			
Halifax,		5303	5215	14		74	
Pictou,		717	717				
Windsor,		66	20	46			
Totals—		6115	5952	89		74	74
APPLES—imported from ditto.							
Amherst,		5					5
Arichat,		45					45
Barrington,	104	83		1			82
Beaver River,	214	6					6
Causo, (Cape,)	10	10					10
Church Point,		4					4

ERRATA.—Page 318.—“For Scale Fish” exported to, read “Miscellaneous.”

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	APPLES—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
				North America	West Indies.	
Guysborough,	22	9			9	
Halifax,		595			585	
LaHave,	34	14			14	
Liverpool,	140	108	10		108	
Londonderry,		29			29	
Maitland,		51			51	
Parrsborough,		3			3	
Pictou,		66			66	
Port Medway,	30	9			9	
Pubnico,		15			15	
Pugwash,		6			6	
Ragged Islands,		4			4	
Shelburne,		8			8	
Sydney, C. B.	91	45			45	
Tusket,	11	6			6	
Westport,	70	7			7	
Windsor,		47			47	
Yarmouth,		299			299	
Totals—		1474	11		1463	
			BEEF—imported from			
Annapolis,		9			9	
Barrington,		2			2	
Church Point,		5			5	
Clementsport,		1614			1154	
Halifax,			460			

Liverpool,		5			5
Pictou,		20			20
Port Medway,		9			9
Westport,		3			3
Weymouth,		33			33
Yarmouth,	80	233			233
Totals—		1933	460		1473
			BRANDY—imported from ditto.		
Amherst,		144	144		
Annapolis,		6	6		
Digby,		39	39		
Halifax,	354	15591	390		13469
Joggins,	15	3	3		
Parrsborough,	78	7	7		
Pictou,		488	488		
Westport,	1341	2	2		
Yarmouth,		20	20		
Totals—		16300	611		13469
			BREAD—imported from ditto.		
Amherst,		15	5		10
Annapolis,		26	2		24
Arichat,		769	50		719
Barrington,		88	2		86
Beaver River,		1			1
Big Bras d'Or,		15	15		18
Canso, Cape,		31	13		6
Church Point,		6	2		5
Clementsport,		7	48		22
Digby,		70	30		
Guysborough,		30	10		
Halifax,		12499	420		12069
			General		

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	BREAD—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
				North America	West Indies.	
Horton,	18	18			18	
LaHave,	143	143			143	
Liverpool,	13	13			13	
Lunenburg,	43	43			43	
Maitland,	70	70			70	
Parrsborough,	2	2			2	
Pictou,	339	339			327	
Port Hood,	88	88		8	80	
Ragged Islands,	100	100			100	
Shelburne,	14	14			14	
Ship Harbor,	45	45			45	
Sydney, C. B.	15	15			15	
Tusket,	25	25			25	
Westport,	152	152		88	64	
Weymouth,	2	2		3	2	
Windsor,	47	47			44	
Yarmouth,	546	546			546	
Totals—		16159	432	276	14451	

BURNING FLUID—imported from ditto.

Annapolis,	14	14				7
Arichat,	3	3				3
Barrington,	12	12				12
Beaver River,	9	9				9
Canada Creek,	5	5				23

Church Point,	23	23				23
Cornwallis,	3	3				3
Halifax,	3371	3371				3371
Hants Port,	20	20				20
Horton,	85	85				85
Maitland,	14	14				14
Ragged Islands,	48	48				48
Shelburne,	2	2				2
Ship Harbor,	14	14				14
Tusket,	8	8				8
Yarmouth,	172	172				172
Totals—		3803	7			3796

BUTTER—imported from ditto.

Halifax,	2308	2308				1377
Liverpool,	4	4				4
Westport,	12	12				12
Windsor,	1	1				1
Yarmouth,	8	8				8
Totals—		2333	931			1402

CABINET WARES—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	279	279				219
Antigonishe,	30	30				30
Barrington,	160	160				157
Beaver River,	2	2				2
Canada Creek,	68	68				68
Canso, (Cape)	17	17				17
Church Point,	6	6				6
Clementsport,	11	11				11
Cornwallis,	200	200				200

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CABINET WARES—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Halifax,		1907	652	5		1250	
Hants Port,		161				161	
Horton,		13				13	
Liverpool,		425				425	
Londonderry,		206				206	
Lunenburg,		29				29	
Parrsborough,		77				77	
Pictou,		836	18			818	
Ragged Islands,		2				2	
Shelburne,		35				35	
Sydney, C. B.		95				95	
Tusket,		17				17	
Westport,		50				50	
Wilmot,		102				102	
Windsor,		165				165	
Yarmouth,		609				609	
Totals—		5502	670	28		4764	
Amherst,		49		39		10	
Annapolis,		61		26		35	
Arichat,		70				70	
Aylesford,		1				1	
Barrington,		17				17	

CANDLES—imported from ditto.

Beaver River,	3				3
Church Point,	1				1
Clementsport,	18				14
Cornwallis,	17		4		17
Digby,	149		61		88
Halifax,	942	207			735
Hants Port,	5				5
Joggins,	4		4		16
LaHave,	16				68
Liverpool,	68				7
Londonderry,	7				16
Maitland,	16				1
Parrsborough,	4		3		5
Pictou,	17				2
Pubnico,	2				1
Ship Harbor,	1				38
Sydney, C. B.	38				8
Tusket,	8				21
Westport,	22		1		6
Weymouth,	6		7		11
Wilmot,	18		6		95
Windsor,	101		2		144
Yarmouth,	146				
Totals—	1807	219	153		1435
Arichat,	45				45
Barrington,	16				16
Church Point,	1				1
Halifax,	1055	57	7		991
Hants Port,	54				54
Liverpool,	3				3
Maitland,	3		2		1
Parrsborough,	6				6

CHEESE—imported from ditto.

Arichat,	45				45
Barrington,	16				16
Church Point,	1				1
Halifax,	1055	57	7		991
Hants Port,	54				54
Liverpool,	3				3
Maitland,	3		2		1
Parrsborough,	6				6

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS.—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CHEESE—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
				North America.	West Indies.		
Pictou,		40				40	
Ragged Islands,		13				13	
Shelburne,		8		4		4	
Windsor,		46	38	5		3	
Yarmouth,		14				14	
Totals—		1303	95	18		1190	
CLOCKS and WATCHES—imported from ditto.							
Annapolis,		1					1
Antigonishe,		26					26
Beaver River,		2					2
Big Bras d'Or,		8					8
Causo, (Cape)		5					5
Church Point,		8					8
Cornwallis,		7					7
Digby,		4					4
Halifax,		1775	1417	125		233	1
Hants Port,		1					1
LaHave,		7					7
Liverpool,		23					23
Londonderry,		6					6
Lunenburg,		2					2
Maitland,		2					2
Parrsborough,		5					5

Pictou,
Port Hood,
Ragged Islands,
Shelburne,
Wilmot,
Windsor,
Yarmouth,

53					53
1					1
7					7
11					11
2					2
8					8
37					37
Totals—		2001	1417	125	459

Amherst,
Annapolis,
Arischat,
Barrington,
Beaver River,
Causo, (Cape,)
Church Point,
Clementsport,
Digby,
Halifax,
Hants Port,
Horton,
LaHave,
Liverpool,
Lunenburg,
Maitland,
Pictou,
Ragged Islands,
Shelburne,
Ship Harbor,

COFFEE—imported from ditto.

7					7
18					18
91					91
23					23
2					2
1					1
4					4
3					3
48					48
6714			2471		454
4					4
5					5
36					36
163					163
7					7
7					7
27					27
37					37
26					26
5					5
Totals—	716		19	2471	3669

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	COFFEE—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Sydney, C. B.		5				5	
Tusket,		7				7	
Westport,		3				1	
Wilmot,		4				4	
Windsor,		26				26	
Yarmouth,		175				175	
Totals—		7448	140	2490		1131	3687
Amherst,	40	10					10
Arichat,	1700	128	128				14
Barrington,	56	14					153
Church Point,		26					26
Clementsport,	64	163	43				120
Digby,	615	22042	3000				19042
Halifax,	89388	235					235
Horton,	792	26					26
LaHave,	106	103	21				82
Londonderry,	412	249					249
Lunenburg,		81	81				
Maitland,	323	1780					1780
Pictou,		44					44
Pubnico,		50					50
Sydney, C. B.							

CORN and WHEAT—imported from ditto.

Tusket,		18					18
Wallace,		3	3				171
Weymouth,		171	14				254
Windsor,		268					154
Yarmouth,		154					
Totals—		25718	3290			22428	

CORN MEAL, &c.—imported from ditto.

Tusket,		18					18
Wallace,		3	3				171
Weymouth,		171	14				254
Windsor,		268					154
Yarmouth,		154					
Totals—		25718	3290			22428	

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	CORN MEAL, &c.—imported from ditto.				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Amherst,	921	979	646				333
Annapolis,	705	779	277				502
Antigonishe,	70	105	35				70
Arichat,	1488	1488	19				1488
Barrington,	449	496	100				477
Beaver River,	600	626					626
Big Bras d'Or,	67	100					14
Bridgeport,	15	14					285
Canada Creek,	266	324	39				312
Canso, (Cape)	371	370	58				1030
Church Point,	980	1030	6				145
Clementsport,	151	151					200
Cornwallis,	200	200					930
Digby,	1416	1704	768				55
Guysborough,	275	358	303				34926
Halifax,	34000	36529	1598	5			126
Horton,	160	198	72				36
Joggins,	56	63	27				112
LaHave,	108	112					1864
Live-pool,	1267	1864					981
Londonderry,	1070	1034	53				81
Lunenburg,	70	81					979
Maitland,	911	1057	78				566
Parrsborough,	751	912	346				4139
Pictou,	4500	4727	388				

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CORN MEAL, &c.—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Port Hood,	495	717		80		637	
Port Medway,	175	190				190	
Pubnico,	351	349				349	
Pugwash,	270	270				270	
Ragged Islands,	484	601				601	
Shelburne,	150	198		12		186	
Sherbrooke,	30	36		36			
Sheet Harbor,	3	2		2			
Ship Harbor,	210	249		144		105	
Sydney, C. B.	496	618		218		400	
Tatamagouche,	6	8		8			
Thorne's Cove,	227	229		39		190	
Tusket,	976	1274				1274	
Wallace,	20	25		25			
Walton,	572	621				621	
Westport,	257	257		90		167	
Weymouth,	1508	1891		131		1760	
Wilmot,	371	405		250		155	
Windsor,	832	1014		32		982	
Yarmouth,	3950	4620		12		4408	
Totals—	62252	68475	5	5892		62578	

CHINA and EARTHENWARE—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	216	214		2
Annapolis,	166	166		
Canada Creek,	84	84		
Church Point,	45	41		4
Clementsport,	36	36		
Cornwallis,	267	217		50
Digby,	102	102		
Halifax,	14247	8515		5732
Horton,	33	11		22
Joggins,	18	18		
Londonderry,	98	95		3
Maitland,	44	44		
Parrsborough,	22	22		
Pictou,	549	9		6
Westport,	67	67		
Weymouth,	9	9		
Wilmot,	105	105		
Windsor,	115	35		15
Yarmouth,	460	17		110
Totals—	16683	9447	1292	5944

CODFISH—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	70	38		4
Annapolis,	196	74		19
Big Bras d'Or,	140	78		
Canso, Cape,	140	78		
Cornwallis,	236	112		
Halifax,	116733	65977		
Londonderry,	22	17		
Lunenburg,	18	13		
Maitland,	14	7		
Totals—			34	4
			55	19
			78	
			78	
			112	
			65977	
			17	
			13	
			7	

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS.—*continued.*

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	COTTON MANUFACTURES.—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America.	West Indies.		
Liverpool,		691				691	
Londonderry,		1311		806		505	
Lunenburg,		152				152	
Maitland,		651		112		539	
Parrsborough,		381		96		285	
Pictou,		2852	2086	49		117	
Port Hood,		158				158	
Pubnico,		2				2	
Pugwash,		252				252	
Ragged Islands,		2				2	
Shelburne,		8				8	
Ship Harbor,		98				98	
Thorne's Cove,		571		494		77	
Tusket,		322				322	
Walton,		87				87	
Westport,		653		584		69	
Weymouth,		330		330			
Wilmot,		233		1886		447	
Windsor,		2412	196	1579		637	
Yarmouth,		7944	231	4703		3010	
Totals—		293148	231082	26411		85504	151

DRUGS, &c.—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	395	71	324
Annapolis,	177	40	137
Canso, (Cape)	8		8
Church Point,	15		15
Clementsport,	13		13
Cornwallis,	15	9	6
Digby,	37		37
Halifax,	7058	11	3045
Hants Port,	21		21
Horton,	435		435
Liverpool,	209		209
Londonderry,	81	5	76
Maitland,	20		20
Pictou,	371		290
Shelburne,	2		2
Tusket,	18		18
Windsor,	65		65
Yarmouth,	457		457
Totals—	9397	130	5178

FISHING TACKLE—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	1536	1536	9
Barrington,	9		1115
Halifax,	12664	11537	
Joggins,	14	4	
Pictou,	4		30
Port Hood,	50	20	
Westport,	144	144	2
Yarmouth,	2		
Totals—	14423	1726	1156

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	FLOUR, (Wheat)—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Aylesford,	900	1780		660		1120	
Anherst,	1023	2042				2042	
Annapolis,	3912	8556		2579		5977	
Antigonish,	26	54		40		14	
Arichat,	3591	6982		796		6186	
Barrington,	2604	5091		88		4943	
Beaver River,	434	822				822	
Big Bras d'Or,	30	65		65			
Bridgeport,	30	56				56	
Canada Creek,	2832	5402		654		4748	
Canso, (Cape)	1950	3772		3613		159	
Church Point,	2737	5570		4		5566	
Clementsport,	619	1291		65		1226	
Cornwallis,	3900	6000		300		5700	
Digby,	4144	10674		3976		6698	
Guysborough,	1098	2353		2178		175	
Halifax,	111053	224834		40695		184139	
Hants Port,	450	963				963	
Horton,	2329	4894		40		4854	
Joggins,	722	1509		109		1400	
LaHave,	805	1694				1694	
Liverpool,	2814	7075				7075	
Londonderry,	2298	4172		168		4004	
Lunenburg,	591	1143				1143	
Maitland,	2346	5250		60		5190	

Margaree,	12	24							
Parrsborough,	1743	3659		806		2853			24
Pictou,	937	18130		6404		11726			
Port Hood,	804	1728		1416		312			
Port Medway,	234	580				580			
Pubnico,	1597	3184				3184			
Pugwash,	495	942				942			
Ragged Islands,	1614	3306				3306			
Sheburne,	380	839		25		814			
Shebrooke,	209	418		418					
Sheet Harbor,	23	41		41					
Ship Harbor,	527	1205		1150		55			
Sydney, C. B.	482	1103		56		975			72
Tatamagouche,	4	10		10					
Thorne's Cove,	860	1617		591		1026			
Tusket,	1440	2814				2814			
Wallon,	748	1597		724		1597			
Westport,	1135	2277				1553			
Weymouth,	1735	3680		4971		3680			
Wilmot,	4152	8845		709		3874			
Windsor,	5864	11544		35		10835			
Yarmouth,	11133	22473				22438			
Totals—	197366	402000		73446		328458			96

FLOUR, (Rye)—imported from ditto.		General
Annapolis,	142	226
Antigonish,	26	36
Barrington,	183	319
Beaver River,	75	133
Canso, (Cape,)		164
Church Point,	134	216
Clementsport,	36	64
Guysborough,	35	52
Halifax,	17238	22978

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	FLOUR, (Rye)—imported from					
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
			North America	West Indies.	North America	West Indies.		
Lallave,	41	60				60		
Liverpool,	42	220				220		
Lundenburg,	10	80				80		
Maitland,	8	16			6	16		
Parsonsborough,	20	13				7		
Port Medway,	37	30				30		
Pubnico,	958	58				58		
Ragged Islands,	16	1454				1454		
Shelburne,	30	832			20	12		
Ship Harbor,	42	47			16	32		
Thorne's Cove,	464	72			42	30		
Westport,	533	670			290	380		
Weymouth,	27	1015			40	1015		
Wilmot,	152	40			34	199		
Windsor,		233						
Totals—	20249	28256	704	704		27552		

FRUIT—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	79	25				54
Annapolis,	19	1				18
Arichat,	6					6
Barrington,	18					18
Beaver River,	5					5

Church Point,	14					14
Clementsport,	3					36
Digby,	51					997
Halifax,	10621		124			6
Horton,	6					2
LaHave,	2					130
Liverpool,	130					6
Londonderry,	6					9
Parsonsborough,	9					13
Pictou,	13					39
Port Medway,	39					11
Shelburne,	11					2
Ship Harbor,	2					16
Tusket,	15					9
Wilmot,	9					28
Windsor,	28					268
Yarmouth,	274		4			
Totals—	11360	192	69	128		1686

FUR—imported from ditto.

Halifax,		3320		2622	
Totals—	5942	3320	3320	2622	2622

GENEVA and WHISKEY—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	66			66	
Halifax,	6130			20	
Pictou,	123			2	
Westport,	2			1	
Wilmot,	1			24	
Yarmouth,	24				
Totals—	6346	5709	123	113	401

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	GLASSWARE—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Amherst,		66		45		21	
Annapolis,		1		1		6	
Barrington,		6		20		6	
Canada Creek,		20		60		86	
Clementsport,		146		18		1	
Cornwallis,		19				939	62
Digby,		3934	2933			55	
Halifax,		55		20			
Horton,		20				44	
Joggins,		44				124	
LaHave,		124				51	
Liverpool,		51				18	
Londonderry,		18				8	
Lunenburg,		8				6	
Maitland,		13		7		69	
Parrsborough,		267				47	
Pictou,		47				136	
Port Medway,		136	208			6	
Pubnico,		6				10	
Ragged Islands,		10				4	
Shelburne,		4				3	
Ship Harbor,		3				7	
Tusket,		7				10	
Westport,		10					
Windsor,							

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	GLASSWARE—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Windsor,		180		119		61	
Yarmouth,		316		62		254	
Totals—		5517	3141	352		1962	62

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	HARDWARE—imported from ditto.				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Amherst,		2013		980		1033	
Annapolis,		1276		1041		235	
Antigonishe,		446		18		446	
Aricat,		248				200	
Barrington,		269	25			269	
Beaver River,		217				217	
Big Bras d'Or,		25		26		472	
Canada Creek,		760		288		2	
Cause, (Cape,)		2				182	
Churoh Point,		355		203		71	
Clementsport,		203		132		523	
Cornwallis,		1090		567		816	
Digby,		1457		641		11720	16
Halifax,		102306	89823		97	224	
Hants Port,		271	47			624	
Horton,		774		150		65	
Joggins,		316		251		268	
LaHave,		268				1496	
Liverpool,		1496		519		447	
Londonderry,		966				414	
Lunenburg,		414		271		482	
Maitland,		753		27		117	
Parrsborough,		144		45		3097	
Pictou,		8624	5482			41	
Pubnico,		41				141	
Pugwash,		141				20	
Ragged Islands,		20				48	
Shelburne,		48				2	
Ship Harbor,		2					

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	HARDWARE—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Sydney, C. B.		7110	7008			102	
Tusket,		73				73	
Wallace,		103				103	
Walton,		48		48			
Westport,		157		124		33	
Weymouth,		149		149			
Wilmot,		318		32		286	
Windsor,		3912		2462		1450	
Yarmouth,		6947	1580	1180		4187	
Totals—		143788	103965	97		29906	16
HATS and CAPS—imported from ditto.							
Amherst,		67		35		32	
Annapolis,		72		21		51	
Canso, (Cape)		2				2	
Clementsport,		9				9	
Cornwallis,		50				50	
Halifax,		7781	3706			4075	
Horton,		81				81	
Liverpool,		75				75	
Londonderry,		35				35	
Maitland,		25				25	
Parrsborough,		7				7	

Pictou,		240	31	21	188		
Tusket,		18			18		
Windsor,		21			21		
Yarmouth,		469			469		
Totals—		8947	3737	77	5133		
HERRINGS—imported from ditto.							
Annapolis,		40		40			
Antigonishe,		180		180			
Big Bras d'Or,	180	800		790			
Canada Creek,		47		47			
Canso, (Cape)	420	168		168			
Halifax,		18105		18105			
Horton,		3		3			
Liverpool,		45		45			
Londonderry,		22		22			
Lansenburg,		507		507			
Parrsborough,		13		8		10	
Pictou,	1756	1262		1262			
Sydney, C. B.	214	107		107			
Wilmot,		179		179			
Windsor,		2		2			
Yarmouth,		115		115			
Totals—		21595	21575	10	10		
HIDES and SKINS—exported to ditto.							
Annapolis,		16				16	
Antigonishe,		75				60	
Halifax,		6590		4354		272	1904
Maitland,		88				83	
Pictou,		212		18		212	
Tusket,		26				8	
Totals—		7002	4429	390	379		1904
General							

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS.—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	LEATHER and LEATHER MANUFACTURES.—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America.	West Indies.		
Amherst,		589				536	
Annapolis,		253				239	
Antigonishe,		88				88	
Arichat,		1448				1143	
Barrington,		114	14			114	
Beaver River,		52				52	
Big Bras d'Or,		140				140	
Canada Creek,		309				279	
Cause, Cape,		289		30		289	
Church Point,		48				48	
Clementsport,		101				101	
Cornwallis,		430				430	
Digby,		743		55		688	
Halifax,		29246	11269			17977	
Hants Port,		10				10	
Horton,		266				266	
Joggins,		63				63	
LaHave,		186				186	
Liverpool,		1527				1527	
Londonderry,		209		2		207	
Lunenburg,		74				74	
Maitland,		117		1		116	
Parrsborough,		92		5		87	
Pictou,		1614	47			1567	
Port Hood,		55				55	
							291

Pubnico,	19				19
Pugwash,	314				314
Ragged Islands,	151				151
Shelburne,	46				46
Ship Harbor,	62				62
Tusket,	132				132
Westport,	106		18		87
Wilnot,	210				210
Windsor,	543		162		381
Yarmouth,	1357		16		1341
Totals—	41002	11330	356		29025
					291

LARD.—imported from ditto.

Annapolis,	1				1
Arichat,	126				126
Barrington,	7				7
Beaver River,	10				10
Church Point,	6				6
Digby,	28				28
Halifax,	9747	1364	62		8321
LaHave,	20				20
Liverpool,	32				32
Londonderry,	23				23
Lunenburg,	3				3
Maitland,	1				1
Pictou,	1				1
Ragged Islands,	77				77
Ship Harbor,	2				2
Sydney, C. B.	10				10
Westport,	20				20
Yarmouth,	110				110
Totals—	10224	1364	62		8798
					General

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	MOLASSES—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Tusket,	6843	324		314	10		
Walton,	225	22	22		5		
Westport,	3088	178	136	37	5		
Weymouth,	976	63	470	68	5		
Wilmot,		506	74		36		
Windsor,		97	262		23		
Yarmouth,	35051	2183	1507		226	188	
Totals—		116424	7414	9384	2311	97315	
OAKUM—imported from ditto.							
Amherst,		2			2		
Annapolis,		65	65		9		
Beaver River,		9	7				
Canada Creek,		7	4		32		
Church Point,		36	11		15		
Clémentspoint,		11	11		9		
Cornwallis,		15	78		3		
Digby,		78			10		
Halifax,		710	701		26		
Liverpool,		3			42		
Londonderry,		87					
Lunenburg,		26	27				
Maitland,		110	68				

Petersborough,
Pictou,
Windsor,
Yarmouth,

	24	24			194
	296	10			
	76	76			162
	185	23			
Totals—	1690	393			504

OIL, (Fish and Seal)—imported from ditto.

Antigonishe,	3	3			9
Beaver River,	9	9			
Canso, (Cape)	3	3			429
Halifax,	14928	14999			8
Horton,	8	10			6
Lunenburg,	10	4			
Maitland,	10	2			19
Petersborough,	2	401			9
Pictou,	420	11			23
Ship Harbor,	11	9			
Windsor,	9	23			
Yarmouth,	23				
Totals—	15436	14933			503

OIL, (other kinds)—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	56	56			4
Annapolis,	19	15			
Cornwallis,	28	28			
Digby,	31	31			260
Halifax,	6395	86			665
Horton,	6	17			6
Joggins,	17	17			
Londonderry,	34	30			4
Maitland,	46	43			3
General					

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	OILS, (other kinds—imported from						
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.		
				North America.	West Indies.				
Parrishorough,		2							
Pictou,		346	236			2			
Pugwash,		5				110			
Sydney, C. B.		3				5			
Tusket,		30				3			
Westport,		21				30			
Windsor,		336	182						
Yarmouth,		221	106						
Totals—		7596	5908			77			260
Antigonishe,	1120	140							
Arichat,	1514	175							
Canso, (Cape,)	56	7							
Digby,	136	17							
Halifax,	198000	16271	314			15873		84	
Liverpool,	4747	452				452			
Pictou,	28760	3517				3517			
Ragged Islands,	48	6				6			
Tatamagouche,	3379	507				507			
Wallace,	900	132				132			
Windsor,	800	100						100	
Yarmouth,	3720	465				465			
Totals—	248180	21789	314			21291		184	

OATS, &c.—imported from ditto.

140
175
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17
15873
452
3517
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507
132
465
21291

PAPER MANUFACTURE—(Books and Stationery)—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	74	31				43
Annapolis,	435	194				241
Arichat,	15	15				
Barrington,	45					45
Canada Creek,	30					30
Cornwallis,	52					52
Halifax,	16211	184		150		7376
Horton,	246					246
Liverpool,	189					189
Londonderry,	25					25
Lunenburg,	5					5
Pictou,	1062					481
Ragged Islands,	15					15
Pugwash,	7					7
Tusket,	60			60		404
Windsor,	762					536
Yarmouth,	537					
Totals—	19770	855	9010	210		9695

PAINT—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	109	109				
Annapolis,	13	13				
Church Point,	1	1				
Cornwallis,	136	136				
Digby,	35	35				
Halifax,	5248	168				88
Horton,	4	4				
Maitland,	23	12				11
Pictou,	188	65				22
Westport,	05	6				
Weymouth,	6	356				8
Windsor,	431					
Totals—	6259	905	5225			129

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	PORK & HAMS—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Amherst,	21	95				95	
Annapolis,	15	58				55	
Arichat,	130	423				423	
Barrington,	65	239				239	
Beaver River,	5	23				23	
Canada Creek,		3		3			
Canso, (Cape)	23	34				34	
Church Point,	6	95				95	
Clementsport,		25				25	
Digby,		224		50		174	
Halifax,		8162	12	463		7697	
Joggins,	56	163				163	
LaHave,	88	228				228	
Liverpool,		336				336	
Londonderry,	3	13		13			60
Lunenburg,	15	60					8
Maitland,	3	8		3			13
Pictou,		16					60
Port Medway,		60					82
Pubnico,	20	82					163
Ragged Islands,	41	163					40
Shelburne,	9	40					8
Ship Harbor,	6	28		20			180
Tusket,		180					
Totals—							General

Walton,		28				28
Westport,		199				126
Weymouth,		80				80
Windsor,		409				403
Yarmouth,		645				617
Totals—		12119				11455

POTATOES, &c.—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	200	2	1		1
Antigonishe,	10550	40	40		
Arichat,	3847	527	527		
Canso, (Cape)		300	300	26	88
Halifax,		7091	6977		27
Liverpool,	2740	278	251		21
Pictou,		319	298		
Ragged Islands,		83	83		
Ship Harbor,	750	73	73		15
Tatamagouche,	336	35	35		29
Windsor,		15			
Yarmouth,		250	279		181
Totals—		9042	8835	26	181

RICE.—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	40	53	23		30
Annapolis,	23	28	3		25
Arichat,		133			133
Barrington,		48			48
Beaver River,		7			7
Canada Creek,		7			6
Church Point,		43	1		43
Clementsport,		24			24

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	SALT—imported from					
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries	
				North America	West Indies.			
Parrsborough,		148		139				
Pictou,		75	9	66			9	
Port Hood,		150		135			15	
Port Medway,		200			200			
Ragged Islands,		821		377	444		1	
Sheburne,		25		24				
Sydney, C. B.		4		4				
Thorne's Cove,		40		40				
Tusket,		250		269	250			
Westport,		479		76	210		36	
Weymouth,		197		88	85		10	
Wilmot,		98		53			9	
Windsor,		83	21					
Yarmouth,		1499	368	438			618	75
Totals—		15461	1478	6565	2169		1899	3350
				SCALE FISH, &c.—imported from ditto.				
Big Bras d'Or,		14		14				
Canada Creek,		83		83				
Clementsport,		26		26				
Halifax,		2945		2945			15	
Parrsborough,		15		6			45	
Pictou,		6					12	
Ragged Islands,		45						
Ship Harbor,		12						
Totals—		3146		3086			60	

SHAD and SALMON—imported from ditto.

Halifax,		11892	200	11084		108
Liverpool,		421		421		
Pictou,	70	503		503		
Sydney, C. B.		3		3		
Windsor,		7		7		
Totals—		12326	200	12018		108

SHINGLES—imported from ditto.

Annapolis,		16		16		
Barrington,		10		10		
Canso, (Cape,)		7		7		
Clementsport,		17		17		
Digby,		83		83		16
Guyaborough,		16				
Halifax,		4375		4375		10
Parrsborough,		10				
Pictou,		395		395		
Westport,		7		7		
Yarmouth,		85		85		
Totals—		5021		4995		26

SOAP—imported from ditto.

Amherst,		30	16	14		
Annapolis,		52	29	23		
Arichat,		18		14		4
Barrington,		13		13		
Beaver River,		2		2		
Canso, (Cape)		3		3		
Church Point,		1		1		
Clementsport,		14	2	12		
General						

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	SOAP—imported from					
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries		
				North America	West Indies.			
Digby,		78				51		
Halifax,		2798	2673			67		58
Horton,		12				12		
Joggins,		3			3			
Liverpool,		36			7			36
Londonderry,		7						6
Maitland,		6			2			5
Parrsborough,		7						38
Pictou,		98	65					13
Pugwash,		13						10
Shelburne,		10						2
Ship Harbor,		2						12
Tusket,		12						9
Weymouth,		9						44
Windsor,		72	10		18			167
Yarmouth,		157						539
Totals—		3453	2748	104	18			62

SUGAR—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,		68						
Amherst,	333	512			68			12
Annapolis,	67	90			500			34
Arichat,	42	97			56			97
Barrington,	21	35				9		26

Canada Creek,		33							15
Cause, Cape	7	11			1				10
Church Point,	61	79				70			9
Clementsport,	10	15							16
Cornwallis,	223	61			6				55
Digby,		332			262				33
Halifax,		135074	2535		160	5532			2869
Hants Port,	10	15				15			14
Horton,	44	65			51				31
Joggins,	21	47			47				83
LaHave,	21	31				362			50
St. Liverpool,	143	448							5
Londonderry,		175			125				1
Lunenburg,	32	5			45				29
Maitland,		46			45				96
Parrsborough,		74			14				8
Pictou,		123	13						16
Port Hood,	3	8							2
Pubnico,	36	66				50			7
Pugwash,	61	2							5
Ragged Islands,		138				52			2
Sydney, C. B.		7							41
Tusket,	150	244			27	239			90
Westport,	20	40				11			38
Weymouth,	10	20				20			
Wilmot,	54	94			53				
Windsor,		213			123				
Yarmouth,	2222	2105			1	1976			
Totals—		14073	2548	1602	1976	8373		124157	3693

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	TFA—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America.	West Indies.		
Aylesford,	728	45		45			
Amherst,	6691	386		262		124	
Annapolis,	2511	186		95		460	
Ariehat,	8533	460				87	
Barrington,	1925	87				16	
Beaver River,	268	16				56	
Big Bras d'Or,	1789	112		56		60	
Canada Creek,		123		6		53	
Causo, (Cape)	300	59		3		18	
Church Point,	720	41		12		29	
Clementsport,		120		10		110	
Cornwallis,	7048	424	9147	218		206	28199
Digby,		50677		15		13316	
Halifax,		3				3	
Hants Port,		93		16		77	
Horton,		62		39		23	
Joggins,	1075	72				72	
LaHave,	1644	221				221	
Liverpool,	2764	241		16		225	
Londonderry,		6				6	
Lunenburg,		28				28	
Maitland,	557	111		55		56	
Parrsborough,		3432	938	105		2389	
Pictou,	74814	26				26	
Port Hood,	544						

Pubnico,	159	10				10	
Pugwash,		104				104	
Ragged Islands,	271	20				20	
Shelburne,	950	45				45	
Ship Harbor,		47		30		17	
Sydney, C. B.		32				32	
Tusket,	1743	87				87	
Westport,	1482	95		46		49	
Weymouth,	255	19				19	
Wilmot,	4585	344		220		124	
Windsor,		124		43		81	
Yarmouth,	10308	693				693	
Totals—		58652	10085	1335		19033	28199

TOBACCO—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,		5				5	
Amherst,		149		59		90	
Annapolis,		65		15		50	
Ariehat,	8750	241				241	
Barrington,	1845	68				68	
Beaver River,	143	6				6	
Big Bras d'Or,	975	40		25		15	
Canada Creek,		53		23		30	
Causo, (Cape)		17		4		13	
Church Point,		26		5		21	
Clementsport,	640	25		5		20	
Cornwallis,		56				56	
Digby,	4560	227	192	84		143	479
Halifax,		15319		133	28	14487	
Hants Port,		2		3		2	
Horton,		55				52	
Joggins,	1322	51				51	
LaHave,	1537	53				53	
Totals—		15319	192	133	28	14487	479
(General)							

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS.—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	TOBACCO—imported from					
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
					North America.	West Indies.		
Liverpool,	2296	217		12	217			
Londonderry,		82			70			
Lunenburg,	1370	5			5			
Maitland,		65			65			
Parrsborough,		63		13	50			
Pictou,	979	720			720			
Port Hood,	107	47			47			
Pubnico,		4			4			
Pugwash,		82			82			
Ragged Islands,	2325	102			102			
Shelburne,	1022	44			44			
Ship Harbor,		16			16			
Sydney, C. B.		28			28			
Tusket,	1557	53		20	53			
Wallace,	600	20		13	19			
Westport,	611	32			13			
Weymouth,	175	13		32	74			
Wilmot,	1613	106			84			
Windsor,		84			593			
Yarmouth,	8801	593						
Totals—		18834	192	446	17689	28	479	

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TIMBER—imported from ditto.

Arichat,	21	21					
Pictou,	625	313					312
Sydney, C. B.	80	80					435
Yarmouth,	435						747
Totals—	1161	414					

WINE—imported from ditto.

Arichat,	13	6					7
Arichat,	7						
Digby,	2	2					
Halifax,	9814	1853	2120				745
Pictou,	64	17	47				5096
Yarmouth,	17	17					
Totals—	10017	1995	2167				5103

WOODWARE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	89	21					68
Annapolis,	208	45					163
Arichat,	10						10
Barrington,	66	12					54
Beaver River,	20						20
Canada Creek,	99						99
Canso, (Cape)	44						44
Church Point,	69	2					69
Clementsport,	16	12					14
Cornwallis,	658	8					646
Digby,	90						82
Halifax,	7168	1156	339				5673
Hantsport,	6						6

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total Quantity.	Total Value.	MISCELLANEOUS.—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				North America	West Indies.		
Thorne's Cove,		282		133		149	
Tusket,		44				44	
Wallace,		10		10			
Walton,		122				122	
Westport,		181		90		91	
Weymouth,		134		62		52	
Wilmot,		138		68		70	
Windsor,		1491	206	308		977	5
Yarmouth,		7113	514	601	144	5204	
Totals—		76470	23234	5603	2916	42856	1861

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Abstract

Abstract of the principal articles of British and Foreign merchandise imported into the province of Nova-Scotia during the year ended 31st December, 1855, shewing the value of each article, and from what country imported.

ARTICLES.	Total of Imports.		Imported from			
	Total quantity.	Total value.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
			Great Britain.	North America		
Ale and Porter,		£2540	2491	42	7	
Arms and Ammunition,		6115	5952	89	74	
Apples,		1474		11	1463	
Beef,		1933		460	1473	
Brandy,		16300	2220	611		13469
Bread,		15159	432	276	14451	
Burning Fluid,		3803		7	3796	
Butter,		2333		931	1402	
Cabinet Wares,		5502	670	68	4764	
Candles,		1807	219	153	1435	
Cheese,		1303	95	18	1190	
Clocks and Watches,		2001	1417	125	459	
Coffee,		7448		140	1131	3687
Corn and Wheat,		25718		3290	22428	
Cornmeal, Oatmeal, &c.		68475	5	5892	62578	
China and Earthenware,		16683	9447	1292	5944	
Codfish,		67090		67067	23	
Cordage,		34073	23818	2205	7825	225
Cotton, Linen & Silk manfrs.		293148	231082	26411	35504	151
Drugs & Apothecaries' wares,		9397	4083	136	5178	
Fishing Tackle,		14423	11541	1726	1156	96
Flour, (wheat,)	Brls. 197366	402000		73446	328458	
do. (rye,)	" 20249	28256	192	704	27552	
Fruit,		11360	3320	96	1686	9258
Fur,		5942		2622		

eneva and Whiskey,		6346	5832	113	401	62
Glassware,		5517	3141	352	1962	16
Hardware,		143788	103965	9804	29906	
Hats and Caps,		8947	3737	77	5133	
Herrings,		21595		21575	10	10
Hides and Skins,		7002		4429	379	1904
Leather & Leather manfrs.		41002	11330	356	29025	291
Lard and Tallow,		10224	1364	62	8798	
Lumber,		3418		3284	134	64
Mackerel,		1010		904	42	97315
Molasses,		116424		7414	2311	
Oakum,		1690	793	393	504	
Oil, (seal and fish,)		15436	5908	14933	503	260
do. (other kinds,)		7596	314	519	909	
Oats and Barley,		21789	9010	21291	184	
Paper manfrs. books & sta'ry.	Bush. 243180	19770	5225	855	9695	
Paint,		6259	12	905	129	
Pork and Hams,		12119		652	11455	
Potatoes,		9042	1111	8835	181	
Rice,		5952	142	1295	3546	62
Rum,		16136	1478	1107	5302	124157
Salt,		15461	1478	6565	1890	28199
Scale Fish, &c.		3146	200	3086	60	479
Shad and Salmon,		12326		12018	108	
Shingles,		5021	2748	4995	26	
Soap,		3453	2548	104	539	
Sugar,		140373	10085	1602	3693	
Tea,		58652	192	1335	19033	
Tobacco,		18834		446	17689	
Timber,		1161		414	747	
Wine,		10017	2167	1995	752	5103
Woodwares, Agr. implements,		12444	361	1491	10592	
Miscellaneous,		76470	23234	5603	42856	1861
Total—		1882703	491881	326627	738480	296004
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General statement of exports, shewing the value of merchandise exported from each port in Nova Scotia during the year 1855, and indicating to what country exported.

PORTS.	Total value sterling.	Imported from				United States.	Other countries
		Great Britain.	British Colonies.		West Indies.		
			North America	North America			
Amherst,	£2979	£858	£1004		£1117		
Annapolis,	17693		11084		5867		
Antigonishe,	9860		9860		4269	£7309	
Arichat,	14853	430	1486		1975		
Aylesford,	3681		1766		8854		
Barrington,	10645		1609		976		
Beaver River,	976				1201		
Bridgeport,	1201				11901		
Canada Creek,	16339		4438		1562		
Canso, (Cape,)	5959		4397		2213		
Church Point,	3856		653		2162		
Clementsport,	2673		511		18110		
Cornwallis,	20432		2322		10050		
Digby,	15229	179	4795		217	1621	
Great Bras d'Or,	10732		8715		1134		
Guysborough,	3326		2192		250799	119831	
Halifax,	964129	77909	347853	167737	5205		
Hantsport,	11112	5907	1300		9287		
Horton,	10587		1088		527		
Joggins,	1615		381		6269		
LaHave,	7160		1298		2995		
Liverpool,	44769	473	3115		2766	3500	
Londonderry,	6354				5857		
Lunenburg,	6105	661	1358		4675		
Maitland,	6694					371	

Margaree,	2827		2456		4520		3341
Parrsborough,	8406	1671	2215		59535		
Pictou,	79081	7392	12154				
Port Hood,	4326		4326				
Port Medway,	12059						
Pubnico,	2555						
Pugwash,	8647	7882	147		891		
Ragged Islands,	17315		958		2555		
Shelburne,	2741		697		398		
Sherbrooke,	9696	8815	5201		1017		
Ship Harbor,	5359		13603		1590		
Sydney, C. B.	22945	2512	795		184		
Tatamagouche,	3307		612		158		
Thorne's Cove,	6542				6606		
Tusket,	5472						
Wallace,	5161	4641	462		5930		
Walton,	2110	506	30		1859		58
Westport,	9803		3435		1574		
Weymouth,	15642	1673	1396		5711		
Wilmot,	19528		15189		6909		
Windsor,	12552	1061	431		4339		
Yarmouth,	17182		4661		11060		
Totals—	1472215	122570	479933	248039	481441		140232

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ABSTRACT OF THE FOREGOING STATEMENT.

Countries to which the vessels cleared.	Number.	British Tons.	Men.
Great Britain,	145	64321	3840
British North American Colonies,	2003	142572	10792
British West Indies.	367	42618	2631
United States,	2491	247702	14986
Other Countries,	215	20905	1312
Total British,	5221	518118	33561
FOREIGN.			
Great Britain,	2	821	25
British North American Colonies,	9	1545	74
British West Indies,	2	167	12
United States,	316	50160	1914
Other Countries,	14	1410	103
Total Foreign,	343	54103	2128
Total—	5564	572221	35689

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NOVA SCOTIA.—VESSELS CLEARED OUTWARDS.

An account of the number and tonnage of vessels cleared outwards to each country, with the number of men employed in navigating the same, distinguishing vessels with cargoes from those in ballast, and distinguishing British from Foreignships.

Countries to which the vessels cleared outwards, according to the regulated arrangement of countries.	With cargoes.						In ballast.					
	British.			Foreign.			British.			Foreign.		
	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.
Great Britain, - - - - -	144	63874	3820	2	821	25	1	447	20			
North American colonies, - - - - -	1662	101589	8342	7	303	23	341	40983	2450	2	1242	51
British West Indies, - - - - -	367	42618	2631	2	167	12						
United States, - - - - -	2460	244234	14781	314	49969	1905	31	3468	205	2	191	9
Other countries, - - - - -	209	20228	1268	14	1410	103	6	677	44			
Total—	4842	472543	30842	339	52670	2068	379	45575	2719	4	1433	60

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SAMUEL CREELMAN.

Vessels

VESSELS INWARDS—continued.

PORTS.	British Colonies.			United States.						Other countries.					
	West Indies.			British.			Foreign.			British.			Foreign.		
	No.	Tons	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.
Anherst,	17	1051		81			4	260	18						
Annapolis,	42	3456		326			11	551	31						
Antigonish,	3	319		17			1	80	5				1	75	5
Arichat,	96	9561		478											
Aylesford,	30	2805		157											
Barrington,	38	1337		123											
Beaver River,	12	885		56			8	511	31						
Bridgeport,	1	41		4			3	427	19						
Canada Creek,	95	7131		439			7	588	28						
Canso, (Cape,)	10	578		54			3	178	14						
Church Point,	57	3771		279			5	362	20						
Clementsport,	46	4253		266											
Cornwallis,	47	2606		165			4	445	20						
Digby,	196	16247		885			1	65	5						
Great Bras d'Or,	2	160		11									20	507	52
Guysborough,	1	99		6									230	27769	1636
Halifax,	394	69143		4880			1	65	4				3	207	28
Hants Port,	55	6736		286			30	5970	297						
Horton,	30	1880		47											
Joggins,	8	534		40											

LaHave,	51	3596		243	16	1570	75	6	605	36	1	86	5
Liverpool,	48	3823		192	6	361	28						
Londonderry,	77	5820		326	2	104	8						
Lunenburg,	19	1524		96	1	39	4						
Maitland,	152	13960		807									
Margaree,	68	5094		314	8	842	35						
Parrsboro',	269	35726		1541	115	24019	723						
Pictou,	4	265		16	2	147	7						
Port Hood,	7	652		42									
Port Medway,	59	2856		213	2	89	7						
Pubnico,	8	1425		52									
Pugwash,	9	547		51									
Ragged Islands,	2	121		10	5	316	20						
Sheburne,	2	391		18									
Sherbrooke,	3	320		20									
Sheet Harbor,	58	6612		242	1	71	5						
Ship Harbor,	114	8550		1020	4	813	33						
Sydney, (C. B.)	25	1408		87	14	216	69						
Tatamagouche,	2	422		16	1	622	16						
Thorné's Cove,	65	5149		333									
Tusket,	52	2763		189	5	256	17						
Wallace,	84	6335		469	9	1052	57						
Walton,	72	6015		349	14	1186	71						
Westport,	92	8956		485	73	12672	444						
Weymouth,	113	13844		703	2	304	9						
Wilmot,	2635	268767		16434	358	54181	2120						
Windsor,													
Yarmouth,													
Total—													

ABSTRACT OF THE FOREGOING STATEMENT.

Countries from which the vessels arrived.	Number.	British Tonnage.	Men.
Great Britain, - - - - -	114	58354	3699
British North America, - - - - -	2253	148812	10982
British West Indies, - - - - -	162	19936	1195
United States, - - - - -	2635	268767	16434
Other Countries, - - - - -	284	31337	1838
Total—	5448	527256	34148
FOREIGN.			
British North America, - - - - -	20	2726	96
United States, - - - - -	358	54181	2120
Other Countries, - - - - -	13	837	87
Total—	391	57744	2301
Total—	5839	584950	36449

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SAMUEL GREELEMAN.

Nova Scotia

NOVA-SCOTIA.—VESSELS ENTERED INWARDS.

An account of the number and tonnage of vessels entered inwards from each country, in the year ended 31st December, 1855, with the number of men employed in navigating the same, distinguishing vessels with cargoes from those in ballast, and distinguishing British from Foreign ships.

Countries from which the vessels entered inwards, according to the regulated arrangement of countries.	With cargoes.						In ballast.					
	British.			Foreign.			British.			Foreign.		
	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.	Number.	Tons.	Men.
Great Britain, - - - - -	111	57470	3662				3	884	37			
British North American colonies, - - - - -	1654	97382	7496	3	118	14	599	57430	3486	17	2608	80
British West Indies, - - - - -	128	15395	947				34	4541	248			
United States, - - - - -	2059	209372	13300	122	14383	669	576	59395	3134	236	39798	1451
Other countries, - - - - -	238	28475	1672	6	447	42	46	2862	166	7	390	45
Totals—	4190	408094	27077	131	14948	725	1258	119112	7071	260	42796	1576

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SAMUEL CREELMAN.

Statement

Statement of the number, tonnage, and value of vessels owned in the different ports of Nova Scotia on the 31st December, 1855, indicating those built during that year—showing also those sold out of the province, and whither sent for sale.

PORTS.	Vessels owned.			Built in 1855.			Sent for sale to		
				Great Britain.			British Colonies.		
	Ton'ge	Value cy.	No	Ton'ge	Value cy.	No	Ton'ge	Value cy.	No
Advocate Harbour,	4	£4850	4	484	£4850				
Amherst,	10	7125	1	165	2000				
Annapolis,	57	61000	13	1417	16584			2	237
Antigonishe,	12	5168	6	702	4518				1900
Arichat,	200	43221	9	955	5415				
Aylesford,	4	4500	1	131	2000				
Barrington,	85	16210	2	719	7000				
Beaver River,	11	2847	2	480	3750				
Canada Creek,	22	24625	7	714	7050				
Canso, (Cape,)	30	10620	1	200	2000				
Church Point,	17	7010	5	2081	10108			1	1173
Clementsport,	8	4255	2	109	1520				5268
Cornwallis,	17	5070	2	207	2500				
Digby,	46	8690	9	2038	21000			1	1152
Great Bras d'Or,	11	737	1	85	600				11000
Guysborough,	20	7685	5	499	47800				
Halifax,	330	206385	5	597	8000	3	606		6050
Hantsport,	37	55695	2	276	3000	1	176		1000
Harbour au Bouche,	9	5085	3	240	2550			2	239
Horton,	15	9880	1	129	1800				2500
Joggins,	mil.								
Liverpool,	53	71245	6	1416	21200				

Londonerry,	15	1250	2	385	4500	1	284	3500	1	69	400
Lunenburg Co'ty.	200	8278	18	1926	19280						
McNair's Cove,	9	298	6	865	8000			3500			
Maitland,	35	3536	1	32	210			3500			
Margaree,	25	771	4	424	3800						
Parrsborough,	22	1635	21	5655	52600	8	2226	17675	3	447	3850
Pictou,	34	10182									
Port Hood,	4	145									
Port Medway,	18	1271									
Pubnico,	34	1416	3	144	1650						
Pugwash,	3	861	3	1383	11605	4	1458	18260			
Ragged Islands,	22	989	2	140	1900						
St. Ann's,	4	358	1	58	350						
Sandy Cove,	9	754	4	817	10000			2200			180
Shelburne,	9	956	6	669	6300	2	271				800
Sherbrooke,	10	684	5	462	5600						
Sheet Harbour,	26	1416	2	180	2350						
Ship Harbor,	30	1352	8	1012	9610						
Sydney, C. B.	44	2460	6	724	7300						
Sydney, North,	8	881	9	1375	13900	4	825	7550	5	550	6350
Tatamagouche,	6	158	2	212	2250						
Thorne's Cove,	23	1898	3	280	3500						
Truro,	4	236	2	126	1000						
Tusket,	23	1591	10	2103	19112	4	1166	10700	5	527	6362
Wallace,											
Walton,	22	2137	1	557	7500						
Westport,	27	1264	2	124	850						
Weymouth,	20	7219	6	1262	14450						
Wilmot,	19	1161	7	606	5700						
Windsor,	35	7447	4	1046	12000						
Yarmouth,	111	25192	11	4758	47580						
Total—	1849	160910	236	40469	448142	28	7360	70435	25	5189	47510

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SAML. CREELMAN.

No.

No. 87.

(See page 174.)

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of the justices in session of Guysborough, and the petition of J. B. Hadley, Esq., report :

That they are of opinion that the county of Guysborough, under the circumstances of the case, ought to be relieved from the expenses attending the keeping in custody of William Snow and Lewis Snow, since their conviction for murder.

They are also of opinion that Mr. Hadley ought to be liberally remunerated for his expenses incurred, and also for his personal services and time expended in re-capturing these convicts.

The committee have no means of ascertaining the just amount that ought to be paid for those services respectively ; and recommend that the amounts be adjusted by the government, on the report, by some suitable persons in Guysborough, by whom the charges and statements of the petitioners may be investigated ; and that the government pay the amounts so ascertained, and the house will provide for the same at the next session.

The committee also recommend that the claim of Murdoch McLcan, esquire, be included in the investigation.

12th April, 1856.

J. W. JOHNSTON.
W. A. HENRY.
NATHAN MOSES.

No. 88.

(See page 190.)

The committee on the post office beg leave to report as follows :

Your committee have considered numerous applications for the setting up of new rides, for changes in old ones, and for the establishment of new way offices.

They recommend that the following new rides be set up :—

From Digby to Marshall town.

Musquodoboit harbor to Ship harbor.

Ferry Cape Sable Island round the Island.

Dunlop's to Lewis Head and East side of Ragged Island, at George Craig's—present ride from Dunlop's to Lockie's Island to be continued twice a week.

Guysborough to New Harbour once a fortnight.

Hantsport to Lower Horton.

Antigonishe by Addington Forks and Ohio to Lochabar.

Drysdale's, Prospect road, to Terence Bay, not to exceed £8 for the ride.

Gibbons' to Margaretville, to return by way of Victoriaia and Spa Spring roads.

Weymouth to George P. Sabean's.

Middleton to Port George.

Noel to Burntcoat.

Additional mail from Maitland to Shubenacadie, pursuant to report of postmaster general.

Aylesford to Morden.

They recommend the following changes in and addition to routes as hereafter set forth.

The courier from Wallace, by the Gulf Shore to proceed to Pugwash, and return by Fanningsboro' road to Wallace with way-office at head of Bay—route from Crow harbor to Molasses harbor, to be by and include Dolliver's cove—whole ride not to exceed £16 10s. Tri-weekly

Tri-weekly mail—Plaister cove to Port Hood instead of semi-weekly, and semi-weekly from Port Hood to Margaree instead of weekly, pursuant to report of postmaster general.

The several rides from Pollock's by the eastern road to Guysboro' to be discontinued, and the service to be put up in one or more rides from Halifax to Guysboro', as the postmaster general may find most practicable and accommodating to all the inhabitants on the route. The present ride from Amherst to Minudie to be discontinued, and a semi-weekly mail established from Long's on the Parrsboro' road to Minudie and "the Mines"—ride not to exceed £50—way-office at Maccan to be removed to Long's, and that at Barrowsfield to Minudie.

The courier from the south side of St. George's channel to McLeod's way-office, hereafter to stop at way-office recommended to be established at the head of West Bay; courier from Malagawatch to carry all the mails—way-office at the head of West Bay and McLeod's.

The present route from Bridgetown to Lawrence town to be discontinued, and a new ride set up between these places once a week, going and returning on the south side of the river. The present rides from Sydney to Baddeck, North Bar and the Mines to be discontinued. A ride three times a week each way to be set up between Sydney and the Mines; and a ride twice a-week to be set up from the Mines to Baddeck, pursuant to recommendation of the postmaster general.

The present ride from New Glasgow by the upper settlement of the East River of Pictou and West River, St. Mary's, to the way-office at the Forks, St. Mary's, and thence returning by the East River, St. Mary's, Garden of Eden and Blue Mountains to New Glasgow, to be discontinued, and the service divided into the three following rides:—

1st.—From New Glasgow by McLelan's Mountain, Blue Mountains, Garden of Eden, and East River, St. Mary's, to the way-office at the Forks (Glenelg) and return by the same route.

2nd.—From New Glasgow by Churchville and Springville, up the East Branch, East River, to way-office, New Caledonia, and return by the same route.

3rd.—To start from New Glasgow and proceed to Hopewell, thence up the east side of the west marsh, crossing at the upper bridge at Fraser's, to New Glasgow again.

The route between Brookfield and Pleasant River to be separated from the ride between Liverpool and Annapolis, and a contract to be entered into with Philip Fancy, the party who now performs the service on the former route, not to exceed £9.

They recommend that way-offices be established at the following places:

Ship Harbour, county Halifax.

Cape Sable Island.

At or near George Craig's, Ragged Islands.

New Harbour, county Guysborough.

Addington Forks, county Sydney.

Ohio, do do do

Head of Lochabar Lake, county Sydney.

Dolliver's Cove, county Guysborough.

Terence Bay, county Halifax.

Red Islands, county Richmond.

Margaretville.

Joggins Mines.

At or near George P. Sabeau's, county Digby.

Upper Economy.

White Head.

Sutherland's River.

Paradise Lane.

Short Beach.

Shinimecas Bridge, county Cumberland.

Smith's Cove, county Digby.

Port

Port Jolly, county Queen's.
 "Points," St. George's Channel.
 Black River.
 Head of West Bay.
 Morden, county King's county.
 Churchville, county Pictou.
 Bellivean's Cove, county Digby.
 Bailey's Brook, to be paid since 1st of July last.

The petitions from New Annan for a semi-weekly mail. From James D. Munro for payment for carrying a mail in the steam boat from Sydney to the Bar under another contractor. From William Murray, paid courier from New Glasgow to Cape George, for extra payment for past services. From James B. Hadley for compensation for carrying mails from McNair's Cove to Ship Harbour. From Westport, Digby Neck and Digby, for additional allowance to courier between Digby and Brier Island. From John Pitt's, mail courier, between Sydney and Mire for extra allowance. From Daniel Talbot, mail courier, between Halifax and Prospect for extra allowance. From Alexander McPherson, mail courier between Arichat and Grand Ance for extra allowance, and from Judique for a change of way-office, your committee cannot recommend to the favorable consideration of the house. Your committee recommend that the salary of James Neville be increased to the extent of four pounds for extra service in distributing letters and papers in his ride, and collecting postage on letters.

Your committee has had under consideration three petitions respectively, from Sydney, Little Bras d'Or, and Boulardrie, very numerous and most respectably signed, praying the house that a grant may be made to Thomas Battersby, courier from Sydney to Baddeck for the last twenty-one years, who has lost his health in the service, which was unusually severe, and setting forth that he is a very poor man, and with a large family to support. In consideration of his long and faithful, and barely compensated services, and in view of all the circumstances, recommend that the sum of twenty pounds be paid him as a bonus for his long and faithful service, he being now disabled and unable to earn anything for his own support.

Your committee recommend that the post office at St. Ann's be removed to English Town, and that a way-office be established at St. Ann's instead of the post office, and that the mails be sent to English Town twice a-week, and once a-week to St. Ann's.

Your committee recommend that the offer of colonel Favor to carry mails from the United States and Canada, by way of St. John, for this province, for one hundred pounds for the year, on the terms of his proposal to the postmaster general, be accepted, being fully convinced of the benefits to be derived from the arrangement as regards the great saving of time to be effected in the transmission of correspondence between this country and the United States and Canada.

Your committee recommend the usual grant of five hundred pounds for the maintenance of steam communication for the conveyance of the mails from Windsor, Annapolis and Digby to St. John; and also recommend that the postmaster general be authorized to make arrangements for the steamers calling at Parrsborough each way, provided the expense do not exceed seventy-five pounds additional.

Your committee recommend that the following way-offices be converted into post-offices:

Way-office—Margaree, county Inverness.
 ditto McNair's Cove, Guysborough.
 ditto Tracadie, Sydney.

Your committee have considered a petition from James M. Ferguson, asking to be reimbursed in expenses incurred by him in ferryage across River Philip during two seasons when the bridge at that place was impassable, and recommend a grant of eleven pounds for that object.

Your

Your committee in view of the increased correspondence and additional labour imposed upon way-office keepers, and under the impression that in the majority of cases they are not sufficiently remunerated for their services, recommend that they hereafter be allowed, in addition to their present remuneration, the sum of ten shillings annually for every day between 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. in each week over one day they are necessarily occupied in their office, in receiving or dispatching a mail or mails, in all cases where the way office corresponds with more than one post office—the day to be computed from six o'clock in the morning to six in the evening, and from six in the evening to six in the morning.

Your committee recommend that the mail should hereafter proceed direct from the Middle River of Pictou to New Glasgow, instead of going round by the Albion Mines as at present, and that the postmaster general be authorized to make such arrangements for carrying the mails between New Glasgow and the Albion Mines as he may deem necessary.

Your committee have given its attention to the establishment of a scale by which the salaries of postmasters would be regulated from year to year, without application either to the postmaster general or to this house, but have not been able to perfect it satisfactorily this session, and have postponed action upon it until next year. In the meantime your committee recommend that the salaries of the following named postmasters be increased as follows :

Postmaster, Aylesford,	£4	0	0
“ Durham,	5	0	0
“ Mahone Bay,	4	0	0
“ Windsor,	10	0	0
“ Port Hood,	5	0	0
“ Bridgetown,	2	0	0
“ Lower Stewiacke,	4	0	0
“ Shubenacadie,	2	0	0
“ Truro,	10	0	0
“ Amherst,	15	0	0
“ Sydney,	5	0	0
“ Antigonishe,	2	0	0
“ Guysboro,	10	0	0
“ Plaister Cove,	10	0	0
“ Annapolis,	8	0	0
“ Londonderry,	5	0	0
“ Liverpool,	25	0	0

Your committee recommend that the salaries of the postmasters of the following places be settled as follows :

Margaree,	£8	0	0
McNair's Cove,	10	0	0
Tracadie,	8	0	0
English Town,	10	0	0

Your committee recommend that the salaries of the four junior clerks, the three carriers, and the messenger in the Halifax post office be increased to the extent of twelve and a half per cent. on their present salaries—the increase to the postmasters and the clerks, carriers, and messenger, to be allowed from the first day of April, instant.

Your committee have considered three petitions from King & Brothers, H. Hyde, and Charles B. Archibald, for extra service in the conveyance the part of the year of the English and Canadian mails, and recommend that the government do call upon the government of Canada for payment of the claims of the petitioners respectively, as follows :

For

For amount of account of King & Brothers,	£70 0 0
“ Amount of H. Hyde’s account,	218 18 0
“ Amount of C. B. Archibald’s account,	226 14 0
	£515 12 0
Amounting in all to	

Your committee recommend that the following sums be granted the following persons, for extra service in conveyance of English mails for and from Canada, being a portion of their accounts annexed to this report :

King and Brothers, in full,	£70 0 0
H. Hyde,	52 10 0
C. B. Archibald,	52 10 0
Balance to be paid when received from Canada.	

The committee have had under consideration the remission of fines imposed on H. Hyde, on the 14th of November, 1854, amounting to nine pounds, and recommend that the postmaster general have power given him to reconsider the matter, and to remit the same if he in his judgment thinks proper so to do.

Your committee recommend that immediate application be made by the government to the governments of Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward’s Island, to make provision for the conveyance of the English mails to and from these provinces, and that if such provision be not made the mails will not be forwarded. Your committee annex a proposal from Messrs. Hyde and Archibald, for the future conveyance of these mails to Canada and New Brunswick, which your committee recommend should be submitted to the governments of these provinces.

Your committee have considered an application from Messrs. Young and McCormack, mail carriers between Digby and Yarmouth, asking for allowance for carrying an extra mail a week, and recommend that thirty pounds a-year additional be paid them from the commencement to the end of their present contract, being for five years, ending the first of January next, and that the postmaster general be authorized to renew the contract for any term not exceeding the limit of the present contracts to Messrs. King & Brothers on the western routes, and H. Hyde from the West River, Pictou, to Sydney, with the increased allowance recommended in this report.

The committee recommend that the present contract for the conveyance of the mails from Barrington to Carland’s, Pubnico, via “The Passage,” Wood’s Harbour, &c., be terminated, and a tri-weekly mail established by tender and contract—the postmaster general to establish any extra way offices on the route which he may deem necessary.

Your committee recommend the continuance of the present contract for conveyance of the mails from Halifax to Pictou, to be determined by three months notice from either party to the contract.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Committee room, April 14, 1856.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.
 CORNELIUS WHITE,
 HUGH MUNRO,
 S. S. THORNE,
 A. McFARLANE,
 G. W. McLELAN,*
 WILLIAM ANNAND.

* With exception of grant to Thomas Batersby.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

GENERAL POST OFFICE,

To KING & BROTHERS, Dr.

For conveyance of quantity of English mails for Canada, arriving at Halifax from 1st August to 24th October, 1855, 7 trips from Halifax to St. John, via Windsor, at £10 per trip, £70 0 0

N. B.—Of the large extra amount of English mail arriving at the above dates, one half was forwarded via Windsor, the other half via Truro and Amherst.

I certify that this service has been performed, and that the charge is fair and reasonable.

A WOODGATE, P. M. G.

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

THE GENERAL POST OFFICE,

To H. HYDE, Dr.

1855.

Dec. 31st.—For conveyance newspaper bags and 2 portmanteaus of letters, arriving by English steamers, for Canada for year ending this date, say 26 trips, Halifax to Truro 64 miles, at 1s. 6d. per mile, £124 16 0
Do do from Canada for England, from Truro to Halifax, 26 trips, 64 miles, at 6d. 41 12 0
Conveyance of extra quantity of ditto from 1st August to 24th October, 1855, 7 trips at £7 10s. 52 10 0
£218 18 0

I certify that the above service has been performed, and that the charges therefor in my opinion are moderate and reasonable.

A. WOODGATE, P. M. G.

Truro, Nova Scotia.

THE GENERAL POST OFFICE,

To CHARLES B. ARCHIBALD, Dr.

1855.

Dec. 31st.—For conveyance of newspaper bags and 2 portmanteaus of letters, arriving by English steamers, for Canada for year ending this date, say 26 trips, Truro to Amherst, 67 miles, at 1s. 6d. per mile, £130 13 0
Do do from Canada for England, from Amherst to Truro, 26 trips, 67 miles, at 6d. per mile, 43 11 0
Conveyance of extra quantity of ditto from 1st August to 24th October, 1855, 7 trips, at £7 10s.. 52 10 0
£226 14 0

I certify that the above service has been performed, and that the charges therefor in my opinion are moderate and reasonable.

A. WOODGATE, P. M. G.

Halifax,

Halifax, 9th April, 1856.

SIR—

We will carry the English mails for New Brunswick, and despatch immediately on arrival of each steamer, (as at present, when ordered and paid for extra,) for the sum of one shilling and six pence currency per mile, and the same mail for Prince Edward's Island, for six pence per mile, and despatch either by first regular mail for the Island, or with the New Brunswick mail, at option of the postmaster general of the Island.

We will also convey that portion of the English mail for Canada which now goes through Nova Scotia, that is, the *free* newspapers and unpaid and dead letters, when the weight does not exceed twelve hundred pounds per trip, and will despatch either by the regular mail at the usual rate of speed, or by a carriage for the purpose, at our option, to travel 4 miles an hour, for the sum of one shilling and sixpence currency per mile. We will also convey the same description of mail matter over our routes, for England from Canada, at the rate of sixpence currency per mile, when not exceeding four hundred pounds.

When a mail exceeds this weight, our charge for the extra quantity will be in proportion to these prices,

H. HYDE, contractor Halifax to Truro.
C. B. ARCHIBALD,
Per H. HDYE,
Contractor Truro to Amherst.

No. 89.

(See page 191.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of John Dickson and others, of Onslow, in the county of Colchester, complaining that "great injustice" had been done by individuals of the church of England, claiming and holding possession of the church, school, and glebe lands of that township, for their own private use and benefit, and contrary to the spirit and intention of the original grant. Petitioners state that the school lands situate in Onslow have been placed under the charge of trustees, and the proceeds thereof applied for the general purposes of education; and they pray that a law may pass appointing trustees to take charge of the glebe and church lands, that they may be applied to the same purpose.

Some time after the above petition was referred to your committee, the chairman received a letter from the Rev. P. C. Leaver, of Truro, requesting the committee to suspend action on the subject until the church wardens and vestry of Saint John's Parish, Colchester, had an opportunity of sending in a petition in reply to the same. The latter petition, which was not received until a late period of the session, states that the lands in question were granted about the year 1767—that the church of England has held acknowledged and undisturbed possession of them from that period to the present time—that the said glebe lands have for many years been leased or cultivated by ministers of the church of England, who have received the proceeds thereof for upwards of thirty-five years—that the rectors of the parish aforesaid have always paid rates and taxes for the said glebe land—that the church wardens and vestry, being by law a body corporate, have leased the lands which have been cleared and occupied by various persons, and petitioners therefore pray that trustees may not be appointed, as being contrary to law and equity, and an invasion of the rights of the church.

Your committee feeling that the question raised by these petitions is one of a provincial rather than a sectional or local character—that there are glebe and church lands in

in various sections of the country held upon a similar tenure with those of Onslow, and that they have not the necessary information to deal with the subject in its larger aspects, feel themselves restrained from entering into the consideration of the prayer of the petitions at this late period of the session.

Committee room, assembly, }
15th April, 1856. }

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman.
ICHABOD DIMOCK.
A. C. McDONALD.

No. 90.

(See page 202.)

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand three hundred and fifty five pounds, for the Cross Roads, twelve hundred and thirteen pounds for the Great Roads, and seventy-six pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence, undrawn monies in the county of Halifax, be applied as follows:

To repay John Esson for monies advanced,	£96	1	7½
John Tobin, ditto ditto ditto.	94	17	10
Benjamin Wier, ditto ditto ditto.	27	7	0
Patrick Power, ditto ditto ditto.	8	8	0
To repair road from Alex. Huble's to Banack's, Margaret's Bay,	15	0	0
Croucher's forks to Wooden's bridge,	20	0	0
Wooden's bridge to Baptist Meeting,	10	0	0
Walker's to William Covey's gate,	10	0	0
Covey's gate to Indian Harbor school house,	10	0	0
Peggy's Cove district,	15	0	0
Margaret's Bay road to Dover,	15	0	0
Allan McDonald's to Chester road,	10	0	0
Piers' mill to Chapel, Hammond's Plain,	10	0	0
Hammond's Plain to Windsor road,	10	0	0
Moose Town and Hamilton road,	5	0	0
road from City Line to McIntosh's bridge,	15	0	0
McIntosh's bridge to Wagner's,	5	0	0
Margaret's Bay road, through Green Head to Charles Drysdale's,	15	0	0
New Margaret's Bay road to mouth of Prospect road,	15	0	0
Prospect bridge, to Prospect on new line,	150	0	0
To finish new road from Smelt brook to Terence Bay and pay over expenditure,	15	0	0
To cut down Back Bay hill,	15	0	0
To repair road from Lower Prospect, through Terence Bay to Sandy Cove,	10	0	0
Prospect road to William Drysdale's,	5	0	0
Main road east side of Terence Bay,	5	0	0
Margaret's Bay road to R. Roach's,	4	0	0
Sambro road to Bennet's,	4	0	0
road from Sambro bridge to Sambro,	7	10	0
Margaret's Bay road to Shea's, Harriet's Field, and to make alteration,	30	0	0
road from Shea's, Harriet's Field, to Sambro bridge,	15	0	0
Sambro road to Fraser's,	5	0	0
			To

To repair Harriet's Field road to Hartland's,	£4	0	0
road from Pennant to Cook's,	10	0	0
McIntosh's bridge to Herring Cove forks,	12	10	0
Herring Cove forks to Portuguese Cove,	12	10	0
Portuguese Cove to Ketch Harbor,	7	10	0
Herring Cove to Ferguson's Cove,	10	0	0
Herring Cove to Ketch Harbor road,	5	0	0
Purcell's road to North West Arm Quarries,	5	0	0
road North West Arm to Three mile house,	15	0	0
Kearney's road,	20	0	0
road from Herring Cove road to Roach's,	5	0	0
Wright's bridge, Hammond's Plains,	2	10	0
To contingencies,	3	15	7
To repair road from Creighton's to Battery,	10	0	0
Battery to Chapel,	10	0	0
Chapel to Hutt's, Eastern Passage,	30	0	0
Chapel towards Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Cow Bay to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Caldwell road,	10	0	0
road Dartmouth to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Cole Harbor to Lawrencetown,	10	0	0
Aboiteau to draw bridge, Lawrencetown,	10	0	0
Draw bridge to Leslie's,	10	0	0
Leslie's to French Settlement,	10	0	0
Draw bridge to Graham's,	5	0	0
Innes' mills to Crook's mills,	10	0	0
Simpson's Corner to Cole Harbor,	5	0	0
Smith's to Evans',	5	0	0
Old Look-out road and bridge,	20	0	0
Bell Street to Lawrencetown,	8	0	0
Smither's to Lawrencetown,	15	0	0
Fairbanks' mills towards Lawrencetown,	10	0	0
Brown's towards head of Lake Porter,	10	0	0
Shore road from Harvey road, towards Chapel, Chezetcook,	10	0	0
To alteration of road from Harvey road towards Chapel, Chezetcook,	25	0	0
To repair road east side of Chezetcook to Harvey road,	10	0	0
east side of Petpiswick,	10	0	0
Big Lake to Harvey road,	10	0	0
Musquodoboit harbor to Meagher's grant,	150	0	0
east side of Musquodoboit from Narrows down,	10	0	0
Benjamin Day's to George Harpell's,	10	0	0
Harvey road to Benjamin Day's,	10	0	0
road east side of Jedore,	10	0	0
from Edward Stoddart's, jr., to Clam Harbor, and thence to mouth of Ship Harbor,	22	10	0
M. W. Webber's to Clam Harbor,	7	10	0
Harvey road to Ship Harbor church,	5	0	0
To alteration of Settlement road, Ship Harbor, after survey,	20	0	0
To repair road Bollong's point towards Taylor's Bay,	15	0	0
Locharbar road, Sheet Harbor,	15	0	0
road from Smelt brook by Watt's, Sheet Harbor,	10	0	0
Taylor's Head to Harvey road,	5	0	0
Sober Island road,	5	0	0
road to Jacob Burkhouse's, Beaver Harbor,	5	0	0

To

To repair road from Sheet Harbor to Salmon River,	£25	0	0
Salmon River to Nicumteau,	15	0	0
Nicumteau to Ecum Secum,	10	0	0
south side of Saint Mary's River, from Wallace bridge to county line,	30	0	0
to Stewiacke by Butcher's,	5	0	0
to Stewiacke by Graham's,	5	0	0
Gleason's brook by Davis' to Upper Stewiacke,	10	0	0
Hutcheson's settlement to Archibald's mills,	5	0	0
William Guild's to old Higgins' farm,	10	0	0
old Higgins' farm to main road, north side of river,	10	0	0
to Higgins' mills,	5	0	0
through Bruce settlement, to William Scott's,	5	0	0
old Higgins' farm by Barron's to Fraser's,	20	0	0
from James Lindsay's to Gladwin's meadow,	10	0	0
Fish Lake road,	5	0	0
road from Little road settlement to Murkey's mills,	10	0	0
Wyse's corner to Meagher's grant,	10	0	0
Sibley road,	5	0	6
Sheet Harbor road,	100	0	0
road, Gay's River bridge to Black Rock bridge £85, Rock bridge to Keys' £15,	100	0	0
McHefey road,	8	0	0
McDonald road,	8	0	0
road Lemmon to Cleary's,	5	0	0
McBey's to John McMickle's, jr.,	5	0	0
to Cook's and Annand's mills,	5	0	0
main road to Shubenacadie bridge,	5	0	0
road, Cook's by McKenzie's, to Guysboro' road,	10	0	0
Cleary's to Kerr's,	10	0	0
Gay's River to Leck's,	10	0	0
Leck's to Middle Musquodoboit on new line,	100	0	0
from Taylor's settlement to Joseph Bruce's,	15	0	0
Beaver Bank road,	25	0	0
Hibbet settlement road,	25	0	0
old Truro road by William Holland's,	10	0	0
old Cobequid road,	5	0	0
Conolly road,	5	0	0
road east side of Bedford Basin,	20	0	0
To this sum at the disposal of the county members to provide for contingencies,	61	18	9

ADVANCES AND OVER-EXPENDITURES.

To John Parker on Guysboro' road,	19	17	6
do. do. on Sheet Harbor road,	5	0	0
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	24	17	6
To William Annand on Guysboro' road,	17	17	6
do. do. on Jedore road,	5	0	0
do. do. on Sheet Harbor road,	8	0	0
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	30	17	6
To John Morrow to repair Western Post road	1	12	6

To

To Forbes Black's on old Cobequid road,	£5 0 0	
do. do. to repair bridge above Fletcher's lock,	3 3 9	
		8 3 9
To John Farnell, balance due on bridge, west side of Sheet Harbor,	10 0 0	
To John Parker's commissions, &c.	1 6 6	
		11 6 6
To pay Bank of Nova Scotia balance due,		182 3 6
		<u>£2355 0 0</u>

GREAT ROADS.

To pay advances by the government.

To great eastern road, Halifax portion,	£100 9 10½	
pay William Dowling, eastern road,	46 0 9	
J. L. Sweet, western road,	48 6 8	
Joseph Quin, western shore road,	22 1 0	
William Anderson, eastern shore road,	21 11 0	
		238 9 3½
North-west Arm, to Lunenburg county line,	130 0 0	
Three Mile House to Hants county line,	240 0 0	
Dartmouth to Shubenacadie,	250 0 0	
eastern shore road,	160 0 0	
Guysboro' road,	194 10 8½	974 10 8½
		<u>1213 0 0</u>
Change of appropriation,		1213 0 0
To repair road between Upper Musquodoboit and Wallace bridge on the St. Mary's River,		£72 10 2

TOWNSHIP OF PICTOU.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand three hundred and four pounds, granted for the cross roads in the county of Pictou, with the sum of thirteen pounds nine shillings and five pence change of appropriation, as also the sum of six hundred and forty pounds granted for the great roads service within said county, be sub-divided as follows, viz :

OVER-EXPENDITURE.

To J. W. Ritchie, interest and instalment on West River bridge,	£115 0 0
John McKay, bridge at Black Brook, Roger's Hill,	36 18 6
John Johnston, road from Henry's to C. John road,	16 9 0
William Henry, from Gammon's to cross roads at Henry's,	14 10 0
Roderick McCulloch, repairing R. Hill road,	15 0 0
James Willis, road at Mount Dalhousie,	30 0 0
Simon Archibald, bridge at upper settlement, West River,	12 12 6
Donald McKay, road and bridge at McDonald's mills, R. Hill.	13 9 6
Norman Gunn, road at Six Mile Brook,	5 5 0
John McMillan,	5 2 6
Alexander Rose,	4 0 0
Duncan Urquhart, repairing Carriboo River bridge,	1 0 0
John McCara, removing logs from R. Hill road,	1 5 0
McNee Falconer, repairing Toney River bridge,	0 18 0
William McLean, Durham bridge,	7 14 2
	<u>£279 4 2</u>
	To

To improve new road from church, Roger's Hill, to bridge near Angus Sutherland's,	£92	13	6
Saw Mill bridge to church,	40	0	0
Loch Broom bridge to Middle River new road,	62	5	10
Glenfalloch road,	60	0	0
New road from Jas. Murray's meadows to Uylie's mills,	45	0	0
Salt Springs to Archibald's Mills, west side West river,	40	0	0
Fisher's grant, wharf and road, in addition to £30 from committee navigation securities,	30	0	0
Road from Garloch church to M. River at Collie's,	15	0	0
do to Stewiacke road,	20	0	0
D. Campbell's, upper settlement, West river, to H. McKenzie's, New Garloch,	7	10	0
Across West river at Salt Springs,	15	0	0
From George Young's hill to Toney River,	30	0	0
New road through Mount Dalhousie by Robt. Rae's,	30	0	0
Wilson's road, River John,	10	0	0
From Toney River to the Cape,	20	0	0
Auchencairn road,	10	0	0
From highway to Lippencott's mills,	5	0	0
To build bridge at 4 Mile brook, on road from R. Hill to Mount Thom,	15	0	0
Bridge over 6 Mile brook, between Sutherland's and gap,	15	0	0
Road from Carriboo River to Cape John road,	7	10	0
Lime Rock towards Salem church,	15	0	0
Cross road from Mill brook to M. River, past Peter McKenzie's,	5	0	0
To build bridge over 8 Mile brook,	10	0	0
To repair road from Grant's to Roddick's mills,	10	0	0
From burying ground road to Denoon's,	5	0	0
From Grant's to Dickson's mills,	5	0	0

TOWNSHIP OF EGERTON.

TO PAY OVER-EXPENDITURES.

To Francis Kerr, repairing bridge at Kerr's,	£318	4	0	
Balance repairing bridge in 1854,	1	10	0	
		5	8	4
Thomas Horn, repairing bridge at Albion Mines,	21	3	0	
John S. McDonald, repairing road between McLean's and Crocket's,	16	16	1	
James Porter, repairing bridge at Middle River, new line,	8	7	0	
William Graham, bridge at L. Harbor,	11	11	6	
Donald Fraser, bridge at McLellan's brook,	2	2	6	
John McQueen, road from L. Harbour to New Glasgow,	3	10	9	
John Dawson, repairing bridge at Grant's mills, L. Harbour,	10	18	9	
George Ross, repairing Middle River bridge,	7	9	0	
Angus McDonald, repairing bridge at Sutherland's river,	9	16	6	
Thomas Munro, bridge over Fox brook,	6	8	0	
George McDonald, repairing bridge Big Gut, M. River,	1	3	0	
	£104	14	5	

To

To open new road from Simon Fraser's, blacksmith, to Robertson's mills,	£90	0	0
Build bridge at John Ogg's, East River,	22	10	0
Repair road from New Glasgow to Fraser's Point,	12	10	0
From Wm. McDonald's, west branch to the meadows by Crocket's,	10	0	0
From Alexander Fraser's marsh to the west branch,	10	0	0
From Hopewell to head of West branch settlement,	15	0	0
Head of W. branch by Russell's to Steviacke road,	27	10	0
Bridge and road from Jas. Cameron's to Christopher McDonald's,	7	10	0
Road Lower settlement, Middle river, East side,	30	0	0
Road from Rocklin Mills to main road,	15	0	0
From Forks, M. River, to old church east side, to connect with new road to New Glasgow,	50	0	0
From Saml. McDonald's to Archibald's, Middle River,	20	0	0
Repair bridge at Upper settlement M. River, and the road therefrom to Hopewell,	40	0	0
Road from Jas. McDonald's, tailor, to Thompson's bridge,	5	0	0
To complete bridge at Grant's, besides £60 undrawn,	40	0	0
Build bridge at Forks,	60	0	0
Repair cross roads from West branch to East branch, by Grant's mills, £5 to each road,	10	0	0
Between Farquhar McKinnon's and John McDonald Roy's,	15	0	0
From Fraser's mills, upper settlement, E. River to Blue Mountains,	25	0	0
Bridge on road from Blanchard's road to Webster's,	20	0	0
To repair road from David Fraser's, McLellan's brook to Webster's,	10	0	0
From Marsh brook to Sutherland's River,	15	0	0
Between McDonald's saw mill and McPherson's mills, Middle Settlement, East branch, E R.	20	0	0
Through Black brook settlement, St. Mary's,	7	10	0
From John M. P. Fraser's towards New Glasgow,	17	10	0
Old Mountain road above New Glasgow,	10	0	0
From New Glasgow to Little Harbor,	20	0	0
Do do to Fisher's Grant,	15	0	0

TOWNSHIP OF MAXWELTON.

OVER-EXPENDITURES.

To J. W. Ritchie, interest on amount loaned for Barney's River bridge, } besides £100 to be paid under change of appropriation,	36	0	0
George Bruce, on road from Robert McDonald's to Hope road,	6	12	0
Wm. Smith, esquire, ballasting B. River bridge,	17	10	0
Repairing damages done by ice,	5	0	0
William McDonald, building bridge at Moose River,	41	5	0
Robert Smith, Piedmont valley road,	12	10	6
Robert McDonald, repairing Hatter's bridge,	5	10	6
David Smith, making embankment at bridge near B. River.	15	3	3
Jno. McDonald, esquire, this amount omitted in account for B. River bridge,	9	10	0
William Smith, building bridge over Bailey's brook,	19	9	3
George McDonald, building bridge at French River,	14	6	0
Alexander McDonald, on back road, Knoydart,	13	5	0
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To improve road from James McDonald's, Piedmont valley west road, including bridge,	£60	0	0
Do. do do East road,	40	0	0
To improve road from Dunn's mills to Alex. McLeod's,	7	10	0
New road from Rev. Mr. Blaus, B. river, to Alex. Chisholm's,	20	0	0
From Dunn's mills to Patrick McGrath's,	7	10	0
From Adam McKenzie's to Dunn's mills,	7	10	0
From Bras d'Or Lake to Garden of Eden,	7	10	0
Road up French river above Forbes' mills,	10	0	0
From B. river to Baylie's brook, shore road,	30	0	0
New road by mountain to county line,	70	0	0
Extension of road west side B. river to Crerar's new line,	30	0	0
On Big Island road,	7	10	0
To improve road from Baylie's brook to county line shore road,	10	0	0
Road from Wm. Cragie's to Pedmont valley, road near D. Haggart's,	10	0	0
Lamont's road,	5	0	0
Road and landing at Quarry Island,	5	0	0
To repair French river bridge,	150	0	0
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	£2317	9	7

SUB-DIVISION OF GREAT ROAD GRANT.

OVER-EXPENDITURE.

To supervisors from West River to New Glasgow, building bridge at Grant's, and alteration at Lucife's brook, and planking Mid- dle River bridge,	}	£202	0	0
Do. From New Glasgow to county line, including new cut at Suth'd. river, including £54 advanced by govern- ment,		339	10	0
To John Marshall, repairing New Glasgow bridge,		3	10	0
Peter Crerar, repairing saw mill bridge and drains near Durham,		2	0	0
Benj. Cassidy, repairing bridges on main post road to River John,		4	16	10
Kenneth McLean, esquire, solid bridge at River John,		5	9	6
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		£557	6	4
To Walter Campbell, building bridge at Dalhousie mountain,		9	2	3
To repair road from Pictou to Haliburton bridge, in addition to £24 6d. granted last year and undrawn,	}	50	19	6
New line from Evans' to Durham, West river,		22	11	10
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		£640	0	0

COUNTY OF INVERNESS.

Resolved, That the sum of £2672 be granted for the roads and bridge service for the county of Inverness for the year 1856.

CROSS ROADS.

From Lower bridge, River Inhabitants, to Dowlin's brook,	£15
Dowlin's brook to Archibald Cameron's brook,	10
Archibald Cameron's brook to upper bridge, River Inhabitants,	10
Upper bridge, River Inhabitants, to cross roads, River Dennis,	10
Cross roads, River Dennis, to Duncan McIsaac's,	10
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From Duncan McIsaac's to Ronald McEachon's,	£15	
Ronald McEachon's to Little Judique bridge,	7	
Main road at Judique by Mount Noah, to the Canan road,	10	
Little Judique to Big Judique, the shore road,	8	
Main road at Judique to cross road River Inhabitants,	30	
Cross roads River Inhabitants to cross roads River Dennis,	30	
Cross roads River Dennis to Samuel McLean's, at Omen's,	15	
Shore at Walker's to River Dennis road,	15	
River Dennis road to the cross road at Chisholm's mill,	7	
John McDonald's rear, Judique, to head of River Inhabitants,	10	
Shore at Graham's to River Dennis road,	10	
Main road at Long Point to the cross road at Angus McDougall's,	10	
Main road at Roderick McNeil's to River Inhabitants,	10	
Low Point to River Inhabitants,	}	
Low Point to River Inhabitants, by McInnis' mill,		10
Clough's mill towards Long Stretch,		
Plaister Cove to Long Stretch,	10	
Main road at D. McCaskill's, to cross Long Stretch bridge to the road at east side,	10	
River Inhabitants to River Dennis bridge at Omen's,	15	
River Dennis towards Big Brook,	7	
River Inhabitants to Donald McLaughlin's, West Bay,	7	
Head of St. George's Channel to River Inhabitants,	10	
Head of West Bay to Big Brook,	7	
County line at West Bay to Allan Cameron's Brook,	15	
Allan Cameron's brook to George McKenzie's,	15	
George McKenzie's to Seley's brook,	15	
Seley's brook to Samuel McLean's bridge, River Dennis,	15	
Cross roads, River Dennis to Whycocomah,	15	
Omen's at River Dennis to Chisholm's bridge, north side,	10	
To build a bridge at Seal's Cove, near River Dennis,	30	
From River Dennis road to Mabou,	10	
Church, Indian Rear to Little Narrows at county line,	30	
Whycocomah by mountain road to Lake Ainslie,	7	
Church, Indian Rear to Blue's Cove,	15	
Saw mill, Whycocomah to county line,	10	
Neil McLean's Cove to county line,	10	
Murdoch McDonald's brook towards L. Narrows,	5	
Indian Rear by Campbell's mountain,	15	
Turk settlement to John Campbell's bridge, near Indian Rear,	10	
Indian Rear to Lake Ainslie,	15	
Indian Rear to James Smith's,	12	
James Smith's to Widow McKeen's,	10	
John McDonald's, Skye Glen to Brigán,	5	
Indian Rear to McPherson's mountain,	5	
Widow James McKeen's to Allan Campbell's,	10	
Widow James McKeen's to main post road,	15	
Widow James McKeen's to New Canada cross road,	7	
New Canada to Norman Patterson's,	7	
Widow James McKeen's to Lake Ainslie,	10	
New bridge, Mabou to N. E. bridge,	25	
N. E. Mabou to D. McMaster's and to repair embankment,	20	
Donald McMaster's to Angus Rankin's,	7	
N. E. Mabou to James Doyle's, esq.,	10	
James Doyle's, esquire, to Ainslie township line,	10	
	From	

From junction of Cape Mabou road near Nicholson's to coal mines road,	£7
John Fraser's, Cape Mabou, to Red brook,	10
Ainslie township line to banks of Broad Cove,	10
Main post road to Cape by Campbell's mill,	10
DeCost's to Archibald McPhee's,	10
Archibald McPhee's to McDonald's mill brook, coal mines,	10
Light Point to junction of coal mines, road thence to coal mines mill, and to assist to clear out the cove,	15
Light Point, new line to junction of coal mines road,	15
Light Point to Angus McIsaac's, No. 1, Broad Cove,	15
Angus McIsaac's, No. 1, Broad Cove to the interval,	10
Angus McIsaac's, No. 1, Broad Cove, to main post road,	10
Main Post road at Broad Cove interval to John Kennedy's by the old chapel,	12
Broad chapel to S. W. Margaree,	10
Broad Cove intervale to Light Point,	7
Broad Cove intervale to the road on top of Cape Mabou,	10
Broad Cove intervale to Loch Ban,	10
Loch Ban to Broad Cove intervale,	7
Port Hood to Indian Point, new line,	30
Port Hood to Hugh the tailors,	10
Hugh the tailors to Indian Point road by Mabou mouth,	10
South Mabou at Indian post road to main post road,	7
South-west bridge to David Walsh's, north side,	10
South-west bridge, Mabou, to main road leading to the mouth of Mabou,	7
South-west Mabou to Robert Power's, thence to Sugary farm,	7
Robert Power's to the head of S. W. Mabou, at J. McDonald's,	10
John McDonald's head of S. W. Mabou to the River D. Rood,	10
Robert Power's to Rear intervale,	7
South-west bridge to Turk settlement, B. Livingston's bridge,	10
Black Livingston's bridge to Norman Patterson's,	10
Norman Patterson's to half-way to River Dennis,	10
River Dennis to half-way to Norman Patterson's,	10
River Dennis near D. Cameron's to the main road near Hugh Cameron's,	10
New bridge, Mabou, to Turk settlement,	10
Turk settlement at Angus McDonald's to John McDonald's head of S. W. Mabou,	10
New bridge, Mabou, to Murray's bridge, west side,	10
Murray's bridge to McFarlane's,	10
Black Livingston's, Turk settlement to John Beaton's,	7
Stoney Brook to Lake Ainslie,	10
John H. McKeen's to Lake Ainslie,	15
Main post road at W. Hawley's to the road at the dying mill, Mabou,	10
David Smith's, Lake Ainslie road, to widow Campbell's at main post road,	5
William McKeen's to Black River road,	10
Loch Ban to John McIsaac's, west side of Lake Ainslie,	20
John McIsaac's to James McDonell's,	10
James McDonell's to head of Lake Ainslie,	15
Head of Lake Ainslie to McMullan's Point,	15
Head of Ainslie to Little Narrows,	7
McMullan's Point Lake Ainslie to outlet,	15
Main road east side Lake Ainslie to the new bridge,	7
Outlet Lake Ainslie to McFarlane's bridge, east side,	10
Outlet Lake Ainslie to McFarlane's bridge, west side,	7

From

From new bridge Lake Ainslie to Doherty's Brook,	£12
Doherty's Brook to Loch Ban,	12
Loch Ban to south-west Margaree,	6
McFarlane's upper bridge to bridge at chapel, west side,	15
McFarlane's upper bridge to bridge at chapel, east side,	15
McFarlane's bridge at chapel to Young bridge, east side,	20
McFarlane's bridge at chapel to Young bridge, west side,	10
McFarlane's bridge at chapel to Broad Cove,	15
Main road at Mowatt's up Big Brook,	10
Big Brook to south-west Margaree,	10
Mouth Margaree to Norry White's, east side Margaree,	20
Norry White's to new bridge Margaree at Doyle's.	25
New bridge Margaree to Philips',	10
Philips' up the north side Margaree River,	10
North-east Margaree to Big Intervale, east side,	13
North-east Margaree, big intervale west side,	13 0 0
Big Interval to Cheticamp, new line,	20
Lake Ainslie to Middle River,	15
Lake Ainslie to River Johnston,	10
Mouth Margaree to Big Pond,	25
Big Pond to Cheticamp chapel,	25
Cheticamp chapel to Little River and round the shore,	10
Little River to half-way to Grand Antz,	10
Grand Antz to half-way to Little River,	10
Smith's, Skye Glen towards Ainslie Glen,	7
Intervale, Judique, to S. W. Mabou,	10
Intervale, Judique, to head of S. W. Mabou,	10
River Inhabitants up the west side,	10
Stephen King's, towards River Inhabitants,	10
Bridge at Murray's to main road and repair the bridge,	12
To build a bridge on Big Brook, Margaree,	60
McKinzie's Point, west bay, to main road,	7
Indian mountain towards Whycomah,	7
For new line from P. Cove to Whycomah,	125
For main post road from Richmond county line to Victoria county line,	700

RESERVED FOR OVER-EXPENDITURES.

No. 1. Duncan Gillis, S. W. Mabou,	£6 10 5
2. Angus Campbell, S. W. ridge,	5 15 6
3. John Morrison, River Dennis road,	1 1 0
4. Samuel Cameron, River Dennis,	1 11 6
5. G. C. Lawrence, esquire,	2 5 0
6. Ben Smith, Mabou,	4 3 0
	21 6 5
Amount reserved,	109 13 7
	£2672 0 0

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand four hundred and fifty pounds, voted for the service of the roads and bridges for the county of Lunenburg in 1856, be appropriated as follows, viz:

Also, the sum of thirty pounds six shillings, unexpended moneys for 1854 and 1855.

To

To pay members second instalment on £300 borrowed for new road between Bridgewater and Mahone Bay, and one year's interest on £200,	£112	0	0
To pay Jacob Zwicker, over-expenditure,	14	0	0
James Staritt, do.	12	8	6
Conrad Wensil, do.	6	10	0
To be expended on roads, as follows :—			
From Casper Eisenhaur's to Fener's mill, new road,	25	0	0
Westhaver's corner to Fener's mill,	15	0	0
Fener's mill to Bridgewater,	15	0	0
Martin's River to Kedy's bridge,	10	0	0
Kedy's bridge to Mader's bridge,	8	0	0
Mader's bridge to Martin's brook and bridge,	20	0	0
Martin's brook to common road,	15	0	0
Steverman's to Lunenburg,	12	0	0
Lunenburg to Jacob Hertle's,	13	0	0
Jacob Hertle's to LaHave river,	10	0	0
LaHave road to Leonard Beck's,	7	0	0
Leonard Beck's to Spectacle lakes,	9	0	0
Spectacle lakes to Charles Rudolf's,	10	0	0
Charles Rudolf's to Bridgewater,	12	0	0
Steverman's to Leonard Beck's,	5	0	0
Mahone Bay to Casper Eisenhaur's,	15	0	0
Charles Rudolf's to James McKeen's,	6	0	0
James McKeen's to Park's Creek,	6	0	0
Leonard Herman's to Goreham's Point,	7	0	0
	£364	18	6

ORDINARY ROADS.

From bridge to George Smith's,	5	0	0
Nicholas Acker's to Jacob Koch's,	6	0	0
Jacob Koch's to cross road,	12	0	0
Cross road to Elias Rankey's,	8	0	0
Rose Bay to Samuel Moser's,	10	0	0
Cross road to John Lohnes',	5	0	0
John Lohnes' to John Winters',	5	0	0
Cross road to Philip Ritcey's,	5	0	0
Philip Ritcey's to Mrs. Oxner's,	7	0	0
Rose Bay to Leslie's,	7	0	0
Ritcey's Cove to Parks' Creek,	7	0	0
Parks' Creek to Casper Wentzell's,	10	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 Rye Field,	8	0	0
Rye Field to Heckman's Island,	7	0	0
Matthew Walter's to Silver's bridge,	5	0	0
Post road to Conrad Meisinyer's,	5	0	0
LaHave road to James Dauphney's,	10	0	0
LaHave bridge to George Crouse's,	20	0	0
George Crouse's to Peter Meisinyer's,	20	0	0
Peter Meisinyer's to Wagner's,	10	0	0
Edward Arenberg's to New Germany,	12	0	0
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From Himmelman's corner to Peter Crouse's,	£15	0	0
Peter Crouse's to Snyder's mill dam,	16	0	0
Snyder's mill dam to Peter Hertle's mill,	13	0	0
Peter Hertle's mill to Smith's mill,	12	0	0
LaHave bridge to Frederick Koch's,	24	0	0
Frederick Koch's to David Silver's,	10	0	0
David Silver's to William Kedy's,	16	0	0
William Kedy's to Nelson Chesley's,	25	0	0
Nelson Chesley's to J. Trindall's mill,	8	0	0
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	£261	0	0
From J. Trindall's mill to George Acker's,	10	0	0
George Acker's to county line,	8	0	0
Main road to James Morton's,	8	0	0
James Morton's to David Moore's,	10	0	0
West Brook to Smith's,	5	0	0
North-west Street to Peter Zwicker's,	7	0	0
Steverman's to meeting house, including cross road,	7	0	0
Meeting house to Casper Eisenhauer's,	7	0	0
Casper Eisenhauer's to Mader's mill road,	9	0	0
Mader's mill road to Robart's mill dam,	10	0	0
Robart's mill to Hallimore's bridge,	15	0	0
Hallimore's bridge to M. Barkhouse's,	20	0	0
Jacob Fronk's to Colville's,	5	0	0
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	£121	0	0
From Colville's to Jacob Trindall's,	20	0	0
Colville's to William Nichol's,	5	0	0
Germany road to Cape Marsh,	5	0	0
Cape Marsh to Charles Loderey's,	7	0	0
Charles Loderey's to the bridge,	7	0	0
Bridge to Henry Foster's,	8	0	0
Henry Foster's to Bazeley's corner,	14	0	0
Frederick Veinot's to Bleistaner's road,	7	0	0
Diemon's corner to Daurey's lake,	8	0	0
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	£81	0	0
From Diemon's corner, to Westhaver's,	8	0	0
Meeting house to Diemon's upper corner,	11	0	0
Diemon's corner to post road past Casper Kaulback's,	8	0	0
Post road to George Barry's,	9	0	0
George Barry's to George Veinot's mill,	7	0	0
George Veinot's mill to John Ramey's,	10	0	0
John Ramey's to Silver's corner,	10	0	0
Silver's corner to John Ramey's junr.,	8	0	0
North River to New Germany,	9	0	0
John Ramey's, junr., to North River,	9	0	0
Silver's corner to Ramey's school house,	10	0	0
School house to Broom's hill,	9	0	0
George Mackie's to school house on new road,	25	0	0
William Rode's to Benjamin Ernst's,	9	0	0
Henry Weinacht's to LaHave River,	9	0	0
Weinacht's corner to James Eichel's,	9	0	0
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From Trout Hole bridge to Ewalt's mill road and bridge,	£12	0	0
Ewalt's mill road to Peter Veinot's,	9	0	0
Jacob Daurey's to the mill road,	7	0	0
Clear land to Trout hole bridge,	20	0	0
Westhaver's corner to George Weinot's,	7	0	0

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From George Veinot's to North Field road,	10	0	0
Hublely's corner to George Lohnes's,	9	0	0
George Lohnes's to Brooms corner,	7	0	0
Christian Nause's to George Hughes',	9	0	0
George Hughe's to Ramey's corner,	9	0	0
Conrad Lord's to Oxner's gate,	5	0	0
Fronk's to Paul Loderey's	5	0	0
George Crouse's to Beck's mill,	5	0	0
Post road to Valentine Westaver's,	7	0	0
Main road to Michael Daurey's,	5	0	0
J. Morton's corner to DeLong's,	9	0	0
Bazeley's corner to Ephraim Spidel's,	9	0	0
George Veinott's mill to James Eichel's road,	8	0	0
Martin's River bridge to Daurey's mill,	5	0	0
Rye Field to Blue Rocks,	15	0	0

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Building bridge across river near Conrad Wensil's mill,	80	0	0
Building bridge across Fire brook and to alter the hill,	15	0	0
From King's Bay beach to James Mooseman's,	5	0	0
Post road to Longill's mill, upper bound,	6	0	0
Below Robart's mill across to north-west street,	6	0	0
Creek to Nicholas Conrad's,	5	0	0

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Making in all,

£1353 18 6

CHESTER GREAT ROADS.

From Halifax county line to George Rafuse's,	17	0	0
George Rafuse's to Eastern River,	25	0	0
Eastern River to Chester,	25	0	0
Chester to the Basin,	10	0	0
Basin to Gold River,	10	0	0
Gold River to Martin's river,	10	0	0
Edward Heckman's to Frank Vaughn's,	32	0	0
Frank Vaughn's to Hant's county line,	25	0	0

£154 0 0

ORDINARY ROADS.

From Windsor road to Middle River,	6	0	0
Basin to Safferon's grant,	15	0	0
Safferon's to Blanket hill,	50	0	0
Blanket hill to the church,	35	0	9
Sherbrooke church to King's county line,	45	0	0
Church to George Hilts'	16	0	0

From

From Corbin's to Sherbrooke bridge,	£20	0	0
Sherbrooke bridge to King's county line,	25	0	0
Main road to Corbin's lake and outwards,	10	0	0
Little East River to Bowen's,	28	0	0
Bowen's to Blanford,	20	0	0
County line to William Shatford's,	20	0	0
William Shatford's to North-west Cove,	10	0	0
Gold River bridge to Beach hill and outwards,	18	0	0
Beach hill to Never Tell,	6	0	0
Windsor Road to Canaan,	7	0	0
Blandford to Sandy Beaches,	13	0	0
Sandy Beaches to North-west cove,	9	0	0
To repair Mill road at Sherbrooke,	17	0	0
From Church's old place to Sweinhammer's, and outwards,	7	0	0
Windsor road towards the Basin,	7	0	0
Post road down to Marriett's cove,	7	0	0
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NEW DUBLIN GREAT ROADS.

To pay John Herman's balance of over-expenditure on new road from Italy to Petite Riviere,	5	0	0
Two years interest thereon, the amount being borrowed on interest,	0	12	0
From Pennett's ferry to John Slayter's,	10	0	0
John Slayter's to Petite Riviere bridge,	15	0	0
Petite Riviere bridge to Broad Cove and bridge,	40	0	0
Broad Cove to Queen's county line, and to pay Adam Teel over- expenditures when return furnished,	28	0	0
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	£98	12	0

ORDINARY ROADS.

From Hogan's corner to Wiles' school house,	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,	16	0	0
Pleasant River road to Ninevah,	8	0	0
Pleasant River road to Butler's road, Chelsea,	10	0	0
Butler's road to Queen's county line,	10	0	0
Chelsea road to Butler's road,	10	0	0
Butler's bound towards Tory bridge,	15	0	0
Pleasant River to Still Brook and outwards,	12	0	0
Pleasant River road to Floyd's road,	20	0	0
Floyd's road to Lapland mills,	15	0	0
Bridgewater to William McKean's,	15	0	0
William McKean's to Pernet's ferry,	15	0	0
Pernet's ferry to Getson's cove,	10	0	0
Getson's cove to Bell's cove,	20	0	0
Bell's cove to Petite Riviere,	15	0	0
William McKean's to Fancy mills,	20	0	0
Fancy mills to Peter Himmelman's,	10	0	0
Peter Himmelman's to John Vinacth's,	8	0	0
John Vinacth's to Montreal,	8	0	0
Cotlieb Corkum's corner to post road,	5	0	0
Misinger's mill to Cumberland,	8	0	0
Frederick Corkum's to Colieb Corkum's,	5	0	0
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From Misinger's mill to LaHave river,	£8	0	0
Post road to New Dublin church,	8	0	0
John Herman's to Petite Riviere,	15	0	0
Broad Cove new road round the shore—£5 to be expended between Adam Teel's and George Conrod's,	12	0	0
Degley's corner to Conquerall,	10	0	0
Crouse's Tavern to John Fronk's,	10	0	0
John Fronk's to Fancy's mills,	8	0	0
John Herman's to back part of Camperdown,	15	0	0
Camperdown to Green Hill, Eichel's road,	6	0	0
Conrod's cove towards Camperdown,	35	0	0
Tory bridge towards Chelsea,	6	0	0
Abraham Hebb's to La Have River,	5	0	0
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	578	12	0
Unappropriated,	5	15	6
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	£2480	6	0

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 seven hundred and seventy-three pounds of the great road money, be appropriated as follows :

To repair road from Truro to Harmony, by Wilson's mountain, one half each side,	£6	0	0
from Truro to Harmony by new road,	5	0	0
from Harmony towards Stewiacke,	15	0	0
from William McCallum's to Harmony,	5	0	0
and alter a section of Skede's road,	10	0	0
To open and repair road from James Archibald's to Henry Christie's,	10	0	0
To repair road from Henry Hollingworth's to Samuel Henderson's, open road from John L. Fisher's to Murray's mills,	4	0	0
To repair new road from Greenfield to Truro,	10	0	0
old road from Greenfield to Stewiacke,	6	0	0
road from Upper Brookfield to meeting house,	5	0	0
road from meeting house to Daniel Carter's,	7	0	0
To finish new line round hills near Collins',	5	0	0
	20	0	0
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	£108	0	0
To repair road from main road to John Fisher's, Green Creek to Black Rock,	3	0	0
Black Rock to Boar's Back,	10	0	0
To finish section of new line up Beaver brook, by Park's, repair Base line road, John Parks's to Shubenacadie, road from Port Hood to Burgess' mills,	10	0	0
To complete alteration on Shore road from Marsh road to intersection of new line with old road below Samuel Forbes',	5	0	0
To pay William Smith, repairs to Moore's Creek bridge,	3	0	0
To repair road from William Hingley's to Halifax road, Halifax road to Jas. Lemon's,	2	10	0
Halifax road to Brookfield by John Hannelley's,	4	11	4
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	£63	1	4
			To

To repair road from John Hone's to David Hoar's, junr., and to pay			
David Hoar, junr., 32s. over-expenditure,	£5	0	0
Samuel McNutt's to David Whippy's, senr.,	6	0	0
David Whippy's, senr., to Robert McCallum's,	3	0	0
Samuel Bartlett's to North River,	6	0	0
Edward Taylor's to East mountain by Blair's, 4th	5	0	0
New Pictou road to David Johnson's,	3	0	0
Andrew Christie's to J. Clifford's, old Pictou road,	7	10	0
Old Pictou road to Charles Hall's,	3	0	0
James Johnson's to Jacob Lynd's mills,	5	0	0
Old Pictou road to McNutt's mills, past Wall's, and to			
pay Matthew Johnes £4 over-expenditure,	8	0	0
Kempt Town to Earl Town,	7	10	0
Earl Town road, from Oliver Blair's to town line, and to			
pay Oliver Blair Ss., and Jas. Hall 4s. 10d.	30	0	0
To build bridge at Stephen Upham's,	10	0	0
Repair road from Barney Lynd's gate up south branch,	7	10	0
Meeting house to Crow's mills, to be laid out at west end,	12	10	0
	£119	0	0
To repair road from Crow's mills to Chiganois bridge,	4	0	0
Raise road between Alex. Barnhill's and Chiganois bridge,	5	0	0
repair road near Rude's at Chiganois bridge,	5	0	0
From Ephraim Staples' to McDormond's, and to pay over-			
expenditure on same,	5	0	0
William Staples' towards New Annan, and to pay over-			
expenditure on bridge,	10	0	0
Chiganois road to Higgins' mill,	3	0	0
Finish repairs to bridge at Higgins'	2	0	0
Repair Fort Belcher road from landing to main road,	7	10	0
Road from East mountain to Tatamagouche road,	5	0	0
A. G. Archibald, to pay expenditures on line bridge and Tataba-			
gouche road,	6	13	3
To repair road from Pictou road to Hingley's mills,	7	0	0
Towards building a bridge at Board landing,	450	0	0
	£510	3	3
To pay over-expenditure on Canal bridge by David Moore's,	22	12	0
Re-build bridge over Stewiacke at Hill's, and repay E. Pollock 20s.,			
and W. Faulkner £4 5s. expended thereon,	50	0	0
Repair road from Green's Creek to Boggs',	5	0	0
Open and complete new line from Boggs' towards Stewiacke,	12	10	0
Repair road from Holdsworth's to Old Halifax road,	7	0	0
Sibley's mills to Halifax county line,	5	0	0
Repair old road from Gay's River towards Stewiacke, or to make a			
section of the new line,	10	0	0
To open new line from Frame's to McKay mills,	12	10	0
Repair road from Halifax road past Thos. Johnson's,	3	0	0
Lower Stewiacke to Middle Stewiacke,	20	0	0
Middle Stewiacke to South branch road,	5	0	0
	£152	12	0
Middle Stewiacke to Brookfield,	10	0	0
Middle Stewiacke to Truro by new line,	10	0	0

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To open a section of new road past Middle Stewiacke meeting house,	£10	0	0
Repair road from Kennedy's to South branch road,	10	0	0
From Whidden settlement to Greenfield,	5	0	0
Repair bridge at Jeffar's mill,	7	10	0
To open new line from Jeffar's mills to Wright's,	6	10	0
Samuel Dyarmond's to Pembroke school house,	10	0	0
Gammel's mills to Guysboro' road,	10	0	0
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	£79	0	0
Section of line to Musquodoboit by John Harvey's,	20	0	0
To repair road from Miller settlement to Deer road,	4	0	0
To pay William Faulkner for surveys on line up south branch £5 7s., and John Wilson expended on road to Musquodoboit 40s.	7	7	0
E. B. Dickey, over-expenditure on bridge at Eastville,	7	12	0
To repair road from Mrs. Wedgewood's to Pembroke, and to pay Thos. Davison £4 10 expended by him,	7	10	0
From Upper Stewiacke to New Larig,	20	0	0
Pembroke to Otter Brook,	5	0	0
Road to Hamilton's and to bridge near Webster's,	7	8	0
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	£78	17	0
To make a portion of road avoiding hill between John Archibald's and Benjamin Tupper's,	10	0	0
To repair road from Doyle's to Cumberland line, Doyle's to Harrington's,	10	0	0
	20	0	0
To pay W. B. Fulmore money expended in 1855, on road near his house,	3	0	0
To repair road from Daniel Morrison, esquire, past Edward Morrison's, Charles Faulkner's to John Morrison's, past Jacob Durney's,	6	0	0
	4	0	0
	3	0	0
William Moor's to John Campbell's,	8	0	0
Capt. McLellan's to Duncan's mills,	3	0	0
Samuel Durning's to Economy Point,	3	0	0
P. Hill's to Henry Dunsmore's,	5	0	0
F. Starrit's to Second East Branch,	4	0	0
William Young's to James F. Crow's,	5	0	0
Big Bass to Little Bass River,	35	0	0
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	119	0	0
Niel Campbell's to Bass River, and to pay £15 10 9, to John W. Davison, money expended in 1855,	32	9	9
Paul Carr's to Cumberland line,	14	0	0
William Campbell's to Alexander Morrison's,	3	0	0
Silas Crow's to Cumberland road,	5	0	0
Joseph Spencer's to Acadian Mines,	9	0	0
Acadian Mines to Wallace road,	9	0	0
Lawrence Peppard's past David Christie's,	3	0	0
John Dill's to William Slack's,	3	0	0
William Slack's to James McElmon's,	3	0	0
Folly to Wallace line,	15	0	0
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	96	9	9
Joel Slack's past Totten's to Debert River,	3	0	0
ditto to Crowel's,	3	0	0
ditto to Charles Flemming's,	3	0	0
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To repair road past James Smith's, junr.,	£3	0	0
from John McDormond's to Onslow line,	6	0	0
Robert Ackle's to Robert Fletcher's,	3	0	0
Daniel Morrison's to New Debert bridge,	4	0	0
Thomas W. Crow's to Ferguson McNutt's,	5	0	0
Samuel Peppard's to John Cottam's,	4	0	0
John Little's to Francis McLain's,	6	0	0
To repair Folly bridge,	8	0	0
To cut down Berry hill,	8	0	0
To Spencer's Point from main road,	3	0	0
To repair road from Alexander Dyarmond's to Chiganois,	3	0	0
past John Fletcher's to McElmon's mill,	5	0	0
To repair road from John Dill's to Adam Chisholm's,	3	0	0
To gravel road at Robert Corbet's new road,	4	0	0
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	74	0	0
To pay William McLellan for money expended on West Macan road in 1855,	2	0	0
Francis Fulton for money expended on Bass River bridge,	15	0	0
Thomas Carr ditto ditto on Castlereagh road,	25	3	6
Samuel McLain, ditto ditto on Folly Mountain,	46	6	6
A. McKenzie for money expended on breakwater on Portapique River,	10	1	6
G. W. McLellan the following sums advanced by him to			
Charles Sutherland for repairing road,	0	15	0
D. Fulton for work at Debert bridge,	0	8	6
Wm. Gray repairing Folly bridge,	1	8	6
Donald Urquhart for surveying Corbet road,	1	0	0
To repay George Spinsier expenditure on Great Village bridge,	12	5	6
Robert Corbet, ditto on Corbet hollow,	3	7	0
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	117	16	0
To pay Donald Ross, esquire, over-expenditure on E. T. road,	3	2	6
To repair road from Paul McDonald's to Pictou, county line,	8	0	0
McKay's Mills to Onslow town line,	10	0	0
Widow Ross's to Alexander McKay's mills,	8	0	0
Wm. McKay's, River John road,	12	0	0
Pictou county line,	5	10	0
Meeting House to Alexander McDonald's,	5	0	0
Alexander McBain's to Alexander McKay's mills,	5	0	0
William McKay's to Pictou county line,	3	0	0
towards River John to ditto,	7	0	0
John McKay's mills to Robert Murray's,	6	0	0
Robert Murray's to DesBarres' Grant,	6	0	0
John McKay's mills to John McIntosh's,	5	0	0
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	83	12	6
To pay John Hatch over-expenditure on road, C. Graham's to Onslow, £10, and John McKay, 30s.	11	10	0
Hugh Munro, over-expenditure on road to Pictou, past his mill,	5	0	0
John Nelson, over-expenditure on bridge near his house,	23	14	10
over-expenditure repairing road at head of Bay and bridge at Henderson's Creek,	9	1	3
by John Forbes on Cross road to Mackler's,	5	0	0
by D. A. Campbell on bridge at Waugh's River,	12	2	6
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To pay Laughlin McMullin over-expenditure on road,	£1	10	0
D. Williamson for do. on Breakwater at Locherby's bridge, and further to repair same,	6	0	0
Towards road from A. Mattheson's to Mooney Waughs,	2	0	0
To repair road from Murdoch's bridge to John Mungo's,	4	0	0
John Mungo's to county line,	4	0	0
Robert Cutten's to Donaldson's,	8	0	0
Donaldson's to George Sattr'y's, junr.,	2	10	0
George Sattr'y's to J. Matatall's,	8	0	0
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	102	8	7
To repair road from J. Matatall's to county line,	6	0	0
McIntosh's to Pugh's,	5	0	0
J. Millard's to McIntosh's,	5	0	0
McIntosh's to McMillan's,	3	0	0
Lotherby's bridge to Millard's,	5	0	0
Millard's to Simple's,	5	0	0
Simple's to county line,	5	0	0
Point Bruly road to Bentley's, and to pay Bentley over- expenditure on bridge,	8	0	0
Bentley's to Isaac Laqule's at Point,	8	0	0
Burkler's to W. Weatherby's,	4	0	0
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	54	0	0
J. Chambers' to Jas. Weatherby's,	5	0	0
Millard's to Lockerby's, Barrasoi road,	4	0	0
Murdock's to McLeod's,	5	0	0
Balfour Mills to W. Matatall's,	4	0	0
Moore's Mills to P. Barker's,	3	0	0
P. Burke's to Rude's,	3	0	0
Moore's mills to Watson's,	3	0	0
Cork Town to Kempt Town,	4	0	0
Tatamagouche to Oliver's bridge,	8	0	0
Oliver's bridge to Robert Bell's,	4	0	0
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	43	0	0
Robert Bell's to Robert Irvine's,	5	0	0
Byers' mills to Andrew Warrick's,	4	0	0
Warrick's road to late Geo. Miller's,	3	0	0
Bell's bridge to D. McLeod's,	4	0	0
D. McLeod's to county line,	7	0	0
Atcheson's road to Lake road,	10	0	0
Kennedy's to Rude's,	3	0	0
Byers' mills to McLeod's,	5	0	0
Wilson's bridge to Owen's school house,	4	0	0
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	45	0	0
A. Langell's to Harris' on west end,	4	0	0
A. Langell's to Cox's,	4	0	0
J. Thompson's to Methodist meeting house,	4	0	0
Block House to Henderson's Creek,	4	0	0

To

To repair road from half-way gap to Edward Sattray's,	£2 19 7
Weatherby's to James Langell's,	4 0 0
	22 19 7

TO RE-PAY ADVANCES BY GOVERNMENT.

To road between Halifax county line and Pictou county line,	157 9 5
Bridges between Truro and Londonderry,	24 6 7
One half cost of bridge over Shubenacadie,	149 8 9
Repair road from Halifax county line to Truro,	175 0 0
Truro to Pictou county line,	50 0 0
Towards building bridge at Board landing,	50 0 0
To repair Tatamagouche road, from Onslow to Rude's,	29 0 0
Rude's to Conkey's,	29 0 0
Conkey's to Kent's,	6 0 0
Kent's to Waugh's meeting house,	10 0 0
To build bridge over Henderson's Creek, or repair old one,	50 0 0
Repay Robert Morison expenditure on Detroit bridge,	3 14 3
Folly bridge,	8 0 0
Adam Chisholm's to Cumberland road,	7 13 6
This sum to be placed at the disposal of the government,	16 7 6
Cork road to Cumberland line,	7 0 0
	£2642 0 0

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

Resolved, That the sum of two thousand six hundred and ninety-seven pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence, namely—one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine pounds for the cross roads ; six hundred and forty pounds for the great roads, and one hundred and eighty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence of undrawn monies for the county of Cumberland in 1856, be sub-divided and appropriated as follows,—that is to say :

To pay advances to James W. Fullerton,	£24 0 3
Francis Carrol,	100 0 0
Lewis Jenks,	36 6 0
Nelson Forrest, repairing bridge at Thomas Logan's,	5 1 0
Alexander McFarlane, advance to D. Howard for bridge at Kerr's mills,	17 0 0
Henry Purdy over-expenditure on main post-road, per acct.	12 11 3
Stephen Eaton, and J. H. Ackerby, over-expenditure on bridge near	
Dougherty's creek,	26 4 1
John Schureman building bridges at River Philip,	13 13 3
George Johnston repairing bridge, East Branch,	1 18 0
Joshua Chandler, building bridge at D. Nile's,	16 16 0
Rufus Mills, repairing bridge at Salt Springs,	3 2 4
Francis Carrol, over-expenditure, bridge, Patridge Island,	50 0 0
To repair bridge over Wallace River at Rindress	40 0 0
repair road from Colchester line near Dewar's to Wallace harbor,	25 0 0
Forshner's to Pugwash,	20 0 0
Forshner's towards River Philip, by Fillmore's,	10 0 0
River Philip bridge to Pugwash ferry and landing,	15 0 0
Wallace bridge to Hurd's, to cut down hills at Hurd's mills,	10 0 0
Hurd's to Wm. E. Angevine's, by Kerr's mills,	20 0 0

To

To repair road from Wm. E. Angevine's to Charles Oxley's,	£10	0	0
Wallace Harbor to Wm. E. Angevine's,	10	0	0
James D. Purdy's to Wesleyan chapel, by Tuttle's,	6	0	0
Wm. E. Angevine's to Henry Teed's,	8	0	0
Old Wallace road to Stevenson's, Westchester, new line,	16	0	0
Fountain's, Westchester to Castlereagh,	5	0	0
Widow Webb's, by Moore's, to Elijah Rushton's,	5	0	0
Elijah Rushton's to Isaac Rushton's,	5	0	0
Purdy Bett's past Swallow's to New Annan,	7	0	0
Aden Bebee's by Bacon's to Colchester line,	16	0	0
Baptist chapel to Rufus Purdy's, new line,	6	0	0
David Purdy's to county line, by Higgins',	16	0	0
David Leed's by Palmer's, to Moses Teed's place,	5	0	0
Isaac Stonehouse's to main road at Fullerton's,	6	0	0
Wallace River road to Westchester, called Cross road,	8	0	0
East branch to Economy road,	16	0	0
Collingwood Oxley's to George Johnson's,	12	0	0
George Johnson's to Westchester road,	6	0	0
Upper River Philip bridge to Plaister Creek,	38	0	0
On road from Plaister Creek to Robert McNutt's,	12	0	0
Oulton's to Pugwash, by Dewar's,	7	0	0
Oulton's to main road near John Fillmore's,	5	0	0
To repair and open road from River Philip by Gray's road and Victoria settlement towards Wallace river,	45	0	0
On road from Dewar's road to Thompson's,	5	0	0
William Page's by new road to Pugwash,	40	0	0
Jacob Betts to Geehin's,	7	0	0
Geehin's to Victoria settlement, by Street's ridge,	8	0	0
William Thompson's lake road, past D. Ross',	6	0	0
John Fillmore's to Victoria Settlement,	16	0	0
Pugwash through Gulf Shore Settlement,	10	0	0
William Tuttle's to Gulf Shore, past Steven's,	8	0	0
Oxley's, to Gulf Shore, and for bridge,	12	0	0
McAuley's to Aboiteau, by Graham's,	8	0	0
Alexander McFarlane's to Pugwash, by Gillies',	6	0	0
Burbidge's to Gulf Shore road past Miller's,	7	0	0
John Huestis' past Oxley's, to John Brown's,	6	0	0
Dugald Campbell's to Donald Kennedy's,	5	0	0
Fox harbour to Wallace harbour, by Tait's,	5	0	0
Tait's to Knapp Forshner's,	5	0	0
Aboiteau to Ezekiel Piers',	5	0	0
Daniel Dewar's to Six Mile road, past Stevens' mills,	10	0	0
Ranney Stevens' to Peter Angevine's, new line, and to build bridge over mill brook,	36	0	0
Stevens' mills to Wallace harbour, by Robertson's,	15	0	0
John McIntosh's to Stevens' road,	7	0	0
Stake school house to post road at Dewar's,	6	0	0
Waugh's to Caufield's past Miller's,	5	0	0
Horton's to school house, cross road, north shore,	7	0	0
Cotter's to Grey's road, past Robt. J. Mitchell's,	6	0	0
David Brown's to road leading to Burbidge's mill,	5	0	0
John McDougall's to road leading to old Wallace road,	5	0	0
John Smith's to Donald Sutherland's,	7	0	0
James D. Purdy's to George Rushton's,	5	0	0
Gulf road to Wm. Nicolson's,	6	0	0

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On road from main road past B. Stevens' to Burbidge's mill,	£6	0	0
William L. Angewine's lake to Wallace river,	5	0	0
To repair aboitcaux and road from Samuel Leed's to Malagash point,	6	0	0
To build bridge near Donald McDonald's,	25	0	0
On road leading from main road past J. Montross' to Cotter's,	6	0	0
from School house, North Shore, to Malagash, South Shore,	5	0	0
Six mile road to Robinson's, by Graham's,	6	0	0
Main road by W. B. Oxley's to Adolphus Purdy's,	10	0	0
Six mile road to William Hurd's,	6	0	0
School house, North Shore road to Malagash point, by McLeod's new line,	20	0	0
On road from Amos Trueman's to Smith's mills,	40	0	0
Smith's mills to River Philip (bridge inclusive), and to pay Robert McNutt's account for stone, 174 shillings,	50	0	0
Amherst to Fort Lawrence,	75	0	0
Nappan bridge to Amos Fowler's,	27	0	0
Parrsboro' line to Nappan bridge,	40	0	0
Colchester line to River Philip,	40	0	0
River Philip to Pat. Picket's,	40	0	0
To open new line from Picket's to Martin Black's,	100	0	0
Build bridge near Willis Baxter's mills,	10	0	0
On road from Amos Trueman's to Widow Baxter's, including bridge,	10	0	0
Tiderish bridge near J. Chappel's, to Edward Brownell's mill pond,	10	0	0
John W. Oxley's to Chapman's road,	10	0	0
Chapman's road to Goose River road,	10	0	0
Toby's mills to Bent's,	40	0	0
Burns' mill dam to Chapman's settlement, (new line),	15	0	0
Isaac Stewart's through Little Forks,	15	0	0
Fork's settlement to post road near H. Logan's,	8	0	0
Richard Chapman's to Leicester road,	15	0	0
Leicester road, near D. Bent's, to Goose River road,	10	0	0
Liffey Chippel's to Toby's mills,	5	0	0
Henry Ryan's through Portertown to post road,	10	0	0
Purdy's mills to Edward Niles',	40	0	0
John Faye's past Hood Chapman's,	10	0	0
Nappan Road near Wm. Kiever's, past Samuel Stewart's to coal mines,	35	0	0
Amherst Point to Minadiou Ferry,	20	0	0
Beattie's shop past Stephen Smith's,	5	0	0
On road near Daniel Travess' to Leicester,	10	0	0
On the Syme's road past Calvin Bent's,	10	0	0
On road from Leicester road past Geo. Thomson's to River Philip,	20	0	0
E. Brownell's mill pond to James Brown's mill dam,	10	0	0
On the Shenimicas road, near J. Brown's, past Tim. Brownell's, includ- ing Brown's bridge,	10	0	0
On road from Little River road to Benj. Smith's road,	20	0	0
Leicester road to River Philip, by Tait's,	5	0	0
Little Forks past Hunter's to Salt Springs,	15	0	0
Bend of main road above Benj. Smith's to Robt. Ripley's,	5	0	0
Post road to H. Davison's, on Black River road,	20	0	0
Maccan mountains to Five Islands,	10	0	0
Main road near Westbrook, on Canann road to Parrsboro' line,	6	0	0
Smith's road past John Bigelow's, to Black Ferry road,	15	0	0

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On road from Goose River road to Leicester road, by Benj. Smith's,	£8	0	0
Salt Springs to River Philip road, (new line,)	10	0	0
Mount Pleasant, near Matheson's, to Duck Creek,	10	0	0
Burns' bridge past George Hunter's,	15	0	0
On cross road past Daniel Etter's,	5	0	0
On road from Maccan bridge to River Hebert, including bridge,	25	0	0
William Sharp's to James Rogers', round shore,	10	0	0
Grand Maccan to Glennie's brook,	10	0	0
Lower Cove to coal mine road, including bridge,	40	0	0
On the Boar's Back road,	30	0	0
On road from Pugsley's bridge to Ragged Reef,	20	0	0
James Hannah's to New Canaan Settlement,	10	0	0
Collingwood Oxley's to Sweet's,	5	0	0
David Gilroy's, Maccan mountain to Folly brook,	5	0	0
Folly's brook to River Philip,	10	0	0
Shipley's past John Forrest's,	5	0	0
Tait's, River Philip past capt. Hanley's to Eel Creek,	10	0	0
George Atkinson's to Lodge's,	10	0	0
Tidnish's to Fort Laurence over Uniacke hill, new line,	10	0	0
Shore road near J. Wood's mill, past Rufus Gooden's,	5	0	0
On Liecester road, and to build bridge at A. Jones',	15	0	0
On road from H. Davis' to John Burns' house,	5	0	0
Minudie ferry landing to Old Chapel hill,	10	0	0
To repair road from Harrington's river to Moose river,	10	0	0
Old school house, Swan creek, to Newcombe's bridge,	10	0	0
J. Wood's east line to school house, Lower creek road,	15	0	0
School house past Cameron's mills to James York's,	15	0	0
Ramshead river to Ratchford's river,	7	10	0
Ratchford's river to Hanning's,	10	0	0
Hanning's to Spicer's,	10	0	0
Spicer's to Advocate harbour,	7	10	0
Joshua Ward's to Three Sisters,	10	0	0
Mill Village past Leeche's to Swan Creek,	7	0	0
John Mahoney's towards A. Spicer's, past John Allan's,	7	10	0
Union meeting house to Jenk's meadow,	15	0	0
Jenk's meadow to Sand river,	15	0	0
Robert Salter's over Wood's mountain,	5	0	0
Main road to Diligent river, east side,	5	0	0
Parrsboro.' line past Rusco's mountain,	5	0	0
Main road to Canaan road, past Stephen Ruscoe's,	5	0	0
George Walton's to Caleb Lewis',	5	0	0
Joseph Hannah's to New Canaan Settlement,	10	0	0
Sampson Moore's to John Rutherford's,	5	0	0
Black Rock to Advocate Harbor road, upper line,			
Jenk's survey,	30	0	0
Robert Fullerton's to county line,	10	0	0
Caleb Lewis' to William A. Skidmore's, past Thos. Brown's mill,	5	0	0
Albert Smith's to Sand River road,	10	0	0
Advocate Harbor road to Cape d'Or,	7	10	0
To repair Lake road from Cumberland post road to Robert Fullerton's,	10	0	0
To repair road from William Elderkin's to Robert Ward's mill,	5	0	0
Widow Fowler's past Field to Advocate Harbor road,	15	0	0

To repair road from main road to Burns',	£5	0	0
Main road to T. W. Rector's,	5	0	0
John Vickery's to Bentley's,	7	10	0
Rufus Smith's to Ramshead river,	10	0	0
Mill Village to Patridge Island,	10	0	0
Patridge Island to Black Rock,	20	0	0
Samuel Adams' to James Tagget's,	5	0	0
Parrsboro.' line to William Fullerton's,	20	0	0
Reserved for contingencies, and to be appropriated by the members as in memorandum below,	123	12	5
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	£2697	14	7

Memorandum.

District Parrsborough—Great Roads,	£87	6	9
Cumberland proper,	36	5	8
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	123	12	5

COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-six pounds, granted for the service of the great roads, and eighteen hundred and twenty pounds for the service of cross roads, in the whole amounting to two thousand four hundred and forty-six pounds, in the county of Cape Breton for the year 1856, be applied as follows :

From John Ormoud's towards Mr. Davenport's,	£40	0	0
Mr. Davenport's to Power's clearing, Cow Bay road,	25	0	0
Power's clearing to Big Brook,	25	0	0
Big Brook towards Cow Bay,	15	0	0
Studd's to Keenan's brook, back road,	15	0	0
Keenan's brook to South Bar,	15	0	0
South Bar to Low Point chapel,	15	0	0
Low Point chapel to Widow Barron's,	15	0	0
Widow Barron's to Barasois,	15	0	0
Barasois to Lingan,	15	0	0
Lingan to Michael Carroll's, (Sydney road),	15	0	0
Carroll's to Luke McGra's,	15	0	0
To repair the road from Kilkenny lake to the Barrons, on Lingan road,	60	0	0
For Kilkenny Lake road,	15	0	0
From McGra's to English's, (Bridgeport road),	20	0	0
English's to Low Point road,	20	0	0
Patrick Sullivan's to Strong's,	15	0	0
Strong's to Bridgeport chapel,	15	0	0
The chapel to Denny Whalen's, and to repair bridges,	15	0	0
Denny Whalen's to Little Glass Bay, and to repair bridges,	15	0	0
Little to Big Glass Bay,	15	0	0
To build a bridge over Big Glass Bay,	40	0	0
From Big Glass Hay to Henry Boutalier's,	15	0	0
Henry Boutalier's to Schooner road, as far as the southern head, inclusive,	10	0	0
Schooner road to Long beach, Cow Bay,	10	0	0
Along the North shore of Cow Bay,	10	0	0
Arnold Holmes', on Cow Bay road,	20	0	0
Arnold Holmes' to Round Island,	15	0	0
	From		

From Round Island to Horn's,	£10	0	0
Horn's to Mire road,	10	0	0
Burk's Ferry to Black Brook,	20	0	0
Black Brook to Sydney,	20	0	0
On Hill's cross road to Mire ferry,	10	0	0
Cross road Mire, toward Carriboo Marsh,	5	0	0
From Sydney towards Mire, on Carriboo Marsh road,	10	0	0
New Bridge, Arnold Holmes', to school house on southern head of } Cow Bay,	30	0	0
School house towards the Eastern road,	30	0	0
Along the southern side of Cow Bay head,	30	0	0
Big Hill on Bridgeport road,	30	0	0
On new road from Big Glass Bay towards Cow Bay road,	30	0	0
From Salmon River to upper bridge, Mire,	10	0	0
Hill's to Burk's on shore road,	10	0	0
Hill's road towards upper bridge, Mire,	50	0	0
For road from Sydney mines round the ponds to Bras d'Or,	100	0	0
On cross road, Leech's Creek, towards township line,	10	0	0
From Rudderham's bridge to Campbell's,	12	10	0
Rice's mill to North Sydney,	10	0	0
Sydney to the Grand Lake,	15	0	0
Grand Lake towards Bridgeport,	15	0	0
At back settlement Coxheath, towards Ball's,	5	0	0
For Bridgeport road to back settlement, near Hector McLeod's, on new line,	7	10	0
From Crawley's bridge to Rudderham's,	7	10	0
Crawley's bridge to Point Edward,	7	10	0
Point Edward to Rudderham's,	7	10	0
Ball's bridge to Leech's Creek,	10	0	0
New bridge Leech's Creek, to old bridge,	7	10	0
Leech's Creek to cross road,	10	0	0
North Sydney to Bras d'Or, (cross road,)	10	0	0
George's River to Peter McDonald's,	7	10	0
Little Bras d'Or road,	10	0	0
George's River towards Gammell's,	15	0	0
Barasois towards George's River, to open up new line,	50	0	0
On road leading from William McKenzie's to George Lewis' cross road, } back of Bell's Creek, and to repay Donald McMullin, } 3ls. 6d. for services on road,	15	0	0
On Dowling's road, George's River,	20	0	0
To repair McGillvray's bridge, Low Point,	20	0	0
For Long Island road,	10	0	0
On cross roads to Barasois's,	10	0	0
From Ball's bridge towards East bay,	10	0	0
Matheson's, Bras d'Or, towards the Gut,	30	0	0
For repairing old Lingan road,	10	0	0
From Burk's bridge towards Catalone,	50	0	0
For repairing road west side Sydney river,	10	0	0
On Coxheath road to John Lewis',	10	0	0
From John Lewis', towards Township line,	10	0	0

OVER-EXPENDITURES IN THE COUNTY.

To repay Benoni Shepherd for bridge at Cow Bay,	12	0	0
James Wagner for repairing bridge and the road on the line leading to Mire,	10	0	0
John Martin for repairing Grand Lake road,	9	17	4

To

To repay Widow Cashen for logs supplied by her to bridge at Glass bay,	£3	10	0
To repay Neil McDonald for making bridge over McKinnon's brook near Long Island,	10	0	0
To John D. Gellis for making bridge at Spaulding's brook,	20	0	0
To repay Peter Andrew's for repairing Watson's bridge,	20	3	9
For surveys in laying out new lines of road, and for alterations of roads, and locating bridges in the township and county,	84	10	0
To Joseph Lewis for repairing road and bridge at North-west Arm,	9	16	5
To John McLeod for repairing road to Bosdale,	15	0	0
To repay Hugh McLellan for repairing road at Middle Cape,	14	19	7
To repay Murdoch McKenzie for repairing road,	2	2	3
This sum at the disposal of the government,	245	10	8
			£1820 0 0
Sub-division of £626 granted for great roads,			
From Forks bridge towards Sydney,	50	0	0
From Forks bridge to East bay,	50	0	0
From Peter Leonard's to Porter's hill,	15	0	0
Porter's hill to North-west Arm,	50	0	0
North-west Arm to Leeche's creek bridge,	30	0	0
From Leech's creek bridge to the Bar,	30	0	0
From the Bar to Little Bras d'Or, (via the mines)	100	0	0
			325 0 0
This sum at the disposal of the government,	£301	0	0
			626 0 0
			£2446 0 0

HANTS COUNTY.

Resolved, That the sum of nine hundred and thirty-three pounds granted for the great road service—and the sum of one thousand nine hundred and twenty pounds granted for roads and bridges, generally, in the county of Hants be appropriated as follows, that is to say :

To pay instalments to bank of Nova Scotia, borrowed for Kennetcook bridge,	£168	0	0
William Chambers and Israel Sandford over-expended on Kennetcook bridge, in 1854,	262	19	0
ditto, ditto, ditto, 1855,	92	15	0
John Whidden over-expended on Five mile river bridge, in 1855,	157	15	9
John T. McLarnie for repair of bridge near T. Lilly's, in 1855,	7	5	6
William Hay's for hill and bridge at Joshua Hay's, as per acct. in 1855,	5	11	9
William Casey for repairs on Hibert bridge near E. Wier's, in 1855,	15	0	0
For alterations from Meander bridge past Stirling's,	35	6	0
From Benjamin Ceshrun's to St. Croix bridge,	5	0	0
For road at Muddy marsh,	5	0	0
From Robert Gruno's to Wilcox ferry, undrawn in 1854 and 1855,	7	10	0
Darius Mosher's to Isaiah Dimock's, undrawn in 1855,	5	0	0
Miller's creek to Cochran's farm,	5	0	0
For road to bridge on south side Kennetcook river,	20	0	0
From Israel Sandford's to bridge on north side Kennetcook river,	10	0	0

For

For new road past George Salter's, near Isaac Sandford's,	£5	0	0
From Kennetcook road to Knox's,	10	0	0
For repairing bridge near Daniel Lockhart's, road past Henry Vaughan's,	10	0	0
From Woodroof's to Parker's mills, undrawn in 1855, Marshall Mumford's to John Cochran's,	4	10	0
James Cochran's to Constantine's,	5	0	0
Parker's mill to Philip Harvie's road,	11	0	0
Philip Harvie's road to John Dimock's,	5	0	0
For road past George Stevens', undrawn in 1855,	5	0	0
From Daniel Dimock's past Ackers', Cochran's Farm to Thomas A. Harvie's,	5	10	0
For bridge and road at William McKay's, undrawn in 1855, near Enoch Porter's,	5	0	0
From Tenecape to Alexander Ritchie's, west line,	5	0	0
Alexander Ritchie's, west line, to Daniel Furburne's,	10	0	0
Daniel Furburne's to Walton Village,	10	0	0
Walton to Egypt Farm,	5	0	0
Walton to Rainy Cove,	4	0	0
Rainy Cove to Bass Creek,	8	0	0
Bass Creek to Chivarie,	5	0	0
To build bridge and repair roads north side Encom Harvie's,	5	0	0
From Job Anthony's, west line, to bridge near Encom Harvie's,	9	0	0
New road from Chivarie road to Cambridge,	7	0	0
To repair bridge at Bradshaw's brook, when certified that £7 has been subscribed and expended,	10	0	0
From Petit bridge to Newport line,	20	0	0
For road past Goshen farm,	23	0	0
To repair Hebert bridge,	4	0	0
From Landerkin's to Sandford farm, River Hebert to Meander river,	15	0	0
Meander river to Windsor road,	5	0	0
For road past Bond's mill,	5	0	0
From John Dimock's past Francis Parker's,	5	0	0
For alterations near William Dimock's,	4	0	0
From James Withrow's to Fahie's road, Fahie's road to Halifax county line,	7	0	0
John Gordon's to Douglas road,	17	0	0
For road past Thomas Moren's,	17	0	0
From Alexander Sim's past Cahil's shop, James Withrow's to Gore road,	5	0	0
James Withrow's to Douglas line, past W. Withrow's, Withrow's mill to Beaver Bank road,	7	0	0
Withrow's mill to Douglas road, past Wilson's, Rawdon church to Newport line, past Caldwell's,	10	0	0
For road past James Wales' farm,	5	0	0
From Beaver Bank road past Thomas Wallace's farm, Edward Murphy's to Newport line, past Stevens'	4	0	0
For new road past John Smith's,	4	0	0
From old Windsor road to Walsh's farm, Walsh's to Beaver Bank road,	16	0	0
To repay Peter Etter over-expenditure on bridge, Ryan's creek,	5	0	0
For new road from Ryan's creek to Nelson's,	30	11	4
From John McPhee's to new Windsor road at Wallace's,	25	8	8
	10	0	0
			From

From John McPhee's new road past Roulstan's,	£12	0	0
Indian roads towards Five mile river,	10	0	0
On road past Nathaniel Nelson's,	8	0	0
Francis Burns' road,	3	0	0
Road past Richard Parker's,	6	0	0
Windsor road, from Nelson's to 9 mile river, with £6 undrawn in 1855,	28	0	0
Road past Alexander Grant's, 9 mile river,	7	0	0
Road from McPhee's bridge, past Lade's to river,	20	0	0
From McPhee's bridge to Roulston's,	8	0	0
On road past Gardner's,	8	0	0
past Horn's to lake,	7	0	0
past McKenzie's to lake,	7	0	0
From 9 mile road past John McDonald's,	8	0	0
Indian road towards John McDonald's,	6	0	0
towards John Caldwell's,	7	0	0
From grove on new road towards 9 mile river,	14	0	0
John Wright's to Indian road,	10	0	0
On road past David McKenzie's and bridge,	20	0	0
Old road past Semples',	6	0	0
Road past Bernard McGuires',	7	0	0
past Fisher's to Shubenacadie river,	5	0	0
From Douglas line to new road at McKenzie's,	5	0	0
On Bruce Wallace's road,	5	0	0
Bell and Arm road,	5	0	0
Road past Thomas McDonald's, hardwood land,	8	0	0
From head of Kenticook bridge to Maitland,	18	0	0
Kenticook road past Geary's, to 5 mile river,	8	0	0
Maitland to Noel,	8	7	0
On road towards Nowlin's mill,	6	0	0
past John Williams',	4	0	0
From Maitland, on new line to Ryan's Creek, including paying the surveyor,	37	0	0
Isaac Withrow's to John McDougal's, in addition to £8 undrawn in 1855,	7	0	0
John McDougal's to Kenticook bridge,	5	0	0
Kenticook bridge to John Singer's,	7	0	0
John Singer's to Noel mill,	5	0	0
Noel Mill on new road past John Faulkner's mills,	8	0	0
Noel Mill to Jennecape and bridge,	10	0	0
On new road at Burncoat,	10	0	0
From John Hannegar's to Noel,	6	0	0
Gore to Kenticook bridge,	8	0	0
On road past Donald Grant's,	5	0	0
From Gore meeting house past Hall's mills to Carver's road,	5	0	0
On roads past Michael Wallace's,	4	0	0
Joseph Thompson's,	7	0	0
From Joseph Singer's to George Field's road,	5	0	0
On new road past James Harvie's,	7	0	0
From 9 mile road past Morris',	7	0	0
Hugh Burns' to Archibald Ettinger's,	4	0	0
Burton's towards Nine mile river,	8	0	0
For Avon bridge,	40	0	0
Avon bridge to Horton line,	11	10	0
From Muddy bridge to Barkhouse's,	15	0	0
Barkhouse's to Horton,	15	0	0
For Muddy bridge,	6	0	0
Muddy bridge, undrawn, £6.			From

From post road to Captain Coffel's,	£7	9	0
For new road back of Manning's up the bog,	10	0	0
New road Mounderson's to the shore, and to pay J. Burden £1 4s. 1d.	8	10	0
New road from Daniel Bishop's to post road,	15	0	0
New road from post road to Hantsport,	25	0	0
New road from Hantsport to Horton,	7	10	0
Hantsport shore hill, in addition to £10 undrawn in 1854 and 1855,	5	0	0
Cross road near Sun's, leading to Horton,	8	0	0
To repay advances made by government,	10	0	0
From Isaac Dewolf's to old Avon bridge,	17	0	0
For old Ponkook road, in addition to £8 unexpended last year, from Webster's to forks,	12	0	0
Road past Dawson's,	7	0	0
From Benjamin Sweet's to Winckworth's,	7	0	0
From Winckworth's to Freeotheck bridge, including Prospect hill,	15	0	0
New St. Croix bridge to post road,	18	0	0
For old Ardoise hill,	7	0	0
From John Kilcup's late residence to Mulcahy's,	7	0	0
Old St. Croix bridge to Benjamin Sweet's,	7	0	0

GREAT ROAD GRANT.

	1920	0	0
Over-expenditure on half Shubenacadie bridge,	100	9	13
Hants county, half of bridge near Parker's,	149	8	9
Over-expenditure from Hyde's stables to Parker's bridge,	24	14	0
on Cumberland bridge at Windsor,	128	18	8
Keys' bridge to Parker's bridge,	95	7	5
Forks to Falmouth line,	25	0	0
Falmouth line to George Swinehammer's,	20	0	0
George Swinehammer's to Geldert's,	20	0	0
Halifax county line to Avon bridge,	274	1	4
Avon bridge to Great Bog,	40	0	0
Great Bog to Half-way river, and repay J. Akin's £4 5s.	40	0	0
From Half-way river to Horton road,	15	0	0
	£933	0	0

KING'S COUNTY.

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen hundred and twenty-eight pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in King's county, be appropriated as follows:

TOWNSHIP OF CORNWALLIS.

For the road passing Oliver H. Cogswell's to Aylesford line, and John McConnell's to Long Point road,	£8	0	0
Cove road, passing Michael Shey's,	6	0	0
Road passing Peter McBride's, and to Oglevie Brook pier,	5	0	0
To complete the new road from Armstrong's to Oglevie Brook pier,	12	0	0
the new road from Turner's Point road to Oglevie breakwater pier, and to open up new alterations from Borden's,	15	0	0
From Givan wharf, passing Joseph Morris' and Mrs. Hall's,	6	0	0
For the road passing G. Goold's and Joseph Swindle's,	5	0	0
Passing James Goold's and Glaney's,	6	0	0
Absolem Brown's and J. Briden's,	5	0	0

For

For the road passing to Spicer's to Black Rock road,	£8	0	0
To complete the alterations at the Mountain hill, Ebenezer Condon's,			
Long Point road,	12	0	0
For the road passing John Baker's,	4	0	0
From Murry Mill brook by William West's to N. Foot's,	5	0	0
For the road passing Patrick Sarsfield's to Dooly's,	6	0	0
Burger Mountain road, passing John Clark's,	5	0	0
Road passing George McMahan's,	4	0	0
Passing McMullen's to Barnaby mill breakwater,	5	0	0
Passing Jeremiah Hut's to Chute's cove,	5	0	0
To open the new road from Wm. Foot's saw-mill to the top of the Dooly			
hill to the road,	10	0	0
the East end of the road passing Enoch Arnold's,	5	0	0
To complete the now road on the east side of the Barnaby mill cove break-			
water, passing Wm. Kelly's,	12	0	0
For the road passing Robert Foot's to Hall's harbor and the Bently moun-			
tain road,	8	0	0
From Huntington's point road through the Irish settlement, to Barnaby's			
mill cove breakwater,	8	0	0
Woodworth road Master's, mountain to Hall's Harbor,	6	0	0
For the road passing Ilsley's to Long Beach,	8	0	0
passing Silas Caton's to Black Hole bay,	8	0	0
For the mountain road, passing up the Wood hollow,	10	0	0
From Black Hole road, passing Geo. Newcomb's to Ira Woodworth's roads,	5	0	0
Scott's Bay to Canning,	15	0	0
For the Newcomb road, passing Daniel Porter's to bay,	6	0	0
New road from Bester North's up the mountain, to Scott's bay,	30	0	0
Southern end of the Cove road,	5	0	0
Mill Creek to Hill Pero,	5	0	0
To open up the New Mountain road from Rand's saw mill to Scott's,			
Bay road,	12	0	0
To open up the new road to Wash Bowl landing,	5	0	0
Open up the new road from T. Doyle's to the shore,	7	0	0
From Baxter Harbour road by Irvin's, to Black Hole,	6	0	0
Cornwallis bridge to Allen Barnaby's and Tobin's, and for the old			
road, Chapel hill,	12	0	0
Allen Barnaby's to Centerville Hall's,	5	0	0
For the new road from J. Strong's to Jackson's mills,	6	0	0
To open a new road passing Robert T. Syan's,	12	0	0
From the post road, passing Forsyth's saw mill,	5	0	0
Road passing J. Taylor's and Robert Collins', and road to			
Foresyth's saw mill,	16	0	0
Road passing Collins' to the Canan road,	6	0	0
To extend and complete alterations near Woodman's, South mountain,	10	0	0
From Horton line on road passing William Jorden's, and repair bridge			
over hollow,	7	0	0
To open new road passing William Forsyth's, South mountain,	6	0	0
From Cornwallis bridge past Kagan's to Belcher's,	6	0	0
For the Gibson road to John Ells' road,	12	0	0
Huntington point road,	5	0	0
the road passing Wilmot Orsborn's to the Davison's mountain hill,	6	0	0
North end of Harrington point road,	5	0	0
To open the 6 rod highway from Hemmings'	6	0	0
From James Griffin's passing Nathan West's, to post roads,	5	0	0

To

To open new road from James Goold's to the Black Rock road,	£6	0	0
From Black Rock road, by Wm. Brown's, passing Joel Porter's to Givan road,	8	0	0
To complete the new road passing David Woods',	4	0	0
From Baxter Harbour road, to Orsborn's ship yard,	5	0	0
For the bridge over the Canning river, near Thomas Harris',	25	0	0
Ira Woodworth road, leading to the bay,	6	0	0
North end of the Black Hole road,	7	0	0
From Jackson's mills to the road passing David Skinner's,	6	0	0
For the road passing over Big Hollow, near Richard Mahar's,	5	0	0
From Doyle's to Gordon Rand's saw mill,	6	0	0
Mill Creek, passing Jackson's to White Water's,	5	0	0
For the road passing William North's and C. Foot's,	6	0	0
From Huntington Point road to Hall's Harbour,	6	0	0
For the road passing Iasiah Shaw's to Baptist meeting house,	5	0	0
From Ira Woodworth's road, by Woodworth's to Black Hole road,	5	0	0
For the road passing Noah and Samuel Rockwell's to Hall's harbour,	6	0	0
From Joseph Newcomb's, by new alteration of road, to Scott's Bay,	5	0	0
To extend and complete alterations of road, English mountain,	10	0	0
From Black Rock road, passing Moody's to Givan road,	5	0	0
Long Point road, on the front of mountain to Givan wharf,	6	0	0
For the road passing Alex. Thompson's and Allen's Hill,	5	0	0
Bridge and road passing Campbell Ruggels',	5	0	0
To open the new road passing William Kelly's to C. Ilsley's road,	15	0	0
From the Pero dyke on the road passing Philip Weaver's,	6	0	0
Pero dyke on the road passing Gordon Sandford's,	5	0	0
From Crooker's to Little Lake,	6	0	0
Canada Creek, on road passing Margerson's and Hagarty's,	8	0	0
To open a new road from post road on Shaw's, west line, to South mountain,	8	0	0
For the road passing Benjamin Palmer's to post road,	6	0	0
Crossway and bridge near Jethro Kinsman's,	8	0	0
From Abner Woodworth's road, near the school house to post road,	6	0	0
Charles Eaton's road on the new road to the old Black Rock roads,	7	0	0
To repair East Hall's harbor hill roads,	6	0	0
From Long Beach road, passing Orsborn's ship yard, to Baxter's mill,	8	0	0
Black Hole road passing to Reid's to Woodworth road,	5	0	0
To open up the alteration of road passing Sawyers'	10	0	0
A new road through William Borden's field to landing.	8	0	0
For the road passing Thos. White's and Lawson's, to Black Rock,	5	0	0
Bridge and road passing Henderson Sharp's,	6	0	0
West Hall's harbor, hill and roads,	5	0	0
From the church passing Albert Chase's, to Ferry Creek, and to open the new laid out road through the heirs' land of the late honorable H. H. Cogswell, deceased,	10	0	0
For the road passing Joel Parrish's, south mountain,	5	0	0
To open a new section of road along the north line of the Brimer lot, near Michael Sarsfield's,	5	0	0
From Hall's gate past Ragan's, to the Kidston roads,	5	0	0
For the bridge and road passing Clark's to Thos. Buckley's,	8	0	0
Alteration of West Canada Creek hill, and to pay an expenditure by Eaton on the work in 1855,	5	0	0
Bridge and crossway near Charles E. Finch's,	6	0	0
For opening the side drains of road south side of Grand dyke,	4	0	0
From Sarsfield road to Enoch Arnold's,	6	5	8

Sums over-expended per accounts, viz, 1855.		
John M. Caldwell, alteration of roads by J. R. Bowl's,	£6	14 4
Judah Wells, repair road Davinson mountain,	3	4 0
Joseph Reid, building bridge Black Hole brook,	2	16 0
Gideon E. Rockwell, bridge on Sannel Rockwell's mountain roads,	3	0 0
	<u>£768</u>	<u>0 0</u>

CORNWALLIS GREAT ROADS.

From Horton line to Cold Brook, on the west road to Annapolis,	15	0 0
Cold Brook to Pineo's and Ira Woodworth bridge; also to pay over-expenditure on Duncan's bridge, 1855, to Asal Webster £5 Ss. 3d.	31	0 0
Pineo's to Aylesford bog, and to open up alteration section No. 1, Black Rock mountain hill, and to complete the bridge &c., to Canada Creek harbour,	80	0 0
From the post road through Berwick to Skinner's, on the great road to Givan wharf, and to open up the alteration near Berwick and Crocker's,	32	10 0
Skinner's to Nathan Fisher's, on Givan wharf road,	17	10 0
Fisher's to Givan harbour breakwater,	20	0 0
To repair Cornwallis bridge, near Kentville,	15	0 0
	<u>£211</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Change of appropriation included, in resolution for King's county.

199. Balanance of unappropriated monies 1853,	£3	0 0	
104. Balance of Samuel Beckwith's account,	3	0 0	
	<u>£6</u>	<u>0 0</u>	
From Canada Creek road, passing Rawding's to Sarsfield road,	6	0 0	

HORTON.

Over-expenditures—Benjamin Duncanson, in 1855,	1	12 6	
Jeremiah Kinne, 1854 and 1855,	1	3 6	
Ebenezer Caldwell, in 1855,	5	0 0	7 16 0
From Edward S. Borden's to county line, Hantsport,	10	0 0	
James Crowel's to Bluff shore road,	5	0 0	
Oliver Lockhart's past John Earl's to the shore,	7	10 0	
Thomas Fitzgerald's to Hantsport, new road,	50	0 0	
James Pitt's to John Vye's,	7	10 0	
John L. Pelton's to Post road at Hantsport Cross road,	20	0 0	
Post road towards Little Chester on the new Fielding road,	10	0 0	
Post road to Edward Kelly's,	5	0 0	
Post road by Walter Scott's to Walbrook,	15	0 0	
Walbrook round Clay hill to James Messum's, alteration,	20	0 0	
Walbrook to John Lawrence's,	5	0 0	
Daniel Bishop's to Benjamin's saw mill,	10	0 0	
Benjamin's saw mill to Jeremiah Graham's,	10	0 0	
Daniel Bishop's to Five roads,	10	0 0	
Five roads by James Farrel's to John Ryan's,	5	0 0	
John Ryan's to Avery meadow,	5	0 0	
Daniel Coyle's to Five roads,	10	0 0	
James Vaughan's by the mill to Avery meadow,	5	0 0	
Avery meadow to Graham's mill,	5	0 0	
			From

From James Vaughan's to Reid's corner,	£5	0	0
James Davison's mill up Black River to Reid's mill,	10	0	0
James Davison's mill down Black River, new road,	25	0	0
James Davison's mill past J. Eagle's to Isaac Dorman's,	7	10	0
James Davison's mill to Jacob Reid's cross road,	5	0	0
Abraham Dorman's past Samuel Ell's to Scovill road,	5	0	0
Daniel Caldwell's to John Payzant's,	7	10	0
Black River school house to Moose Horn lake,	5	0	0
Abraham Dorman's to John Carter's,	5	0	0
Kinne's corner by Abner Kinne's to J. Graham's,	10	0	0
Kinne's corner to Gaspereau bridge,	15	0	0
Bishop's mill to Scovill's mill,	15	0	0
Scovill's mill to Condon's mill,	20	0	0
Condon's mill to Sherbrooke road,	20	0	0
James Steven's to Isaac Dorman's,	15	0	0
Marsden Curry's to Peter Murphy's,	10	0	0
Michael Jorden's by Ezekiel Benjamin's to Sandy point,	10	0	0
James Caldwell's to Enoch Bishop's,	10	0	0
Scott's corner to Five roads,	15	0	0
James Caldwell's to Mud bridge,	15	0	0
Robert Cahill's by Ford's to post road,	10	0	0
Sandy point to New Canaan,	10	0	0
Thomas Hancock's to Sandy point old road,	7	10	0
Henry Thomas' to Back Canaan road,	5	0	0
Henry Thomas' past Bishops' to Sherbrooke road,	5	0	0
Quigley's past Rand's to New Canaan,	5	0	0
Frank Caldwell's past Wood's to county line,	5	0	0
Harris Turner's by Wood and Mosher's mill to township line,	15	0	0
David Casey's to Gaspereau bridge,	30	0	0
Gaspereau bridge to county line,	27	10	0
For the Itch bridge,	3	4	0
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	£576	0	0

HORTON—GREAT ROADS.

From county line to Lockhart's corner,	40	0	0
Lockart's corner to Reid's,	30	0	0
Reid's to Wolfville and to repair causeway and bridge,	40	0	0
Wolfville to Kentville and to make alteration between Hamilton's hill and Seamen's hill,	50	0	0
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	£160	0	0

AYLESFORD—CROSS ROADS.

To open a new road from the Nichol's road to Elisha Harris', post road, and to build a bridge,	35	0	0
From the French Cross brakewater, southwardly, on the Morden road, top of the mountain on the Morden to the French Cross,	15	0	0
For the Vales' River bridge and road near Walton Village,	10	0	0
From the Neely road, passing D. Messenger's, to county line,	15	0	0
For the bridge and crossway on the road passing Abraham Spinney's,	10	0	0
To open up a new road from the Woodworth road, Cornwallis, to post road near Parker's,	20	0	0
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For the road passing Eason's mills to Nichols' road, and to build a bridge at mills,	£30	0	0
To open up the new road from the Morden road passing Foster's mill to Ormsby road,	10	0	0
the new road from the Ormsby road, by Forster's mill, to the Morden road,	10	0	0
From the Canan road on the Parker road to the school house, thence to Cornwallis line,	8	0	0
Bishop's road, on the road leading to Margaretville to the county line,	10	0	0
Canan road on the Dalhousie road to Lake George, and to pay John Burk's account, expended £3, 1855,	13	0	0
For the road passing Lake George to Twelve mile bridge,	10	0	0
From the Twelve mile bridge to Dalhousie,	15	0	0
For the road passing Otter Lake and Tool's, to Duck Swamp,	10	0	0
From the town line on the Canan road, to the Nichols' road,	8	0	0
Nichols' road on the Jackson road, westerly,	6	0	0
Ormsby road, on the front of the mountain, by J. Armstrong's, to Cornwallis line,	5	0	0
Bishop's road, on the new road passing Lawrence Harris' to Clar- mont road,	15	0	0
Post road, passing Bishop's mill and Benj. S. Palmer's,	8	0	0
Clarmont road, near the bluff of the bay, to French Cross breakwater,	20	0	0
Foot of the mountain on the Bishop's road to the bay,	5	0	0
For the North end of the Bishop's road, from the bay and to repair bridges,	12	0	0
From the post road on Clarmont road to the foot of the mountain,	5	0	0
Foot of the mountain on Clarmont road to the bay,	10	0	0
Clarmont road, under the mountain, passing Abraham Buskirk's, to Morden road,	5	0	0
Foot of the mountain on the Ormsby to the bay,	10	0	0
For the road passing William C. Foster's,	10	0	0
From the Ormsby road, on the mountain to the Morden road, near the bluff,	20	0	0
Canan road to the falls, Gates' mill,	6	0	0
Appropriated in the sum and change of appropriation below,	3	0	0
	£384	0	0

AYLESFORD—GREAT ROAD MONEY.

On the post road from Cornwallis town line to the Baptist church, and to open up the alteration of road from Elisha Harris' to the Nichols road,	40	0	0
From the Baptist Church to Clarmont,	10	0	0
Clarmont to Wilmot line, and to complete the alteration by W. Miller's,	25	0	0
From the Post road on the Great Norden road to French Cross brake- water, and to make alterations at the mountain hill,	30	0	0
	105	0	0

Appropriation of undrawn monies in Aylesford, K. C.
 Changed by resolution of the legislature, amounting to 96 19 6
 In addition out of the road grant for 1856, as above, of 3 0 0

£99 19 6

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From the post road on the Glebe to the Ward road,	£8	0	0
Ormsby road easterly to Cornwallis line, near the bay,	8	0	0
Ormsby road on the road passing H. Cogswell's, to Cove road, Cornwallis,	8	0	0
For the road passing Jonathan Morse's to Jackson road, and the Jackson road,	10	0	0
From the Jackson road, southwardly to Palmer's mills,	5	0	0
Jackson road, on the south end of Nichols' road,	5	0	0
For the new road from Glebe road, westerly to J. Spinney's,	5	0	0
From the Ward road, northerly on the Glebe road, to the Jackson road,	8	0	0
Neely road to John McGrigor's,	5	0	0
Clarmont road on the front of the mountain to the Morden road,	8	0	0
Bishop's road to the mountain, to Clarmont road,	6	0	0
Post road on the Bishop's road, to the face of the mountain,	5	0	0
Lunenburg line through King's county, to Wilmot line, Dalhousie,	6	0	0
For the completion of first section of alteration, Morden road, Mountain hill,	12	19	6
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	£99	19	6

COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

Resolved, That the sum of sixteen hundred and sixty-four pounds granted for the services of roads and bridges in the county of Annapolis be appropriated as follows, viz. :

On the shore road north from the Duke of York's battery to Murrel's mill, in addition to £7 10s. granted in 1854, and undrawn,	5	0	0
from Johnson's point to the Duke of York's battery and to prevent the slide,	20	0	0
from James Sloam's, west,	12	10	0
the McKinzie cross road, west,	12	10	0
East to Geo. John's,	10	0	0
Mills cross road to George John's,	10	0	0
Parker " to the mills cross road,	10	0	0
Eaton hill, west, to Abner Young's, junr.,	15	0	0
Parker cross road, east, to Robert Hudrons'	7	10	0
Phinney cross road, east, to make an altera- tion at the first hill,	15	0	0
Everet cross road from shore road to the Settlement,	10	0	0
Lamburon cross road from main road to shore road,	20	0	0
To repair the ferry slip, New Caledonia, Granville,	10	0	0
On the McKinzie cross road from main road to Bay shore,	20	0	0
McCarmick's " from the top of the mountain to the Bay shore,	12	10	0
Parker cross road from main road to Bay shore,	12	10	0
Mills " the foot of the mountain to ditto,	15	0	0
Wade " main road to David Mulberry's,	15	0	0
Young " " Covert road,	12	10	0
" " Covert road to Bay shore,	10	0	0
Shore road from George Gesner's, east,	7	10	0
Elijah Durland's, west,	7	10	0
Phinney cross road from the foot of mountain to Bay shore,	20	0	0
Chute " Main road to ditto,	15	0	0
James' " limits of Bridgetown to lake,	12	10	0
" " Lake to shore road,	10	0	0

Or

On the cross road from the limits of Bridgetown, to cut down the hill by Wheelock's mill,	£12 10 0
Road and bridge from Isaac Marshall's to the Sanders' cross road,	10 0 0
Sanders' cross road from main road to Burk's road,	10 0 0
First road over the mountain from Benjamin Kurney's, west, to make an alteration and build a bridge at deep brook,	15 0 0
Shore road from the Lamburon cross road, east,	7 10 0
First road over the mountain, east from the James's road,	7 10 0
Cross road between Granville and Wilmot,	7 10 0
Road from the Young cross road, east, past Edward Covert's,	5 10 0
East from the Morse cross road to Ambros Saban's,	15 0 0
“ “ from Ambros Saban's to the outlet of Paradise lake,	15 0 0
Shelburne road from the Waldeck road to Ritchie's meadow,	7 10 0
Ritchie's meadow to Bucklar's,	10 0 0
Coombs' pass Lake Katy,	15 0 0
Virginia road,	7 10 0
Middlesex road,	10 0 0
Negro line road, east, past Trimper's mill,	10 0 0
Victory road from Bear River Lake road to the Turnpike, in addition to the £10 granted in 1854, and undrawn,	5 0 0
Bear River Lake road from the Negro line, southerly,	20 0 0
Road from the front road to the Guinea road on Ryerson and Potter's line,	35 0 0
Cross road from the Hessian line to the Guinea bridge,	12 10 0
Sam's brook to the Guinea road,	12 10 0
Guinea road from the bridge to Mulligan's hill,	17 10 0
Mulligan hill, Guinea road,	7 10 0
Road from General's bridge to Samuel Bell's,	35 0 0
Deep Brook bridge, Waldeck's line,	10 0 0
Road from Virginia towards the Liverpool road,	12 10 0
Union road from Digby county line towards Grafton,	10 0 0
Lake hill road towards Rice's mill,	10 0 0
Jefferson cross road,	5 0 0
Road and bridges past Lockwood's mills,	15 0 0
Annapolis ferry slip,	10 0 0
To dyke the road at Allan's river,	15 0 0
On the Dalhousie from the flag pond to the McLafferty road,	10 0 0
Dalhousie road from the McLafferty road to the meadow bridge,	10 0 0
“ “ Meadow to the Perot church,	12 10 0
“ “ Perot road to the township line,	7 10 0
“ “ Shield's to the foot of the hill,	6 0 0
McLafferty road,	5 0 0
Perot road from McLennan's line to Peter's mountain,	7 10 0
Spurr cross road, north end,	10 0 0
“ South end,	10 0 0
Bridge leading to round hill,	15 0 0
Road near Pool's brook, Annapolis,	10 0 0
Durland cross road,	5 0 0
Road past Jacob Bank's,	7 10 0
Alteration up the Beal's mountain,	10 0 0
Beal's mountain road, west, past John Whitman's,	10 0 0
“ from Henry Beal's to the Albany road,	7 10 0

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On the Albany road from above Parker's to the township line,	£7	10	0
Bridges at Nictaux falls,	7	10	0
Alteration past Joseph Foster's, Nictaux,	12	10	0
Road from Lawrencetown lane to DeLancy's,	10	0	0
Morse road from the front road to top of the mountain,	12	10	0
Liverpool road from Lamb's brook to Carrol's brook,	25	0	0
Liverpool road, for an alteration near Dennis Hill's, in addition to £37 granted in 1855, and undrawn,	13	0	0
Liverpool road, from Corbitt's brook to Liverpool head,	25	0	0
Road from Maitland road past Edward Cashman's,	3	0	0
Through first district in Hillsburg, near Maitland,	3	0	0
Second district in Hillsburg near Maitland,	3	0	0
On the road from Hillsburg through the third district, towards Nictau road,	15	0	0
Perot road from the school house to McNorton's,	5	0	0
To cut down the hills at McLennan's and Weibrous',	10	0	0
Dalhousie road from the township line to 11 mile tree,	15	0	0
Township road,	5	0	0
Road from the 11 mile tree to the 15 mile tree,	15	0	0
from the 15 mile tree to the 19 mile tree,	5	0	0
from the 19 mile tree to the 23 mile tree,	5	0	0
from the 23 mile tree to Burney's meadow,	10	0	0
Burney's meadow to Liverpool cross,	6	0	0
Moire road from Dalhousie road towards John Buckler's,	12	0	0
John Buckler's to Carter's,	12	0	0
Carter's to Scofield's,	10	0	0
Scofield's to the top of the mountain,	10	0	0
On the cross road from the outlet of Paradise Lake to Thos. Anderson's,	10	0	0
Thos. Anderson's to Dalhousie road,	6	0	0
Past Walter Monroe's, to the outlet of Corbitt's Lake,	10	0	0
East Dalhousie, from Liverpool cross, easterly, in addition to £15 granted in 1855, and undrawn,	10	0	0
East Dalhousie, for the bridge over the 47 mile river,	17	0	0
East Dalhousie from Lunenburg cross to 47 mile river,	10	0	0
47 mile river to King's county line,	10	0	0
On the Lunenburg road, from Lunenburg county line past Elijah Roop's,	15	0	0
Cross, southerly to Beaver brook,	5	0	0
Falkland Ridge road,	15	0	0
On the road from Springfield road to Lake Pleasant,	10	0	0
Past Peter Moore's to Wm. Viditoe's, (south line),	7	0	0
From Wm. Viditoe's, south line, to the township line, northerly,	7	0	0
Lunenburg road through the Allan settlement,	7	0	0
Liverpool road from the half-way house to the Liverpool cross,	15	0	0
Cross to the bridge on Murry's brook,	10	0	0
Meeting house to M. Foster's to McKearen's hill,	7	0	0
Ezekiel Foster's to Sanders' corner,	10	0	0
Nictau road, Edward Martin's to the township line,	7	0	0
Canan road, from King's county line to Andrew Foster's,	10	0	0
Road from Canan mountain road past John McGrigor's,	5	0	0
From Stephen Bent's corner to Bennet's corner,	5	0	0
Past Jacob Neely's to King's county line,	10	0	0
On the Stronach mountain road, from the post road to the Athol road,	7	0	0
From the Athol road to Burns',	10	0	0
Bent's road towards the bay,	5	0	0

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On the road from the Stronach mountain to Margaretville pier,	£15	0	0
Foster road from the Stronach road to the Bishop road,	5	0	0
Vault road to continue from last years work, northerly towards the Dodge road,	12	0	0
New road from Margaretville pier, past Margaretville house, district No. 35,	10	0	0
Phinney mountain road, for repair of Gordon bridge, and thence sontherly,	10	0	0
Road from King's farm to the post road,	10	0	0
On the new road from Ruggles' road, easterly to the Glebe road,	10	0	0
Victoria road, from Spa Springs northerly to the top of mountain,	5	0	0
Top of the mountain northerly,	5	0	0
Northern district for re-building bridge near Francis Ray's,	7	0	0
For repairing Causeway on northern end Victoria road,	5	0	0
Spa Spring road to the Gates' mountain road,	7	0	0
On the cross road from the Gates' mountain road, past Caleb Gates' and Frederick Morton's, to the road leading to the Spa Springs,	5	0	0
New road from Margaretville to south side of the Annapolis river, Gates' mountain road, from the post road northerly past the water-ing place,	50	0	0
Ritchie road, from Crawford's to the breakwater,	10	0	0
Cropley road,	5	0	0
James Parker's road from the post road,	5	0	0
Handley mountain road from the post road,	5	0	0
Road from Clarence meeting house up the mountain,	10	0	0
On the road from Marshall's cove road from John Clark's, west to the Granville line,	10	0	0
New road from the Landers' road to the DeLaney road,	25	0	0
Vault road north of Bailey street, to the Phinney mountain road,	20	0	0
D. Gates' road, from Bailey street towards Margaretville pier,	13	0	0
Road at the Point in Annapolis town, in addition to £3 4s. 11d. of undrawn money unappropriated for that service by a resolution passed the house,	12	0	0
	1647	0	0
Left unappropriated,	17	0	0
	£1664	0	0

GREAT ROAD MONEY.

On the road from King's county line to Gibbons',	15	0	0
For repairing bridge over Palmer's brook,	10	0	0
Paradise bridge,	5	0	0
To repay an expenditure on the Byard bridge last fall £17 13s 7d } On the Byard bridge, 12 6s 5d }	30	0	0
To pay an advance for building Maitland bridge last fall,	47	0	2
On the Maitland road, northerly from Maitland to the 6 mile tree, from 6 mile tree northerly,	25	0	0
Liverpool road, from Queen's county line to Burke's hill, which is to include £7 12s. over-expenditure last year,	50	0	0
On Lent's bridge and hill,	10	0	0
On the bridge by George Purdy's,	5	0	0
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On the Round Hill bridge,	£10	0	0
To gravel the road and repair Bruce's bridge,	25	0	0
repair Saw Mill Creek bridge,	25	0	0
Slide at Moose River,	25	0	0
On road from Moose River to Milner's corner,	15	0	0
Samuel Purdy's to Wm. Trimper's,	7	10	0
William Trimper's to Bear River,	7	10	0
Spurr's hill and bridge,	20	0	0
To pay an over-expenditure on the Bohake bridge, 12th October, 1855,			
to Reid Hall's,	9	1	3
repair the Webber bridge, in addition to £7 10 granted last year			
and undrawn,	5	0	0
Rail and gravel the Troop Aboiteau,	10	0	0
repair the bridge and cut down the hill, post road, west of Thomas			
Bogart's,	20	0	0
the stone bridge by Wm. Crosscup's,	7	18	9
Benjamin Sanders',	10	0	0
Gesner's aboiteau, or build a bridge over the brick post road,	20	0	0
Bridgetown bridge and abutments,	25	0	0
	£464	0	2
Left unappropriated,	11	19	10
	476	0	0

COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the general road and bridge service, and the sum of four hundred pounds, granted for the great road service; also, the sum of forty pounds thirteen shillings undrawn road monies for the county of Yarmouth, be applied as follows, for the present year:

For the road and bridge service in the district of Yarmouth, to be distributed by the municipal council, £950 8 0

To pay in part of advances by government on the main post road and bridges in Argyle, 264 0 7

Thomas Killum, esquire, for allowances made

to No. 63 by John Pitman,	0	6	1	
64 by Samuel Holmes,	5	3	6	
76 by Ebenezer Porter,	4	18	10	
103 by Nathan Scoville,	18	6	11	
105 by Benjamin Crosby,	0	11	9	
107 by Samuel Holmes,	0	7	8	
108 by D. P. Corning,	0	7	3	
33 by Dominich Boudrou,	0	3	0	
22 by Nathaniel Travis,	0	14	6	
41 by Leon Porter,	7	5	2	
117 by Leon Porter,	6	16	2	
by Dominich Boudrou,	26	9	3	
35 by Leon Porter, not drawn,	1	8	0	72 18 1

To pay John Ryder, esquire, for advances made

to No. 10 by Reuben Abbott,	68	4	9	
3 by Paul Amero,	0	4	1	
17 by Stephen Nickerson,	1	10	0	
8 by James Spinney,	1	0	6	
14 by Joshua Frost,	0	16	0	
15 by Ebenezer Ricker,	0	11	6	72 6 10

On the road from Morris' to Pubnico beach,	£10	0	0
Stilman Larkin's to the shore,	7	10	0
Heaslin's to the Great Pubnico Lake,	35	0	0
D'Eon's to John Spinney's,	12	10	0
Abram Van Emburg's to Goodwin's,	6	0	0
J. Amero's to Abbott's Harbor,	6	0	0
Simeon Frost's to Boyd's,	5	0	0
Head of Apublic to Joshua Frost's,	40	0	0
J. J. Porter's to the head of Apublic, thence to meeting house,	10	0	0
Forke road past William Kavanah's,	5	0	0
Old Apublic road up East side of Eel lake,	10	0	0
Cyrel Porter's to Apublic road,	10	0	0
On the roads and bridges on Robert's Island,	15	0	0
From John Gavel's to Gavel's meeting house,	6	0	0
Mangram's to James Morton's,	10	0	0
On the road past R. Killam's to Mangram's,	5	0	0
From Grey's over the bridge to Rankin's towards Morton's,	15	0	0
N. Churchill's to Grey's, thence to William Hurlburt's,	10	0	0
On the road to Grey's mill and bridge over the river,	10	0	0
to James Hurlburt's mill and over the bridge,	7	10	0
From Isaac Hatfield's over the Pas de Pra,	15	0	0
Pas de Pra road to John B. Muire's,	6	0	0
the Pas de Pra road to Indian Sluice,	5	0	0
On the roads on Pear Point Island,	5	0	0
From the Parade to Gavel's bridge, including half of bridge,	15	0	0
Burnett's line to Little River,	5	0	0
Burnett's line past Hemion's to Tusket River,	5	0	0
Burnett's line to Crocker's,	5	0	0
Johnston's to the Wedge point,	10	0	0
Elijah Pinkney's to the Sluice point,	10	0	0
the Forks road to Gridiron point and across the river,	10	0	0
Gravel o'sad past Luke Keo's to William's road,	7	10	0
John Bourques past head of Eel lake to the forks,	70	0	0
Widow Hamilton's to Pearl's meadow,	7	10	0
On the Forks bridge, and thence to Isaac Miller's,	20	0	0
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	£1791	3	6

GREAT ROADS IN ARGYLE.

From Shelburne county line to Murphy's corner,	70	0	0
Jeremiah Murphy's corner to James Frost's,	25	0	0
James Frost's to J. J. Porter's, including repairs of Argyle bridge,	30	0	0
J. J. Porter's to Tusket village,	20	0	0
Tusket Village to Ballam's,	20	0	0
Amount at the disposal of the government for the township of Argyle,	45	9	6
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	£2001	13	0

County

COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

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 Shelburne; and the sum of four hundred pounds for the great road service; and the sum of twenty-four pounds nineteen shillings and four pence undrawn for the county of Shelburne, be appropriated as follows :

From Indian brook to Queen's landing and to build bridge at Queen's falls,	£25	0	0
Indian brook to Benjamin Perry's,	14	0	0
Benjamin Perry's to Widow Littlewood's,	5	0	0
Widow Littlewood's to Round Bay bridge,	22	0	0
Peter Perry's to main road,	10	0	0
Alexander Greenwood's, south line to Clyde River road, via William Perry's,	12	0	0
Moses Perry's to main road leading to Shelburne,	10	0	0
Dexter's bridge to Gunning cove,	10	0	0
thence to Beaver Dam,	17	0	0
Church hill to Post road,	15	0	0
Church hill to William Doan's,	15	0	0
Round Bay bridge to Thomas K. Perry's,	6	0	0
Post road to Henry Shoultz's,	7	0	0
Post road to John Harris',	22	0	0
John Harris' to Thomas McKay's,	22	0	0
George McKay's to Jenkin's,	20	0	0
Road leading to David Harris' to Jenkins',	7	0	0
Main road to Cops Couch mill,	5	0	0
Post road to John Dexter's,	20	0	0
John Dexter's to foot of Long Lake,	20	0	0
Foot of Long Lake to Robert McKay's,	40	0	0
Robert McKay's to Philip Bower's,	35	0	0
Widow Ryer's to John Dexter's,	10	0	0
Michael Davis' to Theophilus Harris',	5	0	0
Shelburne to Sandy point,	18	0	0
Sandy Point to William McLean's,	7	0	0
thence to Widow Creshrou's,	6	0	0
Charles Thomson's to East Point,	8	0	0
Shelburne to Jordan Ferry,	12	0	0
Widow Creshrou's to James McLean's,	7	0	0
James McLean's to Shelburne,	15	0	0
James McLean's to Jordan Ferry,	14	0	0
James Purney's to Joseph Holden's,	8	0	0
James Purney's to Jordan church,	7	0	0
James Purney's to Morvan road,	7	0	0
Post road to Samuel McQuhae's,	5	0	0
William Nickerson's to Green Harbour, east bridge,	16	0	0
Green Harbor east bridge to Locke's Island, and to build bridge at beach,	32	0	0
Post road to William Nickerson's,	16	0	0
Joseph Williams' to main road,	6	0	0
Main road near James McKenzie's to John Morrison's,	10	0	0
Locke's Island to Thomas Crowell's,	8	0	0
Freeman Crowell's to Locke's Island,	6	0	0
Richard Wall's to main road leading to Locke's Island,	15	0	0
Richard Wall's to Little Harbour,	12	0	0

From

From Little Harbor to Jonathan Craig's,	£9	0	0
Widow Ringer's to Angus McAdam's,	12	0	0
Sable River to Wall's Hill,	20	0	0
Wall's hill to Richard Wall's, including hill,	20	0	0
Fox Rock to Widow Ringer's,	25	0	0
Tidney's bridge to Wm. Chiver's and to repay Lathrop Freeman £2 for repairing bridges,	10	0	0
William Chiver's to Lloyd's brook,	8	0	0
Lloyd's brook to Robert Harding's,	13	0	0
Port LeBare to Sable River,	12	0	0
Lewis Head breakwater to main road,	9	0	0
Daniel Matthew's to George Wall's,	10	0	0
John Dall's to main road leading to Shelburne,	9	0	0
Fox Rock to Little Harbor,	10	10	0
Main road to Thomas Comeaus' landing,	5	0	0
Green Harbour to Richard Wall's,	6	0	0
Henry Hemeon's to Little Harbor road,	6	0	0
For making new line of road round Hayden's hill,	40	0	0
McLay's creek up Clyde River,	40	0	0
From John Lyle's to Cape Negro, main road,	30	0	0
John Lyle's to Clam Creek,	10	0	0
Post road to Clam Creek bridge, including bridges,	35	0	0
Chapel to Samuel Smith's,	10	0	0
Samuel Smith's to Elam Thomas'	15	0	0
Cape Negro Island,	10	0	0
Josiah Smith's to William Patterson's, including McDougal's bridge, and to pay John Eli James over-expenditure, £3 8 5	24	0	0
William Patterson's to Nickerson's corner,	12	0	0
Nickerson's corner to Patten's, and to pay Nathan Snow over-expen- diture, £2 10 0	12	0	0
Main road to shore by Elkana Nickerson's,	8	0	0
Zephaniah Levain's to David Smith's line,	10	0	0
School house to William Worthau's,	8	0	0
William Worthau's to Light house,	25	0	0
Patten's to Birch hill, including hill,	12	0	0
Birch hill to Richard Kenny's,	15	0	0
Richard Kenny's to James Coffin's,	8	0	0
James Coffin's to Kenny's ship yard,	6	0	0
From Thomas Coffin's to Hibbert's brook,	8	0	0
Post road to Osburn Smith's,	6	0	0
To drain road from Long bridge to river,	5	0	0
Drain road near Ashley's to shore,	6	0	0
From Raspberry Hill to post road,	16	0	0
On Moses Smith's back line road,	6	0	0
From Lawrence's to school house,	12	0	0
George Wilson's to south west point,	9	0	0
John Crew's to Atwood's brook,	10	0	0
Atwood's brook to Gideon Crowell's,	15	0	0
Gideon Crowell's to Shag Harbour bridge, including bridge,	10	0	0
Richard A. Hopkins', south line, to main road east side Bear point,	13	0	0
Aram Smith's to Joseph Atwood's,	8	0	0
David Nickerson's to Shag Harbour road,	8	0	0
Doctor's cove to main road,	5	0	0
Eaton Crowell's to Reuben Cahoon's,	15	0	0
To drain road at Levi Nickerson's,	6	0	0
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From Reuben Cahoon's to Heman Nickerson's,	£10	0	0
Heman Nickerson's to Yarmouth county line,	15	0	0
Road east side Woods' harbour to Lions' road, including bridge,	15	0	0
Lions' road to James McCormiskey's,	10	0	0
James McCormiskey's to Yarmouth county line,	8	0	0
Main road to Forbes',	12	0	0
Woods' harbour to west side Ohio,	25	0	0
West side Ohio to David Wilson's,	25	0	0
William Cunningham's to Stony Island,	9	0	0
Stony Island to John McGray's,	30	0	0
John McGray's to Penny's,	15	0	0
James Obid's to Lewis Crowell's,	20	0	0
Main road to Hawk inlet, including bridges,	50	0	0
Lewis Crowell's to West Head,	8	0	0
John Cunningham's to school house near McGray's, including bridge,	30	0	0
Meeting house to William Cunningham's,	10	0	0
To rail bridge, and pay over-expenditure on bridge near George McKay's, Clyde River,	12	7	4
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GREAT ROADS.

From Queen's county line to Tom Tidney's bridge,	30	0	0
Tom Tidney's bridge to David Hamilton's, and to repay Lathrop Freeman £1 for repairing bridge,	25	0	0
David Hamilton's to Jordan bridge,	40	0	0
Jordan bridge to E. Martin's,	20	0	0
E. Martin's to Joseph Holden's,	23	0	0
Joseph Holden's to Roseway bridge,	17	0	0
Shelburne to Stephen Acker's,	17	0	0
Stephen Acker's to commencement of alteration on post road,	40	0	0
Commencement of alteration on new line of post road to Clyde bridge, including bridges,	60	0	0
Clyde bridge to Boyd's,	20	0	0
Boyd's to grist mill, including bridge,	68	0	0
Grist mill to Yarmouth county line, by post road,	40	0	0
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	£400	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 1856, be appropriated as follows:

To repair main post road from John Holden's to George Taylor's,	£15	0	0
Augustine LeBlanc's to New Edinburg,	15	0	0
Gros Coques bridge and Charles LeBlanc's road,	25	0	0
Patrick Zebideau's hill,	15	0	0
Road from Joseph R. Sonia's to Augustine Sonia's,	20	0	0
build a bridge near Peter Dousett's,	30	0	0
pay over-expenditure on Montegan bridge, to G. Sonia,	9	15	0
A. Devaux, advances to repair bridge on Salmon River,	15	13	0
repair hill and Aboiteau west of sea wall,	14	0	0
road from Petite Passage, westward, Long Island,	14	0	0
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To repair Main post road from Mink Cove to Little River,	£14	0	0
J. Morehouse's corner to the west end of the lake,	13	0	0
road from west end of the lake to Sandy Cove,	13	0	0
Trout Cove to Sandy Cove old road,	14	0	0
To be placed in the hands of his excellency the lieutenant-governor to open and repair the new line of road between Bear River and Weymouth bridge,	100	0	0
repair Sissiboo bridge,	90	0	0
pay Stephen Marshall's over-expenditure, Gilbert's Cove,	3	0	0
repair draw in Joggin bridge,	40	12	0
repair road from Little River to Petite Passage,	15	0	0
	£476	0	0

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To repair hill and road at Jacob Roop's,	9	0	0
Morgan road,	14	0	0
Parker road,	10	0	0
Lake hill road,	20	0	0
Hill south of John Crosby's,	6	0	0
Shelburne road beginning at No. 9, running to South Range road,	9	0	0
Cross road from Bloomfield to South Range road,	7	0	0
road between Smith's and Sulis' farm,	9	0	0
from main road post road on Bloomfield road to Henry Green's rear line,	20	0	0
from Henry Green's rear line to Bloomfield,	15	0	0
Abbott road from main post road to Seely's mills,	9	0	0
road from Seely's mill to Neck road,	10	0	0
Cross road, district No. 54, township Weymouth,	10	0	0
Faulkner road from Shaw bridge to James Purdy's,	60	0	0
open and repair new cross road from Richard Sanderson's to North Range road,	12	0	0
open and repair new cross road from Gilbert's Cove to South Range road,	18	0	0
pay Jacob Roop for over-expenditure on bridge near Jacob Roop's, Gulliver's Hole road,	5	15	6
repair road from Broad Cove to post road by Hutchinson's,	10	0	0
repair road from Broad Cove to post road by Hutchinson's,	15	0	0
open and repair road from W. F. Marshall's wharf, northward, along Bear River,	8	0	0
repair bridge and road on cross road from Saint Mary's Bay Church to North Range,	14	0	0
Tebo road from main road to Lake Hill,	17	0	0
Lake Hill, Southward,	17	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,	15	0	0
Mumford road,	10	0	0
road from J. McBride's to French Settlement cross road,	12	0	0
Widow O'Brien's to Widow McConnell's,	12	0	0
Mistake bridge to East branch,	16	0	0
Bear River road to Mistake bridge,	14	0	0
Payson's hill ending at J. Dousett's,	13	0	0
Oakes' corner to Upper Falls,	10	0	0
Colin Porter's to South-west angle,	12	0	0

To

To repair road from Alder Cove to Brook's line, thence to main road,	£12	0	0
Donegan's to D. Ross', mountain road,	10	0	0
D. Ross' corner to Gulliver's hole road,	8	0	0
To repair road from Racket bridge to Campbell's brook,	7	0	0
and gravel road from W. B. Condon's to Turnbull's bridge,	13	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 Devoult's,	12	0	0
District No. 6, from Capaboom's bridge, west,	10	0	0
from Brier's Island to Light house,	30	0	0
W. Ham's corner on North range road, easterly,	8	0	0
Swamp road to Joseph Cook, junr., on north bridge road,	10	0	0
Alder cove to Lent's, on the barrens,	10	0	0
Lot No. 16, South Range road to Bear River.	15	0	0
To level hill and repair road from Lake hill to county line,	18	0	0
repair road from W. Handspiker's to Abraham Vantapel's,	8	0	0
Road long the west line of township to Grand Joggin's,	9	0	0
from south-west angle of township to Provost brook,	10	0	0
J. Abbott's head of Saint Mary's Bay to the marsh,	10	0	0
Sissiboo road from township line west,	15	0	0
road from Morgan's road to Big Still water,	10	0	0
going past Richard Clark's to Digby road,	6	0	0
West line of Thomas O'Connor's farm, east,	10	0	0
from Thomas Settlement to Bloomfield,	9	0	0
Tusket road to Bend of Sissiboo river,	12	0	0
Colin Porter's,	10	0	0
road and bridge near William Marr's,	10	0	0
from Mumsford's to Kay's mill,	5	0	0
Gravel road from J. Vantapel's to A. Ventapel's,	6	0	0
Repair road and bridge over Crowley's brook, mountain road,	9	0	0
from Nicholas Tebo's corner to Mumford road,	10	0	0
South side of North-east cove, Long Island,	10	0	0
North side of North-east cove, Long Island,	13	0	0
from Shook's lot to Comeau's corner,	9	0	0
Edwin Jones' to Wm. Marr's, Bloomfield,	9	0	0
road West branch, Bear River, old Micmac, to Morgan's mills,	13	0	0
Repair Dick's hill near first falls Sissiboo river,	23	0	0
Road from George Ross' farm westward,	10	0	0
James Langford, senr., to Tusket road,	9	0	0
Widow McConnell's to T. Devoult's,	12	0	0
Jedre's corner, Gilbert's cove, by Thomas Lewis',	15	0	0
New road from Mrs. Snows to Joggin bridge,	8	0	0
Road and level hills from the church, Sandy Cove to J. Merritt's,	12	0	0
Nathan Seely, to pay over-expenditure on bridge,	1	8	0
Road from Francis Geho's house to main road,	8	0	0
William B. Condon, over-expenditure last year,	2	5	7
Miles Woodman, advances on new road,	3	2	0
road from W. Hains' corner to South Range,	16	0	0
repair road from school house to county line,	7	10	0
Main road to Josiah Porter's,	12	0	0
Pleasant cove,	7	0	0
Road county line by Clement Pary's,	7	10	0
Salmon river bridge to John Jedre's,	10	0	0
Road, John Jedre to Harrington's,	10	0	0
Harrington's to B. Devoux's,	9	0	0

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To repair road from Josiah Porter's road to Joel Hall's,	£7	0	0
Main road to the shore by Devoux's,	5	0	0
Road back of Cheticamp grant,	8	0	0
Charles Comeau and Philip Jedre's line,	15	0	0
Cape Cove Brick to the landing,	7	0	0
Boudro and Mallett's line,	8	0	0
Main road to Round hill,	7	0	0
Main road to Bear Cove,	6	0	0
Road to Jesse Oakes' line,	9	0	0
Doucett's and Therrio's line,	8	0	0
Oliver Doucett, eastward 2d division,	11	0	0
Bapt. Saulnier and Peter Godet, to the Tusket road,	10	0	0
Francis Therrio's road,	9	0	0
To repair Therrio's road to Joseph Devoux's,	7	0	0
Road on M. Comeau's line,	7	0	0
Nicholas LeBlanc's and Stephen Roman's line, 2nd div.	9	0	0
Lombard and Celestine Comeau's line, 2nd division,	9	0	0
Joseph M. Comeau's and Joseph Therrio's line, 2nd div.	9	0	0
Seraphim Saulnier and Joseph Therrio's line, 2nd division,	8	0	0
Duffus and Saulnier's line,	8	0	0
John Saulnier's line,	8	0	0
Joseph S. Saulnier's line,	10	0	0
Timothy Saulnier's, eastward, 3rd division,	10	0	0
from Joseph M. Comeau's, eastward,	7	0	0
To repair Joseph Timolt's road,	7	0	0
Joseph F. Comeau's road,	8	0	0
Road from Joseph F. Comeau's to Joseph Saulnier's,	8	0	0
Peter Comeau's line,	8	0	0
Road from Usabel Godet's to Joseph F. Comeau's,	8	0	0
Post road to Francis LeBlanc's,	8	0	0
Montegan's River to Mark Thebido's,	10	0	0
Road from Francis LeBlanc's to Menteghan's River,	10	0	0
Mark Thebido's to Tusket road,	10	0	0
G. Thebo's road,	7	0	0
Bonnifant road,	8	0	0
Road from Placide LeBlanc's line,	12	0	0
Peter Melanson's and Christopher Dugat's,	10	0	0
Post road to Belliveaus's farm,	10	0	0
Road from Belliveau's farm to Tusket road,	8	0	0
John Holden's to Charles P. Godet's,	6	0	0
Francis Dousett's road,	6	0	0
Road from Charles P. Godet's to Tusket road,	10	0	0
Saml. Smith's to Nowlen's road,	8	0	0
Michael Wood's to Wm. Sparval's,	10	0	0
Griffiths' road,	7	0	0
Charles F. Comeau's road,	10	0	0
Road from Millidge's line to Peter Therrio's, westward,	8	0	0
Montegan River, westward,	8	0	0
From Oliver Godet's to Samuel Smith's,	7	0	0
Clay Brook road,	6	0	0
Payson's meadow road,	8	0	0
Road from Clement Melanson's to Peter Melanson's,	12	0	0
Peter Melanson's to Corporan's,	8	0	0
Patrick Nowlan's road,	9	0	0
Bank at Digby,	20	9	0

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To repair road from Sissiboo road, south side road from Carter Bell's on:			
South Range road, westerly,	£11	0	0
build a bridge over outlet at Gulliver's Hole,	12	0	0
finish alteration at hill near Timpany's,	15	0	0
repair Post's bridge and road,	5	0	0
Stone bridge near Bear River slip and slip,	15	0	0
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	£1561	0	0

Resolved, That the sum of forty-five pounds eleven shillings undrawn money for the road and bridge service in the county of Digby, be appropriated as follows :

To repair bridge near Wm. Tourneay's,	£21	0	0
gravel and repair road from Racket bridge to W. B. Condon's hill,	7	11	0
repair road from Campbell's brook to Fitz Gerald's beach,	7	0	0
Broad Cove and Gut road, district number 4,	10	0	0
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	£45	11	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 four hundred pounds for the great roads in the county of Sydney for the current year, be appropriated as follows :

To repay Adam McKenzie, supervisor of great roads for advances in opening a section of a new road at Little Tracadie, and making repairs upon other parts of the new post road from Pictou county line to Gut of Canso,	160	7	9
Moses Summer's amount expended in building a bridge on Bailey's brook, on road leading from main post road past said Summer's,	11	10	0
Elisha W. Randall amount expended on new road leading from main road to wharf, Little River,	15	0	0
Elias Mattie amount expended in building a new bridge on new line of road leading to McNair's cove,	21	4	2
Donald McDougald amount expended in building a bridge across Doctor's brook on new road leading from Arisaig to Back Settlement.	12	0	0
John Gillies amount expended on new line of road from Arisaig to Henry's road,	10	0	0
Julean Delorie amount expended in repairing a road from Barrio's beach to county line,	3	8	4
John Cameron amount expended in repairing road from Widow Donald McPhee's to county line on west side South River lake,	5	6	7
Alexander McDonald and Ronald McIsaac amount expended on bridge at Malignant Cove and Bank at Doctor's Brook,	79	11	10
Michael Maddock amount expended on road from J. Symond Eagar's to Back Settlement, Little Tracadie,	4	0	0
Levi Irish amount expended on road from Levi Irish to Little River,	10	0	0
D. Campbell and C. Chisholm amount expended on road from Pompket Forks to St. Andrew's,	107	18	2
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To repay Donald McGillvray amount expended on road from Big Marsh to Morristown,	£5 0 0
J. McDonald and C. McDonald amount expended on new road from Grant's through Brown's mountain,	101 18 4
Robert McDonald amount expended on bridge on North Lake,	46 12 0
John McGillvray and Allan Cameron amount expended on new line of road round the South-west arm of South lake, Morristown,	61 14 0
Hugh McGillvray amount expended on road from Knoydart to Ronald Smith's,	5 17 6
Duncan Cameron amount expended in repairing road from John Cameron's to Allan McPherson's,	35 7 9
Donald Gillies amount expended in repairing road from Cameron's mill to D. Gillie's,	2 2 0
John McKinnon amount expended in repairing road from Pompket Forks to Little River,	6 14 1
Julcan Landry amount expended in repairing bridge at Castore, Pettipas, Tracadie,	6 13 4
Angus McDonald amount expended in repairing road from Arisaig to county line,	10 0 0
John Smith amount expended in repairing road from back Settlement Knoydart to Delanie's,	15 0 0
Richard Irvin amount expended on road from Donald Chisholm to wharf at Harbor a Boche,	5 8 0
William Hunter amount expended on new line of road from Widow Carrol's through the Hollowell grant,	12 0 0
John McIntyre amount expended on new road between Meadow Green and Mills' saw mill,	8 8 0
Valentine McKenzie and D. Fraser amount expended on new road from St. Andrew's to Lower South River,	97 9 5
James Taylor amount expended on road from Taylor's mill to South River,	10 0 0
A. McLean amount expended on new line of road from Ohio to Capoch,	12 14 6
Hugh McDonald (Ban) amount expended on bridge, west side West River,	6 0 0
D. McInnces and William Carigan amount expended in repairing roads from Addington Forks to Stuart's mill,	10 0 0
Hugh McGillvray amount expended in making and repairing bridge on road from Scot's bridge to Malignant Cove,	2 19 0
A. McDonald and J. McDonald amount expended in repairing road from chapel at Pompket forks to the old Guysborough road,	14 0 0
Hugh McDonald and Andrew Gillies amount expended in making and repairing a piece of new road between Malignant Cove and Livingston's Brook, Cape George,	18 15 0
Balance of ordinary grant at the disposal of the lieutenant governor to be hereafter appropriated,	626 1 3
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	£1561 0 0
Great road grant,	400 0 0
To J. W. Ritchie, esquire, one half of two hundred pounds and interest for one year, borrowed under an act of the session of 1854, for making a road from Antigonishe to Sherbrooke,	112 0 0

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This sum placed at the disposal of the lieutenant governor to be hereafter appropriated,	288 0 0
	£400 0 0

COUNTY OF GUYSBOROUGH.

Resolved, That the sum four hundred pounds granted for the service of the great roads in the county of Guysborough, for the present year, be applied as follows, viz :

To repair Eastern road between Halifax county line and forks bridge, and to pay Messrs. Glencross and Hattie, over-expenditure in 1855, £76 14 9, and A. Kirk £1 7 4 on bridge at forks in 1855,	£133 6 8
pay over-expenditure by John Leet in 1855, on new line between Hartshorne's bars and town line,	12 6 6
repair road between Ehler's bridge and cross roads at intervale, and to pay over-expenditure by Richard Dunphy in 1855,	15 0 0
road between Wells' corner and Ehler's bridge, and to pay over-expenditure by John Tory, £3 6 6 on bridge at Narrows, in 1855,	10 0 0
road between Hartshorne's bars and Wells' corner, and to pay over-expenditure by E. Dillon in 1855,	8 6 9
road between cross roads intervale and Mink bridge, and to pay Colin Chisholm over-expenditure in 1854, £1 16 6,	12 10 0
road between Mink bridge and M. Doyle's, and to pay M. Doyle over-expenditure in 1855, £1 7 9,	10 0 0
road between M. Doyle's and county line,	7 10 0
build a bridge at Salmon river, near Lawler's, and to pay advance to D. Lawler in 1855, £3 17 1, and over-expenditure by him in 1855, £2 2 11, re-building bridge at Munroe's brook,	58 10 0
improve new line of road between McNair's Cove and Pirate Cove, and to pay A. Atwater £1 10 expended by him in 1854; also the sum due to John McGuire, securing materials for bridge,	50 0 0
open and improve new line of road from Milford Haven bridge to W. Simpson's, and to pay over-expenditure on said road in 1855, £67 11 6 in addition to £20 voted for same service and undrawn,	50 0 0
complete alteration between Goose Harbor bridge and Gleakey's bridge on Gut road,	20 0 0
repair road between Harley's and Country Harbor bridge, and to pay over-expenditure by W. Mason, £1 12 9, and by Donald McDonald £4 5 in 1855,	12 10 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; and the further sum of thirty-six pounds nineteen shillings and five pence, undrawn and appropriated for the same service, be applied as follows :

To repair the road from McKay's cross roads to Paul's Leet's,	£10 0 0
Paul Leet's to John Stropole's,	10 0 0
Mahar's west line to James Hamilton's, on the reserve road,	5 0 0
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To repay James Tory, sen. over-expended by him,	£5	17	6
repay James Phalen the sum expended by him in 1855, on the shore road between Whitman's and Marshall's,	11	18	6
repay James Tory, junr. the sum expended by him in repairing Goose Harbor bridge,	10	0	0
John Mahar the sum of £9 12 4, expended by him in 1854, on the road between Anderson's and Mundle's,	9	12	4
repay Peter Wall the sum of £7 10 expended by him in 1855 on road to Black Settlement,	7	10	0
William Wylde the sum of £10 1 expended by him in 1855 between Clam Harbor bridge and school house,	10	1	0
George Cann for building a bridge in 1855, near his own place,	12	1	0
Michael O'Brien, expenditure in 1855 of £8 13 on the Dig- gon's road, and to repair the same,	18	13	0
James McKenzie, over-expenditure in 1855 on new line of road from Tracadie to McNair's Cove,	53	8	0
repair the road from Milford Haven River to Peter Wall's, on the Tracadie road,	10	0	0
the road from County line to Township line, by P. Davie's,	4	0	0
the road from Half-way run to County line;	7	10	0
the road between McNair's Cove and county line,	7	10	0
the road from James Hamilton's to P. Murphy's,	7	10	0
the road from Broad Cove to Mahar's west line, and to pay C. Morgan £1 expended by him in the Gut of Canso,	11	0	0
open and repair the road from Daniel Porper's bridge to Thomas Pha- len's, and make and repair bridge,	20	0	0
repair the road from Thomas Phalen's to Poor's bridge, and to erect a new bridge over Poor's brook,	30	0	0
the road and make bridge from Poor's brook to Goose harbor bridge,	15	0	0
repair the road from Myers' bridge to Goose Harbour bridge, and to pay James Cody 10s. expended by him in 1855,	7	8	7
the road from Peter Wall's to Half-way run,	10	0	0
improve the road and build bridges on the cross roads past Henry Tory's,	10	0	0
repair bridges from A. O'Neil's to Gut of Canso,	5	0	0
the road from Anderson's to Pirate Cove,	15	0	0
improve the road from Patrick Murphy's to Tracadie, and to pay over-expenditure in 1855,	11	0	0
improve the road from Michael Carpenter's to Morris' mill, and from thence to meet Guysborough road, and to pay over-expenditures to E. Mattie, in 1855,	10	0	0
repair the road passing Thomas O'Brien's, from the lower to the upper gut road,	10	0	0
improve the road from Boudrot's mill to county line, on the road to the shore,	10	0	0
build bridge over S. W. Pond, at Crow Harbor,	10	0	0
pay D. Dobson over-expenditures on bridge, Half-way run, White Head road,	7	5	0
repair or alter road between New Canso road Hanlover's, White Head,	70	0	0
pay over-expenditure by George Norris on new line between Fox Island and Philips' harbor, including interest on money borrowed,	193	17	3
pay over-expenditure by James Tory, on road across Guysborough intervale, in 1855,	11	13	0

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To repair Miller's bridge interval, and to improve road thence to county line on Little River road,	£15	0	0
repair road between Tannery road and Alexander Willis',	6	0	0
pay Elias Cook over-expenditure in 1855,	5	19	1
pay M. Kelly 20s., and Charles Kenny £5 8s. 1½d., over-expenditure by them in 1855,	6	18	1
pay J. Kennedy £3 3s. 6d., and J. Brophy £5, over-expenditure by them in 1855,	8	3	6
pay Thomas Hughes over-expenditure rebuilding Hughes' bridge, in 1855,	7	0	0
pay John Sinclair over-expenditure by him in 1855, on new line from Goshen to Country harbor,	108	6	10
pay Neil Gunn over-expenditure on East River bridge in 1851, a sum not exceeding	20	0	0
aid in building a bridge across West River, at or near John Hattie's,	87	0	0
repair Cochran Hill road,	25	0	0
repair road between Archibald's Tannery and Sherbrooke, in addition to £20 granted in 1855, and unexpended,	20	0	0
repair road between Sherbrooke and Ely's Cove, and to pay W. Lynch over-expenditure in 1855, £9 9s.	17	10	0
improve road between St. Mary's River and Liscomb's,	17	10	0
between Liscomb's and Clay Head,	10	0	0
between Clay Head and Ecum Secum bridge,	10	0	0
between George Herrit's and Indian harbor,	12	10	0
repair road west side Indian Harbor lakes, and to pay W. Rude over-expenditure in 1855, £6 3s. 10d.,	12	10	0
East side Indian Harbor lakes,	10	0	0
Indian harbor to Holland's harbor, and to pay £7 10s. over-expenditure by A. Dick in 1855,	15	0	0
repair road from church at Sherbrooke to Indian harbor Lake road,	10	0	0
improve road from Tannery at Archibald's, to Indian harbor lakes, and to pay James Furlong over-expenditure in 1855, £11 3s. 3d.,	25	0	0
open road from Forks, north side Kirk's hill, to school house at end of East River road, and to pay S. Cumming's over-expenditure in 1855, £10 15s. 9d.,	25	0	0
repair road between East River bridge, at county of Pictou line, and school house at end of East River road,	20	0	0
road between cross roads, R. Sinclair's and Bear brook,	7	10	0
improve road between county of Sydney line and Bear brook,	15	0	0
road, Archibald's to Stewart's, Country harbor,	10	0	0
road, Stewart's to Isaac's harbor,	10	0	0
Isaac's harbor to New harbor,	10	0	0
West side of Country harbor,	10	0	0
improve new line road from McNeil's back lands, St. Mary's to Grant lake,	12	10	0
build bridge over Miller's Cove, and to open road by Francheville's Point, in addition to £25 granted for same service in 1855, and undrawn, and to pay £26 advanced by government for one-third of contract,	60	0	0
This sum towards the erection of a bridge over Milford Haven River,	200	0	0
To aid in building bridge over Salmon River, and to repay government advance 1855 of £16 13s. 4d. to John Jamieson,	110	16	7
	£1597	19	5

County

 COUNTY OF RICHMOND.

Resolved, That the respective sums of three hundred and sixty pounds for the great road service,—fifteen hundred and sixty-one pounds for the ordinary road and bridge service granted for the county of Richmond for the year 1856,—and also the sum of eighty-one pounds and four pence undrawn and unappropriated for the year 1855, be appropriated as follows :

GREAT ROAD SERVICE.

To pay the government for advance in 1855,	£50	0	0
Donald McKay over-expenditure,	7	5	3
From River Inhabitant's bridge, county Richmond to county line,	220	0	0
St. Peter's to the Points, St. George's channel,	50	0	0
Arichat to Grand Lake, main post road,	30	0	0
Grand Lake to Grandique,	20	0	0
This sum towards building Slip's at Grandique,	32	14	9
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	£410	0	0

ORDINARY ROAD AND BRIDGE SERVICE.

To pay the government for advance in 1855,	45	0	0
William Brymer bridge at Black Brook,	2	0	0
William Brymer repairing bridge at Black Brook,	5	0	0
Donald Campbell, Lynch's River to Scott's River,	8	0	0
Alex. McDonald, bridge L. Lomond,	15	0	0
Francis Laffert,	10	0	0
Alexander Murchison,	25	0	0
Alex. Murchison,	15	0	0
Roderick McLeod,	3	11	3
Donald McLean,	4	10	0
Ronald Gillis,	10	0	0
Kenneth McLeod,	15	5	0
Kenneth McLeod,	6	17	4
Archibald McDermid,	11	0	0
Thomas Maunder,	44	6	4
James Campbell,	18	9	3
James Campbell,	2	18	6
Simon Martell,	4	4	0
Simon Forgeron,	3	14	0
John Paon,	1	14	3
Archibald McDermid,	1	0	0
Peter Louhert,	0	5	7
Stephen Briard,	0	4	9
Philp Doyle,	1	2	6
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	254	2	9

ROAD DISTRICTS.

From Bear Island to Ship Harbour, within county line,	£20	0	0
McPherson's to James Proctor's,	12	0	0
Building bridge on Mill Brook, Carriboo Cove, and repairing road,	20	0	0
From McCarthy's to main post road,	14	0	0
John Proctor's to James Walsh's,	10	0	0
			From

From River Inhabitants to Lennox Passage,	£10	0	0
River Inhabitants to Kempt road,	10	0	0
Basin, River Inhabitants to Kempt road,	10	0	0
Bridge at River Inhabitants to West Bay,	10	0	0
Road round head West Bay to county line,	10	0	0
McLauchlin's bridge to Ballam's beach,	10	0	0
West Bay cross roads towards Ballam's,	8	0	0
To repair Black River bridge,	15	0	0
From Black River bridge to William McKenzie's,	14	0	0
William McKenzie's to ———	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 to Dougald McDougald's, new line,	25	0	0
Donald McDougall's, half-way, to Black River,	10	0	0
Black River, half-way, to Donald McDougall's,	10	0	0
Alexander McRea's, Black River, to McLean's, (Ban)	10	0	0
Main Post road at Strachan's, to D. Sutherland's,	25	0	0
Allan Morrison's, half-way, to cross roads,	10	0	0
James Pringle's to William Urquhart's,	10	0	0
Cross roads at R. Morrison's to Ross' mills,	12	0	0
River Tear bridge to Patrick Kyte's,	10	0	0
Patrick Kyte's to Hugh McDonald's,	10	0	0
Post road near Madden's, towards south side River Bourgeois,	12	0	0
Shore of River Bourgeois to main post road,	10	0	0
Road from the entrance of River Bourgeois to Boyd's,	8	0	0
Black Brook to main post road,	8	0	0
St. Peter's to Cornelius Rieley's,	15	0	0
Cornelius Rieley's to rear of McNeil's,	15	0	0
McNeil's towards Brymer's,	10	0	0
L'Ardoise to Salmon River,	10	0	0
Temple Bonat's to Stinking ponds,	10	0	0
Brymer's towards Mombourquet's,	12	0	0
Urbain Mombourquet's to A. Grassie's,	12	0	0
Alexr. Grassie's to Wm. Murphy's,	10	0	0
William Murphy's to Wm. Fitzgerald's,	10	0	0
Bridge near Fitzgerald's to Cape Bouchelott,	10	0	0
Cross roads L'Ardoise to Point Michan,	12	0	0
L'Ardoise road to Hugh McLean's,	10	0	0
Hugh McLean's to Kenneth McCaskill's,	10	0	0
McCaskill's to Alex. Urquhart's, new line,	15	0	0
Grand River bridge to Loch Lomond Settlement,	20	0	0
McCuspeck's to Neil Morrison's,	10	0	0
Neil Morrison's to Roderick Bethure's,	10	0	0
Roderick Bethure's to D. Morrison's, senr.,	10	0	0
Donald Morrison's, senr., to assumed county line,	10	0	0
Roderick Morrison's, Alex. son to Finlay Morrison's,	10	0	0
Finlay Morrison's to the church, north side,	10	0	0
Assumed county line to Kenneth McLeod's,	10	0	0
Kenneth McLeod's to Widow Shaw's,	10	0	0
Widow Shaw's to main post road, Red Islands,	15	0	0
McNab's to Loch Lomond,	15	0	0
Malcom McCaskill's to the church,	10	0	0
Grand River bridge to Ferguson's Lake,	12	0	0
Ferguson's Lake to Mathewson's at St. Esprit,	10	0	0

From

From Irish Cove to Loch Lomond within county line,	£10	0	0
St. Esprit to Flamboise,	20	0	0
Main road Grand River to the mill,	10	0	0
Road round Forchee Harbor,	15	0	0
Flamboise to Morrison's mill,	15	0	0
Sydney road to Indian Island,	9	0	0
River Tear bridge towards Pringle's mill,	10	0	0
Alex. Ferguson's to McKae's mill,	10	0	0
Kempt road to McKae's mill,	10	0	0
River Tear bridge towards River Bourgeois,	12	0	0
Grand River to Lewis Cove,	12	0	0
Donald Sutherland's to Hugh McDonald's,	10	0	0
Settlement of rear lands towards River Tear,	10	0	0
Cross roads Kempt road to B. River road,	10	0	0
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	867	0	0
Over-expenditure,	254	2	9
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	£1121	2	9

TOWNSHIP APPROPRIATION.

From Grandique road north of Round Lake,	5	0	0
Petit de Grate to Little Ance,	5	0	0
Grandique road to Martinique,	8	0	0
Grandique to and including bridge at Paulamond,	10	0	0
Bridge at Paulamonde to Cape LaRonde,	12	0	0
Cape LaRonde to Rocky Bay rear of ponds,	10	0	0
Petit Nez to Le Couteur's,	7	0	0
Arichat on D'Escouse road to Lambert's hill,	20	0	0
To make the road round Lambert's hill,	10	0	0
From Lambert's hill to D'Escouse,	30	0	0
To cut D'Escouse hill,	8	0	0
From Cross roads rear of Janvrin's to Bew's,	10	0	0
Bews to Ballam's at Petit DeGrate,	9	0	0
On the road past Bew's to Bourdroit's at Petit DeGrate,	10	0	0
From Cape Auget to Brook rear of Kavanagh's point,	6	0	0
Brook rear of Kavanagh's point to John Goyetch's,	8	0	0
John Joyetch's round the head of Arichat Harbour,	12	0	0
Rocky Bay to D'Escouse, by Doyle's,	10	0	0
Alex. Madden's to Thomas Wood's,	10	0	0
E'Escouse road to Marchand's, Rocky Bay,	6	0	0
Wood's to McNeil's bridge and repair same,	10	0	0
On the road north side of Petit DeGrate Harbour,	12	0	0
From Paulamond southerly to D'Escouse road,	7	0	0
Simon Richard's to Brook rear of Kavanagh's Point,	10	0	0
On the road from Groz Nez to Petit DeGrate,	10	0	0
From John Edwards' to D'Escouse road,	5	0	0
Edward Landry's, south side P. D. Gate's, to Jerome Martell's,	6	0	0
Jerome Martell's to Fabien Sampson's,	6	0	0
Fabien Sampson's to Little Ance,	7	0	0
Chapel to Little Arichat bridge,	12	0	0
Little Arichat bridge to Grand Russeau bridge,	10	0	0
On the road north side of Grand Russeau harbour,	7	0	0
From Balion's Hill to Hubert's, repair bridges,	10	0	0
Bridge at Maskill's hill,	10	0	0
From the chapel, main road to D'Escouse road,	12	0	0
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From Woods' cottage to D'Escouse road to LeCouteur's,		£12	0	0
To repair road, Babon's hill,		6	6	0
From Cross road near G. E. Jean's to meet D'Escouse road,		10	0	0
To cut a road from Martinique to Grand Russeau, and pay surveyor,		25	0	0
This sum towards building slips at Grandique,		32	0	0
From Arichat towards Grandique,		10	0	0
This sum unappropriated,		35	17	6
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		£1592	0	4
Amount, ordinary road and bridge service,	1561	0	0	
“ unappropriated last year,	31	4	0	1592 0 4
Amount of great road service,	360	0	0	
“ unappropriated last year,	50	0	0	410 0 0

COUNTY OF VICTORIA.

Resolved, That the sum of £1941 0 0 granted for the great and cross roads service of the county of Victoria for the year 1856, be appropriated as follows—also the sum of £42 1 2 being undrawn from the year 1854 and 1855—in all £1983 1. 2.

This sum to pay over-expenditure on Victoria bridge,		£131	11	8
“ “ over-expenditure on McKenzie's bridge,		342	12	3
“ “ over-expenditure in tracing new lines,		5	6	9
“ “ over-expenditure in the year 1854, and in the year 1853, as per F. W. McKenzie's account,		26	12	7
“ “ over-expenditure on Baddeck's post road,		39	16	11
“ “ over-expenditure on ship-yard road,		85	5	9
“ “ over-expenditure on bridge and road at Middle River, great road,		13	7	9
“ “ over-expenditure on North River bridge,		25	0	0
“ “ Donald Smith for clearing main road,		0	13	9
“ “ Francis McKenzie for engineering, &c., 1855,		105	0	0
“ “ Cove bridge,		4	2	0
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		£779	9	5
This sum to be expended in finishing the new line from Grand Narrows to Portage,		60	0	0
“ expended in opening a road from Murdoch McCaskill's to Portage, north side narrows,		43	0	0
“ expended on the road from McCaskil's to Angus McDonald's grant, south side of St. Patrick's church,		25	0	0
“ expended in continuing new line, upper Wasabuck to Angus McDonald's,		25	0	0
“ expended from John Morrison's, Kain's mountain, to Lower Wasabuck,		20	0	0
“ expended in continuation of new line across Lower Wasabuck towards Grand Narrows,		20	0	0
“ expended from Grand Narrows to Gillis' Point,		10	0	0
“ expended north side St. Patrick's church to Little Narrows,		20	0	0
“ expended from Middle River bridge to site of Baddeck bridge, new line,		10	0	0
“ expended on road from site of Baddeck bridge to Baddeck town,		20	0	0
“ expended from town to McKay's pond, main line,		40	0	0

This sum to be expended from Nicholson's to C. Stewart's,	£60	0	0
" expended from ferry to Kelly's Cove, Slisebrochan,	30	0	0
" expended from Kelly's Cove to Cape Dolphin,	10	0	0
" expended in repairing upper bridge, Middle River, and the road towards J. McRae's,	30	0	0
" expended from Lake Ensley road,	15	0	0
" expended from Garlock road,	10	0	0
" expended from McKenzie's bridge towards Donald Rae's, north side Middle River,	15	0	0
" expended from Harris' Brook to Logan's Brook, old line. main post road,	80	0	0
" expended from Donald Gillis', North River, to McRae's forks,	20	0	0
" expended from Shaw's to Baddeck, new line,	64	0	0
" expended from McNab's towards upper bridge, Baddeck,	20	0	0
" expended from rear of Hume's Settlement to McKenzie's bridge,	7	10	0
" expended from Donald McKenzie's to Angus McLeod's, St. Ann's, Glen,	25	0	0
" expended from Donald McLeod's to Donald Smith's, south side of St. Ann's,	250	0	0
" expended from John Fisher's to English Town,	55	0	0
" expended in opening a road from Plaister Settlement to main post road,	20	0	0
" expended from Ells' Cove to Barrasois,	25	0	0
" expended from Malcolm McCaskill's to Smoky, including bridge at Wreck Cove,	70	0	0
" expended from Ingonishe to Smoky,	50	0	0
" expended from Bay St. Lawrence to Cape North,	10	0	0
" expended from North River bridge to Simon McKenzie's,	40	0	0
" expended from North River bridge to Tarbot,	10	0	0
" expended in continuation of new line, south side, Boularide, including a bridge at McKinnon's,	20	0	0
" expended from Fraser's to Kempt Head,	20	0	0
" expended on road from Duffies' to Point Aconia county line,	10	0	0
" expended in repairing road between two Baddeck's,	6	0	0
" expended from Baddeck bridge to Harris' brook, old line,	7	1	8
" expended from McClain's to McPhee's,	25	0	0
" expended from John Smith's to McKenzie's,	43	0	0
" expended from Munroe's mill to the old line,	33	0	0
" expended from North Barrasois road to Aspy Bay,	10	0	0
" expended from North Barrasois near Aspy Bay to Cape North,	10	0	0
" expended on Crowdy's mountain road,	10	0	0
	£1983	1	2

COUNTY OF QUEEN'S.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and seventeen pounds, granted for the great road service, and the sum of fifteen hundred and twelve pounds, granted for the roads and bridges generally; and also the sum of twenty-nine pounds two shillings, undrawn road monies, 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 Mill Village,	15	0	0
Mill Village to Beach Hill, including hill,	35	0	0
Beach Hill to Herring Cove,	25	0	0
Towards building a bridge at Herring Cove, and repairing road to S. Smith's,	35	0	1
From Stephen Smith's to William Dean's,	15	0	0
Liverpool to John Payzant's, 1st beach hill,	15	0	0
John Payzant's to Benjamin Smith's, 2nd beach hill,	15	0	0
Benjamin Smith's to Broad River,	15	0	0
Broad River to Donald Campbell's,	10	0	0
Donald Campbell's to Shelburne road,	10	0	0
Shelburne road to Lewis',	10	0	0
Port Mutton to Two Mile mark,	10	0	0
Two Mile mark to Michael Robertson's,	20	0	0
Michael Robertson's towards Port Jolly, and to finish alteration round Port Jolly hill,	35	0	0
Port Jolly hill to James McDonald's,	10	0	0
James McDonald's to county line,	35	0	0
Between Cowie's tan yard and Buskirk's,	20	0	0
Buskirk's and Angus McLeod's shop,	40	0	0
To repair Milton bridge,	15	0	0
From T. Ford's shop to Whitman Freeman's,	10	0	0
Minard's to five mile,	110	0	0
Five mile to eight mile,	27	10	0
Eight mile to Middlefield,	27	10	0
Jabish Morton's to seventeen mile,	45	0	0
Seventeen mile to Bear Trap Hill,	40	0	0
Bear Trap Hill to Verge's,	15	0	0
Verge's to McLeod's,	10	0	0
Hunt's black smith shop to Richard Bryden's, including bridges,	22	10	0
Richard Bryden's towards Hallot Collins',	10	0	0
Between Donald McPherson's and Luther Ledbetter's, to alter road round hills,	30	0	0
From Luther Ledbetter's to county line,	15	0	0
Brookfield corner to Caledonia corner,	15	0	0
Caledonia corner to Wheclar Mizard's road,	10	0	0
Wheclar Mizard's road to county line,	10	0	0
Whiteburne road to Caledonia road, towards Pittork's,	15	0	0
Brookfield towards school house, Pleasant River,	10	0	0
School house towards bridge, Pleasant River,	10	0	0
David Freeman's to county line,	10	0	0
End of new road, White Point road, for opening new road towards Liverpool,	100	0	0
Maloman's towards Broad River,	30	0	0
Port Medway towards Mill Village, and to build bridge,	45	0	0
Port Medway towards Mill Village road, Herring Cove road,	45	0	0
John Mowser's towards George Conrod's, new road,	30	0	0
George Conrod's to Pudding Pan, new road,	40	0	0
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From Pudding Pan towards Blue Berry, to open new road,	£15	0	0
C— towards Pudding Pan,	5	0	0
Wentzell's mill towards Soloman's,	25	0	0
Soloman's to Mill Village road,	5	0	0
Morton's mill to Greenfield,	27	0	0
Greenfield to Wellington,	5	0	0
Chelsea to Wellington,	20	0	0
Salmon River bridge to William Dean's,	30	0	0
Towards repairing Salmon River bridge,	15	0	0
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	£1280	0	0

CROSS ROADS.

From cross road, Port Medway, to Blue Berry,	10	0	0
John Briggins towards Mill Village, towards building bridge,	15	0	0
Briggins towards Fox Creek,	5	0	0
Peter Cahoon's down east side Port Medway,	5	0	0
School house towards Nathaniel Cahoon's,	5	0	0
Main road towards Camperdown,	12	10	0
Milton towards Nathan Ellis',	10	0	0
Nathan Ellis' towards mill, Herring Cove lake,	15	0	0
Mrs. E. Freeman's towards Milton bridge,	10	0	0
Academy towards Nathan Randle's,	5	0	0
William Corcum's towards Ritcey's,	7	10	0
Ritcey's towards Herring Cove,	7	10	0
African chapel towards Tar's,	10	0	0
Tar's towards Western Head,	10	0	0
Philip Hutman's towards Western Head,	10	0	0
White Point to Hunt's Point,	5	0	0
Hunt's Point to Beach Hill,	7	10	0
Cathesine River towards Port Mutton,	10	0	0
Robert Robertson's to Alexander Cameron's,	5	0	0
Alexander Cameron's to Angus McIntosh's,	10	0	0
Port Mutton towards William Fraser's,	5	0	0
New Building Cove towards Port Mutton,	5	0	0
Main road, Port Jolly, to Allan McDonald's,	7	10	0
Allan McDonald's to Alexander McDonald's,	7	10	0
Post road towards Port Le Bear, to alter road,	15	0	0
Loyd's towards Watson Burges',	7	10	0
Butler's to Lowe's lake,	15	0	0
Caledonia road to Butler's,	5	0	0
Kempt road to Cegamiegua lake,	15	0	0
Guzzle Mill to Indian Gardens,	15	0	0
Main road to James Nickerson's,	7	10	0
Waterloo street to James Gooseley's,	7	10	0
James Gooseley's to Matthew Munroe's,	7	10	0
Matthew Munroe's to James Purdy's,	7	10	0
Western Head towards Moose Harbour, to open new road,	35	0	0
David Smith's to main road,	5	0	0
Waterman's bridge to head Rocky Falls,	35	0	0
Head Rocky Falls to Wentworth's brook,	40	0	0
Wentworth's brook to foot of Salter's Falls,	75	0	0
Paul West's towards Alexander McLaughlan's,	15	0	0
To pay Peter Colp for building bridge in 1855,	10	0	0
Joseph T. Harlow for over-expenditure,	4	4	6
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From Laybold's road,	5	0	0
Loyd's to Wellington road,	5	0	0
Shore to main road, to Harrington's, Herring cove,	5	0	0
John Boyd's to main road,	7	10	0
Keimpt road towards Thomas Goody's,	7	10	0
Bartlett Freeman's farm to Brookfield road,	21	7	6
James Dulhanty's to main road,	5	0	0
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	£1858	2	0

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The committee appointed to consider of and report to the house the amount which will be required for its contingent expenses in the present session, report as follows :

That there is required for the salary of the clerk,	£200	0	0
Law clerk, and clerk of parliament,	150	0	0
Gentleman usher of the black rod, and serjeant-at-arms,	75	0	0
Chaplain,	25	0	0
Messengers, { 1st mes'ger 45 } { 2nd do. 20 }	65	0	0
Fuel, to be accounted for by the clerk,	20	0	0
This sum for contingencies, to be expended under direction of a committee of this house,	60	0	0
To pay the reporter,	100	0	0
R. Nugent, publishing debates,	25	0	0
English and Blackadar, do.,	25	0	0
A. Grant, do.	25	0	0
To pay James Venables, for services during the year in council chamber, and as assistant librarian,	25	0	0
To pay accounts, viz :			
J. & W. Compton, binding laws and journals,	28	12	6
A. & W. McKinlay, account for books,	5	2	6
do. do. stationery,	16	0	0
Graham & Son's account for books, &c.	33	11	10
Do. do. stationery,	36	0	0
E. G. Fuller's account for books,	8	16	11
Morton & Cogswell's account,	7	3	4
G. E. Morton & co's do.	2	0	0
J. W. Johnston, junr., do.	3	0	0
James Williamson's do.	8	12	0
Murray & Co's do.	2	10	0
Black, Brothers & co's do.	0	7	0
J. R. Smither's do.	0	7	3
J. J. Sawyer's do.	4	17	6
Gazette office do.	26	9	1
G. E. Morton & co., for council chamber,	2	13	7
Dechezeau & Crow,	0	14	9

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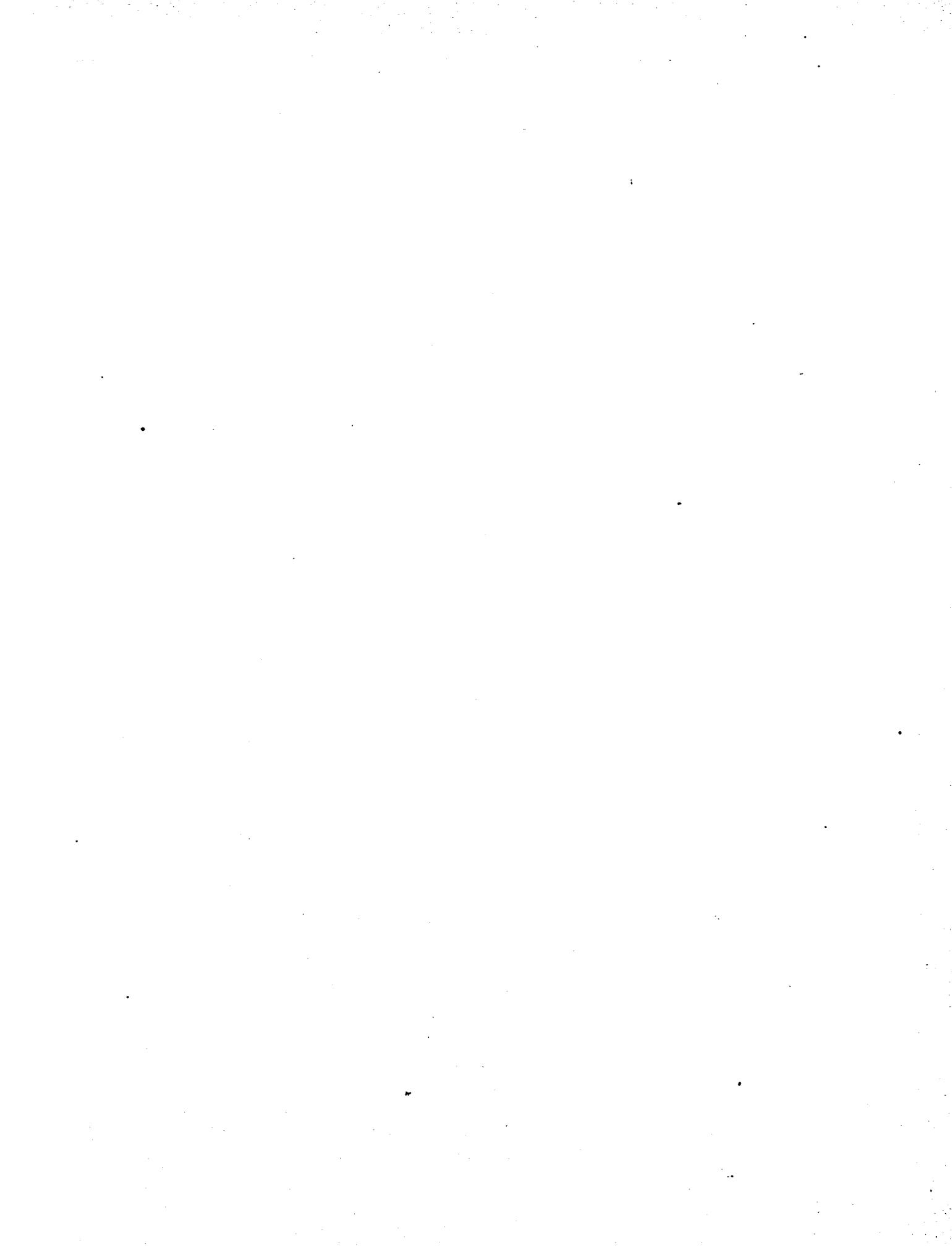
To pay Hon. J. E. Fairbanks' account for stationery,	2	0	0
J. B. Bennett & co's account,	2	5	0
Morton & Cogswell's do.	3	0	0
	£979		0 3

DAVID CRICHTON, chairman.

Committee room, April 9, 1856.

Ordered, That the said report be received and adopted.

On motion, *resolved*, that a conference be desired with the house of assembly, by committee, on the general state of the province, and that the committee of this house do communicate to the committee of the house of assembly, that the sum of nine hundred and seventy-nine pounds and five pence is required to defray the contingent expenses of this house for the present session.





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25. Of W. H. Harris, deputy sheriff, Pictou, for an increase of fees payable to Sheriffs, presented, and referred to select committee, 35, who report, 85 ; *see appendix No. 46* ; *see also petitions No. 76, and bills No. 59.*

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28. Of Mary Flinn, New Glasgow, for return of monies alleged to have been deposited in Savings' bank, presented and referred to select committee, 20, who report, 79; *see appendix No. 38.*
29. Of B. K. Dodge, Bridgetown, for remuneration for vaccinating poor persons, presented and referred to select committee, 20, who report, 142, which is referred to supply, 172, *see appendix No. 74*; grant to, 182, 197.
30. Of Alpheus Jones, deputy surveyor, Digby, that parties who had paid moneys to him for lands may receive grants, the proceeds of the crown lands sold to them having been remitted by him by mail and lost, presented and referred to select committee, 21, who report, 60; *see appendix No. 21.*
31. Of Ambrose Bourneuf, collector at Clare, for reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in collecting duties, presented and referred to select committee, 23, who report, 142; *see appendix No. 74*; grant, 182, 194.
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33. Of George Bingay, coroner, Yarmouth, for reimbursement, expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, presented and referred to committee on *petition No. 31*, who report, 14, *see appendix No. 74*; grant, 182, 194.
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40. Of sessions of Guysborough, for reimbursement of expense of maintaining and recapturing convicted criminals, presented, and referred to select committee, 27, who report, 174; *see appendix No. 87*; grants, 183, 197.
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41. Of Simon Fraser, Middle River, for grant to compensate him for a horse killed by electric telegraph wire, presented and referred to select committee, 28, who report, 78.
42. Of D. Urquhart, for remuneration for railroad survey, presented and referred to select committee, 28, who report, 81; *see appendix No. 41*; grant, 181, 194.
43. Of G. W. Freeman, Amherst, for alteration in laws respecting patents, presented, 28.
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44. Of C. H. Harrington, and E. P. Archbold, Sydney, C. B. for return of advances made by them to parties employed in the road service, presented and referred to select committee, 28, who report, 87; *see appendix No. 47.*
45. Of J. G. Balcomb, Clements, to be reimbursed expense of a prosecution against him for acts done by authority of the county surveyor, presented and referred to committee on petition No. 32, who report, 51; *see appendix, No. 20.*
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46. Of E. G. Fuller, for payment of balance alleged to be due him for books supplied to library of the assembly, presented and referred to select committee, 30, who report, 174; *see appendix No. 87*; grant, 183, 197.
47. Of inhabitants of Tracadie, for act to divide township, 30.
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48. Of James Campbell, Londonderry, to be reimbursed expense of a prosecution against him, for obstructing the highway, presented and referred to committee on amendments to criminal law, 30, who report, 140; *see appendix No. 73*; grant, 183, 197.
49. Of Daniel Dimock and others, Chester, praying that that township may be constituted a separate district for county purposes, 31.
50. Of Inhabitants of township of Argyle, (four) praying that that township may be constituted a separate district for county purposes, and exempted from operation of municipal incorporation act, presented, and leave given to bring in bill, 32.
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51. Of Michael Cody, Walton, for a grant in consideration of injuries sustained by him in performing his duty as a mail carrier, presented and referred to select committee, 32, who report, which is referred to supply, 133; *appendix No. 70*; grant, 183, 197.

No. 52. Of Oliver Brennan, Halifax, for a grant in consideration of numerous surgical operations performed for poor persons, presented, and referred to select committee, 32, who report, which is referred to supply, motion not to receive being negatived, 172; *see appendix No. 85*; grant, 183, 197.

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54. Of Messrs. Campbell & Co., Donald Morrison, and Donald McLean, for investigation into circumstances connected with a grant of water lots adjoining their respective premises at Baddeck, to other parties, presented and referred to select committee, 33.

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55. Of Matthew Sproule, West River, for compensation for loss sustained in erecting a bridge, presented, and referred to select committee, 33, who report, 67; *see appendix No. 29*.

56. Of Isaac McCurdy and others, Musquodoboit, for division of county of Halifax, 34.

57. Of John Maguire, Halifax, to be compensated for loss sustained in repairing a street in the city of Halifax, presented, and referred to select committee, 35; member added to committee, 76, who report, which is referred to supply, 80; *see appendix No. 39*.

58. Of R. James, esquire, Bridgetown, for alteration in law relating to assessments for the support of the poor, presented, and referred to select committee, 36, who report by bill, 94.

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59. Of John Young, North Sydney, praying compensation for a water lot adjoining his premises granted to another person, presented, and referred to committee on No. 54, who report, which is adopted, 121; *see appendix No. 65*.

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60. Of inhabitants of New Glasgow, for grant to aid in deepening the channel of the East River, presented, and referred to select committee, 37, who report, 83, which is referred to supply, 172; *appendix see No. 43*; grant, 183, 197.

61. Of E. Kent, Tatamagouche, for compensation for expenses of prosecution against him for acts done in performing his duty as a constable, presented, and referred to select committee, 37, who report, 111; *appendix No. 62*; grant, 183, 197.

62. Of John H. Potter, Clements, for compensation for crown land allotted to him by county surveyors, but granted to a prior claimant, presented, 38, and referred to committee on No. 32, who report, 51; *see appendix No. 20*.

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63. Of P. Christopher, Sydney, C. B., for compensation for services rendered to the late James Turnbull, esquire, presented and referred to select committee,

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- No. 64. Of inhabitants of Brier Island, for act to enable them to lay out highways of less width than that now authorised by law, presented, and leave given to introduce bill, 42.
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65. Of governors of Halifax Visiting dispensary, for a grant in aid of that institution, presented, and referred to select committee, 42, who report, 133; *see appendix No. 69.*
66. Of society for support of house of refuge, Halifax, for a grant in aid of that institution, presented, 42, and referred to committee on No. 65, who report, 133; *see appendix No. 69.*
67. Of Samuel Murphy, Halifax, for increase of fees payable to surveyors of shipping, presented, 42, referred to committee on No. 25, 72, who report, 85; *see appendix No. 46.*
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68. Of James Grant, for reimbursement of loss sustained by him in performing a contract on the railroad, presented, and motion to refer to select committee negatived on division, and petition ordered to be withdrawn, 42.
69. Of inhabitants of the city of Halifax, praying that the name of the city be altered to "Chebucto" presented, and leave given to introduce bill, 43.
70. Of inhabitants of Onslow for an act to permit the use of a school house in Onslow as a town hall, presented, and leave given to introduce bill, 43.
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71. Of inhabitants of Onslow for act to legalize the use of a copy of the original plan of that township in evidence, presented, and leave given to introduce bill, 43.
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72. Of Jacob P. Miller, praying enquiry into the causes of his dismissal from the office of superintendent of light houses, presented, and motion to refer to select committee, and debate thereon adjourned, 45, 48; motion to dismiss, and leave to withdraw, granted, 68—9.
73. Of inhabitants of Liverpool for legislation to protect nets of fishermen from injury by coasting vessels, presented, and leave to introduce bill, 46;
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74. Of hon. Thomas C. Haliburton, for permission to retire from the bench of the supreme court with the pension which he formerly enjoyed as a retired judge of the inferior court, 46; *and see bills No. 87.*
75. Of Richard Logue, Sydney, C. B. for compensation for expenses incurred connected with the trial of Nicholas H. Martin, and also for inquiry into the causes of his dismissal from the office of deputy sheriff, presented and referred to select committee, 46; who report, 80; *see appendix No. 39*; grant to, 102, 105.
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- No. 76. Of Charles Blanchard, sheriff of Colchester for increase of sheriffs fees, presented, 47; and referred to committee, on No. 25; who report by bill, 85; *and see bills* No. 59, *and petitions* No. 25.
77. Of inhabitants of Onslow for an act to vest church and glebe lands in trustees for public purposes, presented and referred to select committee, 47, who report, 191; *see appendix* No. 89.
78. Of inhabitants of King's county, that Cornwallis bridge may be converted into a drawbridge, presented, and leave given to introduce bill, 48.
79. Of shipwrights, Digby, that artizans employed in constructing vessels may have a lien on such vessels for their wages, presented, and referred to select committee, 51, who report, and report received and adopted on division, 75; *see appendix* No. 33.
80. Of inhabitants of Granville, (three,) one for, and two against repealing the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau, presented, and referred to select committee, 52, who report, 75; *see appendix* No. 34.
81. Of D. McRae, Black River, Richmond, for a grant to aid him in repairing a grist mill, 52.
82. Of inhabitants of Milton, for an act concerning the marking of logs, presented, and leave to introduce bill, 53.
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83. Of J. B. Hadley, McNair's cove, for compensation for arresting convicted criminals, escaped from the jail at Guysborough, presented, 55, and referred to committee on No. 40, who report, 174; *see appendix* No. 87; grant, 183, 197.
84. Of L. P. W. DesBrisay, of Richibucto, for grant to assist him in running a steamer between Pictou, Charlottetown, Bedeque and Shediac, presented and referred to select committee, 55, who report, 68; *see appendix* No. 28—*part 2*; grant, 195, 201.
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85. Of Nepean Clarke, esquire, for compensation for services as clerk to commissioners for issuing treasury notes, presented, and referred to select committee, 56, who report, and report not received on division, 151; *see appendix* No. 78.
86. Of C. B. Bowman, esquire, Windsor, to be exempted from provisions of the bill to enable inhabitants of Windsor to assess themselves to procure a fire engine, presented, and referred to select committee, 56, who report, 80.
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87. Of inhabitants of county of Richmond, that vessels owned in the province may be exempted from pilotage fees in harbors of Pictou and Sydney, presented, and referred to select committee, 56, who report by bill, 112; *and see petitions* No. 92, *and bills* No. 82.
88. Of Doctors Jennings and Slayter, Halifax, for act to impose a tax on shipping, to provide hospital accommodation for seamen at port of Halifax, presented, 57, and referred to committee on No. 65.
89. Of Colin Yorke Campbell, commander, royal navy, for reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in proceeding in vice admiralty court against vessels seized for violation of the fishery laws, 59.

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92. Of merchants and others, Pictou, against alteration of pilots' fees at that port, presented, 71; and referred to committee on No. 87, who report by bill 112; *and see petitions No. 87, and bills No. 82.*
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95. Of inhabitants of Richmond for legislation to prevent the destruction of sheep by dogs, presented, and referred to select committee, 77, who report, which is adopted, 157; *see appendix, No. 80.*
96. Of Mary Woods for aid to ferry at Grandique, special leave to present, refused, 80.
97. Of John Munro, Tatamagouche, for compensation for constructing a road, presented by special leave on division, and referred to select committee, 80; who report, 110; *see appendix, No. 58.*
98. Of inhabitants of Colchester for alterations in law for assessing poor and county rates, 81; *see petitions No. 58; and bills Nos. 66 and 73.*
99. Of rector and warden's of St. John's church, Lunenburg, against the bill relating to public lands in Lunenburg, and referred to select committee on that bill, 85; who report, *and see bills, No. 7.*
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103. Of governor and keepers of penitentiary (to governor) for increase of salary, presented, and referred to committee, 61; who report, 110; *see appendix No. 57*; grants 179, 194.

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