





payment of defendant's costs in cer-

at present at the suit of the Crown, and actions a suit may be brought by the Government for monetary penalties in certain cases, and where unsuccessful the subject has no remedy to recover costs, as in an action brought by a private individual.

Mr. B. B. B. in regard to the Insolvency Laws, of which notice has been given, proposes simply to repeal the laws respecting insolvency now in force in the Dominion, without effecting any change in the substance of the Bill. It is understood that the Bill will not be brought on for its second reading until after Mr. Colby's Bill, relating to the same subject, has been passed by the House.

The Post Office Department is investigating the circumstances in connexion with certain mail contracts in the Maritime Provinces. It is said that the principle of the award of the papers in that quarter, besides being heavily subsidized by the late Government, have been enjoying revenue contracts. It is also said that a number of the contracts for mail routes were arranged in the interest of Government supporters. It is a well understood fact that little or no money was paid to the public interest in regard to the postal accommodation by the late Administration, unless the applications was made by the company who pronounced the shipment of the party.

UNFOREGOING EXPENDITURES.

A return was laid on the table of the Commons showing the payments made under the authority of Orders in Council and charged to "unforeseen expenditure," during 30th June last and ending on 30th June, 1878, amounting to £20,745. A large number of the items were to the widows and other surviving relatives of deceased officers. Among the items are \$1000 to a widow, \$1000 to a widow, \$1000 to a widow, \$1500 in August last, of services of Lord Dufferin's trip to the Western Townships, \$800 of which was for the Grand Trunk Railway; \$500 for Postage of Lord Dufferin, which hangs in front of the main entrance of the central building; \$1,038 to Lieut.-Colonel Dennis; arrears of salary from \$2,600 to \$3,200, from Jan. 1st to 31st of January last, 1878, \$1,400 to Kerr, Q. C., and Chapeau, Q. C., for services the case of the Queen v. Forget et al. The principal items appear, owing to the many doubles in Montreal last summer, the actual expense for telegrams and military about and on the 12th of January was \$4,000, and the expenses for defence purposes cost \$725, and other contingencies \$595. The advance over the vote to the veterans 1812-15 was \$4,220.

**The Afghanistan War.**

RUSSIAN GENERAL'S VIEWS ON THE SITUATION.

Taskhend, Feb. 23 (via London, Feb. 28).—An interview with General Gougenoff elicited the fact that efforts have been made by English agents, to the one of the Russian Government, to prevent Russia from intervening, offering \$800,000 as wage of treason to his master. It is also learned that the Government has received with acclamations by the Congress, and he firmly reiterated his intention of continuing the war. It

cannon and cavalry, with which they would destroy the invaders if properly commanded. Finally, the

London, March 1.—A Tashkend despatch states that the Afghan Ambassador was received by General Kauffman yesterday. The Russian General Rasgonoff, who accompanied the embassy, says the disposition of the

withstanding the efforts of the partisans of the English at Cabul, who act

up to the Afghans and who cal-  
 culated that on every occasion,  
 the Ameri, in Afghanistan, was har-  
 rowed were received with acclamations by  
 men, women, and children. Ten  
 thousand people came out from Tash-  
 kant to welcome the Ameri an-  
 nounced, wherever he went. The de-  
 termination to continue the war  
 against the British. Rasgonoff says  
 that the Afghans nor British are  
 fighting much. The Governor of Samarcand  
 telegraphs to Gen. Kauffman, that the  
 report of the death of Sher Ali had  
 been brought in. The Afghans are  
 leaving from the Afghan frontier.

Call at the first Drug Store and pro-  
 cure a bottle of Gray's Syrup of Red  
 Rubber Gum for coughs, colds, &c.  
 We recommend its purchase at Drug  
 stores of respectability, as there is an  
 empty to place in the hands of the  
 public an article under a similar name,  
 to slip in a similar style, but of a  
 quite milky appearance—the genuine  
 being of a dark brownish-red colour.  
 is a wretched imitation, and should  
 at once rejected. feb. 26-1m.

MASQUEE PRESENTATION.—James  
 McNish, Jr., President of the New  
 Brunswick Lodge of Freemasons, gave  
 a meeting of the Lodge last even-  
 ing, presented with a very handsome  
 Master's jewel, made by Kenner,  
 London, and some other articles.

companying address to which Mr. Mc-  
chol, though wholly taken by sur-

made a very happy impromptu  
speech, Mr. Nichol is dean of the  
college, and will shortly wear this  
sash of the esteem in which he is  
held.—*St. John Globe, Feb 28.*

OUNDLESS sufferings find the balm of re-  
lief in the fountains of their health,  
and length in AYER'S SANSAPARILLA. It is  
the most potent of all the alternatives to  
the system and cleanse the blood. It  
assumes invigorating qualities, and it  
stimulates the faded vitalities and purges  
the corruptions which mingle with the  
blood and produce disease. The suffer-  
ers are assured by many intelligent phy-  
sicians that this medicine cures beyond all  
others of its kind, and we can confidently  
recommend it to your experience.—*Pun-  
sborough (Pa.) Argus.*

MADRID, Feb. 26.—A ter-  
rible earthquake has been felt in  
Spain and lasted four days. Seven villages  
and farms in Navarre and Austria  
are destroyed. An unknown barge  
was wrecked at Coruna and twenty-  
three lives lost.

WE caution all persons not to buy the  
*large powder* which is now  
put up by certain parties and called com-  
mon powder. They are utterly wrong  
in so. Buy *Sheridan's Country Condition*  
powder. If you do not buy it, you are abso-  
lutely poor and immensely valuable.

AT St. Alban's Church, Ottawa, a  
special petition for the Princess Louise  
included in the prayer for the royal mil-  
lity, the prayer being read as fol-  
lows: "Almighty God, the fountain  
of all goodness, be graciously pleas-  
ed to bless Albert Edward Prince of  
Wales, the Princess of Wales, the  
Princess now dwelling in our Do-  
minion, and all the royal family," etc.

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some faint smudges and discoloration, characteristic of old paper. The left edge of the page shows the binding of the book, and the overall tone is a warm, off-white or light beige.







