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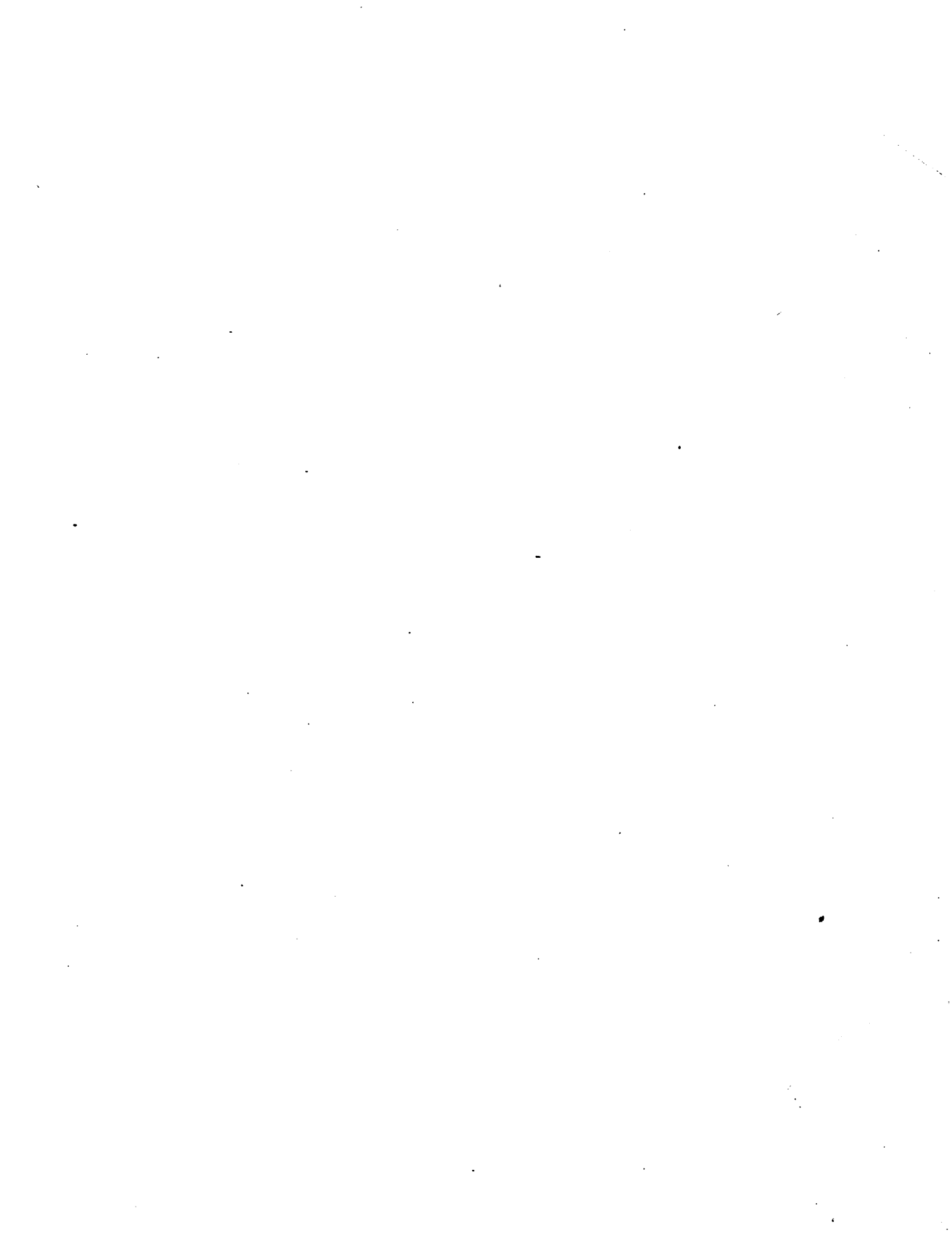
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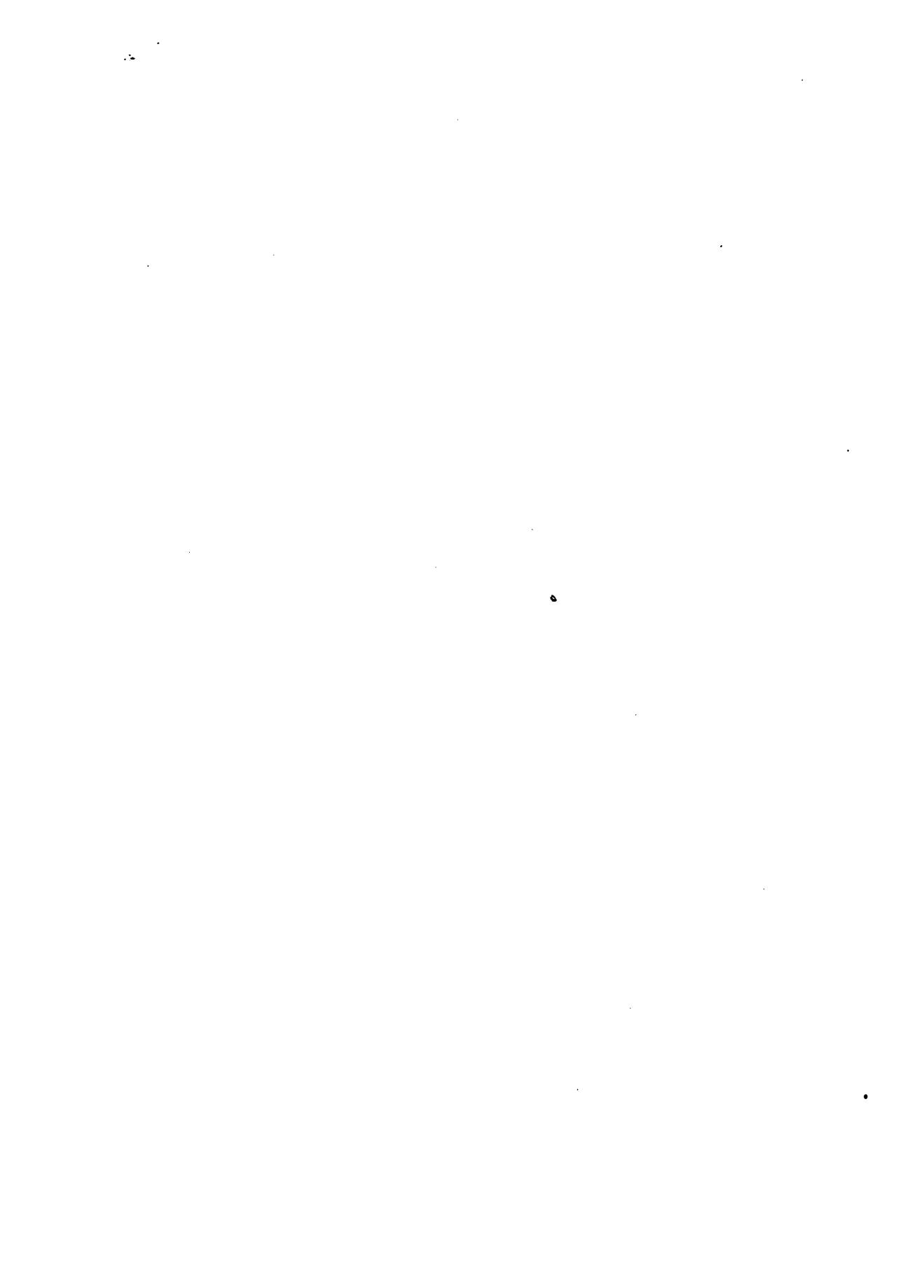
THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.



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A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DOMINICK DALY, Esquire,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's
Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chan-

[L.S.] cellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday
the 27th day of May instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is
hereby prorogued until Tuesday, the 8th day of July next, ensuing, of which all per-
sons concerned are required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand, and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, this
Twenty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command,

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DOMINICK DALY, Esquire,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island
Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor,

[L.S.] Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

D DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday
the 8th day of July instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is
hereby prorogued until Tuesday, the 19th day of August next, ensuing, of which all
persons concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accord-
ingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, this
Third day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty-six, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command,

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DOMINICK DALY, KNIGHT,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

[L.S.]

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday the 19th day of August instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby further prorogued until Tuesday, the 30th day of September next, ensuing, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, this thirteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command,

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DOMINICK DALY, KNIGHT,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

[L.S.]

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday the 30th day of September instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby further prorogued until Tuesday, the 11th day of November next, ensuing, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command,

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DOMINICK DALY, KNIGHT,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's
Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chan-
cellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

[L.S.]

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday the 11th day of November instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued until Tuesday, the 23d day of December next, ensuing, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command.

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DOMINICK DALY, KNIGHT,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's
Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chan-
cellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

[L.S.]

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday the 23d day of December instant:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued until Tuesday, the 3d day of February, 1857, of which all persons concerned are hereby required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the twentieth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command,

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

A P R O C L A M A T I O N .

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR DOMINICK DALY, KNIGHT,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's
Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chan-
cellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

[L.S.]

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands prorogued until Tuesday
the 3d day of February next:

I have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is
hereby prorogued until THURSDAY, the 26th day of FEBRUARY next ensuing, then
to MEET FOR THE DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, of which all persons concerned are hereby
required to take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the great seal of this Island, at Charlottetown,
this twenty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the twentieth year of Her
Majesty's reign.

By Command,

GEORGE COLES, Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

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THIRD SESSION OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26th February, 1857.

THE General Assembly having been, by Proclamation, prorogued to this day, the Legislative Council met.

PRESENT:

<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Walker,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Beaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall.</i>

Mr. President acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had provisionally appointed William Forgan, Esquire, by Warrant, bearing date the Twenty-ninth day of November, 1856, a Member of this House, who desires to be admitted.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dingwell* and *Mr. Beaton* be a Committee to attend *Mr. Forgan*, and see him qualified.

Mr. Dingwell, from the Committee appointed to attend *Mr. Forgan*, and see him qualified, reported, that they had, according to order, attended *Mr. Forgan*, who took the Oaths in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable *Mr. Forgan* was then introduced between *Mr. Dingwell* and *Mr. Beaton*, and took his seat.

Mr. President acquainted the House, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor had provisionally appointed John Aldous, Esquire, by Warrant, bearing date the Twenty-ninth day of November, 1856, a Member of this House, who desires to be admitted.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dingwell* and *Mr. Beaton* be a Committee to attend Mr. Aldous, to see him qualified.

Mr. Dingwell, from the Committee appointed to attend Mr. Aldous, and see him qualified, reported, that they had, according to order, attended Mr. Aldous, who took the Oaths in the presence of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable *Mr. Aldous* was then introduced between *Mr. Dingwell* and *Mr. Beaton*, and took his seat.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received His Excellency's commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly, immediately, in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased to open the Session with the following Speech:—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

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

I have much pleasure in again meeting you for the discharge of the important duties that devolve upon us.

It affords me much satisfaction to be enabled to inform you of the favourable determination of Her Majesty's Government with reference to the suggestion contained in your joint Address of last Session to the Queen, on the subject of a guarantee by Her Majesty's Government for such a loan as might be sufficient for the purchase of Township Lands in this Island, with a view to the more speedy and general conversion of Leasholds into Freehold tenures.

The Despatches from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies on this subject, shall be communicated to you, and a measure will be submitted for your consideration, in order to secure to the industrious inhabitants of this Island the benefits which have been thus placed within your reach by the paternal solicitude of Her Majesty's Government.

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

The condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and indicates general prosperity among the consuming population of the Island.

The Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, shall be laid before you; and I rely on your readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the efficient support of the public service.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

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

The establishment of Municipalities throughout the Island appears to be highly desirable, in order that the principles of local self-government should receive a more extended application, by affording to the people the exercise of a greater degree of power over their own local affairs.

A measure upon this subject will be submitted to you; and I solicit your earnest attention to the establishment of such a form of local Government as may ensure satisfaction to the people; whilst it preserves inviolate the prerogative of the Crown, and maintains the due administration of the Law.

In connection with this subject, it is very desirable that the system under which the public monies have hitherto been applied to the construction and repair of roads, bridges, and all other public works, should undergo a careful revision; and I would suggest for your consideration the expediency of establishing a Board of Works, which should comprise, besides certain Members of the Government, a competent Civil Engineer.

A Board, so constituted, would afford the requisite responsibility, efficiency and economy in the execution of all public works, and greatly tend to promote the interests of the community in this important branch of the public service.

As those laws will shortly expire which have given to this Colony a well merited pre-eminence in securing to the rising generation the blessings of a Free Education, it will be for you to consider the expediency of continuing or re-enacting them.

I am fully sensible of the fact, that the educational establishment of this Island involves a very heavy charge upon its revenue, which is small in comparison to those of the sister Provinces; a charge which is larger than is incurred for a similar purpose in older, wealthier, and more populous communities; and amounting in all to one-third of the public income. But keeping in view the great advantages that accrue from such an expenditure—advantages which are felt by the present generation, but which will be still more sensibly apparent to future ones—I strongly incline to the opinion, that the public money could not be better applied than in fostering that free system of public instruction which has hitherto given such general satisfaction to the people of this Colony, and which has been referred to in terms of commendation by our fellow subjects in other portions of Her Majesty's dominions.

The interests of agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of the Legislature, in a country where so large a portion of the community is employed in agricultural pursuits; and I am not aware of any mode by which those interests can be so effectually promoted, as by affording liberal encouragement to such institutions as the Royal Agricultural Society, whose exertions have hitherto been attended with very beneficial results.

I am again under the necessity of calling your attention to the subject of Steam Communication with the neighbouring Provinces. Arrangements of a more permanent character than have yet been effected are indispensable for placing that important communication on a satisfactory footing, and I earnestly recommend the subject to your consideration.

In all the measures which you may adopt for the promotion of the interests of the Island, and the happiness and contentment of the people, you may rely on my zealous co-operation ; and I humbly hope that the Almighty may render our endeavours efficacious for the public good.

The Speech being ended, and the House of Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Prayers were then read.

Mr. President reported His Excellency's Speech, which being read by the Clerk—

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to return the thanks of this House for his Speech delivered this day.

Ordered, That *Mr. Walker*, *Mr. Craswell* and *Mr. Aldous* be a Committee to prepare a Draft pursuant to the above Resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of this House, each day, and that it be an Instruction to the Committee to require that a printed copy be laid on the Table daily.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General*, *Mr. Wright* and *Mr. Forgan* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine into and report upon such Laws as are near expiring.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Forgan* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to examine Bills to be engrossed, or that have been engrossed.

Ordered, That *Mr. Craswell* and *Mr. Forgan* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to regulate the Expenditure of this House during the present Session.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Bagnall* do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That Eighty copies of the Journals of this House be furnished by the Printer.

Resolved, That the Thirty-seventh Standing Order of this House be inserted three times in each of the Newspapers published in Charlottetown, for the information of the public.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to receive Tenders for Printing the Journals of this House for the present Session, and to report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey* and *Mr. Walker* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to make arrangements for the efficient reporting and publication of the proceedings and debates of this House, for the present Session.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey* and *Mr. Beaton* be a Committee for that purpose.

Mr. President informed the House, that indisposition prevents *Mr. Haythorne* from attending in his place.

Ordered, That *Mr. Haythorne's* excuse be received.

Ordered, That *Mr. Aldous* have leave to absent himself until Thursday next.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Two o'clock.

FRIDAY, 27th February, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Beaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan.</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the Proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Swabey, from the Committee appointed to receive Tenders for Printing the Journals of this House of the present Session, reported, that the Committee had received four Tenders, which are as follow, viz:—

One from Mr. John Ings, engaging to perform the work for *One Pound six shillings and threepence*, per sheet, and to bind each copy for the sum of *Three Shillings and ninepence*.

One from Mr. John Walsh, engaging to perform the work for the sum of *One Pound, seven shillings*, for each Sheet of four pages, and to bind each copy for the sum of *Four shillings and threepence*.

One from Mr. Thomas Burris, engaging to perform the work for the sum of *One Pound, five shillings*, per sheet of four pages, and to bind each copy for the sum of *Four shillings*.

One from Mr. John S. Bremner, engaging to perform the work for the sum of *Seventeen shillings and threepence*, for each Sheet of four pages, and to bind the same for *Three shillings and twopence* each copy.

Which latter Tender, being the lowest, the House adopted.

Mr. Swabey, from the Committee, appointed to make arrangements for the efficient reporting and publication of the proceedings and debates of this House, reported, that the Committee had engaged the services of William Minns Howe, Esquire, as a Reporter, on the same conditions as those of the last Session.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That William Minns Howe, Esquire, be re-appointed Reporter to this House, for the present Session.

Mr. Craswell, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported a draft thereof, which he read in his place.

Ordered, That the Report be received, and the said Draft was again read by the Clerk, and it was ordered, that the House be forthwith put into a Committee of the whole, to take the same into consideration.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Address.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Address, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

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

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed, and read a third time on Monday next.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 2d March, 1857.**PRESENT:**

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Wright,*
Mr. Attorney General, *Mr. Forgan.*
Mr. Craswell,

PRAYERS.

There not being a quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 3d March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Walker,*
Mr. Dingwell, *Mr. Craswell,*
Mr. Beaton, *Mr. Bagnall.*

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

On motion, the Address of this House to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in answer to his Speech, was read a third time and passed, whereupon, *Mr. President* signed the same, and which is as followeth:—

To His Excellency SIR DOMINICK DALY, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency;

We, the Members of Her Majesty's Legislative Council of Prince Edward Island, beg to tender to your Excellency our thanks for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We have great satisfaction in learning from your Excellency, that Her Majesty's Government has been pleased to comply with, and accede to, the suggestion contained in the joint Address of the two branches of this Legislature, having reference to the giving of a guarantee for a sufficient loan that may be required to purchase the Township Lands in this Island, so that a more speedy and general conversion of Leasehold tenures into Freeholds, may be effected; and we shall therefore gravely consider any measure that may be submitted, towards carrying into effect that desirable result.

Any measure that may be laid before us, having in view the Establishment of Municipal Institutions, thus conceding to the Inhabitants of this Island, a more direct power in the management of their own local affairs, shall receive our earnest and careful attention; and, in connection with this subject, we shall consider the expediency of constituting a Board of Works, so that all public expenditure shall henceforth be made under careful revision.

We are gratified to learn that the general Education Act is so encouraging in its results, and that a free system of public instruction is so highly appreciated by the Inhabitants at large, and we shall cheerfully continue or re-enact the same.

The interests of Agriculture, which, form the primary object of industry and enterprize in this Colony, claim from us, and shall receive our most deliberate consideration.

As we are convinced of the great necessity of making all Inter-Colonial communications as perfect and as permanent as possible, we shall readily concur with any reasonable plan that may be suggested for their extension.

We beg to thank your Excellency for the expression of your willingness to co-operate with us, in the promotion of the interests of the Island, and the happiness and contentment of the people; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that we have every confidence in your Excellency's mode of administering the Government of this loyal Colony.

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

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Craswell,*
Mr. Dingwell, *Mr. Wright,*
Mr. Beaton, *Mr. Bagnall,*
Mr. Attorney General, *Mr. Forgan.*
Mr. Walker,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceeding of yesterday.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee, appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with their Address, in answer to his Speech, reported, that they had waited on His Excellency, who was pleased to say, he would receive the Address, at half-past one o'clock, this day.

Mr. Attorney General presented to the House, a Bill for preventing Fraud by secret Bills of Sale of personal chattels.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Mr. Attorney General presented to the House a Bill to enable the Supreme Court of Judicature to give relief against adverse claims made upon persons having no interest in the subject of such claims.

The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary.

“ House of Assembly, February 26, 1857.

“*Resolved*, That a Committee of Six Members be appointed to keep up a good correspondence between the two Branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings, from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

“*Ordered*, That the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Wightman, Mr. Dingwell, the Hon. Mr. Longworth, the Hon. Mr. Haviland, and Mr. Macdonald do compose the said Committee.

“*Ordered*, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council.”

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to keep up a good correspondence between the two Branches of the Legislature, and to report their proceedings from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dingwell*, *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Bagnall* do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

At half-past One o'clock, the House waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with their Address, in answer to his Speech, at the opening of the Session; and being returned, *Mr. President* reported, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same, and to give an answer thereto, which was read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;

I thank you for your Address, and I assure you of my perfect reliance upon your wisdom and prudence to assist me in whatever may tend to augment the prosperity of the people of this Island.

The *Hon. Mr. Attorney General*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, acquainted the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to lay before the House the following written Messages, signed by His Excellency, and the same were severally read, viz:—

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

“The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council, the accompanying copy of a Despatch, of the 28th May, 1856, No. 22, from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Joint Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of last Session, regarding the Memorials of certain Proprietors of Land.

“Government House, 4th March, 1857.”

[See Appendix No. 1.]

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

“The Lieutenant Governor transmits for the information of the Legislative Council, the following Copies of Despatches from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of a Guaranteed Loan.

“Despatch from Mr. Secretary Labouchere, of the 18th July, 1856, No. 24.

“ Despatch from Mr. Secretary Labouchere, of the 23d November, 1856, No. 43.
 “Government House, 4th March, 1857.”

[See Appendix No. 2.]

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

THURSDAY, 5th March, 1857.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Attorney General.*
Mr. Beaton,

PRAYERS.

There not being a quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 6th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Wright,*
Mr. Attorney General, *Mr. Bagnall,*
Mr. Craswell, *Mr. Fergan.*

PRAYERS.

Read the Proceedings of Wednesday last.

Pursuant to order, the Bill for preventing Fraud by secret Bills of Sale of personal chattels, was read a second time.

The Hon. *Mr. President*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, informed the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Message, signed by His Excellency:

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

“The Lieutenant Governor is desirous that the Legislative Council, at its rising to day, should adjourn until Friday, the Thirteenth day of March instant.

“Government House, 6th March, 1857.”

In compliance with the Message of His Excellency, the House adjourned until Friday the Thirteenth day of March instant,—at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 13th March, 1857.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Bagnall, *The Hon. Mr. Aldous.*
Mr. Forgan,

PRAYERS.

There not being a quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

SATURDAY, 14th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Wright,*
Mr. Walker, *Mr. Forgan,*
Mr. Craswell, *Mr. Aldous.*

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday, the 6th March.

Mr. Forgan, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of Archibald C. Bickford, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting him a sum of money as a remuneration for eight months' services as a Teacher, at Township Number 8.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Tignish, Township Number Two, and vicinity.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of West Shore, of Townships One and Two, severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the several foregoing Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Lower Montague, and adjoining Settlements, praying aid towards the erection of a Public Wharf at Robert Cameron's shore.

The said Petition was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions relating to Education, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey*, *Mr. Craswell*, and *Mr. Aldous* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dingwell*, *Mr. Walker* and *Mr. Bagnall* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all Petitions relating to Agriculture, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Beaton*, *Mr. Craswell* and *Mr. Wright* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred, all Petitions relating to Paupers, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Walker*, *Mr. Craswell* and *Mr. Bagnall* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred, all Petitions on Miscellaneous subjects, to examine the same, and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Forgan* do compose the said Committee.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 16th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>	<i>Mr. Aldous.</i>
<i>Mr. Wright,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Saturday.

Mr. Attorney General, from the Committee, appointed to examine into and report upon the Expiring Laws, presented to the House the Report of the Committee, which he read in his place, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee, appointed to examine what Laws have expired, or are near expiring, submit :

That the Act of 9th Victoriæ, cap. 19, intituled “An Act further to continue the Act regulating the weight and quality of Bread;”

The Act 14th of Victoriæ, cap. 19. intituled “An Act to prohibit the playing of certain Games, and the use of Fireworks in the Squares and thoroughfares of Charlottetown;”

The Act of 15th Victoriæ, cap. 6, intituled “An Act to facilitate the intercourse between this Island and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick;”

The Act of 15th Victoriæ, cap. 19, intituled “An Act for the Encouragement of Education, and to raise funds for that purpose, by imposing an additional Assessment on Land in this Island, and on Real Estate in Charlottetown and Common, and Georgetown and Common,” and the several Acts in amendment thereof; and,

The Act of 15th Victoriæ, cap. 41, intituled “An Act to prevent the going at large of Swine and Geese at all Seasons, and of Horses at certain Seasons of the year, in the Square and Streets of Georgetown,” will respectively expire at the end of the present Session of the General Assembly.

That the Act of 17th Victoriæ, cap. 10, intituled “An Act to exempt certain Bills of Exchange, Promisory Notes, Contracts, and Agreements, from the operation of the Laws relating to Usury,” will expire on the First day of May, 1857;

That the Act of 14th Victoriæ, cap. 15, intituled “An Act to Incorporate certain persons, Trustees of Princetown Royalty Church,” will expire on the Tenth day of May, 1857;

That the Act of 19th Victoriæ, cap. 12, intituled “An Act to authorize the Government to prohibit the exportation of Saltpetre, and other Chemical Salts,” will expire on the Fourteenth day of April, 1857; and,

That the Act of 19th Victoria, cap. 1, intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue, and to consolidate and amend several Acts therein mentioned," will expire on the Second day of May, 1857.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Montgomery, with a Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Princetown Royalty Church Incorporation Act, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Macdonald, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Act to prevent Horses, Swine, and Geese, from going at large in Georgetown," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Narrow's Creek, Townships Nos. 54 and 55, praying aid to improve their Road communications.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the South side of Grand River, Townships Nos. Lot 54, 55, and others, praying aid towards the erection of a Wharf.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Nos. 54 and 55, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum of money to remunerate Donald Morrison, for labour performed on a Road in that District.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Village Green, Monaghan Settlement, and others, praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the four last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Nos. 50, 57, 58, 60, and 62, praying that a semi-weekly Mail may be forwarded to that section of the Island.

Ordered, That that the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of John Campbell, of Bay Fortune Road, praying remuneration for his services as a Teacher.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Craswell, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of the late Office-bearers of the Prince County Central Agricultural Society, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting aid towards the funds of that Institution.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Agriculture.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township No. 19, praying aid to improve a Road in that District.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of Lauchlan Macinnis, of Township No. 19, setting forth the helpless condition of his two crippled children, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

Mr. Bagnall, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of William Mugford, of Township No. 21, a cripple, in indigent circumstances, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

A Petition of William Cousins, Duncan M'Intyre and Robert Simpson, Commissioners for the recovery of Small Debts, at New London, setting forth, the great inconvenience they labour under for want of a Building wherein to hold their Court, and praying the favourable consideration of this House.

A Petition of John Macleod, of New London, setting forth, that in a suit brought by him against Thomas Pickering, for the recovery of a debt, due for work performed on the public Roads, he had obtained a Judgment in the Small Debt Court, against which decision the said Thomas Pickering had entered an Appeal in the Supreme Court; that in consequence of a violent snow storm, which entirely impeded the travelling, and prevented the Petitioner's timely appearance at Court, he found, on his arrival, that the Supreme Court had previously dismissed the said Appeal, along with others, for want of prosecution, whereby the Petitioner has lost his just Debt, and is called upon to pay an amount of costs, which he has no means of defraying, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions on Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Wright, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of Robert S. Patterson, and others, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Wilmot Creek, and vicinity, praying aid to repair a Bridge in that District;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Bedeque, praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 17th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Bagnall,*

Mr. Attorney General, *Mr. Forgan,*

Mr. Craswell, *Mr. Aldous.*

Mr. Wright,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. President informed the House, that indisposition prevents *Mr. Walker* from attending in his place.

Ordered, That *Mr. Walker's* excuse be received.

The Hon. *Mr. Attorney General*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House the following Papers, viz:—

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 27, dated 6th August, 1856, intimating that an Order of the Queen, in Council, had rendered inoperative the Act passed in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature, to authorize the Government to prohibit the Exportation of Saltpetre, and other Chemical Salts.

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 30, dated 29th August, 1856, transmitting Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 21st August, 1856, leaving to their operation nine Acts passed in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature.

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 39, dated 30th October, 1856, transmitting Order of Her Majesty, in Council, dated 22d October, 1856, leaving to their operation fifteen Acts passed in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature.

[See Appendix No. 3.]

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Georgetown and Royalty, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a Sum sufficient for building an additional Block to the Public Wharf, at Georgetown;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Thirty-five and Thirty-six, praying aid to build a Wharf at Cranberry Point;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Nine-mile Creek, and adjacent Settlements, praying aid towards the completion of the Wharf at Deadman's Point;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Fourteen and Fifteen;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Forty-nine;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Sixty-four;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Egmont Bay;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Thirteen, Fourteen and Fifteen—severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the eight last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of Peter Anderson, Master of the Ship Rebecca, praying, for reasons therein set forth, that the amount of Light Duty paid by him may be remitted.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of Ezra Wickwire, William B. Aitkin, John B. Howlett, and John C. Mackeown, Trustees of the Grammar School in Georgetown, praying that the Salary of the Master of the said School may be increased.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Egmont Bay, Township Number Fifteen, praying for the Establishment of a Post Office at Abraham's Village.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Swabey, by leave, presented a Petition of Lawrence Warren, of Charlottetown, praying for an Act of naturalization.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Craswell, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Hill River and Mill River, Townships Numbers Four and Five;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of West Shore, of Townships Numbers One and Two;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Nail Pond, Pig Brook, and vicinity;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Six and Ten;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Kildare—severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the six last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Saint Eleanor's, praying that a Law may pass to prohibit Swine from going at large within the precincts of Saint Eleanor's;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Cascumpec, Kildare, and Tignish, praying for the establishment of a Packet between Cascumpec and Miramichi.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Forgan, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Forty-nine, praying aid to extend the Wharf at Pownal Bay;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Forty-eight and Forty-nine, praying aid to build a Wharf;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Thirteen and Fourteen, praying for the same object.

Ordered, That the three last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Cascumpec, Kildare, Tignish, and adjacent Settlements, praying that the Law relating to Anchorage Duties may be repealed, as far as regards Vessels engaged in the Fishing Trade.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of Thomas Boyle, of Township Number Eleven, praying that a Road may be opened to his Farm.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

A Petition of Jacob Gale, and others, of Township Number Seven, praying the favourable consideration of this House, in behalf of Elizabeth Dordon, a child of twelve years of age, in destitute circumstances;

A Petition of Mary Kelly, Widow, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

Mr. Bagnall, by leave, presented a Petition of Margaret Morrison, Widow, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

The Hon. *Mr. Swabey*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, acquainted the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Message, signed by His Excellency, which the House received standing:—

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor transmits the accompanying Correspondence, for the information of the Legislative Council, and for such careful consideration, as he feels assured, the very important subject of the more perfect lighting of the Coasts of this Island will receive.

He also invites the early attention of the Legislative Council to that portion of the Correspondence which has reference to the Cape Race Light.

Copies of Despatches from the Secretary of State:

No. 26, of the 23d July, 1856;

No. 35, of the 15th October, 1856;

No. 42, of the 13th November, 1856.

Copy of Despatch to the Secretary of State, from the Lieutenant Governor:

No. 37, of the 23th August, 1856.

Government House, 16th March, 1857.

[See Appendix No. 4.]

The Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Princetown Royalty Church Incorporation Act, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned," was read a second time.

The Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Act to prevent Horses, Swine, and Geese, from going at large in Georgetown," was read a second time.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Bagnall,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Forgan,

Mr. Craswell,

Mr. Aldous.

Mr. Wright,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Macdonald, with a Bill intituled "An Act to continue the Act relating to Packets sailing between this Island and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Bagnall, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of James Ferguson, of Saint Peter's Road, Township Number Thirty-four, praying aid towards straightening the Road on the Division line between the Farm of Petitioner and Joseph Wyatt's Farm.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

A Petition of the President and Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting the sum of £1065—in addition to the sum annually granted to the Society—to be specially appropriated to Stock, Fence and the Rent of the Society's Breeding Farm.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Agriculture.

A Petition of John Macintosh, of Township Number Fourteen, praying remuneration for services performed, which were not contemplated when he entered into his Contract for the conveyance of the Mails between Saint Eleanor's and Tignish.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Wheatley River;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of New Glasgow, and its vicinity—severally praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of Frederick W. Hales, and others, setting forth, the helpless and destitute condition of John Brent, of Little York, a cripple, and praying the favourable consideration of this House in his behalf;

A Petition of John Macinnis, of Mill Vale, a cripple, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

A Petition of Josiah Macleod, praying remuneration for his services as a Teacher, at Saint Eleanor's, in the year 1855.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of the Hon. Thomas Heath Haviland, President, and other Office-bearers of the Charlottetown Horticultural Society, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum of money in aid of the Funds of that Institution.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Sixty-one, Sixty-three, and Sixty-four—praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Attorney General, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Bedford Bay, praying aid towards building a Wharf at the Portage, on Township Number Thirty-six;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Thirty-six and Thirty-seven, praying aid to improve a Road in that District.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

A Petition of the Trustees of the Dunstaffnage District School, setting forth their grievances, in being subjected to the payment of heavy costs and damages in defending a renewed Action of Trespass, arising out of the disputed claim respecting the extent of ground comprised in the "Site" of the School House, and praying redress.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of John S. Bremner, Assistant Controller of Customs, &c., at Charlottetown, praying for an increase of Salary.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Fifty-nine, Sixty-one, and Sixty-three, and Georgetown, praying aid towards building a Wharf at the South side of Brudenell River;

Mr. President, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz.:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Back Settlement, Township Number Fifty-two, praying aid to improve a Road in that District.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Brudenell River, praying aid to improve the Brudenell Road.

Ordered, That the three last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Georgetown, and vicinity, praying that the Bible may be introduced as a Text Book into the Public Schools of this Island.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Georgetown, and vicinity, praying for an increase of the Grant heretofore allowed for a Sailing Packet between Georgetown and Pictou.

Ordered, That the last preceding Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Grand River, in King's County, praying aid to improve a Road in that District.

Ordered, That the last preceding Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

Mr. Wright, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Crapaud, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Eight and Nine, praying aid to improve a Road in that District.

Ordered, That the last preceding Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

The Hon. *Mr. Attorney General*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, Copy of the Blue Book, for the year 1855.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Hon. *Mr. Swabey*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, acquainted the House, that he was directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to lay before the House, the following written Message, signed by His Excellency, which the House received standing, and the same was read, viz.:—

D. DALY, Lieutenant Governor.

In transmitting for the information of the Legislative Council, the accompanying Despatches, regarding alterations in the Colonial Tariffs, rendered necessary by the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, the Lieutenant Governor invites the attentive consideration of the Legislative Council to this subject, which, he trusts, will lead to the adoption of such measures as may be necessary for the reconciliation of the Tariff of this Island with the Treaty obligations of the Home Government, and the extension to the trade of the United Kingdom of the privileges enjoyed by the neighbouring Colonies and the United States.

After careful consideration of the probable consequences of a compliance with the suggestions of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the proposed alterations, the Lieutenant Governor fully concurs in the opinion expressed by the Secretary of State, that no practical inconvenience to this Colony is likely to arise from their adoption.

Copies of Despatches, with their enclosures, from the Secretary of State:

No. 23, of the 15th July, 1856;

No. 41, of the 10th November, 1846;

Copy of Despatch, with its enclosure, to the Secretary of State, from the Lieutenant Governor:

No. 42, of the 6th September, 1856.

Government House, 17th March, 1857.

[See Appendix No. 5.]

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Princetown Royalty Church Incorporation Act, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Two o'clock.

THURSDAY, 19th March, 1857.
PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Attorney General.*

There not being a quorum—

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 20th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Bagnall,*
Mr. Attorney General, *Mr. Forgan,*
Mr. Craswell, *Mr. Aldous.*
Mr. Wright,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Wednesday last.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Princetown Royalty Church Incorporation Act, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned*, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them, that this House have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Wightman, with a Bill intituled "An Act to continue the Act exempting certain Bills of Exchange, Promisory Notes, Contracts, and Agreements, from the operation of the Laws relating to Usury," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Swabey, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Belfast, styling themselves, Tenantry on Townships Numbers Fifty-seven, Fifty-eight, Fifty-nine, Sixty, and Sixty-two, praying that this House will sanction a Loan, whereby the local Government may obtain the means of purchasing the Earl of Selkirk's Estate in this Island, and reselling it to the Petitioners.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Princetown Royalty, setting forth the inefficiency of the present Light on Fish Island, in Richmond Bay, and praying that a more efficient Light may be erected thereon.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Brae Settlement, Township Number Nine, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum to remunerate Ann Maclean, for her services as a Teacher.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Bagnall, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of New London, styling themselves, the Congregation of Saint Thomas's Church, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Two Petitions of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Twenty-two—severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

Mr. Forgan, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of Richard Costain, and others, Inhabitants of Township Number Three—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Indian Point, Township Number Eight—severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Seven and Eight, praying aid towards the completion of a School House at the termination of the O'Leary Road, the Building formerly used as such having been unfortunately destroyed by fire.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Fifty-four and Fifty-five, and others, praying aid to extend the Wharf at the South side of Cardigan Bay;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Sixteen and Seventeen;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Kildare, Township Number Three;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Fourteen;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Sixteen and Seventeen;

A Petition of Matthew Young, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum as remuneration for extra work performed by him at the Bridge at Burnt Point, Murray River.

Ordered, That the six last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of Hugh Logan, Jailer, at Georgetown, praying remuneration for his services in removing firewood into the Jailyard, and for the services of his family in washing the Prisoners' rooms;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Kildare, Township Number Three, praying that Legislative measures may be adopted to prevent Swine going at large.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of Francis Buote, of Township Number Two, an aged Acadian Teacher, praying remuneration for his long services as such.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Attorney General, by leave, presented a Petition of Henry Bessemer, of Queen Street Place, New Canon Street, in the City of London, Civil Engineer, praying,

that an Act may pass, securing to Petitioner the exclusive right to his discovery and improvement in the manufacture of malleable or bar Iron and Steel.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to a Special Committee, to report thereon by Bill, or otherwise, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General*, *Mr. Forgan* and *Mr. Aldous*, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Act to prevent Horses, Swine and Geese going at large in Georgetown."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Aldous* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Attorney General presented to the House the Impost Accounts for Charlottetown, for the year ending 31st December, 1856;

Also,

The Impost Accounts for the several Out Ports in this Island, for the same period.

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

Mr. Attorney General also presented to the House, the Public Accounts for the past year, as arranged and classified by the Auditors;

Also,

The Returns of the State of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, to the 4th March, 1857.

[For these Returns, see Appendix No. 6.]

Ordered, That the said Accounts and Returns do lie on the Table.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 23d March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;
The Hon. Mr. Swabey, *The Hon. Mr. Wright,*
Mr. Attorney General, *Mr. Bagnall,*
Mr. Walker, *Mr. Forgan.*
Mr. Craswell,

P R A Y E R S .

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

Ordered, That *Mr. Aldous* have leave to absent himself until Tuesday next.

Mr. Bagnall, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of *Thomas Mansfield*, of Township Number One, Teacher, praying remuneration for his services as such.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Queen's County, praying that the same privilege may be extended to the Gaelic Speaking portion of the population of this Island, as is enjoyed by the Acadian French, under the Free Education Act.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Queen's County, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the three last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Wright, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Fourteen and Sixteen, praying that a Post Office may be established at or near Ellis River Bridge.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of *Patrick R. Connick*, of Kildare, Teacher, praying remuneration for his services in teaching for a period of twenty Saturdays within the year, more than were required of him under the Free Education Act.

Ordered. That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Cascumpec, praying aid to build a Bridge in that District;

A Petition of Daniel Macalduff, of Township Number Four, praying remuneration for labour performed at a Bridge in that District;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Kildare, Township Number Three, praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the three last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

Mr. Walker, by leave, presented a Petition of Donald Macdonald, John Ford and John Macdonald, residing at the East Point of this Island, praying for reasons therein stated, that Eleven Casks of Spirits, which had been seized by the Collector of Excise at Colville Bay, for a breach of the Revenue Law, may be restored to Petitioners on payment of the duty thereon.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Forgan, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Second District of Queen's County, praying aid towards the repair of Mount Stewart Bridge.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Act to prevent Horses, Swine and Geese from going at large in Georgetown*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them, that this House have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Bill intituled "An Act to continue the Act relating to Packets sailing between this Island and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick"—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow:

The Bill intituled “An Act to continue the Act exempting certain Bill of Exchange, Promisory Notes, Contracts, and Agreements, from the operation of the Laws relating to Usury”—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Attorney General presented to the House, a Bill to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen’s County, and for other purposes therein mentioned—and the same was read the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

The Hon. *Mr. Attorney General*, a Member of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House—

Copy of a Despatch from His Excellency to the Secretary of State, No. 41, of the 5th September, 1856, regarding a Loan to be raised under Imperial Guarantee;

Also, an Extract from the Minutes of the Executive Council, on the same subject—which were read.

[See Appendix No 7.]

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o’clock:

TUESDAY, 24th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Aldous.</i>
<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. President informed the House, that family affliction has prevented *Mr. Dingwell* from attending in his place, since the Fourth day of March, instant.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dingwell's* excuse be received.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to continue the Act exempting certain Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Contracts and Agreements from the operation of the Laws relating to Usury*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to continue the Act relating to Packets sailing between this Island and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Pursuant to order, the Bill to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen's County, and for other purposes therein mentioned—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, with a Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Free Education Law"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Ordered, That the second reading of the said Bill do stand as the order of the day for Friday next.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen's County, and for other purposes therein mentioned.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell*

reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, with several amendments.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be “An Act to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen’s County, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:

A Petition of John Macpherson, of Township Number Fifty-five, setting forth the loss sustained by him, in completing his Contract for a Bridge in that District, and praying the favourable consideration of this House;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Saint Peter’s;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the South side of Saint Peter’s Bay—severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the three last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

A Petition of Dennis Carroll, of Township Number Sixty-six, praying remuneration for his services as a Teacher.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

On motion, ordered, that the Bill for preventing fraud by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, that the second reading of the Bill to enable the Supreme Court to give relief against adverse claims made upon persons having no interest in the subject of such claims—do stand as the order of the day for Thursday next.

Adjourned until to-morrow at One o’clock.

WEDNESDAY, 25th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Dr. Young, President ;
The Hon. Mr. Dingwell, The Hon. Mr. Wright,
Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Bagnall,
Mr. Walker, Mr. Forgan,
Mr. Craswell, Mr. Aldous.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Forgan, by leave presented a Petition of the City Council of the City of Charlottetown, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting aid towards the improvement of the Roads in the Common of the said City, and the repairs of Queen's and Pownal Street Wharfs.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

Mr. Walker, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz :—

A Petition of William Chappell, of Bay Verte, New Brunswick, praying aid towards running his Packet between Charlottetown and Bay Verte.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of Thomas Sloane, of Township Number Fifty-four—setting forth, the helpless condition of his Idiot daughter, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

A Petition of Richard Burke, of Souris, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting him the Balance due on his Contract in constructing an abutment at Souris Bridge.

A Petition of Daniel Scott, of North River, Farmer, praying that this House will interpose to prevent the exaction of the penalty incurred by him in the non-fulfilment of his Contract for re-building the Wharf at Minchin's Point last season.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

The order of the day, for the House in Committee on the Bill for preventing Fraud by secret Bills of Sale of personal Chattels, being read—

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.— After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be “An Act for preventing Fraud by secret Bills of Sale of Personal Chattels.”

Mr. Dingwell, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Fifty-five, praying for the opening of a new Road at Poplar Point.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Little Harbour, Souris East, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum to Matthew Reville, as remuneration for his services as a Teacher in that District.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of Hugh Macvarish, of Township Number Forty-four, praying to be indemnified for loss sustained by him in the destruction of his House by fire, in the year 1849, which House had been used as an Hospital.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of John Townshend, of Rollo Bay, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting the sum of Ten Pounds, to compensate him for loss sustained on his Contract for building the Wharf at Rollo Bay.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

THURSDAY, 26th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Beaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Aldous.</i>
<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, with a Bill intituled "An Act for the naturalization of Lawrence Warren"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Bill intituled *An Act to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen's County, and for other purposes therein mentioned*—was, as engrossed, read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly, for their concurrence.

Mr. Dingwell, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Southside of Little River, praying aid to continue a Road in that District.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

Mr. Attorney General, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Summerside and Saint Eleanor's, praying that a Telegraphic Branch Communication may be established at Summerside.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Petition of Daniel Maclaren, and others, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Montague River;

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of Townships Numbers Fifty-two and Fifty-three—severally praying aid to improve their Road communications.

Ordered, That the two last preceding Petitions be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharfs.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Supreme Court of Judicature to give relief against adverse claims made upon persons having no interest in the subject of such claims—being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Aldous* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 27th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Beaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Aldous.</i>

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Forgan, by leave, presented a Petition of William Birch, of Charlottetown, setting forth his long services as Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly, and being now advanced in years, prays, that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting him a small annuity.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Bagnall, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Township Number Thirty-three, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting an addition to the Salary of James Douglas, a District Teacher, to encourage him in his prosecution of the study of Agricultural Chemistry, with a view to the introduction of that Science into the Schools of this Island.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Dingwell, by leave, presented the following Petitions, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

A Petition of John Leslie, of Saint Peter's Bay, Millwright, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting a sum to remunerate him for making a Survey of Souris Harbour, and a Plan of Souris Bridge in the year 1847.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

A Petition of Nancy Lutes, of Little River, Widow, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Free Education Law"—being read;

Ordered, That the same be discharged, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

The Bill intituled "An Act for the naturalization of Lawrence Warren"—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that

the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Aldous, from the Special Committee, to whom were referred all Petitions to this House relating to Education, to examine the same, and report thereon, presented to the House the Report of the Committee, which he read in his place, and was afterwards read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee, appointed to take into consideration the Petitions on Education, respectfully beg to report, that a number of Petitions, numerously signed, have been presented to your Honorable House, praying for the introduction of the Bible into the different Schools in the Island, and although your Committee entirely concurring in the importance of religious instruction, and highly appreciating the truly christian spirit in which those Petitions are dictated, feel fully assured that any legal enactment on the subject would tend rather to militate against, than promote, the object sought for by the Petitioners, more especially as the prayer of the Petitioners has been already answered by the Resolution of the Board of Education, hereunto annexed, which freely admits the use of the Holy Scriptures into the Schools, and which is as followeth:—

“That the Board of Education recognize the desirableness of affording, as far as possible, to the Scholars in the Public Schools of this Island, the benefits and advantages of a religious and moral as well as of a literary education; but taking into consideration the extreme difficulty of laying down any general rules for the Public Schools, respecting the mode of conducting religious reading or instruction, on account of the different religious persuasions prevailing amongst the Inhabitants and Teachers in the various Districts of the Island, and fearing that any attempt to do so, instead of proving beneficial and producing harmony and good will, would be productive of religious strife and contention, which they consider it to be the duty of all to avoid as much as possible;—the Board have always deemed it better to leave the management of the District Schools, in this respect, to be adjusted by the respective local Trustees thereof, and the parents of the children attending the same, and the result has been, as appears from returns before the Board, that in a large number of Schools in this Island, religious instruction is imparted to the children of those parents, both Protestant and Catholic, who desire it, and who thereby, without offence, the one to the other, and in harmony, enjoy religious freedom.

“The Board think it would be in the highest degree unwise to disturb this happy state of things; for while they have no intention to prohibit the reading of the Bible, but have permitted, and will hereafter permit it, where desired by the parents of children, they feel it their duty, as having charge of the general educational interests of all religious sects, to set their faces steadfastly against any compulsory regulations, or any attempt directly or indirectly, to interfere with the peculiar tenets of any description of Christians.”

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill to enable the Supreme Court of Judicature to give relief against adverse claims made upon persons having no interest in the subject of such claims.— After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Aldous* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be “An Act to enable the Supreme Court of Judicature to give relief against adverse claims made upon Sheriffs and other persons having no interest in the subject of such claims; and also to protect Sheriffs from loss in certain other cases therein mentioned.”

The Hon. *Mr. Swabey*, Commissioner of Public Lands, laid before the House—

An Abstract of the Worrell Estate Account, to the 31st January, 1857;

And—

An Abstract of the Lot Eleven Account to the same period.

[See Appendix No. 8.]

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Mr. Forgan* have leave to absent himself on Monday and Tuesday next.

Adjourned until Monday next, at One o'clock.

MONDAY, 30th March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Walker,

Mr. Dingwell,

Mr. Craswell,

Mr. Beaton,

Mr. Wright,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Aldous.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act for the Naturalization of Lawrence Warren*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, with a Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant in the Post Office, and to increase the Salary of the present Assistant"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. H. Haviland:

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly have passed the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen's County, and for other purposes therein mentioned"—with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow:

Folio 6, line 8.—Strike out the words "King's or Prince County," and insert "this Island."

Same folio, line 9.—After the word "imprisoned," insert "(whether confined or imprisoned under the process or execution of the Supreme Court or the Mayor's Court for the City of Charlottetown, or any Court of Commissioners for the recovery of Small Debts in this Island.)"

Folio 7, line 3.—After the word "be," insert "or (if the Prisoner be confined under the process or execution of the Mayor's Court, or any Court of Commissioners for the recovery of Small Debts as aforesaid) before the Clerk of any such Court."

Folio 8, line 4.—After the word "County," insert "or G. H., Clerk of the Mayor's Court for the City of Charlottetown, or of the Commissioners Court for (as the case may be)."

Same folio, line 5.—After the word "Prothonotary," insert "or the Clerk of the Mayor's or Commissioners' Court (as the case may be)."

The said amendments were read the second time, and the question of concurrence being put to each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House has agreed to the amendments made to this Bill, without any amendment.

Mr. Swabey, by leave, presented a Petition of divers Inhabitants of Charlottetown, praying for an amendment of the Act intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors, passed in the last Session of the General Assembly."

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

Mr. Dingwell, by leave, presented a Petition of Michael Walsh, of Souris, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in granting him compensation for extra labour performed by him at a Bridge at Rollo Bay.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs.

Mr. Aldous, by leave, presented a Petition of John Macarthur, of Newtown, Township Number Fifty-seven, in indigent circumstances, praying relief.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Paupers.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 31st March, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Craswell,

Mr. Dingwell,

Mr. Wright,

Mr. Beaton,

Mr. Bagnall,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Aldous.

Mr. Walker,

P R A Y E R S .

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Wright, by leave, presented a Petition of John Lea, and others, praying, that as the Education Act is about to expire, the Holy Scriptures may be placed on the List of Books now in use in the public Schools, and that they be introduced into the Academy and Normal School, to be daily read by the children of those parents, who do not object to their use, and taught therein by such Teachers as the Parents may approve of.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee, appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to continue and amend the Free Education Law"—being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Aldous* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant in the Post Office, and to increase the Salary of the present Assistant"—was read the second time.

The Bill intituled *An Act for preventing fraud by secret Bills of Sale of personal Chattels*—was, as engrossed, read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly, for their concurrence.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Craswell,

Mr. Dingwell,

Mr. Wright,

Mr. Beaton,

Mr. Bagnall,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Forgan,

Mr. Walker,

Mr. Aldous.

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant in

the Post Office, and to increase the Salary of the present Assistant.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to continue and amend the Free Education Law*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Adjourned until Friday next, at One o'clock.

FRIDAY, 3d April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Craswell,

Mr. Dingwell,

Mr. Wright,

Mr. Beaton,

Mr. Bagnall,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Forgan.

Mr. Walker,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Wednesday last.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant in the Post Office, and to increase the Salary of the present Assistant*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Swabey, by leave, presented a Petition of John Kenny, Acting Head Master of the Central Academy, praying that measures may be adopted for procuring a set of Nautical and Meteorological Instruments for the use of the Central Academy.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Education.

Mr. Swabey laid before the House, the Report of the Visitor of Schools for the past year:

[See Appendix No. 9.]

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

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Montgomery, with a Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Free Church congregation in the City of Charlottetown"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, with a Bill intituled "An Act granting a yearly sum to the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company;"

Also—

A Bill intituled "An Act relating to Ferries, and Minchin's Point Wharf"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

Adjourned until Monday next, at Ten o'clock.

MONDAY, 6th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

<i>The Hon. Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Beaton,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan.</i>

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Friday last.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, to attend an Examination of the Normal School.—After some time, the House was resumed, and his Honor *the President* reported, that the members of the House were all extremely gratified at the efficiency of the said School, and at the mode in which it was conducted.

The Bill intituled “An Act granting a yearly sum to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company”—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Bill intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Free Church Congregation in the City of Charlottetown”—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Forgan* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Bill intituled “An Act to enable the Supreme Court to give relief against adverse claims made against Sheriffs, and other persons having no interest in the subject of such claims, and also to protect Sheriffs from loss in certain other cases therein mentioned”—was, as engrossed, read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly, for their concurrence.

The *Hon. Mr. Attorney General*, a Member of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House,

Copy of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 37, of the 17th October, 1856, transmitting Copy of a Report of the Commissioners of Customs, on the Act passed in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature, intituled “An Act for raising a Revenue, and to consolidate and amend several Acts therein mentioned”—which were read.

[See Appendix No. 10.]

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. H. Haviland, with a Bill intituled "An Act for better securing the liberty of the subject," to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

Mr. Attorney General, by leave, presented a Petition of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company, praying that this House will concur with the House of Assembly, in altering the Act for the Incorporation of the said Company, whereby the number of votes held by the large Shareholders may be increased.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. H. Haviland, with a Bill intituled "An Act in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the Sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Charlottetown Gas Light Company"—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Hon. *Mr. Swabey*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, copy of the Warrant Book for the past year.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Mr. Beaton* have leave to absent himself during the present week, on urgent private business.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

TUESDAY, 7th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan.</i>
<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

The Bill intituled "An Act for the better securing the liberty of the subject"—was read the second time.

The Bill intituled an Act in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the Sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Charlottetown Gas Light Company"—was read the second time.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Free Church Congregation in the City of Charlottetown*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act granting a yearly sum to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That *Mr. Bagnall* have leave to absent himself until Thursday next.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at One o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 8th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President ;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan.</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled "An Act for better securing the liberty of the subject."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

The Bill intituled "An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin's Point Wharf"—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Mr. Attorney General, by leave, presented a Petition of Cephaz Barker, and others, styling themselves Members of the Bible Christian Denomination in this Island, praying that the present Act for the Incorporation of the Bible Christians may be repealed, and that another Act may pass, granting them the same privileges as are enjoyed by other religious denominations in this Island.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to a Special Committee to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General*, *Mr. Wright* and *Mr. Forgan* be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled an Act in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the Sixteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Charlottetown Gas Light Company."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

THURSDAY, 9th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan.</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. Attorney General, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of Cephias Barker and others, praying that the present Act for the Incorporation of the Bible Christians may be repealed, and that another Act may pass granting them the same privileges as are enjoyed by other religious denominations in this Island, presented to the House a Bill for the Incorporation of certain bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island—and the same was read the first time.

The Hon. *Mr. Swabey*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House, a return of Public Lands, in reference to the Worrell Estate and Lot Eleven.

Ordered, That the several Accounts do lie on the Table.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, with a Bill intituled "An Act for Raising a Revenue;"

Also—

A Bill intituled “An Act for appropriating certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven”—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Longworth, with a Bill intituled “An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors”—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bill was read the first time.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary, with a Bill intituled An Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoria, chapter eighteen, intituled “An Act for the purchase of lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned;”

Also—

A Bill intituled “An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent for the invention or discovery of certain improvements in the manufacture of malleable or bar Iron and Steel”—to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said Bills were severally read the first time.

Adjourned until Saturday next, at Twelve o'clock.

SATURDAY, 11th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Craswell,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan.</i>

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Thursday last.

The Bill intituled "An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors"—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House resumed, and *Mr. Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Wightman:

"House of Assembly, 7th April, 1857.

"Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council, to prepare and report the draught of an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, expressing the assent of the Legislature of this Colony, to the proposal to impose Tolls by the promulgation of an Order in Council, under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act amendment Act, of 1855, on British Shipping, in respect of the new Light House erected at Cape Race, on the Island of Newfoundland.

"Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Wightman, the Hon. Mr. Longworth, the Hon. Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Cooper and the Hon. Mr. Haviland do compose the said Committee.

"Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council."

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare the said Address to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey*, *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Forgan* be a Committee on the part of this House, to prepare the said Address.

Ordered, That the said Resolution, be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Mr. H. Haviland:

"Mr. President,

"The House of Assembly have passed the Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Supreme Court of Judicature to give relief against adverse claims made against Sheriffs, and other persons having no interest in the subject of such claims, and also to protect

Sheriffs from loss in certain other cases therein mentioned"—with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council."

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow:—

Folio 11, last line—Strike out all after the word "Court," to the end of the Bill.

In the title, line 5—Strike out all after the word "claims," to the end of the title.

The said amendments being read the second time, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered. That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have agreed to their amendments, without any amendment.

Mr. Attorney General, by leave, presented a Memorial of the Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, praying that this House will adopt measures to prevent the contemplated concessions of valuable Fishery privileges on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador, by the recent convention between the Governments of Great Britain and France, from going into effect.

Ordered. That the said Memorial be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by Hon. Mr. Whelan:

" House of Assembly, Saturday, April 11, 1857.

" Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council, to prepare an address to Her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the recent convention between the Imperial Governments of Great Britain and France, on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries

" *Ordered.* That the Hon. Mr. Whelan, the Hon. Mr. Haviland, the Hon. Mr. Longworth, the Hon. Mr. Lord, Mr. Cooper, and Mr. Macdonald be a Committee on the part of this House to prepare the said Address.

" *Ordered.* That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council."

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare the said Address to Her Majesty the Queen.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey*, *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Craswell* be a Committee on the part of this House to prepare the said Address.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Attorney General, from the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, expressing the assent of the Legislature of this Colony to the proposal to impose Tolls on British Shipping, in respect of the new Light House erected at Cape Race; presented the Draft of an Address, as prepared by the Joint Committee, and the same was read, and agreed to, and is as followeth:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

Most Gracious Sovereign ;

Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament convened, have had under their consideration during the present Session, a certain despatch, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Island, by your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 23rd day of July, 1856, on the subject of the Light House built at Cape Race, in Newfoundland ; and also, a copy of a Letter from the Board of Trade, dated the 9th July, 1856, addressed to H. Merivale, Esq., enclosing a draft of an Order in Council, imposing a Toll on Ships that will derive benefit therefrom.

From the above communications, it appears that your Majesty's Imperial Government have built a Light House on Cape Race, the cost of erecting which will be about £5160, Sterling, and of its maintenance somewhat over £400, Sterling, per annum ; and assuming that the cost of its erection is to be paid off in five years, it will be necessary to raise a sum of about £1500, Sterling, a year, to be reduced so soon as the cost of erection is paid off. It is proposed to raise these sums under the provisions of the Merchants' Shipping Act amendment Act of 1855, which empowers your Majesty, by Order in Council, to impose Tolls on British Shipping, in respect of any new Light Houses which may be required on or near the coast of any British Possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative authority of such place. It is suggested that such tolls should be collected at the Port of Clearance in the United Kingdom, or in the Colonies, and then remitted to England, or they may be collected entirely in the United Kingdom, in the majority of cases.

It also appears from Despatch, No. 42, of the 13th November, 1856, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Island, by Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the Law Officers of the Crown in England, have pronounced their opinion, that under the above Act, the consent of the several Colonial Legislatures to the levying of these tolls, must be obtained, before promulgation by Your Majesty of an Order in Council, imposing them, can legally take place ; and an expression of assent is requested on the part of the Legislature of this Colony, either by means of an Address to Your Majesty, or by Legislative enactment.

Being of opinion that great advantages will accrue to the Shipping of this Island, passing between it and Great Britain and Newfoundland, from the Light House on Cape Race, we hereby cheerfully and res-

pectfully notify to Your Majesty, our assent to the promulgation of an Order in Council, imposing a toll for the purpose of maintaining and erecting the Light House in question, at the rate of one-sixteenth of a penny per ton, to be reduced at the end of five years, as mentioned in the Despatches and Documents hereinbefore referred to.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to renew to Your Majesty our assurances of loyalty and attachment to Your Royal Person and Government.

Ordered, That the second reading of the Bill intituled An Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoria, chapter eighteen, intituled "An Act for the purchase of lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned;"—do stand as the order of the day for Monday next.

The Bill for the incorporation of certain bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Swabey* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and they recommend that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the subject-matter thereof, and further, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey* and *Mr. Craswell* be a Committee to manage the said Conference, to meet in the Conference Room, on Monday next, at Twelve o'clock;

Then the House adjourned until four o'clock;

And being met—

The Bill intituled "An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven"—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill for the incorporation of certain Bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be “An Act for the Incorporation of certain Bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island.”

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled “An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin’s Point Wharf.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and they recommend that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the subject-matter thereof; and further, that he was directed by the Committee to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey* and *Mr. Craswell* be a Committee to manage the said Conference, to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

Mr. Attorney General presented to the House, a Bill to explain and amend the Act authorising the Purchase of Lands by the Government, and to remove certain doubts as to the power of the Commissioner of Public Lands thereunder—and the same was read the first time.

Mr. President presented to the House, a Bill relating to the Office of Surrogate, and for other purposes—and the same was read the first time.

The Bill intituled “An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent for the invention or discovery of certain improvements in the manufacture of malleable or bar Iron and Steel”—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly do agree to a Conference as is desired by the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin’s Point Wharf”—and have appointed the Hon. Colonial Secretary, Mr. Macdonald, the Hon. Mr. Wightman, and the Hon. Mr. Montgomery, a Committee to manage the said Conference;”

And the names of the managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, they reported, that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Wightman:

“ House of Assembly, 11th April, 1857.

“ Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, on the subject of the proposal to impose Tolls in respect of the new Light House at Cape Race—in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

“ Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address to Her Majesty, be a Committee on the part of this House, to prepare the said Address to His Excellency.

“ Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council.”

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to prepare the said Address to His Excellency.

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address to Her Majesty, be a Committee on the part of this House, to prepare the said Address to His Excellency.

Ordered, That the said Resolution, be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council on the Bill intituled “An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin’s Point Wharf”—and have appointed the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference.”

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to, as is desired by the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference—and being returned, they reported the substance thereof to the House.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled an Act in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the Sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Charlottetown Gas Light Company.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Bill intituled “An Act for raising a Revenue”—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

Mr. Dingwell, by leave, presented a Petition of James Douglas, late of Bay Fortune, in this Island, praying the interposition of this House, for his relief under the peculiar circumstances in which he is placed in respect of his Property at Bay Fortune.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on all Petitions relating to Miscellaneous subjects.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act for better securing the liberty of the subject."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

Adjourned until Monday next, at Twelve o'clock.

MONDAY, 13th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

The Honorable Dr. Young, President;

The Hon. Mr. Swabey,

The Hon. Mr. Wright,

Mr. Dingwell,

Mr. Bagnall,

Mr. Attorney General,

Mr. Forgan,

Mr. Walker,

Mr. Aldous.

Mr. Mr. Craswell,

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of Saturday.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent for the invention or discovery in the manufacture of Malleable or Bar Iron and Steel*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them that this House have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

The Bill intituled "An Act relating to the Office of Surrogate, and for other purposes"—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Forgan* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be, “An Act relating to the Office of Surrogate, and for other purposes.”

The Bill to explain and amend the Act authorizing the purchase of Lands by the Government, and to remove certain doubts, as to the power of the Commissioner of Public Lands thereunder—was read the second time.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same, with several amendments.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed, and that the Title be, “An Act to explain and amend the Act relating to the Purchase of Lands by the Government, and to remove doubts as to the power of the Commissioner of Public Lands thereunder.”

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Palmer:

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly do agree to a Conference as is desired by the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors”—and have appointed the Hon. Mr. Palmer, the Hon. Mr. Longworth, the Hon. Mr. Haviland, and the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, a Committee to manage the said Conference;”

And the names of the managers being called over, they went to the Conference, and being returned, they reported, that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

Mr. Swabey, from the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, on the subject of imposing Tolls on British Shipping, for the erection and maintenance of the Light House at Cape Race—presented to the House, the Draft of an Address, as prepared by the Joint Committee, and the same was read, and agreed to, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency SIR DOMINICK DALY, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency ;

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly having agreed, jointly, to address Her Majesty the Queen, on the subject of imposing Tolls on British Shipping, for the erection and maintenance of the Light House at Cape Race, on the Island of Newfoundland, respectfully request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Address, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and they recommend that a Conference be desired with the House of Assembly on the subject-matter thereof; and further, that he was directed by the Committee to move, that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be agreed to.

Ordered, That *Mr. Attorney General* and *Mr. Forgan* be a Committee to manage the said Conference, to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

The order of the day, for the second reading of the Bill intituled An Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoria, chapter eighteen, intituled "An Act for the purchase of lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned;"—being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time.

Dissentient—

Mr. Forgan.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Treasurer:

" Mr. President,

" The House of Assembly do agree to a Conference as is desired by the Legislative Council on the Bill intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue"—and have appointed the Hon. Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. Lord, and the Hon. Mr. Haviland, a Committee to manage the said Conference.

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference—and being returned, they reported, that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Treasurer:

Mr. President,

The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council on the Bill intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue"—and have appointed the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference."

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to, as is desired by the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting therewith.

And the names of the managers being called over, they went to the Conference—and being returned, they reported the substance thereof to the House.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Attorney General* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until five o'clock;

And being met—

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the Bill intituled an Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoriae, chapter eighteen, intituled "An Act for the purchase of lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received—and leave granted.

The Bill intituled *An Act for the incorporation of certain Bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island*—was, as engrossed, read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly, for their concurrence.

The Bill intituled *An Act relating to the Office of Surrogate, and for other purposes*—was, as engrossed, read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly for their concurrence.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act for appropriating certain moneys therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven”—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had made some progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received, and leave granted.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:

“ Mr. President,

“The House of Assembly have passed the Bill intituled *An Act for the Incorporation of certain Bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island*—without any amendment.”

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled “An Act for appropriating certain monies therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.”—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

TUESDAY, 14th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Aldous.</i>
<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

The Bill intituled *An Act to explain and amend the Act authorising the Purchase of Lands by the Government, and to remove certain doubts as to the powers of the Commissioner of Public Lands thereunder*—was, as engrossed, read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly, for their concurrence.

Pursuant to order, the Bill intituled *An Act for raising a Revenue*—was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled an Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoriae, chapter eighteen, intituled "An Act for the purchase of lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned."—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had made further progress therein, and that he was directed to move that they may have leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received—and leave granted.

Resolved, That the Petition of James Douglas, setting forth the peculiar circumstances in which he is placed in regard to his Property at Bay Fortune—be referred

to a Special Committee—to report thereon in the next Session, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That *Mr. Swabey, Mr. Dingwell, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Walker and Mr. Forgan* be a Committee for that purpose.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Treasurer :

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors”—and have appointed the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference.”

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to, as is desired by the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

And the names of the managers being called over, they went to the Conference—and being returned, they reported the substance thereof to the House.

Resolved, That a further Conference be desired with the House of Assembly, on the Bill intituled “An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors.”

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

Mr. Swabey, from the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to prepare an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Convention between the Imperial Governments of Great Britain and France, on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries—presented to the House the Draft of an Address, as prepared by the Joint Committee, and the same was read, and agreed to, and is as followeth:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

Most Gracious Sovereign ;

Your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament assembled, have had their attention drawn to a Treaty concluded between Your Majesty and His Majesty the Emperor of France, on the 14th January last, ceding to His Imperial Majesty certain important fishery privileges on the coasts of Newfoundland, the Straits of Belle Isle and Labrador, and which Treaty is wisely left to the approval of the Imperial Parliament and the Legislature of the Colony whose interests, if it be ratified, would be seriously affected by its stipulations.

Your Majesty's loyal subjects, in the Legislature of this Dependency of the Crown, deeply regret that the duty devolves upon them of humbly and respectfully representing to Your Majesty the injurious consequence of an international Treaty between Great Britain and a great and powerful Nation in its immediate vicinity, affecting the interests of our fellow Colonists ; but the duty which we owe to our own people and to our brethren of Newfoundland, as part and parcel of the great cis-atlantic family, who look to the Mother Country for guidance and protection in the hour of difficulty and danger, impels us to raise our humble voice against a measure which would be so ruinous in its operation against Colonial rights and privileges as the Treaty under consideration.

Though dependent, weak, and isolated to some degree, these lower Provinces, whose interests are imperilled by the recent Fishery convention, have as strong a claim to the paternal consideration of Your Majesty's Government, as if they formed part of the British Islands, or were each of them as powerful a dependency as Canada, for whose advancement we rejoice to believe, Your Majesty's Government have always manifested the most earnest solicitude ; and having graciously conceded to us the inestimable and truly British right of managing our own affairs, we conceive that Your Majesty's Government should not entertain the application for concessions seriously affecting Colonial rights, emanating from a Foreign, though a friendly Power, without first ascertaining the views of the Colonists, whose interests might be so affected.

The very liberal concessions of territorial and fishery rights on the coast of Newfoundland, guaranteed to the French by existing Treaties, as well as the frequent encroachments on certain fishery privileges exclusively vested in Your Majesty's subjects, have long been a source of discontent with the people of Newfoundland, and of repeated remonstrance on the part of their Legislative Assemblies. We therefore, humbly hope, that it is not unbecoming our duty as loyal subjects of Your Majesty, to question the propriety and justice of rewarding an aggressive policy on the part of France, with respect to Colonial fisheries by still further concessions, and now especially as these are eminently calculated to cause still greater discontent and irritation, as they would injuriously affect, if not ruin the condition of a loyal and ancient Colony. Under present arrangements, the French are in possession of fully one-half the fisheries on the coast of Newfoundland, with valuable territorial privileges appertaining thereto ; and considering that Newfoundland is a British Province, we humbly conceive that it would be an unwise policy to accord to the subjects of a Foreign state a still further extension of privileges essentially British and Provincial.

The authorities and people of Newfoundland are fully convinced that the convention under review, if allowed to go into operation, would not merely destroy their fisheries, and check their industry and commercial enterprize, but, by depriving thousands of the means of subsistence, compel them to seek else-

where an asylum and reward for their labour ; and a thriving Colony of Great Britain would be thus reduced to a mere fishing station for the advantage of a rival Power. We regret that we have to share with our fellow Colonists of Newfoundland in this most discouraging conviction; and we therefore earnestly implore that Your Majesty's Government may be pleased to abandon a measure so injurious to Colonial interests—so likely to alienate the affections of a large portion of Your Majesty subjects, and so calculated to lead to contentions, which might, in the course of time, assume national proportions.

Apart from those high considerations of inter-colonial policy which should always induce sister Provinces to unite for the vindication and protection of common rights, the inhabitants of Prince Edward Island have important interests involved in the preservation of the Newfoundland fisheries. Many of our fishermen resort to the coast of Newfoundland, the Labrador, and the Straits of Belle Isle, for their supply of fish. If our Newfoundland brethren should be prevented from successfully competing with their French rivals, on the borders of Provincial territory, the injurious effects of such competition would be speedily felt by Your Majesty's subjects in this Colony. Newfoundland has for many years afforded a ready and profitable market for the sale of our surplus agricultural produce, our cattle, and a large proportion of our shipping—which form the staple of our export trade ; and should the prosperity of Newfoundland decline by means of undue advantages accorded to the subjects of France, the trade and prosperity of this Colony must also decline in a ratio proportioned to its territory and population.

But while participating with our fellow subjects of Newfoundland in the gloomy apprehensions which would be too certainly realized, should the recent convention be brought, by any means, into operation—we confidently rely on the assurance which Your Majesty's Colonial Minister has been pleased to afford, that the Imperial Cabinet will not depart from that rule of Colonial Government which is now so firmly established in British North America, of leaving to Colonial Legislation, the confirmation or rejection of measures affecting local territorial rights. Your Majesty having thus graciously recognized the right of the Legislature of Newfoundland to accept or reject the Treaty now before us, our firm reliance on the honor of the Crown will not permit us to doubt that the recognition will be maintained with inviolable faith.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Palmer:

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly do agree to a further Conference as is desired by the Legislative Council on the Bill intituled “An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors”—and have appointed the same Committee who managed the former Conferences thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference;”

And the names of the Managers being called over, they went to the Conference—and being returned, they reported, that they had complied with the instructions given them by this House.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled *An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act now in force, regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors.*—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Swabey* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:

“ Mr. President,

“ The House of Assembly desire a further Conference with the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled “ An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin’s Point Wharf ”—and have appointed the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, a Committee to manage this further Conference.

Resolved, That a further Conference be agreed to, as is desired by the House of Assembly.

Ordered, That the same Committee who managed the former Conference thereon, be a Committee to manage this further Conference—to meet in the Conference Room instanter.

Ordered, That a Message be sent down to the House of Assembly, acquainting them therewith.

And the names of the managers being called over, they went to the Conference—and being returned, they reported the substance thereof to the House.

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled *An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin’s Point Wharf.*—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Craswell* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

The Hon. *Mr. Attorney General*, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, laid before the House—

Copy of a circular Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated Downing Street, 18th September, 1856, intimating the exemption from Income Tax of the dividends, payable in Great Britain, upon Loans contracted by Colonial Governments, &c.—which was read.

[See Appendix No 11.]

Then the House adjourned until five o'clock;

And being met—

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Colonial Secretary:

“ Mr. President,

“The House of Assembly have passed the Bill intituled *An Act to explain and amend the Act authorising the Purchase of Lands by the Government, and to remove certain doubts as to the powers of the Commissioner of Public Lands thereunder—without any amendment.*”

On motion, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the further consideration of the Bill intituled *An Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoria, chapter eighteen, intituled 'An Act for the Purchase of Lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*—After some time, the House was resumed, and *Mr. Walker* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had agreed to the same.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee be received.

The said Bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Dissentient—

Mr. Forgan.

Ordered, That the said Bill be sent down to the House of Assembly.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, 15th April, 1857.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment.

P R E S E N T :

<i>The Honorable Dr. Young, President;</i>	
<i>The Hon. Mr. Swabey,</i>	<i>The Hon. Mr. Wright,</i>
<i>Mr. Dingwell,</i>	<i>Mr. Bagnall,</i>
<i>Mr. Attorney General,</i>	<i>Mr. Forgan,</i>
<i>Mr. Walker,</i>	<i>Mr. Aldous.</i>
<i>Mr. Craswell,</i>	

PRAYERS.

Read the proceedings of yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly, by the Hon. Mr. Whelan:

“ House of Assembly, 14th April, 1857.

“ Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Convention between the Imperial Governments of Great Britain and France, on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries.

“ Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address to Her Majesty, be a Committee to prepare the said Address to His Excellency.

“ Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the Legislative Council.”

Resolved, That a Committee of this House be appointed to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Convention between the Imperial Governments of Great Britain and France, on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address to Her Majesty, be a Committee on the part of this House to prepare the said Address to His Excellency.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be communicated, by Message, to the House of Assembly.

Mr. Swabey, from the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Convention between the Imperial Governments of Great Britain and France—presented to the House the draft of an Address, as prepared by the Joint Committee, and the same was read and agreed to, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency SIR DOMINICK DALY, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency ;

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly having had their attention directed to a Convention signed on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and the Emperor of France, at London, on the 14th of January last, ceding for the use of the subjects of the latter Sovereign certain very important fishery privileges and immunities on the coasts of Newfoundland, the Straits of Belle Isle and the Labrador ; and the Council and Assembly feeling convinced that such Convention, if allowed to go into operation, would not only be seriously detrimental to the prosperity of Newfoundland, but would most injuriously affect the interests of the inhabitants of this Colony—have deemed it to be their duty, in view of the facts, and with a due apprehension of the consequences of such a Treaty taking effect, to represent to Her Majesty their deliberate opinions on this subject, which they have endeavoured to convey in a loyal and respectful Address herewith submitted, and which they humbly desire to be laid at the foot of the Throne, through Your Excellency's intervention, supported by the weight of Your Excellency's powerful recommendation.

Ordered, That the same Committee who prepared the Address, be a Committee on the part of this House, to wait on His Excellency with the same.

The House took into consideration the incidental Expenses of the present Session, and allowed the same as follow, viz:—

The Rev. Charles Lloyd, Chaplain to this House, for his services,	£25	4	0
Henry Palmer, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and Sergeant at Arms, 42 days,	21	0	0
Account of the Clerk of the Council, for Stationery, and for Printing performed by order of the House,	27	14	1
William Minns Howe, Esquire, for his services as Reporter—to be paid to him on the Certificate of the Committee appointed to make arrangements for the efficient reporting of the debates of this House,	50	0	0
Patrick Furlong, Messenger to this House, for his services, and including his account for sundry disbursements,	55	0	6

John Hobbs, Doorkeeper, for his services as such, - - - 17 15 0

An amount sufficient to pay Mr. John S. Bremner, for his services in Printing the Journals of this House, agreeably to his Contract—one-half to be paid to him at the close of the Session, and the balance, on the Certificate of the Committee appointed to revise the Journals.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to prepare an Index to the Journals of the present Session, and that a remuneration of One hundred and fifty Pounds be made to him for his extra trouble in preparing said Index, and also for superintending the Printing of the Journals, and for other services—that Fifty Pounds be paid to him at the end of the Session, a further sum of Fifty Pounds on the thirtieth day of June next, and the balance, being Fifty Pounds, be paid to him when he shall have received from the Committee appointed to revise the Journals, a Certificate of his having prepared said Index, and superintended said Printing to their satisfaction.

Resolved, That the Assistant Clerk of this House be directed to assist the Chief Clerk in preparing the Index to and superintending the Printing of the Journals, and that a remuneration of Twenty Pounds be made to him for his extra trouble in so doing, the same to be paid to him when the Chief Clerk shall be entitled to receive the last instalment of the sum voted to him by the last preceding Resolution.

Resolved, That the Printing of the Debates of this House during the present Session, be paid for at the same rate as the Printing of the Debates of the House of Assembly, provided the same be printed and published within three weeks from the end of the Session, to the satisfaction of the Committee for revising the Journals.

Mr. Attorney General from the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Convention between the Imperial Governments of Great Britain and France, on the subject of the Newfoundland Fisheries—reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say—that he had received satisfactory assurances, that the provisions of the 20th Article of Convention entered into between Great Britain and France, on the subject of the Newfoundland fisheries, will be strictly adhered to; and if the Newfoundland Legislature signify their dissent to the arrangement, the convention will not be attempted to be carried out by Her Majesty's Imperial Government.

Mr. Attorney General from the Joint Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to wait on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, on the subject of the proposal to impose Tolls on British Shipping, in respect of the new Light House erected at Cape Race—reported the delivery thereof, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, he would forward the same, as desired.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor having come to the Council Chamber, and being seated, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod received his Excellency's commands to desire the attendance of the House of Assembly, immediately, in the Council Chamber.

The House of Assembly, with their Speaker, having attended accordingly, His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give his assent to the following Bills, viz:—

An Act to continue and amend the Princetown Royalty Church Incorporation Act.

An Act to continue and amend the Act to prevent Horses, Swine and Geese from going at large in Georgetown.

An Act to continue the Act exempting certain Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, Contracts and Agreements from the operation of the Laws relating to Usury.

An Act for the naturalization of Lawrence Warren.

An Act to Incorporate the Minister and Trustees of the Free Church Congregation in the City of Charlottetown.

An Act in further amendment of an Act made and passed in the Sixteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Charlottetown Gas-Light Company."

An Act for better securing the liberty of the subject.

An Act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain Letters Patent for the invention or discovery of certain improvements in the manufacture of Malleable or Bar Iron and Steel.

An Act for the incorporation of certain Bodies connected with the Bible Christian Church in Prince Edward Island, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.

An Act to amend the practice of the Supreme Court, and to alter the time for the attendance of Petit Jurors in Queen's County, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to enable the Supreme Court to give relief against adverse claims made against Sheriffs, and other persons having no interest in the subject of such claims.

An Act to explain and amend the Act authorising the Purchase of Lands by the Government, and to remove certain doubts as to the powers of the Commissioner of Public Lands thereunder.

After which, The Speaker of the House of Assembly addressed His Excellency as followeth:—

On behalf of Her Majesty's faithful Commons of Prince Edward Island, I have now to present the following Bills of Aid and Supply, voted to Her Majesty during the present Session, to which I have humbly to request Your Excellency's assent, viz:—

An Act to continue the Act relating to Packets sailing between this Island and the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

An Act to continue and amend the Free Education Law.

An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Assistant in the Post Office, and to increase the Salary of the present Assistant.

An Act granting a yearly sum to the New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Company.

An Act to alter certain provisions of the Act regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors..

An Act relating to Ferries and Minchin's Point Wharf.

An Act for raising monies to be applied to the Purchase of Lands under the Act of the Sixteenth Victoria, chapter eighteen, intituled 'An Act for the Purchase of Lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'

An Act far raising a Revenue.

An Act for appropriating certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

To each of which His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give his assent.

And then His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses:—

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;

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

The termination of the business that has engaged you enables me to relieve you from further attendance.

The unremitting attention which you have given to the public interests, has, to a considerable extent, realized the expectations I had formed at the opening of the Session ; and I congratulate you on the accomplishment of some highly important measures which I had recommended to your consideration, and which I confidently hope will be productive of lasting benefit to the Colony.

Although retaining my opinion as to the advantage that must result from the early establishment of Municipal Institutions, I concur with you in believing that, by affording ample time and opportunity to the people to become familiar with the nature and character of those Institutions, they will be more ready to adopt them when again brought under the consideration of their representatives.

I regret that measures so urgently required for establishing a Board of Works, and for the more secure and effectual application of the public monies on Roads, Bridges, and other public objects, have not been matured in the present Session.

I trust, however, that the consideration those objects have received, may lead to the formation of an enlightened public opinion, which will, ere long, enable the Legislature to arrive at such a just estimate of the abuses of the system that has, up to this time, been persevered in, as may effect their early and final extinction.

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

I thank you for the supplies which you have granted for the Public Service, and also for the confidence which you have reposed in the Government, by placing at its disposal the requisite funds for various important objects.

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

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

It is gratifying to me to reflect that, under Providence, the tranquil and improving condition of this Island is such as to hold out a reasonable prospect of steady and satisfactory progress; and it is with the utmost satisfaction, in relieving you from your labours, that I recur to the spirit of moderation and harmony, so eminently conducive to the general welfare, which has characterized your proceedings.

After which, the President of the Council said:

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and

“Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

“It is the will and pleasure of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that this General Assembly be prorogued until Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of May next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday, the Twenty-sixth day of May next, to be then here holden.”

CHARLES DESBRISAY,

Clerk of Legislative Council.

END OF THE THIRD SESSION.

APPENDIX

TO

THE JOURNAL

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

FOR THE SESSION

COMMENCING THE TWENTY-FIFTH FEBRUARY, AND ENDING THE FIFTEENTH APRIL,

1857.

APPENDIX No. 1.

[See Page 16.]

Despatch informing the Lieutenant Governor that the joint Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, regarding the Memorials of certain Proprietors of Lands, had been laid at the foot of the Throne.

No. 22.

(COPY.)

DOWNING STREET, 28th May, 1856.

SIR ;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 21, of the 18th of April, transmitting a joint Address to the Queen, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, on the subject of certain Memorials from the Proprietors of Land in that Colony, which prayed that the Royal Assent might be withheld from two Acts of the Legislature—the one to secure compensation to Tenants

in cases of ejection, and the other to impose a duty on the Rent Rolls of the Proprietors of certain rented Township Lands.

I have to acquaint you that I have laid this Address before the Queen, and that Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,
M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 2.

[See Page 17.]

Despatches on the subject of an Imperial Loan for the purchase of Proprietary rights in Prince Edward Island.

(No. 1.)

No. 24.

(copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 18th July, 1856.

SIR ;

I have to acknowledge your Despatch No. 22, of the 18th April last, enclosing an Address from both Houses of the Legislature of the Island to Her Majesty, referring to former correspondence on the subject of the Landlord and Tenant question in Prince Edward Island, and suggesting that if Her Majesty's Government would give a guarantee for any sufficient loan required for the purpose of purchasing landlords' rights, the Colony would, in the next Session of its Legislature, make the necessary provision for payment of interest.

I have to state, in reply, that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to give a favourable consideration to this suggestion; and that the local Land Purchase Act, to which reference is made, appears to them to furnish fair principles of adjustment, which might be extended by increasing the sum to be raised under Imperial guarantee. It would be necessary, however, before proceeding further, that Her Majesty's Government should be informed of the amount of the proposed loan; and they should, at the same time, receive a full statement of the financial resources of the Island, and of the precise nature of the provision to be made for securing the repayment of the principal and interest of the loan. Her Majesty's Government would not feel justified in pledging themselves to any decision on this subject until such information is before them.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,

M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

(No. 2.)

No. 43.

(copy.)

DOWNING STREET, 23d November, 1856.

SIR ;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 41, of the 5th September, transmitting a Minute of Council,

with other documents, explanatory of the financial condition of Prince Edward Island, as required by my Despatch of the 18th of July last.

The resources of the Island, as shewn by these documents, appear to Her Majesty's Government to afford sufficient guarantee for the due payment of the interest as it falls due, and for the formation of a sinking fund for the payment of the principal of the loan proposed to be raised under the Imperial guarantee; and they are therefore prepared to authorise a loan of one hundred thousand pounds, to be appropriated to the purchase of the rights of landed proprietors in the Island, subject to the following conditions:—

Her Majesty's Government observe that, in order to secure the repayment of moneys borrowed under the provisions of the Land Purchase Act, 16 Vic., cap. 18, as well as the interest thereon, the moneys arising from the sale, rent and profits of lands purchased under the Act, and paid into the Treasury, are in the first instance pledged and rendered liable, and the other public funds, moneys and securities, are likewise pledged and rendered liable.

In order, therefore, to secure this country against any undue charge, proper provision must be made for the regular payment of the interest of the proposed loan, as well as for the formation of a sinking fund, such as will secure the liquidation in twenty years of the principal amount of the debt, for the interest of which the Imperial guarantee is proposed to be given.

It will further be necessary that the proceeds of the lands to be purchased, as well as a first charge on the general revenue of the Province, should be secured by Legislative enactments, for the payment of principal and interest, and any other expenses that may be necessarily incurred. I have, therefore, to instruct you to bring the subject again under the consideration of your Council, with a view to the introduction into the Legislature of the measure necessary for giving effect to the proposed arrangement.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor D. DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,

M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 3.

[See Page 24.]

No. 27.

(COPY.)
DOWNING STREET,
6th August, 1856.

Sir;

I have had under my consideration the Act of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, to authorize the Government to prohibit the exportation of Saltpetre and other Chemical Salts.

As the Order of the Queen in Council, of the 9th of April, enclosed in my Circular Despatch, of the 18th of that month, will have rendered this Act inoperative, it becomes unnecessary to submit it for Her Majesty's decision.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON,
In the absence of Mr. Labouchere.

Lieut. Governor Sir D. DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,
M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

No. 30.

(COPY.)
DOWNING STREET,
29th August, 1856.

Sir;

I have received and had under my consideration nine Acts, passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, in the month of April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatch, noted in the margin [No. 24, 14th June, 1856].

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 may be left to their operation, and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the 21st August, 1856, approving that Report.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON,
In the absence of Mr. Labouchere.

Lieut. Governor Sir D. DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,
M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

(COPY.)

At the Court at Osborne House, Isle of Wight,
The 21st day of August, 1856.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT;

Lord Chancellor, Viscount Palmerston,
Lord Privy Seal, Lord Ernest Bruce,
Duke of Wellington, Mr. Labouchere.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Prince Edward, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did, in the month of April last, pass Nine Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:

No. 946.—“ An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts regulating the Sale, by Licence, of Spirituous Liquors.”

No. 947.—“ An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Weights and Measures.”

No. 948.—“ An Act to continue an Act for the regulation of the Mackerel Fishery.”

No. 949.—“ An Act to continue the Act relating to the laying down, erection, and maintenance of Buoys and Beacons in this Island.”

No. 950.—“ An Act to increase the Stock of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company.”

No. 951.—“ An Act to protect Justices of the Peace from vexatious Actions.”

No. 952.—“ An Act to amend the Law in this Island, as to Ejectments and Distresses, and as to the occupation of Lands.”

No. 953.—“ An Act to explain and amend the Statute of Limitations of Actions concerning Real Estate.”

No. 954.—“ An Act relating to the Indians of Prince Edward Island.”

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

APPENDIX.

Chief, for the time being, of Her Majesty's said Island of Prince Edward, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) C. GREVILLE.

No. 39.

(COPY.)

DOWNING STREET,

Sir; 30th October, 1856.

I have received and had under my consideration fifteen Acts, passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island in the month of April last, and transmitted to me in your Despatches, 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 22d October, 1856, approving that Report.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor Sir D. DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,
M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

(COPY.)

At the Court, at Windsor,
The 22d day of October, 1856.

PRESENT:

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ALBERT;

Viscount Palmerston, Mr. Labouchere,
Lord Stanley, of Alderly, Sir George Grey, Bt.

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor of Her Majesty's Island of Prince Edward, with the Council and Assembly of the said Island, did, in the month of April, 1856, pass fifteen Acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz:—

No. 945.—“An Act for raising a Revenue, and to consolidate and amend several Acts therein mentioned.”

No. 956.—“An Act for barring Estates Tail.”

No. 957.—“An Act further to improve the Law of Evidence.”

No. 958.—“An Act to alter and amend the Act incorporating the Minister and Elders of St. John's Church, Belfast.”

No. 959.—“An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Bank of Prince Edward Island.”

No. 960.—“An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Powers and Estates vested in the Principal Officers of the Ordnance.”

No. 961.—“An Act relating to the Boundaries of the City of Charlottetown, and the jurisdiction of the Mayor's and Police Courts of the said City, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

No. 962.—“An Act to increase the number of Members to serve in the General Assembly.”

No. 963.—“An Act to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of Peace in this Island, with respect to persons charged with indictable offences.”

No. 964.—“An Act to alter and amend the Act relating to the Charlottetown Ferry, and the Wharfs connected therewith.”

No. 965.—“An Act to repeal the Act, relating to Light and Anchorage Duties, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.”

No. 966.—“An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of St. David's Church, in Georgetown.”

No. 967.—“An Act in further amendment of the Act to Incorporate the Minister and Trustees of St. James's Church, in the Town of Charlottetown.”

No. 968.—“An Act to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace, with respect to Summary Convictions and Orders.”

No. 969.—“An Act for appropriating certain Moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.”

And whereas the said Acts have been referred to the Committee 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 Island of Prince Edward, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

(Signed) Wm. L. BATHURST.

APPENDIX No. 4.

[See Page 27.]

No. 26.

[COPY.]

DOWNING STREET,
23d July, 1856.

Sir;

With reference to Sir William Molesworth's Circular Despatch, of the First of September last, I transmit for your information and guidance, a copy of a Letter from the Board of Trade, enclosing the Draft of an Order in Council, imposing a toll upon certain Ships that will derive benefit from the Lighthouse on Cape Race.

You will observe, that the toll which it is intended to impose, can only be levied upon certain classes of vessels, with the consent and aid of the local Governments, but I cannot doubt, that the respective Provinces interested in the maintenance of the Light, will cheerfully co-operate with Her Majesty's Government, in giving effect to the proposed measure.

You will, therefore, bring the subject under the early consideration of your Council, and you will transmit to me, full information on the several points adverted to in the letter from the Board of Trade, so far as the Colony under your Government is concerned.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor Daly, &c. &c. &c.

Prince Edward Island.

A true Copy,

M. B. Daly, Private Secretary.

[COPY.]

Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 9th July, 1856.

Sir;

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to transmit to you for the consideration of Mr. Secretary Labouchere, the en-

closed copy of a Draft Order in Council, imposing a Toll upon certain Ships that will derive benefit from the Lighthouse upon Cape Race, Newfoundland.

The Toll is to be levied under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act amendment Act, 1855; (18 & 19 Vict. cap. 91), which empowers Her Majesty, in Council, to impose a Toll in respect of any new Lighthouse erected in or near the coasts of any British Possession, by or with the consent of the Legislative authority of such place.

My Lords calculate that the cost of erecting the Light will be about £5160, and that the cost of maintaining it will be somewhat over £400, per annum, assuming that the cost of erection is to be paid off in five years or thereabouts, it will be necessary to raise by the toll a sum of about £1500 a year, to be reduced as soon as the cost of erection is paid off. From returns which have been furnished in this country, and by the Colonial Governments, it appears that the annual amount of shipping that will pass or derive benefit from this Light, is about 5,500,000 Tons, which, at the sixteenth of a penny per ton, will give the required income; My Lords, therefore, propose to fix the toll to that amount.

It will be observed, that the Order in Council extends to ships navigating between Ports in the United Kingdom and certain Ports in North America, and also to ships navigating to and from Ports in British North America upon transatlantic voyages from and to Ports not in the United Kingdom. Upon the former of these classes, the toll can be collected in this country, upon the latter, the toll can only be levied in the respective Colonies with the consent and by the help of the Colonial Governments; the two classes are, however, so far as regards the benefit to be derived from the Light, precisely in the same position; and, my Lords trust, therefore, that there will be no difficulty on the part of any of the Colonies, in levying and accounting for the toll thus imposed.

There are, however, two other classes of vessels which will derive benefit from the Light, viz.:—1st. Ships engaged in the Coasting Trade of the Colony of Newfoundland—2ndly. Ships engaged in the inter-Colonial Trade of the British Colonies in North America, and passing the Light.

With regard to these two classes, my Lords do not think it desirable to make any provision by the Order in Council, until they learn precisely in what manner, and to what extent the several Colonial Governments are disposed to concur in imposing and collecting the toll. In the case of Newfoundland, my Lords understand, that the Colonial Government are willing to tax coasters to the same extent for which they are taxed for Cape Pine, but they think it desirable to know the exact terms which the Colonial Government propose for the purpose, before embodying them in any Order in Council, if indeed it be necessary to do so at all.

As regards the mode of collecting the toll imposed by the Order in Council, it appears desirable, that they should be collected, whenever it is possible to do so, at the Port of clearance before the vessel sails. My Lords propose; accordingly, that they shall be so collected in Ports of the United Kingdom, in the case of vessels departing from those Ports; whilst in the case of ships arriving in the United Kingdom, my Lords propose, that they shall not be demanded if a Colonial receipt, shewing that the toll for the voyage has been paid in the Colony before starting is produced. As regards the management of the Light, it appears to my Lords, that it may very properly be entrusted to the Board of Works mentioned in the Despatch of the Governor of Newfoundland, of the 8th January last, which was transmitted to this Board in your letter of the 26th February, and my Lords will be prepared to make arrangements for the remitting of the tolls, and for providing thereout the funds necessary for maintaining the Light, after learning the arrangements made for collecting and accounting for the tolls to be taken in Newfoundland, and the other Colonies, and the particulars of the measures which the Board of Works propose to adopt for maintaining the Light.

The convenient course will probably be, that an account should be rendered quarterly to this department, from the Colony of Newfoundland, of the cost of the management, and also of the amount of tolls received in that Colony, with the particulars of the

vessels which have paid the tolls, giving the name of the vessel, and the Port to which she belongs, her tonnage, rate of toll, and account paid by each vessel; if there is a balance due to the Colony, upon such account, it may be settled by a draft upon the accountant to the Board of Trade. But if the receipts are more than the payments, the balance should be remitted to Her Majesty's Paymaster General, to be placed to the credit of the account for Colonial Lighthouses. The balance from the other Colonies should be remitted in like manner.

As regards the proposal contained in the Despatch of the Governor of Newfoundland above referred to, to the effect that the Lighthouse on Cape Pine, and the tolls for that Light, should be placed upon the same footing as the Lighthouse on Cape Race and its tolls. My Lords direct me to state, that as soon as they have concluded the arrangements for Cape Race, and have seen how they answer, they will be prepared to consider the proposal, but they think it better to defer its consideration for the present.

As the Lighthouse on Cape Race will soon be in a condition for exhibiting the Light, it is desirable, that the Order in Council, should be submitted for Her Majesty's sanction as early as possible. My Lords will be glad, therefore, to be favored with Mr. Secretary Labouchere's opinion, at his earliest convenience, whether there is any objection to the Order in Council, as proposed to be framed, and they would be glad to receive also, the required information upon the several points before adverted to, with reference to the Colonies, so soon as Mr. Labouchere has had an opportunity of making the necessary communications with the Colonial Governments.

With reference to dues to be levied in the Colonies, I am to call your attention particularly to the 3d Section of the Act above mentioned.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JAMES BOOTH.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

“Whereas by the Merchant Shipping Act amendment Act, 1855, it is enacted, that upon the erection of any new Lighthouse, in or near any of the coasts of the British Possessions, by or with the consent of the Legislative authority of such Possession, Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, fix such toll, in regard thereof to be paid by the Master or Owner

of any Ship which passes the same, or derives benefit therefrom, as Her Majesty may deem reasonable.

“And whereas, a Lighthouse is, by and with the consent of the Legislative authority of the Colony of Newfoundland, now being erected on Cape Race, in the said Colony.

“And whereas, the erection of such Lighthouse will soon be completed, and the Light thereof will shortly be exhibited.

“And whereas, the several classes of Ships following, that is to say:—

“All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, navigating from any Port or Ports in the British Colonies in North America, to any Port or Ports in the United Kingdom.

“All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, navigating from any port or ports in the United Kingdom, to any port or ports in the British Colonies, in North America.

“All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, bound from any port or ports in the British Colonies in North America, upon any transatlantic voyage.

“All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, arriving at any port or ports in the British Colonies in North America, after any transatlantic voyage.

“All ships, whether sailing ships or steam ships, arriving at any port or ports in the United Kingdom, from New York, or any port in the United States, North of New York.

“All steam ships leaving any port or ports in the United Kingdom, for New York, or any port in the United States, north of New York, will pass the said Lighthouse, and will, when the Light is exhibited therein, derive benefit therefrom.

“Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the said recited Act, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to direct, that upon and after the lighting of the said Light upon Cape Race, there shall be paid for every such ship, as aforesaid, except ships belonging to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the toll of one-sixteenth of a penny, per ton, of the burthen of every such ship for every such voyage as aforesaid.

•“And the Right Honorable, &c.”

No. 35.

[COPY.]

DOWNING STREET,

15th October, 1856.

Sir;

I transmit, herewith, for your information and guidance, the copy of a letter from the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, from which you will learn, that they postpone the consideration of the question relative to the erection of Lighthouses on North Cape and East Point, Prince Edward Island, until their Lordships are in possession of the further information promised in your Despatch, No. 37, of the 23d August.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor

Sir D. DALY, &c. &c. &c.

A true copy,

M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

[COPY.]

Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 4th October, 1856.

Sir;

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th ultimo, enclosing the copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, stating that he did not apprehend any difficulty in securing the co-operation of the Colony, for giving effect to the views of Her Majesty's Government, in regard to Cape Race Light, by the enactment of a Law for that purpose, and concurring generally in the terms and conditions of the draft order in Council, for imposing a toll upon ships which pass that Light. My Lords presume, that the Lieutenant Governor will reply more fully to the several points raised by the letter from this Department, dated 9th July last, as soon as he has had the opportunity of consulting the Colonial Legislature.

As regards the suggestion contained in the Report from the Colonial Committee, for erecting two Lighthouses, one on the North Cape, and one on the East Point of the Island, I am to observe, that it appears from their Report that further proceedings with res-

pect to Lighthouses are postponed until the opinion of the neighbouring Colonies has been obtained. My Lords, therefore, postpone for the present, any further consideration of the suggestion in question.

So soon, however, as the opinion of the authorities in the several Colonies on the subject has been ascertained, my Lords will be glad to receive from the Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, a Report, shewing the necessity of two Lighthouses on the proposed sites, together with, any information concerning the sites, the buildings, or the lighting apparatus, which his knowledge of the coast enables him to furnish.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JAMES BOOTH.

H. Merivale, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

No. 42.

[COPY.]

DOWNING STREET,

13th November, 1856.

Sir ;

With reference to my Despatch, No. 26, of the 23d of July last, I have to acquaint you, that the Law Officers of the Crown, having been consulted respecting the Order in Council, which it has been proposed to issue, for the purpose of levying tolls for the maintenance of the Lighthouse on Cape Race, Newfoundland, have expressed themselves of opinion, that under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1855, the consent of the several Colonial Legislatures to the levy of these tolls, must be obtained before such promulgation can legally take place.

You will, therefore, bring the subject under the notice of your Council, in order that the necessary measures may be taken for obtaining the expression of the assent of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, either by means of an Address to the Crown, or by some Legislative Act.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor

Sir D. Daly, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,

M. B. DALY,

Private Secretary.

No. 37.

[COPY.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Prince Edward Island,

23d August, 1856.

Sir ;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 23d July, No. 26, transmitting for my information and guidance, Copy of a Letter from the Board of Trade, enclosing the Draft of an Order in Council, imposing a toll upon certain ships that will derive benefit from the Lighthouse on Cape Race.

Having brought the subject under the consideration of the Executive Council, I am enabled to inform you, that I do not apprehend any difficulty in securing the co-operation of this Colony for giving effect to the views of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the Cape Race Light, by the enactment of a Law for that purpose. In so far as this Colony is concerned, I see no ground for objection to the terms and conditions of the proposed Order in Council.

During the last Session, I brought the general subject of Colonial Light Houses under the consideration of the Legislature, with a view to giving effect, in so far as this Colony is concerned, to the measures proposed by Her Majesty's Government, and a Committee having devoted considerable attention to the subject, the Assembly adopted their Report ; a printed copy of which I have the honor to enclose. I am taking measures to procure the information desired by the Assembly, as to the sentiments of the neighbouring Colonial Governments on this subject.

I would beg leave to call your attention to that portion of the accompanying Report of the House of Assembly, having reference to the want of Light Houses on the North Cape, and on the East Point of this Island. The necessity for Lights on those positions is very generally felt, and has been represented to me also by Officers of Her Majesty's Naval Service.

Should Her Majesty's Government see fit to authorize their erection, under the provisions of the "Merchant Shipping Act amendment Act", (18 & 19 Vict. cap. 91,) they could not fail to be productive of very considerable advantage to shipping and commercial interests.

I have, &c.

(Signed) D. DALY, Lt. Governor.

The Right Honorable

Henry Labouchere, M. P. &c. &c. &c.

A true copy,

M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

APPENDIX No. 5.

[See Page 31.]

Despatches and other Public Documents on the subject of Colonial Tariffs.

No. 23. [COPY.]

DOWNING STREET, 15th July, 1856.

SIR ;

The Treaty of 1854, commonly known as the Reciprocity Treaty, between Great Britain and the United States, was concluded under circumstances of political exigency, with the immediate object of terminating questions in dispute as to rights of fishery ; and at the same time with the desire, on the part of the British Government, to secure commercial advantages for the British North American Provinces.

At the time when the Treaty was concluded many of the articles enumerated in the Treaty were subject to duty in the North American Colonies, equally when brought from Great Britain, the British Colonies, and from foreign countries, so that the immediate effect of the Treaty was to establish differential duties on such of the enumerated articles as were before subject to duty, to the disadvantage of the United Kingdom and the British Colonies, as well as of foreign Countries.

To meet this, in some measure special provision has been made in Colonial Acts. Thus in Newfoundland the Governor is authorised by proclamation to declare some of the articles enumerated to be admissible duty free, when the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom, or of the British North American Colonies, and others of them to be so only when the produce of the latter Colonies.

By an Act 15 Vic. cap. 2, passed in contemplation of the Reciprocity Treaty, but before its conclusion, the Governor of Nova Scotia is authorised to declare by proclamation that articles, being the produce of any foreign Nation entitled to trade with Nova Scotia, on the same terms as the United States, shall be free from duty in Nova Scotia, if the same articles are free when the produce of the United States ; and the wording of the section seems to imply that this proviso is to come into force for countries which admit *any* of the enumerated articles duty free, and is not restricted to those countries which shall admit them all.

Other modifications have been made in the Tariffs of the North American Provinces, which go far to remove any particular inconvenience which might have arisen under the operation of the Treaty. Still it must be admitted that so long as any articles are admitted duty free from the United States, which are subject to duty when the produce of the United Kingdom, the British Colonies, or other foreign countries, this Treaty clashes with the provisions of several existing commercial treaties with other countries, while at the same time it presents an exception to the whole course of recent legislation ; a state of things which certainly tends to encourage other propositions equally at variance with economical principles ; such, for instance, as that which has been put forward for the mutual abolition of duties between the West Indies and the North American Provinces.

All the accessible documents in this Office, and especially the Customs Returns for the North American Provinces, have been examined, with a view to discover what actual amount of duty would be sacrificed in the North American Provinces, by completely abolishing the duties upon all the articles enumerated in the Treaty, from whatever country imported. But owing to the incompleteness of the available information, it is not possible to arrive at perfectly accurate results. It is, however, most probable that in nearly every instance the operation of the Treaty has been greatly to diminish, if not to put an end to, the import of the enumerated articles from places other than the United States, so that any estimate of the loss which might follow from the complete opening of trade in the enumerated articles, derived from the returns of imports before the Treaty came into complete operation, are probably much in excess of the truth.

By an Act of the General Assembly, c. 35, of 1855, the Lieutenant Governor is empowered, so soon as the enumerated articles are admitted into the other North American Provinces free of duty, when the produce of Prince Edward Island, to admit the same articles when the produce of and imported from those Colonies. Inasmuch as the entire import trade of Prince Edward Island in the enumerated articles seems to be confined to the British Provinces and the United States, it is pretty certain that the receipt of duties upon these articles will henceforward be very trifling; and there is no reason to suppose that any practical cause of complaint will arise under the law as now established; but it cannot be denied that a scale of differential duties, against the United Kingdom and foreign countries having commercial treaties with this country, presents an apparent ground for dissatisfaction, and may hereafter tend to cripple the increasing trade of the Island.

I have, therefore, to request that you will consult with your Council upon this subject, and

report to me your opinion as to the expediency of proposing to the General Assembly the complete abolition of duties on all the articles enumerated in the Reciprocity Treaty.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

No. 42.

[COPY.]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,
6th September, 1856.

SIR :

Having brought your Despatch of the 15th July, No. 23, under the consideration of my Executive Council, with a view to the adoption of such legislative action as may be necessary, in order to meet the wishes of Her Majesty's Government, as therein set forth, I have the honour to enclose a Minute, setting forth the views of the Council as to the expediency of discontinuing the scale of differential duties against the United Kingdom and foreign countries having commercial treaties with Great Britain.

There exists, for the present, a strong indisposition on the part of the Council to go the whole length of completely abolishing the duties on all the articles enumerated in the Reciprocity Treaty, arising from the great benefit this Colony already derives from the action of that Treaty, and a disinclination to disturb arrangements which have thus far proved so advantageous, until their operation shall have been further tested.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) D. DALY, Lt. Governor.

The Right Honorable
Henry Labouchere, M.P. &c. &c. &c.

A true copy,

M. B. DALY, Private Sec'y.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.COUNCIL CHAMBER,
2d September, 1856.

At a Meeting of Council.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,
&c. &c. &c.

The following Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the Despatch of Mr. Labouchere, respecting the Reciprocity Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America, was laid before the Board, and the same was read, viz :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The Committee of the Executive Council, to whom Your Excellency referred the Despatch of Mr. Labouchere, dated 18th July, 1856, No. 23, respecting the Reciprocity Treaty between Great Britain and the United States of America, as well as an Act of the General Assembly of this Island, passed in the year 1855, empowering the Lieutenant Governor to admit certain enumerated articles from the other North American Colonies duty free; provided the like articles, the produce of this Island, should be admitted duty free into those other Colonies; and complaining that the like articles, when imported from the United Kingdom, the other British Colonies and Foreign Countries, are liable to duty; and that the Treaty clashes with the provisions of several existing Commercial Treaties with other Countries,—beg leave to report, that after a full and careful examination as to what would be the effect of the establishment of a similar Reciprocity between Great Britain, her other Colonies and Foreign Countries, and with this Island, in the articles enumerated in the Treaty with the United States, as well as those articles mentioned in the eighth section of the Revenue Act of the last Session,

passed on the 14th of April, 1856, being the growth or production of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or Newfoundland,—are of opinion, that the views of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies should be carried out, and that a Bill should be prepared by the Government, and submitted to the Legislature at its next meeting, to give effect to the system of Reciprocity, by the admission of the articles mentioned in the Treaty with the United States, those from other Foreign Countries, and from Great Britain and the other Colonies not mentioned in the present Revenue Act; provided the like articles be admitted duty free from this Island into those Countries.

His Excellency and the Board having taken the foregoing Report into their consideration, were pleased to approve of the same.

A true copy, which I certify,
CHAS. DESBRISAY,
Clerk E. Council.

No. 41.

(COPY.)

DOWNING STREET,
10th November, 1856.

SIR ;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 42, of the 6th September, accompanied by a Minute of the Executive Council of Prince Edward Island, on the subject of the alterations in the Colonial Tariffs; rendered necessary by the Reciprocity Treaty of the United States.

I referred this Despatch, with the Minute, for the consideration of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade; and I now transmit a copy of their reply. In instructing you to bring their Lordships' suggestions before your Council, I have to express the hope that

they will be the more readily carried into effect by the local Government, as no practical inconvenience is likely to arise from their adoption.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor Sir D. DALY, &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,
M. B. DALY, Private Sec'y.

(COPY.)

OFFICE OF COMMITTEE OF PRIVY COUNCIL FOR TRADE,
Whitehall, 24th October, 1856.

SIR ;

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, transmitting, for the information of this Board, by direction of Mr. Secretary Labouchere, copy of a Despatch from the Lieut. Governor of Prince Edward Island, enclosing a Minute of the Executive Council of that Colony, having reference to Mr. Labouchere's Circular Despatch of the 15th July, 1856, on the subject of the alterations in the Colonial Tariffs, which were rendered necessary by the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States (1854), and the subsequent Acts of the North American Provinces, providing for the mutual free exchange of certain of their products.

My Lords observe that the Minute in question, although professedly acquiescing in the views of the Secretary of State, limits the extension of the tariff privileges which are now enjoyed in Prince Edward Island, by the United States and the other North American Provinces, to the case of countries who shall confer reciprocal privileges on the trade of that possession.

This limitation would entirely defeat two of the principal objects aimed at in the recommendation of the Secretary of State, viz :—

1. The reconciliation of the Colonial Tariffs with the Treaty obligations of the Home Government.

2. The extension to the trade of the United Kingdom of the privileges enjoyed by the other North American Provinces, and by the United States.

Several of the treaties at present subsisting between Great Britain and foreign States contain a stipulation of unconditional most favored nation treatment; and the countries in question are therefore entitled to claim for their produce the lowest duties charged by the Colonial Tariffs, independently of any corresponding concession on their side to the trade of the British possessions.

This stipulation, although at first sight, perhaps, inconsistent with abstract ideas of commercial equity, is in accordance with the deliberate policy of this country, and rests, for its justification, on the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, that commercial restrictions, which are not necessary for fiscal purposes, recoil on the country which imposes them; and that in the present state of the national progress the interests of trade are better served even by one sided freedom than by the retaliation of injuries.

So far, therefore, as foreign countries are concerned, the condition of reciprocity, proposed by the Executive Council, is neither consistent with the commercial policy or the treaty obligations of the United Kingdom.

As regards the trade of this country, the inapplicability of the limitation in question is still more obvious.

It need hardly be stated that the British Tariff cannot be made to depend upon the arrangements which the commercial requirements of the North American Colonies and the United States of America may render expedient.

Amongst the articles included in the free list inserted in the Reciprocity Treaty, 1854, there are more than one upon which the remission of duty is totally out of the question, under the existing system of taxation in this country. My Lords would more particularly refer to the case of tobacco, the duty upon which yields an annual revenue of nearly £4,000,000.

With regard to several other articles included in the list, viz: cheese, butter, tallow, timber, and fruits, the colonies are still protected against foreign competition by differential duties; but under the present policy of this country, any change that may be made in these duties is more likely to be in the direction of equalizing the duties on foreign and colonial produce, than

towards a remission of duty upon colonial produce alone.

My Lords consider that it is important that the attention of the Lieut. Governor should be called to the inadequacy of the recommendation contained in the Minute of the Executive Council, to meet the views of Her Majesty's Government, in order that, before the proposed Bill to give effect to that Minute be submitted to the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, the subject may receive the further consideration of the Council.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) T. EMERSON TENNENT.

T. F. ELLIOT, Esqr., &c. &c. &c.

APPENDIX No. 6.

[See Page 35.]

State of the Bank of Prince Edward Island on the Second September, 1856, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

DUE FROM BANK.			RESOURCES OF THE BANK.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Bills (Bank Notes) in circulation -	8,999	10 0	Gold, Silver, and other coined Metals } in its Banking House, - }	17,850	0 0
Profits on hand, - - - -	161	4 10	Real Estate, <i>nil.</i>		
Balances due to other Banks, <i>nil.</i>			Bills of other Banks incorporated in this Island, <i>nil.</i>		
Cash deposited, including all sums what- ever due from the Bank not bearing interest, its bills in circulation, profits and balances due to other Banks ex- cepted, - - - -	21,013	3 10	Balances due from other Banks, -	250	3 9
Cash deposited, bearing interest, -	550	0 0	Amount of all debts due, including Notes, Bills of Exchange, and all stock and funded debts of every des- cription, except the balances due from other Banks, }	12,222	5 5
			Total resources of the Bank,	£30,328	9 2
			Expenses attendant on commencing business, including Bank furniture, stationery, fuel, &c., as far as paid, }	395	9 6
				£30,723	18 8
Total amount due from Bank,	£30,723	18 8			
Rate and amount of the last dividend and when declared, }	<i>nil.</i>				
Amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring the last dividend, }	<i>nil.</i>				
Amount of debts due and not paid, and considered doubtful, - }	<i>nil.</i>				

WM. CUNDALL, Cashier Bank P. E. I.

September 3, 1856.

Sworn to as a correct and true return, before me,
this 3d. September, 1856, THEOPH. DESERISAY, J. P.

State of the Bank of Prince Edward Island on the Third of March, 1857, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

DUE FROM BANK.		£	s.	d.	RESOURCES OF THE BANK.		£	s.	d.
Bills in circulation, - - -	38,847	10	0	0	Gold, Silver, and other coined Metals, in its Banking House, - - -	22,716	5	1	½
Nett profits on hand, - - -	2,359	10	0	½	Real Estate.				
Balances due to other Banks.					Expense account, - - -	1,229	9	4	
Cash deposited, including all sums what- ever due from the Bank not bearing interest, its bills in circulation, profits and balances due to other Banks ex- cepted - - - -	26,066	13	0	½	Bills of other Banks incorporated in this Island.				
Cash deposited bearing interest, - -	4,831	4	6		Balances due from other Banks, inclu- ding Bills of Exchange sent abroad for collection - - - -	10,342	8	7	½
					Amounts of all debts due, including Notes, Bills of Exchange, and all stock and funded debts of every description, except the balances due from other Banks, - - - -	37,816	6	6	
Total amount due from Bank, £72,104 9 7					Total amount of the resources of the Bank, - - - -	£72,104	9	7	
Rate and amount of the last dividend, and when declared.					Wm. CUNDALL, Cashier.				
Amount of reserved profits at the time of declaring last dividend.					RALPH BRECKEN,				
Amount of debts due and not paid, and considered doubtful.					D. HODGSON,				
					DANIEL BRENNAN,				
					JOSEPH HENSLEY,				
					JOHN KENNY,				
					JNO. LONGWORTH,				
					} Directors.				
					Sworn to as a true account, this 4th day of March, 1857, by the said William Cundall, before me,				
					ROBT. HUTCHINSON, Mayor.				

APPENDIX No. 7.

[See Page 38.]

No. 41.

(COPY.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Prince Edward Island,
5th September, 1856.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, of the 18th July, No. 24, conveying the gratifying intimation that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to give a favorable consideration to the suggestion of the Legislature of this Island, in regard to a loan to be raised under Imperial guarantee, and calling for information on certain points therein stated, to enable Her Majesty's Government to come to a final decision on the subject.

Having brought your Despatch under the consideration of my Council, I trust that the minute which I have the honor to enclose, with the accompanying statements (marked A, B and C), therein referred to, will afford all the information required, and be deemed to exhibit a sound state of the financial resources of the Colony.

After the most careful consideration of the difficulties that have so long existed in this Colony, with a view to their final and effectual removal, I have not been able to discover any means, which, in my humble opinion, affords so fair a prospect of success, as the operation of the "Land Purchase Act," with an extension of funds suited to the exigencies of the case, which would be amply supplied by the amount now proposed to be raised, and I incline much to the opinion, that it will not at any time be necessary to raise the whole of that sum.

Experience thus far justifies the belief, that these measures cannot occasion any pecuniary loss, and operations under the "Land Purchase Bill" are already producing their effects upon the price of lands generally, and must ultimately bring a large portion of the wild lands, by whomsoever owned, within the reach of actual settlers, to the advantage of all concerned.

I have, &c.
(Signed) D. DALY,
Lieut. Governor.

The Right Honorable
Henry Labouchere, M. P., &c. &c. &c.

A true copy,
M. B. DALY, Private Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
2d September, 1856.

At a Meeting of Council.

Present:

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor;
The Hon. Mr. Coles, The Hon. Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Young, Mr. Beaton.
Mr. Swabey,

The following Report of the Committee of the Executive Council was laid before the Board, which was read, viz:

May it please your Excellency,

The Committee of the Executive Council, to whom was referred the Despatch from the Right Honorable Henry Labouchere, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 24, dated 18th July, 1856, in reply to your Excellency's Despatch, No. 22, of the 18th April last, enclosing an Address from both branches of the Legislature of this Island, to Her Majesty, referring to former Correspondence on the subject of the Landlord and Tenant question in Prince Edward Island, and suggesting, that if Her Majesty's Government would give a guarantee for any sufficient Loan, required for the purpose of purchasing Landlords' rights, the Colony would, in the next Session of its Legislature, make the necessary provision for the payment of Interest, have given the subject matter of the Despatch careful consideration.

They cannot but feel gratified at the assurance given in the Despatch in question, that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to give a favorable consideration to the suggestion, and that the local Land Purchase Act, to which reference is made, appears to them to furnish fair principles of adjustment, which may be extended by increasing the sum to be raised under Imperial guarantee.

Before proceeding further, however, Her Majesty's Government require—

1st.—To be informed of the amount of the proposed Loan.

2d.—To receive a statement of the financial resources of the Island.

3rd.—And also a statement of the precise nature of the provision to be made for securing the repayment.

With regard to the first point, viz: The amount of the Loan.

Your Committee are of opinion, that it would be requisite to have authority to raise a sum of money, not exceeding £100,000, Sterling, although it is probable that the whole amount will not be required at any one time.

2nd.—That the financial resources and position of the Island will be understood on reference to the Tabular Statements A., B., and C., accompanying this report.

Tabular Statement A is of the Revenue, during eight years ending 31st January, 1856, in which, with the exception of the last year only, there has been a rapid annual increase. The slight decrease in the last year, as compared with that immediately preceding, was caused, it is believed, by the War, and the extreme depression in the Shipping and Mercantile interests consequent upon it, but it is confidently anticipated that the Revenue for the now current year will again exhibit a decided improvement. It will be observed, that the Revenue, which in the year 1848 was £11,861 10s. 9d, had arisen, in 1854, to £30,689 1s. Sterling, an increase of £18,827 10s. 3d. Sterling, considerably more than double, and its amount, even in 1855, which, as already observed, exhibits a decrease in that of 1854, exceeds that of 1853, by £4,490 12s. 6d. Sterling, and has more than double that of 1848. (Excess over 1848, £16,192 10s. 9d., Sterling.)

Tabular Statement B is of the Revenue and Expenditure during the same period, shewing that £5,786 16s. 5d. Sterling, more on the balance of accounts was to the credit of this Colony in January, 1856, than in 1848, and this too after charging as Expenditure in the year 1854 the sum of £12,000, Sterling, issued in Debentures for the purchase of the Worrell Estate (84,000 acres or thereabouts), and not taking any credit for the lands by that purchase vested in the Government.

Tabular Statement C. is a statement of the Finances of the Colony on the 31st January, 1856, which has carefully been prepared, and contains, in the opinion of your Committee, a just and correct view of its present financial condition, which proves, after taking credit to the Colony for the value of Government lands, estimated at a low rate, and charging it with all Debentures afloat, and with £7,666 13s. 4d. Treasury Notes afloat, not bearing Interest, that strictly speak-

ing at that date the Colony was not only out of debt, but that a balance existed in its favor amounting to £6,521 6s. 3d. Sterling.

With respect to the third point, namely, the precise nature of the provision to be made for securing the repayment of the proposed Loan, your Committee, in the first instance, would remark, that they conceive it will be necessary to pass an Act, in addition to the Land Purchase Act, empowering the Government to raise the required amount, by Debentures or Bonds, in such form as the Imperial Government may point out as usual and most convenient in such cases. The Act should contain a clause securing the repayment of the monies to be raised in accordance with the twentieth section of the original Land Purchase Act, of the 16th Victoria, cap. 18, which reads as follows:—

“For the repayment of all sums of money, borrowed under this Act, and the Interest thereon, and for the payment of all sums contracted to be paid under this Act, and expenses incurred thereunder, the moneys arising from the sale, rents, and profits of lands purchased thereunder, and paid into the Treasury, shall in the first instance, be pledged and rendered liable, and the other public funds, moneys, and securities of this Island, shall be, and the same are hereby in the next place pledged and rendered liable.”

Your Committee believe, that Her Majesty's Government, after considering the sound state of the finances of the Island, and that the proceeds of the lands to be purchased, as well as the general revenue, will, by Legislative enactment, be pledged to secure the repayment of the principal and interest of any amount borrowed, will feel fully justified in aiding the Colony in obtaining a loan on advantageous terms, by giving the Imperial guarantee for the sum required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed { GEORGE COLES,
WILLIAM SWABEY,
JOSEPH HENSLEY.

His Excellency and the Board having taken the foregoing Report into their consideration, were pleased to approve of the same.

A true Extract from the Minutes of the Executive Council.

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. C.

APPENDIX No. 7.

An Abstract Table showing the total Revenue and the annual increase, decrease, and the total increase of the Revenue of Prince Edward Island, from the 31st of January, 1848, to the 31st of January, 1856.

YEAR.	REVENUE.		ANNUAL INCREASE.		ANNUAL DECREASE.		TOTAL IN- CREASE.
	STERLING.	YEAR.	STERLING.	YEAR.	STERLING.	YEAR.	STERLING.
1848	£11,861 10 0	1849	£12,410 0 8	1849	£548 9 11	1849	
1849	12,410 0 8	1850	15,192 12 3	1850	2,782 11 7	1850	
1850	15,192 12 3	1851	15,264 6 7	1851	71 14 4	1851	
1851	15,264 6 7	1852	20,855 12 8	1852	5,591 6 1	1852	
1852	20,855 12 8	1853	23,563 9 0	1853	2,709 16 4	1853	
1853	23,563 9 0	1854	30,689 1 0	1854	7,125 12 0	1854	
1854	30,689 1 0	1855	28,054 1 6	1855		1855	£2,634 19 6
1855	28,054 1 6	Jan.'56		Jan.'56		to '56	16,192 10 9
Totals.	£157,890 14 5				£18,827 10 2		£18,827 10 3
							£16,192 10 9

Abstract Statement of the Annual Revenue and Expenditure, defining the yearly over and under, and the total under Expenditure of Prince Edward Island, from the 31st January, 1848, to the 31st January, 1856.

YEAR.	REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE.		OVER EXPENDITURE.		UNDER EXPENDITURE.		TOTAL UNDER EXPENDITURE.
	STERLING.	YEAR.	STERLING.	YEAR.	STERLING.	YEAR.	STERLING.	
1848	£11,861 10 9	1848	£15,793 5 8	1848	£3,841 14 11	1848		
1849	12,410 0 8	1849	13,159 17 9	1849	749 17 1	1849		
1850	15,192 12 3	1850	7,240 15 11	1850		1850	£7,951 16 4	
1851	15,264 6 7	1851	16,115 14 0	1851	851 7 5	1851		
1852	20,855 12 8	1852	14,856 13 5	1852		1852	5,998 19 3	
1853	23,563 9 0	1853	19,622 4 4	1853		1853	3,941 4 8	
1854	30,689 1 0	1854	35,212 3 9	1854	4,523 2 9	1854		
1855		1855		1855		1855		
Jan. '56	28,054 1 6	Jan. '56	30,193 3 2	Jan. '56	2,139 1 8	Jan. '56		
			5,786 16 5		5,786 16 5			£5,786 16 5
Totals.	£157,890 14 5		£157,892 0 3		£17,892 0 3		£17,892 0 3	£5,786 16 5

Financial Statement of the Colony of Prince Edward Island, up to the 31st of January, 1856.

LIABILITIES.	DEBT IN STERLING.	ASSETS IN STERLING.	BALANCE IN FAVOUR OF THE COLONY.
Treasury Notes afloat this date,	£7,666 13 4		
Debentures under 14 Vic., do.	6,666 13 4		
Debentures under 16 Vic., do.	12,000 0 0		
Treasury Warrants, do.	7,108 18 2		
ASSETS.			
Assets in Treasury this date,		£24,707 12 7	
44,582 acres Public Lands, 4s.		8,916 8 0	
7,392 acres Crown Lands, 3s. 4d.		1,232 0 0	
Bonds in hand for Public Lands,		1,000 0 0	
Balance due on sales of Public Lands, secured on Lands by defeazance on Deeds, according to Statute,		4,107 10 6	
Balance in favour Colony, 31st January, 1856,	6,521 6 3		£6,521 6 3
Totals,	£39,963 11 1	£39,963 11 1	£6,521 6 3

APPENDIX No. 8.

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Abstract of Worrell Estate Account, shewing the quantity of Land sold, the instalments paid thereon, and the balance due to 31st January, 1857.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Summary of Worrell Estate to the 31st day of January, 1857.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
To paid Vendors, - - -	£18,000, 0 0	By Amount paid Treasurer, exclusive of expenses, - - -	£3,622 14 4½
“ Interest paid by Treasurer, - - -	1,760 0 0	“ Value of Bonds and Interest, - - -	1,400 0 0
“ Salaries paid by Ditto—less 1-8 of half-year's Salary to Commissioner charged to Lot 11, - - -	1,081 5 0	“ Balance due on Sales including Interest - - -	10,348 4 10½
	£20,841 5 0	“ Balance, - - -	5,470 5 9
To Balance, - - -	5,470 5 9		£20,841 5 0

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Summary of Area of Worrell Estate to the 31st day of January, 1857.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
To Land purchased, including 600 Acres Fishery Reserves, - - -	71,139½ Acres	By quantity of Land sold, - - -	26,155½ Acres
	71,139½ Acres	“ Balance unsold, - - -	44,984 Acres
To Balance unsold, - - -	44,984 Acres		71,139½ Acres

Lot 11 Account.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Summary of Lot 11, to the 31st day of January, 1857.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
To amount paid Vendors - - -	£2,550 0 0	By Amount paid Treasurer, - - -	£463 7 6
“ 1-8 of half-year's Salary to Commissioner, - - -	18 15 0	“ Balance due on Sales, - - -	611 16 10
	£2,568 15 0	“ Balance, - - -	1,493 11 2
To Balance, - - -	1,493 11 2		£2,568 15 0

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>Summary of Area of Lot 11, to the 31st day of January, 1857.</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
To Land purchased, - - -	£13,715 Acres	By quantity sold, - - -	2,356½ Acres
	13,715 Acres	“ Balance unsold, - - -	11,358½ “
To Balance unsold, - - -	11,358½ Acres		13,715 Acres

WILLIAM SWABEY, *Commissioner.*

APPENDIX No. 9.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to convey to you the Report of my Inspectorial Examinations made during the past year, from February 25th, 1856, to the 21st ultimo.

In consequence of the step taken by the Executive Council in relieving me of the office of Inspector of Schools on the 21st February instead of the first of May next as I requested, and also the inclemency of the weather in the month of January, and the state of my health during that and the succeeding month, to which the medical certificate already placed in your hands testifies, I have been prevented from finishing my annual circuit, and can only lay a partial report before your Board. In these circumstances I am unable, as in former Reports, to give the complete number of Schools that have been in operation during the whole or part of the past year, and a tabular statement of the number of children receiving the benefits of education, and studying the various branches. Had I been permitted to finish my year's work, it was my intention to have given a comparative table of the statistics for the years during which I have held office, in order to shew the great increase in the number of schools, and in the number of children who have profited by the provisions of the Free Education Act, and also of the greatly augmented proportion of those receiving instruction in such branches as geography and grammar.

In my last Report I confined myself to statistics, and remarks on the various branches, but in the following pages I have reverted to the plan adopted on a previous occasion of giving a special report on each school, as I found this method productive of much good in stimulating many of the teachers to greater energy and faithfulness, though it exposed me to revengeful and calumnious attacks from a few.

PRINCE

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Abraham's	Joseph Arsneaux	15	40 B 24 G 16	40 Intelligent. Spelling fair.	15 Specimens not very good.	18 Fair proficiency several well advanced.
Augustine Cove	Henry Wadman	28	53 B 33 G 20	53 Fair; Analysis regu- larly.	35 Specimens generally fair.	27 Examined sev- eral, well advan- ced.
Baltic	Alexander M'Lean	18	57 B 29 G 28	57 Very intelligent. Meaning well understood.	30 Very good.	19 Examined 14; fair acquaint- ance with all the rules.
Barrett's	Neil M'Kelvie	19	49 B 26 G 23	49 Fluent and intel- ligent; spelling good.	28 Generally good.	24 Those examined quite at home in most of the rules
Bedeque (Central)	Elizabeth Wilson	26	51 B 23 G 28	51 Fair; spelling fair; but without analysis.	16 Specimens of average ability.	16 Examined to interest, fair.
Bedeque (Lower)	Strang Hart	26	29 B 10 G 19	29 Fair; average knowledge of the passages read.	23 Far below average.	15 Juniors present in this branch. Fair.
Bedeque (North)	Thomas Patterson	25	39 B 18 G 21	39 Distinct, and with intelligence Analysis regu- larly.	20 Fair Specimens.	24 In all the rules the work well done.
Bideford	Thomas Key	12	37 B 19 G 18	37 Very mechani- cal, spelling fair	29 Specimens fair.	22 Examined in the comp. rules, fair
Birch Hill	Dubois Smith	13	40 B 28 G 12	40 Fair; children hurried on from book to book, by former teacher, very injudicious- ly.	Classes	not formed
Campbeltown		4				

COUNTY.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTIONARY.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
24 French and English cre- ditable.	8 Good.	11 Creditable.			Tone of the School, healthy; order, good; every branch well taught; intelligence of the pupils, satisfactory.
12 Very fair.	32 Good.	15 Good.	1		Examination creditable; fair progress since last visit; order good, and arrangements satisfactory.
9 Very good.	16 Creditable.	8 Very fair.			Order superior, and arrangements excellent; this School maintains its place among the best Schools in the Island.
18 Knowledge of rules, very good.	23 Very credita- ble.	13 Good.			Examination very creditable to both Master and Scholars; progress made during the year very decided. House insufficient, and situated on an unhealthy spot.
24 Creditable.	24 Fair.	9 Examined 4, Good.	PENCIL DRAWING. 5		Present Teacher 4 months at work; order, fair; the progress of the pupils has not been maintained by the change. New School-house much wanted.
14 Fair.	20 Very deficient				Examination very unsatisfactory; books, caps, &c. in very great disorder; progress made during the year not apparent; daily register kept in the most slovenly manner.
20 Excellent.	6 Very credit- able.	6 Exercise very well written.	LATIN. 2 Examined in Ovid; very good.		Progress in all the branches very decided; order, fair. In no other School in the County has a Latin class been met with, nor a class so far advanced in Etymology.
14 Fair know- ledge of the elements.	6 Creditable.				Order in everything very good; discipline wholesome; but progress since last examina- tion, not apparent.
in these	branches	when visited.			Change of teacher since previous visit; opened a few days before, after a vacancy of 7 months. Order fair; House in good condition.
					Vacant when visited.

PRINCE

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Cape Traverse	Neil M'Fadyen	28	50 B 29 G 21	50 Distinct and correct; spelling good; analysis fair.	28 Specimens good	18 Examination creditable.
Cape Wolfe	Michael Kelly	7	61 B 34 G 27	61 Very poor; children pushed on too hurriedly.	31 Only 3 speci- mens shewn, and very poor.	10 Only 1 present; understanding of professed rules limited.
Carleton	Jonathan Mathieson	28	34 B 18 G 16	34 Intelligent; ex- cellent analysis.	21 Specimens, fair.	12 Several well advanced.
Central	Roderick M'Donald	16	49 B 26 G 23	49 Fluent and cor- rect; fair under- standing	No specimens seen.	6 In the simple rules.
Cross Rivers	James M'Dougall	14	66 B 51 G 15	66 Very poor; with- out any analysis.	20 Average profi- ciency.	10 Fair knowledge as far as interest
Darnley	George Corbet	18	37 B 25 G 12	37 Distinct and correct; slight acquaintance with the mean- ing.	7 Fair.	4 Highest in pro- portion.
Eastern		16				
Fanning Gram. School, Princetown	Neil M'Dougald		50 B 23 G 27	50 Intelligent; spelling fair; analysis good.	31 Specimens gen- erally good.	29 Thorough know- ledge of all the rules, as far as Decimal Fracti- ons.
Ferry	Roderick M'Neill	14	48 B 26 G 22	48 All beginners.	4	2
Frederick Cove		11				

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
10 Fair know- ledge of the rules.	10 Fair.	10 Exercise well written.			Improvement since last Examination very apparent; order, good. House been ren- dered much more comfortable than formerly.
8 Knowledge superior.	8 Good.	8 Very correct.	2 Books well kept.	3 Fair at- tainment. Geom- etry, I.	Examination highly satisfactory; order, good; the methods adopted by the Teacher calculated to advance his pupils rapidly and surely.
1 Merest not	5 elements known.				Order, fair; great deficiency in books and writing materials. House finished in Jan- uary, 1856, well furnished with desks and seats; creditable to the District.
2 Beginners.	2 Beginners.				Order, fair; progress since last Examina- tion not apparent; the children's reasoning faculties not aroused, not even memory cul- tivated.
					This District has been very unfortunate of late in its choice of Teachers; present Teacher only two weeks at work when vis- ited. House in great need of repair.
					Vacant when visited, owing to the decease of the teacher.
20 Excellent knowledge of the rules and their applica- tion.	16 Examined 11; very credit- able.				Examination highly satisfactory; some of the pupils shew an amount of intelligence far beyond their years; order good; but the house is too small for the number in atten- dance.
					New School; opened two weeks before visited; children in a very backward state.
					Vacant when the district was visited; this district has been divided into two School Districts, for the better accommodation of the settlers.

PRINCE

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Freetown	Murdock Ross	25	51 B 22 G 29	51 Poor; spelling fair, analysis fair	23 Specimens very poor.	18 Fair; from evolution down- wards.
Freetown, Upper	Catherine Crawford	25	45 B 26 G 19	45 Fair; spelling good; creditable acquaintance with the meaning of the lessons.	13 Average ability.	16 Fair work; highest in Prac- tice.
Grove	James Schurman	25	41 B 24 G 17	41 Intelligent. Spelling fair.	16 Very poor.	15 As far as inter- est; very good.
Indian River	Daniel Daly	18	32 B 22 G 10	32 Fluent and cor- rect; meaning well understood.	13 Very fair specimens.	13 Several exam- ined as far as Vul- gar Fractions; very fair.
Kelvin Grove	Neil Woodside	25	34 B 17 G 17	34 With intelli- gence; spelling good.	20 Average proficiency.	19 Examined in the compound rules, good.
Kildare	Patrick Connick	3	72 B 32 G 40	72 Fair, with cor- rect spelling; in- telligence fair.	19 Specimens, fair.	12 Several well for- ward; creditable work.
Kildare Capes		3				
Kildare River	Robert Hawkins	3	63 B 35 G 28	63 Fair; with aver- age understand- ing of lessons.	34 Specimens shew fair ability.	19 Highest in pro- portion.
Leary's	Archibald Beckford	8	37 B 19 G 18	37 Fair ability shewn.	19 Average profi- ciency.	9 Beginners.
Linkletter	Robert Thomas	17	41 B 21 G 20	41 Mechanical throughout; spel- ling good.	28 Average ability.	16 All at the simple rules.
Margate	James Burns	19	74 B 45 G 29	74 Fair; without any understand- ing of passages read.	34 Very poor.	21 Highest in pro- portion; fair.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTIONARY.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
12 Creditable	14 Good.	10 Exercise weekly.			Order and arrangements very poor; intel- ligence of pupils creditable to the teacher; Schoolhouse new and very commodious, quite a model to the surrounding Districts.
1 Beginners.	2				Progress made since last Examination very creditible; order and neatness exhibited throughout.
2 Fair under standing.	2 Deficient.				Not very decided progress made since last Examination; attendance here, as in many others Districts, very irregular.
8 Fair know- ledge of the rules.	8 Examined 6, creditible.	9 Examined 6; exercise well written.			Examination as on the previous occasion, very satisfactory; the Teacher's diligence shewn in the superior intelligence of not a few of his pupils.
5 Fair.	6 Fair.				Established since previous visit to this part of the county; children particularly attentive and orderly.
8 Poor.	21 Examined 13, fair.	10 Examined 6, exercise well written.	4 Books well kept.	Agricul. Chemis- try. 5	Order, fair; attention on the part of the pupils, good; attainments, creditable.
6 Beginners.	7 Beginners.				Vacant when visited.
8 Beginners.					Since last examination the progress made is creditable; intelligence, fair; order, good; energy shewn by the teacher in his work.
12 Absent.	16 Rudiments fair.				School-house burnt down last winter, new building in course of erection: order, fair; considering the inconvenience of teaching in a private house.
12 Beginners.	5 Beginners.				Change of teacher since last examination; fair progress made during the year, though all as yet elementary; orderly aspect in ev- erything.
					Change of teacher since last visit; the pu- pils under very different training; deficiency in all the branches; order, a thing unknown; energy and ability on the part of the teacher much wanted.

PRINCE

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Middleton	Ephraim Muttart	27	47 B 24 G 23	47 Hurried and very careless; without intelligence; analysis, poor.	16 Specimens poor; copies badly kept.	10 Creditable in the higher and compound rules.
Nail Pond (East)		1				
Nail Pond (West)	Fiedele Gaudet	1	45 B 16 G 29	45 Fair, both in English and French; spelling good.	22 Specimens shew average ability.	6 Creditable; highest in evolution.
New Annan Mills	Mary J. Delany	19	43 B 20 G 23	43 Fair, with intelligent answering.	12 Copies well kept and neatly written.	5 Examined as far as Interest, good
Oyster Cove	William Niekinson	18	45 B 26 G 19	45 Fluent and with intelligence; spelling good.	21 Specimens good.	36 As far as Decimal Fractions; examination creditable.
Platte	Ellen Lawson	17	43 B 20 G 23	43 Fluent and intelligent; spelling fair.	23 Average proficiency.	23 All in the simple rules.
Richmond	Robert Wilson	19	49 B 30 G 19	49 Poor; spelling poor; intelligence, low.	17 Specimens far below average.	17 No acquaintance shewn, with professed rules.
Sea Cow Head	Sarah Reid	26	31 B 20 G 11	31 Distinct and correct, with regular analysis.	25 Fair specimens.	24 As far as Interest, fair.
Sea Cow Pond	John Murphy	1	39 B 22 G 17	39 Fair; knowledge of the meaning, very good.	11 Creditable.	10 Examined as far as Interest, good
Searletown	Thomas Pickering	27	71 B 30 G 41	71 Hurried, and without intelligence.	39 Specimens below average.	30 Several examined as far as Practice, majority poor.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK-KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
12 Very poor, with one exception.	9 Fair.	9 Exercise bi-weekly.			Examination very unsatisfactory not as expected; order, poor, and children particularly inattentive.
5 Knowledge of elements, fair.	2 Beginners.	5 Juniors.			Vacant when visited. As on former visits, order good; in a transition state between French and English. Room large and commodious.
6 Juniors.	5 Elements fair.	4 Exercise fair.			Change of Teacher since last examination; order, very good, and arrangements creditable.
11 Very fair knowledge.	8 Creditable.				Order, good; and the aspect of everything pleasing; improvements during the year highly satisfactory.
9 Absent.	12 Absent.	11 Exercise daily.			Change of teacher since last examination; arrangements very judicious, and order good. Schoolhouse not attended to by the Trustees.
8 Examined in the elements, very deficient.	8				New District established, and very commodious House built since former visit; but energy and ability the qualities requisite in a teacher sadly wanting here.
18 Creditable.	16 Very superior	2			Change of teacher since last visit; very decided improvement; order, excellent, and examination throughout highly satisfactory.
No class formed.	10 No maps.				After a long vacancy, opened a few weeks before being visited; aspect of every thing augurs success.
31 Fair knowledge of the rules.	36 Below average.	20			Change of teacher since last visit; progress made during the year not apparent; the intelligence exhibited on former occasions quite gone.

PRINCE

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Saint Eleanor's	Donald Currie	17	45 B 24 G 21	45 Fair, with intel- ligent under- standing of the passages read.	25 Specimens shew average profi- ciency.	24 Fair work shewn in the higher rules.
Saint Eleanor's (North)	John M'Leod	17	40 B 14 G 26	40 Intelligent; les- sons well under- stood.	30 Fair ability shewn.	30 Several exami- ned in the higher rules; fair.
South West	George Cahill	27	75 B 37 G 38	75 Distinct, but very hasty; spel- ling fair.	15 Specimens of average ability.	8 Highest in the more advanced rules.
Summerside	Robert M'C. Stavert	17	57 B 29 G 28	57 Too hurried, and without correct- ness.	25 Far below average.	15 Examined all, from Practice downwards; fair.
Tignish	Charles Daly	1	40 B 18 G 22	40 Defective; spel- ling fair.	8 Specimens above average ability.	12 Examined in the compound rules, fair.
Trout River	J. H. Fitzgerald	13	29 B 15 G 14	29 Fair; spelling good; analysis regularly.	10 Specimens fair.	5 Highest well ad- vanced; very good.
Tryon (East)	Robert Leard	28	44 B 27 G 17	44 Distinct and correct, with in- telligence.	31 Specimens fair.	31 Creditable in the professed rules.
Tryon Road	James M'Grath	27	44 B 22 G 22	44 Poor; spelling deficient, intelli- gence low.	20 Specimens shew want of neatness	17 Highest in Tare and Tret; fair.
Tryon (Upper)	James M'Donald	28	68 B 34 G 34	68 Intelligent; spel- ling good; anal- ysis regularly.	20 Fair specimens.	12 Several shew superior ability.
Tryon (West)	Alexander M'Donald	28	39 B 28 G 11	39	25	21

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
16 Creditable.	17 Elementary.	15		1	Change of teacher since last visit; order, fair.
24 Excellent knowledge.	18 Fair.	11 Examined all; exercise well done.			Examination very creditable to both teach- er and pupils; intelligence worthy of special notice; Vocal Music taught by the master very successfully; the enlargement of the house a credit to the District.
2 Beginners.	2 Beginners.				Change of teacher since former visit; teacher, though young, more likely to deve- lope the minds of his pupils than his prede- cessor.
15 Examined all; rudiments fair	15 Creditable.				New house since last examination, com- modious and well furnished; order, fair; and intelligence of pupils, of average attain- ment.
No classes	formed.	7 6 examined, very good.			After a vacancy of one year, opened a few weeks before being examined; order, good, and general arrangements creditable.
1 Fair.	5				Very decided progress made since last Examination; order, good; Schoolhouse miserable, a new one much wanted.
5 Fair.	10 Very good.				Examination satisfactory throughout; pro- gress very decided since last visit; new school-house commodious and comfortable.
10 Juniors in	12 both branches				Order, fair; but progress during the past year not apparent; arrangements creditable; house greatly in want of repair.
6 Good.	8 Very credit- able.	2 Exercise well done.		1	Change of teacher since last examination to the advantage of the school; progress made very decided; house in the most wretch- ed condition, quite a disgrace to the District.
6	20		4		No examination made, so few being present when visited. Since last examination very handsome and commodious school-house has been erected here.

PRINCE

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Union	James Sinclair	4	53 B 26 G 27	53 Poor, and too much hurried; spelling not good.	23 Above average proficiency.	21 Examined from Reduction to Evolution; fair.
Western	John M'Kinnon	16	43 B 27 G 16	43 Very fair; spelling good.	27 Specimens shew marked progress	17 Examined from simple rules to Practice; fair.
Wilmot	Rhoda J. Burns	19	39 B 20 G 19	39 Distinct, with fair spelling.	27 Specimens poor.	21 Examined in the compound rules.

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Albion	Alex. D. Robertson	59	38 B 25 G 13	38 Fair, though without modera- tion.	22 Average profi- ciency.	21 Examined as far as Interest, fair.
Baldwin's Road	Daniel M'Larryn	51				
Baltic	Thomas Munro	55	41 B 22 G 19	41 Distinct and cor- rect; spelling good; analysis regularly.	24 Average attain- ment.	11 Several well forward.
Baltic (North)	Angus M'Donald,	55	40 B 24 G 16	40 Distinct and fair knowledge of passages read.	9 Specimens very poor.	9 All juniors.
Bear River, Line Road	Patrick Sweeney	43	49 B 25 G 24	49	17	3
Big Bush	John M'Intosh	44	38 B 18 G 20	38 Very fair; spel- ling good; anal- ysis regularly.	26 Average profi- ciency.	13 Fair knowledge of the rules pro- fessed.
Big Cape	Ronald Campbell	42	33 B 25 G 8	33 Fair; spelling good; meagre knowledge of analysis.	26 Fair attainments	22 Those examined in Practice and Interest, credit- able.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
9 Fair.	23 Average knowledge.		1		General order good; intelligence of one or two pupils fair, rest very low; progress made during the year by the majority not apparent.
12 Creditable knowledge of elements.	2				Order as on former occasions very good; this school conducted by a most earnest and pains-taking teacher.
12 Beginners in both branches	27				Change of teacher during the year; order very poor; classes not fully organised when visited.
16 Creditable.	12 Good.				Order, fair; change of teacher since last visit; standard of intelligence lower than formerly.
4 Absent.	5 Absent.				School closed when visited.
4 Beginners.					Order, very fair; examination of those present shewed the care and attention bestowed on them by their pains-taking teacher.
25	25				School in operation 18 months; order fair; progress made by the children, creditable, considering their short season of opportunity.
25	25				School closed when the District was visited; House undergoing repairs.
12 Good.	12 Exceedingly good.	5 Absent.			Examination here very satisfactory; order, good; children seem particularly anxious to improve.
18 Fair know- ledge.	18 Very good.	10 Absent.	2 Absent.		Order very good in everything; intelligence of pupils rather higher than at last examination, but still very much affected by their irregular attendance.

KING'S

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Brown's Creek	Marion Campbell	59	45 B 25 G 20	45 Intelligent, with fair spelling.	18 Average ability.	18 Majority juniors, the highest in Interest.
Brudenell	James M'Leod	52	51 B 29 G 22	51 Average ability; fair understand- ing shewn.	28 Specimens very good.	28 Several well ad- vanced; fair knowledge shewn.
Cable Head	John M'Leod	41	57 B 24 G 33	57 Very poor; spel- ling fair.	37 Specimens very poor.	21 Majority in the simple rules; highest in Mensuration.
Cardigan Head	Charlotte Alley	53				
Cardigan (North)	Donald A. Morrison	53	60 B 30 G 30	60 In general fair; spelling good.	20 Creditable.	20 Fair work shewn
Cardigan Road	John Keenan	41	45 B 24 G 21	45 Fair; spelling good.	9 Attempts fair.	5 Juniors.
Cardigan Cross Roads	John Corcoran	51	56 B 30 G 26	56		
Chepstowe	John M'Innis	45	35 B 22 G 13	35 Generally fair; intelligence low.	20 Poor; no judici- ous gradation.	13 Highest in Prac- tice; fair work- ing.
Cross Roads	John Stewart	47	30 B 16 G 14	30 Fair; passages read tolerably understood.	21 Specimens of fair ability.	14 Very creditable, and in some ca- ses well forward.
Cumberland	John M'Swain	55	23 B 15 G 8	23 All juniors pre- sent; fair.	4 One specimen seen; poor.	2 Beginners.
De Gros Marsh	William Norton	54	55 B 27 G 28	55 Poor; no under- standing of the passages read.	40 Specimens shewn, very poor.	46 Advanced all absent; fair knowledge of simple rules.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTIONARY.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
3 Absent.	No maps.				School well conducted; order and arrange- ments creditable.
23 Parsing good.	16 Examined 14, satisfactory.	28 Exercise well written.			Examination very creditable; order and diligence exhibited throughout; the influence for good exerted by the former teacher still lives.
5 Absent in	4 both branches				This school has not benefited by the change of teacher during the year; no deve- lopement of the children's minds attempted.
4 Absent in	4 both branches				School closed when visited, on account of the scarcity of fuel.
7 Beginners.	7 No maps.				Examination creditable; order good; the very irregular attendance of the pupils much complained of.
7 Beginners.	7 No maps.				Second year in operation; order of every- thing good; house very substantially and neatly furnished.
5 Beginners in	5 both branches				Closed when visited; in operation nearly twelve months.
5 Beginners in	5 both branches				Second year of operation; orderly appear- ance of everything creditable; regular anal- ysis of reading lessons strongly recommended
14 Fair knowledge.	7 Good.	8 Exercise very fair.	2 Books well written.		Examination very creditable; order in books, &c. wanting; general intelligence of the teacher reflected by the pupils.
27 Those exami- ned poor.	21 Dificient in the elements.				Change of teacher since last visit; very little progress made during the two years this school has been in operation; great lack of energy shewn in the teacher.
					Change of teacher since last examination; order of books, copies, &c. very poor; intel- ligence of the highest class very low.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Douse	Jessy C. Stewart	59	63 B 38 G 25	63 Fair; spelling good.	13 Fair.	9 All in the simple rules.
East Point	John M'Lean	47	33 B 14 G 19	33 Hasty and in- correct.	19 Few copies shewn, poor.	4 Absent; highest in proportion.
Eglinton	Arthur M'Ewen	43	54 B 30 G 24	54 Fair, with cor- rect spelling.	29 Specimens poor.	16 Highest in prac- tice.
Fortune Bay	Artemas Morrow	43	42 B 24 G 18	42 Distinct and correct; fair spelling.	20 Average speci- mens.	20 Advanced ab- sent; the major- ity in the simple rules.
Fortune Road	Donald M'Donald	42	51 B 31 G 20	51 Correct, and with intelligence; spelling fair.	15 Specimens very fair.	15 All at the simple rules.
Fortune Road	John Campbell	43	38 B 21 G 17	38 Fair attempts; spelling fair; in- telligence low.	19 Below average proficiency.	6 Highest in In- terest.
Gasperaux	John T. Poole	61	88 B 41 G 47	88 Fair; spelling good; intelli- gence low.	55 Fair improve- ment during the year.	44 Examined in simple and com- pound rules, cre- ditable.
Georgetown	Priscilla Logan		63 B 22 G 41	63 Girls poor; Boys fair.	27 Majority of specimens care- lessly written.	32 Fair progress made by those examined.
Georgetown Royalty	Elizabeth M'Phee		36 B 23 G 13	36 Fair; spelling good; meaning of lessons toler- ably understood.	18 Specimens defi- cient in care and neatness.	8 Examined those present in the simple rules.
Goose River	James Morrow	42	62 B 38 G 24	62 Fair attempt; spelling good.	17 Below average.	13 Examined sever- al as far as Ev- olution; credit- able.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
7 Beginners in	8 both branches				This school formerly under very inefficient management; vacant six months; progress under the present teacher fair; order good.
	5 Absent.				Progress made during the year not very apparent; house and furniture in want of thorough repair.
1 Absent.	1 Absent.				Change of teacher during the year; progress made not apparent; new school-house erected, creditable to the district.
4 Absent in	6 both branches				Progress made since last visit not decided, order fair, and general attention of pupils good.
6 Beginners.					Everything here presented a very orderly aspect; tone of school healthy, and children seem exceedingly anxious to improve.
8 Beginners.	7 No maps.				The genius of disorder and slovenliness has here a home; the master a model of inefficiency, and trustees very apathetic.
6 Absent in	21 both branches				Examination of those present satisfactory; progress made during the year creditable; regular analysis of reading lessons recommended.
16 Fair.	6 Poor.				This important School sustained a great loss by the resignation of the former teacher; the state of the school-room shews great indifference on the part of the trustees.
5 Absent.	6 Absent.				Change of teacher since last examination; standard of attainments on the part of the children has fallen in consequence.
4 Juniors.	3 Beginners.				Order fair; change of teacher since last visit; progress made during the year not apparent; regular analysis of lessons recommended.

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Grand River	Ronald M'Cormack	55	45 B 27 G 18	45 Distinct, and with much intel- ligence.	22 Average ability shewn.	18 Examination very creditable in the more ad- vanced rules.
Guernsey Cove	M. M'Fadyen	64	52 B 25 G 27	52 Very monoto- nous style, spel- ling fair.	23 Specimens poor.	16 Highest in prac- tice.
Hemlock Grove	James O'Reilly	51	57 B 35 G 22	57 Distinct and cor- rect; thorough analysis.	19 Average attain- ment.	11 Highest in Ex- change.
High Bank	John M'Donald	64	40 B 21 G 19	40 Fair; spelling good.	23 Specimens poor; no judicious gra- dation.	7 Highest in In- terest.
Hillsborough	Malcolm Douglas	38	44 B 22 G 22	44 Below average; spelling fair.	27 Specimens poor.	27 Examined as far as Interest, fair.
Kingsburgh	Duncan Robertson	47				
Little Sands	Angus Blue	64	39 B 24 G 15	39 Very poor, ana- lysis almost un- known.	14 Majority of specimens poor.	8 With one excep- tion all begin- ners.
Lake	Alexander McLaren	39	45 B 21 G 24	45 Fair, with cor- rect spelling.	31 Specimens of fair attainment.	27 Examined as far as Interest; fair working.
Launching	Archibald McKinnon	55	40 B 24 G 16	40 Distinct, with some knowledge of the meaning.	16 Specimens poor.	12 Very good in the professed rules.
Line Road	Mark Sweeny	45	41 B 28 G 13	41 Monotonous; spelling fair.	13 Below average.	8 All Beginners.
Little Pond	James M'Donald	56	43 B 25 G 18	43 Very correct; intelligence low	24 Specimens of average ability.	18 Highest in prac- tice; fair.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
12 Good.	12 Creditable.	4 Fair.	4 Books care- fully kept.		Examination very satisfactory; improve- ment shewn in most branches; order good; house very old, a new one about to be erected
11 Absent in	5 both branches				Order fair; progress made since last ex- amination not very apparent; children very timid and diffident, the natural effect of the too-dictational manner of the teacher.
9 Juniors	9 Juniors				Order in everything good, and discipline wholesome, in these respects the teacher has few equals in the Colony, and his qualifica- tions are altogether of a superior order.
2 Beginners.					Everything orderly; intelligence low; no development of the minds of the pupils by the regular analysis of the reading lessons as strongly recommended on former visits.
10 Creditable.	22 Good.				Order good; progress during the year not decided: this being an old established school, a higher grade of intelligence would be ex- pected than that which exists; school-house in want of thorough renewal.
4 Beginners in	5 both branches	2 Fair.			Closed when visited, though not vacation time, as appointed by law.
15 Good.	19 Creditable.	6 Exercise weekly.			Progress made during the year not appa- rent; intelligence very low; the teacher lacks the ability and activity necessary to his pro- fession.
4 Absent.	4 Dificent				Order good, and examination on the whole creditable; improvement since last examina- tion satisfactory.
9 Juniors in	9 both branches				Change of teacher since last visit; very little progress made during the year; great apathy shewn by the trustees.
6 Absent in both classes.	6				Change of teacher since former visit; order fair; children appear exceedingly anx- ious to improve.
					Order fair; house very much in want of suitable furniture to render it comfortable for either master or scholars.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Marie	Michael Scully	40	44 B 22 G 22	44 Very poor; spel- ling deficient.	3 Specimens very poor.	9 Absent.
Midgell	John Parker	41	45 B 19 G 26	45 Fair; without modulation; spel- ling fair.	22 Specimens very good.	19 Examined in In- terest and com- pound rules; fair.
Morell	Francis Anderson	40	42 B 18 G 24	42 Intelligent and correct; spelling fair.	22 Above average proficiency.	23 Creditable ac- quaintance with higher rules.
Morell Rear	Simon Gill	39				
Montague	Peter Ross	59	41 B 23 G 18	41 Fair; good un- derstanding of passages read.	32 Fair attainment.	26 Very creditable.
Montague Upper	Samuel Mutch	59	51 B 26 G 25	51 Style very bad; spelling fair.	17 Specimens below average.	14 Several advanc- ed, fair.
Mount Mary	Henry Anderson	39	42 B 24 G 18	42 Below average.	14 Specimens poor.	11 All juniors at the simple rules.
Murray	Isaac Bears	64	54 B 32 G 22	54 Very fair; spel- ling correct.	22 Very great im- provement during the past year.	20 Very fair in the professed rules; highest in inter- est.
Murray Harbour	James H. Stewart	63	60 B 30 G 30	60 Distinct, correct and with intelli- gence.	36 Specimens very fair.	33 Examined in some of the high- er rules satisfac- tory.
New Perth	John McNeill	51	50 B 25 G 25	50 Fair; spelling poor; analysis lame.	40 Average ability.	23 Very good in the higher rules.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTIONARY.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
1 Absent.					This school continues in the most back- ward state imaginable; teacher very inca- pable of performing the duties of his office; a change very necessary.
7 Very fair.	7 Creditable.				Change of teacher during the past year for the benefit of the district; order superior, but the attendance of pupils is very irregu- lar; new school-house in course of erection.
4 Good.	2 Creditable.	4 Exercise well written.			Progress made since last examination cre- ditable; new school-house built during the year, commodious and comfortable, the effect of a good example set in a neighbouring district.
					Closed when visited, though not vacation season.
14 Very good in	17 both branches	7			Examination here highly satisfactory, tone of the school healthy, intelligence of some of the pupils of no mean standing.
10 Fair.	3 Good.		2		Examination manifested progress in some branches, the general intelligence however, is low; school-house new, finished last year.
2 Beginners	3 in all these	3 branches.			In operation nearly two years; method and order much wanted in the management and arrangement of classes.
9 Absent.	9 Absent.				Order and attention of the pupils very good; progress during the year very decid- ed; house much in need of repair.
8 Fair.	11 Good.		2		Examination very satisfactory; order good and tone healthy; house old and dilapidated, a sign of the ignorance and prejudice as well as apathy that exist in the minds of the Trus- tees and people of the district, with respect to its educational interests.
26 Fair acquaint- ance with the rules.	12 Good.	7 Very credit- able.	2 Copies well kept.		In most branches the examination gave evidence of very decided progress during the year; order fair.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
North Lake	Catherine McEachern	47	51 B 31 G 20	51 Style very mono- tonous; spelling fair.	20 Below average.	22 Those examined very fair as far as Interest.
Peter's Road		63				
Pisquid Road	Wm. D. Stewart	52	48 B 26 G 22	48 Distinct, and with intelligence	13 Specimens fair.	11 Highest in prac- tice.
Priest Pond	Stephen Campbell	46	33 B 26 G 7	33 Poor; spelling fair; intelligence low.	21 Below average.	22 Several well ac- quainted with the common rules.
Red Point	Peter Stewart	46	45 B 21 G 24	45	30	11
Rock Barra	Sarah M'Donald	45	42 B 20 G 22	42 Inferior; fair spelling.	21 Average profici- ency.	16 Fair in the com- pound rules.
Rollo Bay	Alexander M'Donald	44	62 B 34 G 28	62 Good; spelling correct; analysis regularly.	21 Specimens fair; and gradation judicious.	16 Creditable in the professed rules.
Rosenaeth		52				
Savage Harbor	James Ross	38	63 B 35 G 28	63 Fair; spelling good; analysis regularly.	22 Specimens very poor.	22 Only Juniors present; fair at the simple rules.
Shamrock	Patrick M'Kenna	51	57 B 23 G 34	57 Very distinct and correct.	12 Specimens shew- ed fair progress.	7 Highest in In- terest; fair.
Souris East	Cornelius Harrington	45	56 B 34 G 22	56 Very poor; spel- ling miserable; intelligence low.	25 Specimens far below average.	14 No acquaintance with the rules professed.
Souris West	John M'Neill	44	44 B 26 G 18	44 Poor throughout spelling fair.	30 Very poor.	15 The professed rules not under- stood.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
5 Good.	6 Creditable.				Change of teacher since last examination; order of everything good, and children par- ticularly attentive.
					Vacant when visited.
11 Beginners in	11 both branches				Change of teacher since last visit; im- provement in order and general arrange- ments; house much improved, creditable to the district.
6 Fair.	4 Poor.				Order good; very little progress made since last examination; the attendance of the pupils exceedingly irregular in this district as in many others.
6	14				School closed when visited; teacher's term had expired, and no arrangement had been made for the future.
8 Beginners in	8 both branches	3 Exercise weekly.			Orderly aspect in everything, and arrange- ments creditable.
3 Beginners.	14 Very fair.				Change of teacher for the better since last examination; intelligence of pupils of a much higher grade than formerly; house been ren- dered more comfortable during the year.
					Vacant when visited.
21 Rudiments fair.	21 Very good.	8 Absent.	3		Examination of those present very credita- ble; great improvement during the past year in the intelligent reading of the pupils, as well as in the careful analysis of the reading lessons.
1 Good.	1 Good.				Very decided progress made since last visit; intelligence of the children of no mean standing; order very good.
2 Very deficient	1				Examination in every branch unsatisfac- tory in the extreme; inefficiency and care- lessness on the part of the teacher.
5 Beginners.	3 Very poor.				Examination not so satisfactory as was expected; order poor; energy and activity wanted on the part of the teacher.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
South River	Daniel Robins	64	45 B 25 G 20	45	32	32
St. Columba	Angus McEachern	47	49 B 26 G 23	49 Distinct and cor- rect in all the classes.	28 Very decided progress.	17 Creditable in the professed rules.
St. Margaret's	John Foley	44	59 B 36 G 23	59 Fair; spelling good; analysis regularly.	38 Below average.	16 Examined as far as evolution; creditable.
St. Mary's Road	John O'Connell	61	50 B 24 G 26	50	6	6
St. Peter's (head of)	John Morrison	41	34 B 21 G 13	34 Fluent and with intelligence.	20 Specimens neat- ly written.	14 Fair acquaint- ance with the professed rules.
St. Peter's North	Samuel Farquharson	40	42 B 21 G 21	42 Very good; in- telligent under- standing of pas- sages read.	21 Specimens good.	20 Examination very creditable in all the higher rules.
St. Peter's (old)	Robert M'Ewan	39	38 B 19 G 19	38 Fluent and cor- rect with intelli- gence.	23 Fair.	22 Examined as far as evolution; very good.
St. Peter's Road	John Stewart	53	33 B 20 G 13	33	10	7
Sturgeon	Harriet M'Keown	61	72 B 34 G 38	72 Deficient; spel- ling very poor.	29 Specimens be- low average.	44 Very little know- ledge of the pro- fessed rules.
Thistle	Donald Campbell	51	63 B 41 G 22	63 Fair in all the classes; spelling correct.	26 Specimens shew average im- provement.	9 Highest in Men- suration; fair knowledge of the professed rules.
White Sands	Norman M'Kenzie	64	52 B 30 G 22	52	26	18

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
8	6	22			Closed when visited, though not at the time specified by law.
9 Good.	9 Fair.	6			Examination satisfactory; everything order-ly; school-house more commodious and comfortable than any in the Eastern section of the county; quite a model in point of style.
8 Good.	6 Fair.				Change of teacher since last visit; order good; beneficial influence exerted by the former teacher still remains.
	4				Closed when visited; though at a time not specified by law.
14 Fair know- ledge of the elements.	6 Very credita- ble.				Change of teacher since last visit; order very good; influence for good exerted by the former teacher still remains.
10 Very credita- ble in both branches; ety- mology very intelligently taught.	18 Very credita- ble in both branches; ety- mology very taught.	9 Exercise cor- rectly written	Agricultural chemistry, 3 Fair.	Geom. try 2 Absent.	As on former occasions, the examination here was very satisfactory, though many of the senior pupils had left; order very superior.
12 Excellent knowledge of the rules.	12 Very credita- ble.	8			Examination very satisfactory; order ex- cellent; discipline mild but firm; teacher particularly energetic, and pupils very intel- ligent.
2					Closed when visited; fuel not having been provided by the people of the district.
6 Deficient.	10 Beginners.	6 Beginners.			Progress made during the year not very apparent; order fair; intelligence of the pu- pils of low standard.
4 Absent in	6 both branches				Order as on former occasions very good; tone of school healthy; teacher imbued with the spirit of his office.
5	3				Closed for some days when visited, owing to the indisposition of the teacher.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Alberry Plains	James H. Fletcher	49	41 B 23 G 18	41 Fair; spelling correct.	15 Very poor spe- cimens.	10 Highest in prac- tice; those ex- amined fair.
Anglo Rustico	Jessy M'Gregor	24	41 B 27 G 14	41 Distinct and cor- rect; spelling good.	25 Specimens be- low average.	20 Highest in In- terest; beginners fair.
Argyle, Rear	Archibald M'Kenzie	30	38 B 24 G 14	38 Distinct, and with intelligence both in Gaelic and English.	26 Fair.	16 Mostly Juniors; those advanced have fair know- ledge of profess- ed rules.
Argyle Shore	Malcolm M'Kenzie	30	41 B 26 G 15	41 In general poor; spelling fair.	29 Majority of spe- cimens poor.	14 Examined in the compound rules, creditable.
Belle Creek	Alexander McEachern	62	53 B 34 G 19	53 Fluent and in- telligent.	29 Average attain- ment.	18 Examined the most advanced as far as evolu- tion, very good.
Belmont, or Charlotte- town Royalty East.	Henry M'Leod		47 B 23 G 24	47 Distinct and cor- rect with intelli- gence.	29 Specimens poor.	24 Examined in proportion and interest, fair.
Bonshaw	Allan Stewart	30	47 B 24 G 23	47 Fair; with some knowledge of the passages read.	31 Average ability.	31 Some advanced; fair knowledge of professed rules.
Brackley	Archibald M'Neill	33	37 B 19 G 18	37 Fair; spelling good; analysis regularly.	29 Specimens above average.	25 Creditable in compound rules.
Brackley Point	James Stewart	33	42 B 24 G 18	42 Deficient; spel- ling good; ana- lysis fair.	28 Good; judicious gradation.	14 Examined in the professed rules; creditable.
Brian's Cross	William Garvie	31	37 B 20 G 17	37 Poor; spelling fair; intelligence low.	20 Specimens gen- erally fair.	17 No acquaintance with the profess- ed rules.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
1 Beginners in	5 both branches				Great deficiency in order and tidiness; books and caps being strewed about in all directions; intelligence of pupils fair.
16 Acquaintance with elements, fair.	22 Creditable.				Order and general arrangements good; fair progress appears to have been made du- ring the time the present teacher has been at work.
6 Very fair.	6 Creditable.	2 Exercise cor- rectly written.		2 Fair.	As on former occasions the examination gave evidence of progress in spite of the pe- culiar difficulties with which both teacher and pupils have to contend.
8 Fair acquaint- ance with ele- ments.	8 Meagre.				Progress made since former visit not ap- parent; order and tidiness recommended; commodious and comfortable school-house erected since last visit.
13 Excellent knowledge of the rules.	6 Good.	13 Exercise well done.			Examination of the small number present highly satisfactory; arrangement of classes and division of time good, as seen by a time table on the wall, an evidence of method and regularity which is very rare.
13 Fair under- standing of the elements.	27 Creditable.				Order fair; examination on the whole cre- ditable; new house erected since previous ex- amination, very commodious, and a credit to to the district.
	13 Creditable.				Order good; method and arrangements cre- ditable; standard of intelligence raised since last visit.
10 Very credit- able.	6 Good.				As on former visits, order good; tone heal- thy; progress made during the year very decided.
14 Foundation exceedingly well laid.	16 Very good.	21 Fair.	1		As on former occasions, the examination very satisfactory throughout; order and in- telligence, with cheerfulness exhibited by every class.
9 Beginners.	9 Fair know- ledge of the outlines.	4 Fair.			Energy of the teacher damped and the ad- vancement of his pupils retarded by the thorough neglect of the school by both trust- ees and people.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Buchanan	Hector Campbell	57	45 B 28 G 17	45 Fluent and with intelligence; analysis well understood.	30 Specimens good.	25 Examination most creditable from reduction to evolution.
Bunbury	Henry Anderson	48	31 B 13 G 18	31 Distinct, with some degree of intelligence.	20 Average proficiency.	18 Examined as far as interest; fair.
Canoe Cove	Neil M'Kenzie	65	43 B 25 G 18	43 Poor; spelling fair; analysis seldom attempted.	31 Specimens below average.	18 Examined as far as vulgar fractions; creditable.
Cornwall	Malcolm Darrach	32	59 B 32 G 27	59 Fair in all the classes; spelling good.	39 Fair ability shewn.	25 Satisfactory as far as vulgar fractions.
Covehead	Lemuel Millar	34	58 B 28 G 30	58 Very good; analysis regular and intelligent.	36 Specimens good.	28 Creditable in the professed rules.
Covehead Road	John Gallagher	34	40 B 24 G 16	40 Very poor; spelling fair.	24 Fair.	12 Very backward in the common rules.
Crapaud, East	Robert Ince	29	65 B 33 G 32	65 Generally correct; with fair understanding of the passages read.	33 Average proficiency.	26 Several well advanced; fair knowledge of professed rules.
Crapaud, West	Thomas Todd	29	54 B 29 G 25	54	22	22
Cross Roads	John Butler	48	58 B 40 G 18	58 Correct and distinct with fair intelligence.	52 Specimens in general superior.	37 Accurate and expert working as far as evolution.
De Sable	John M'Lean	29	47 B 30 G 17	47 Fair; spelling good; intelligence low.	21 Specimens of average ability.	11 Creditable as far as practice.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTION.	BOOK-KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
15 In two classes very good.	16 Good.	11 Exercise well done.	3 Copies well kept.		Most pleasing and satisfactory examination, this school stands high among the schools around, and may be taken as a model as regards the order and attainments of the pupils and the energy and zeal of the teacher.
9 Fair.	10 Elementary.	12 Beginners.			Fair progress being made; order good and children particularly attentive and diligent.
5 Absent.	9 Fair.				Progress made during the year not very apparent; order good; the regular analysis of reading lessons strongly recommended.
19 Knowledge of rules very correct.	13 Fair.	7 Creditable.			Progress made since last examination satisfactory; order and arrangements good; measures being adopted by the trustees for the erection of a more commodious building.
21 Excellent knowledge.	26 Satisfactory.	15 Exercise correctly written.			As on former occasions the examination here was highly satisfactory; order very good, sympathy of the most kindly nature existing between master and scholars.
5 Knowledge very meagre.	20 Poor.				Examination here very unsatisfactory, children deficient in the merest elements; evidently no development of their minds; order fair.
3 Fair.	4 Good.	12 Prescribed exercise good.			Very decided progress made since last visit; order good and general arrangement of classes creditable.
4	4				Closed when visited; teacher's term had expired, and no arrangement made for the future.
17 Very good.	17 Satisfactory.			4 Beginners.	Examination highly satisfactory; very superior knowledge in all the branches; the teacher's efficiency maintains this school in the high position it has long held among the others in the country.
8 Fair.	7 Poor.				Progress made since last visit not very apparent; energy much wanted on the part of the teacher.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Dog River	John Livingston	31	41 B 24 G 17	41 Distinct and cor- rect with good understanding of passages read.	34 Improvement very apparent.	28 Fair acquaint- ance with not a few of the higher rules.
Donaldston	David Conners	35	41 B 19 G 22	41 Fair; spelling fair.	3 Average ability.	3 Juniors.
Dunstaffnage	Charles M'Neill	34	88 B 54 G 34	88	53	53
Ebenezer	Donald M'Kay	24	48 B 27 G 21	48 In all the class- es fair; spelling good.	13 Below average.	13 Fair in the pro- fessed rules.
Elliot River	Jed. Carvel	32	39 B 25 G 14	39 Fluent and with intelligence.	29 Specimens very fair.	15 Examined in proportion and the compound rules; creditable
Emy Vale	Robert Barry	65	46 B 25 G 21	46 Fair, meaning of the lessons well understood.	31 Specimens of average ability	10 Examined from reduction to the higher rules, fair
Flat River	Alexander Beaton	60	58 B 30 G 28	58 Mostly Juniors present; fair both in reading and spelling.	30 Copies shew average profici- ency.	16 Highest in In- terest.
Fort Augustus	Abercrombie Willock	36	69 B 43 G 26	69 Poor; spelling fair; intelligence low.	18 Specimens poor.	12 Highest in prac- tice; those ex- amined very de- ficient in the professed rules.
Fullarton's Marsh	Daniel M'Lean	48	39 B 27 G 12	39 Not so good as on former occa- sions.	31 Average attain- ment.	30 Highest in men- suration; exami- ned from simple rules to interest.
Glenaladale	Michael M'Neil	36	68 B 32 G 36	68 Poor; spelling very incorrect; no analysis.	30 Specimens care- lessly executed.	19 All in the simple rules.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
6 Excellent knowledge of the rules.	3 Very good.				Examination shewd marked improvement compared with the state of the school under the former teacher; house very insufficient.
35	54	38	3		Change of teacher since previous visit; progress during the year not apparent.
11 Fair.	7 Absent.	9 Prescribed exercise fair.			Vacant when visited; statistics given from teacher's register.
5 Very fair.	30 Satisfactory.				Change of teacher for the better since last visit; order fair; new school-house commo- dious and comfortable.
2 Beginners.					Examination both pleasing and satisfactory; children orderly, intelligent, and cheerful; school very commodious and comfortable.
9 Absent.					Examination on the whole creditable; order good; intelligence shewn by some of the pu- pils of no mean standard.
					Very few present; the majority at harvest work; order of everything fair, and tone of school healthy.
7 Creditable.	25 Fair.	17 Prescribed exercise well done.		2 Absent.	Most disorderly school visited for a very long time; order, tidiness, and wholesome discipline quite unknown; children under poor training with former teacher, and not in better hands now.
1 Absent in	10 both branches				Change of teacher during the year; exam- ination on the whole satisfactory; arrange- ments creditable, and order good.
					Examination very unsatisfactory; progress made during the year not at all apparent; no development of the children's minds.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Glenroy	John Fitzpatrick	36	44 B 22 G 22	44 Fair; spelling correct; fair an- alysis.	18 Specimens fair.	6 Highest in sim- ple proportion.
Grand Tracadie	Mrs. M'Donald	35	38 B 22 G 16	38 Fair; spelling good.	30 Average ability.	13 Examined as far as interest; fair.
Green Marsh	Donald Bethune	58	37 B 19 G 18	37 Poor; spelling fair; no analysis.	14 Specimens very poor.	8 Deficient in the simplest rules.
Green Vale	Malcolm M'Donald	23	50 B 28 G 22	50 Poor; spelling fair; analysis in- telligently given.	25 Average ability.	25 Examined as far as vulgar fractions; good.
Harrington	Ann M'Gregor	33	14 B 6 G 8	14 Distinct and cor- rect; meaning well understood.	9 Specimens fair.	5 Examined as far as practice, very creditable.
Hillsborough, Char- lottetown	Alexander M'Lean		74 B 74	74 Very fair; anal- ysis intelligently given.	46 Specimens of average profici- ency.	26 Creditable as far as interest.
Kent, Charlottetown	A. A. M'Kenzie		54 B 54	54 Intelligent and fluent; analysis regularly.	36 Average ability.	36 In three classes examination cre- ditable.
Kent Street, Charlot- town	Elizabeth M'Kinnon		43 G 43	43 Distinct, and correct, with fair intelligence.	27 Above average ability.	26 Examined as far as vulgar frac- tions, very fair.
Lake Verd	James Smith	48	38 B 20 G 18	38 Poor; spelling fair; no analysis.	10 Very poor specimens.	7 All in the sim- ple rules.
Little York	Mary A. Anderson	34	43 B 26 G 17	43 Fair; spelling good.	25 Specimens of average ability.	19 Fair working in the professed rules.
Melville	Rebecca Reid	29	48 B 24 G 24	48 Very distinct, correct, and with intelligence.	26 Fair specimens.	21 Creditable ex- amination in the compound rules.

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GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
1 Absent in	4 both branches				Present teacher at work 9 months after a long vacancy; order fair; discipline very dictatorial.
3 Beginners.	2 Beginners.				Examination fair; order good; tone of school healthy, and arrangements creditable.
11 Very good knowledge of the rules.	10 Fair.	17 Good.			Progress made during the year not apparent; teacher very incapable of discharging the duties of his profession; a change very necessary.
5 Knowledge of	4 the elements, fair.	4 Weekly exer- cise.			Change of teacher since last examination; very great improvement in point of order and intelligence.
10 Good.	10 Very fair.	11 Exercise cor- rectly written			This school has suffered much from the protracted contentions regarding school sites; order fair, and tone healthy.
22 Very fair.	15 Knowledge of the elements, good.	14 Methods a- dopted varied and interest- ing.		4 Begin- ners.	Order better than on former occasion; intelligence fair; progress made during the year very decided.
11 Fair.	9 Good.				This school under judicious management; tone healthy, and order fair; the readiness, aptness, and intelligence of some of the pupils reflect no small credit on the teacher.
					Very decided progress made during the year in several branches; order good, and discipline wholesome.
					Examination very unsatisfactory; progress made during the last two years not apparent; intelligence very low.
3 Good.	9 Fair.				Progress made since last visit not apparent; order fair; house in need of repair.
3 Fair.	5 Very credit- able.				Examination highly satisfactory; order very good; tone healthy; general intelli- gence of no mean standing.

QUEEN'S

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Millcove	Richard Ready	35	48 B 24 G 24	48 Very poor; spel- ling below aver- age.	24 Specimens poor.	12 Creditable in the professed rules.
Milton		32				
Monaghan	William Morrissey	36	73 B 40 G 33	73 Fair, with some intelligence; spelling good.	41 Only one speci- men seen.	28 Creditable ex- amination in the professed rules.
Montague, East	John M'Phail	58	60 B 39 G 21	60 Fair; very in- telligent analysis by the master.	36 Specimens fair, and carefully kept.	36 Examined as far as interest; very fair.
Montague, West	John Stewart	57	47 B 27 G 20	47 Fair; spelling correct.	19 Poor specimens.	17 Examined as far as vulgar frac- tions, very cre- ditable.
Mount Pleasant	John M'Cormack	37	45 B 31 G 14	45 Fair; spelling correct.	18 Fair specimens.	10 Creditable in the professed rules.
Murray Harbour Road	K. M'Kenzie	57				
New Wiltshire	Robert H. Edwards	31	38 B 21 G 17	38 Fair; spelling poor; meaning not understood.	25 Average profici- ency.	26 Majority in the simple and com- pound rules, fair
Newtown	John Power	57	65 B 27 G 38	65 Good, with cor- rect spelling; an- alysis regularly.	37 Very fair speci- mens.	32 Several well ad- vanced; exami- nation creditable
Newtown, Lower	William M'Phail	57	46 B 28 G 18	46 Good with in- telligent under- standing of every passage read.	46 On paper and slate, very fair.	26 Examination sat- isfactory in all the professed rules.
Nine Mile Creek	Martin M'Dougall	65	65 B 46 G 19	65 Below average; analysis seldom attempted.	32 Very poor speci- mens.	22 Examined in practice and the compound rules; fair.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
5 Fair in both	5 branches.				Change of teacher since last examination; order fair; intelligence very low, develop- ment of the children's minds not attempted.
4 Fair in both	2 branches.				Vacant when visited.
6 Creditable.	11 Good.				Progress made during the year not very decided; teacher very dictatorial; children exceedingly timid and diffident.
5 Fair.	3 Good.				Examination very creditable; progress made under the present teacher very deci- ded; methods of analysing the lessons read, shew attention and diligence on his part.
2 Fair know- ledge of the elements.	5 Very good.				Change of teacher since last visit; the beneficial influence exerted by former teach- er still remains.
14 Mostly begin- ners.	14 Good.	9 Exercise well written.			New district established and house built since previous visit; order fair; intelligence of some of the pupils of no mean standing.
7 Fair.	17 Excellent.	7			Closed when visited, teacher spending a month at the Academy in Charlottetown.
29 In both class- es very fair.	19 Creditable.	31 Good.			Apparently very little progress made du- ring the year; order fair; attendance of pu- pils very irregular.
2 Beginners.					Examination very satisfactory throughout; intelligence of pupils of no mean standing; the good effects seen here of quarterly exami- nations by the trustees; house in a dilapidated condition, a new one contemplated.
					Examination highly interesting and satis- factory, highly creditable to both master and scholars; order very superior, and the tone of the school cannot but be healthy from the very intelligent manner in which every exer- cise is conducted.
					Progress made since last examination not at all apparent; teacher very inefficient; or- der very poor.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Orwell Cove	Janette M'Phail	57	52 B 26 G 26	52 Fair; spelling good, with anal- ysis regularly.	28 Average ability.	28 Juniors present; fair.
Orwell, North	John Brooks	50	55 B 38 G 17	55 Fluent and with intelligence.	35 Specimens well executed.	29 Examination creditable in the professed rules.
Orwell, Rear	Ewen Lamont	57	44 B 29 G 15	44	19	12
Pinnette	Archibald M'Donald	58	49 B 28 G 21	49 Very poor; spel- ling very incor- rect.	28 Specimens of average profici- ency.	21 Examined sever- al as far as in- terest; deficient.
Pinnette, South	Kenneth M'Kenzie	60	32 B 15 G 17	32 Fair; spelling correct.	15 Fair specimens.	6 Examined in the compound rules, fair.
Pisquid, East	Archibald M'Donald	37	42 B 21 G 21	42 Fair; without in- telligence; spel- ling fair.	16 Specimens very poor.	16 Those examined deficient in the professed rules.
Pisquid, West						
Point Prim	Donald M'Leod	57	39 B 15 G 24	39 Fluent and in- telligent, with correct spelling.	22 Specimens fair.	18 Highest in men- suration; those examined fair in the professed rules.
Portage	John Ross	57	69 B 35 G 34	69 Distinct, correct and with intelli- gence.	48 Average profici- ency.	48 Those examined fair, one particu- larly good in all the rules.
Pownal, Charlottetown (Boys)	Edmund Roche James Kelly, Assistant		126 B 126	126 Very good, with superior intelli- gence.	60 Specimens fair.	60 Very creditable in all the profes- sed rules.
Pownal, Charlottetown (Girls)	Catharine J. M'Donald		63 G 63	63 Fluent, and with correct spelling.	28 Average profici- ency.	31 Highest in prac- tice.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
9 Absent	22 in these	22 classes.			Majority of the older pupils absent; order and wholesome training here; every lesson fully analysed before another is read.
13 Very fair.	13 Creditable.	13 Good.			Progress made during the year satisfac- tory; order very good, and discipline mild but firm.
10	5			1 Mathe- matics, I	Closed when the schools of the district were visited.
3 Fair.	21 Poor.				Energy and efficiency much wanted here on the part of the teacher; intelligence very low; children's minds not interested, as no attempt is made to make them understand the lessons read.
2 Beginners.	4 Fair.				Opened a few days before being visited, after a vacancy of ten months; order good; house very old, new one in contemplation.
1 Absent in	3 both branches				Change of teacher since last visit; energy and efficiency much wanted; progress made during the year not at all apparent.
13 Beginners in	2 both branches				Vacant. Order good, and progress made since ex- amination fair; intelligence of pupils very creditable.
25 Very good.	20 Fair.	36 Daily. Good			Examination of those present very satis- factory; order fair; house though new, in much need of being rendered comfortable; justice neither done to teacher nor pupils by the apathy of the people.
20 Very good.	51 Excellent knowledge shewn.	14		2 Geom. try 2 Good.	Very great improvement in point of order and general arrangements; the proficiency of the pupils reflects much credit on the head master.
15 Fair.	27 Very good.				Examination very satisfactory; progress made during the past year decided; order good.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Pownal Street, Char- lottetown Raasa	John Morrison	60	31 B 17 G 14	31 Distinct and correct; spelling fair.	17 Specimens fair.	11 Highest in evo- lution, examined as far as vulgar fractions, good.
Rochford, Charlotte- town	James Currie		57 B 57	57 Very fair, with correct under- standing.	40 Very fair.	27 Creditable in the professed rules.
Rona	John M'Millan	62	53 B 20 G 33	53 Fair attempts; spelling fair.	7 Beginners.	7 At the simple rules.
Royalty, West, Char- lottetown	Daniel M'Kinlay		44 B 27 G 17	44 Fair; no devel- opment of child- ren's minds on the lessons.	29 Very little im- provement.	33 Examined as far decimal fractions fair.
Rustico Road	William Richardson	32	49 B 22 G 27	49 Fair; without un- derstanding the passages read.	12 Fair specimens.	17 Mostly juniors, at the simple rules.
Seal River		50				
South Shore		65				
Springvale	William G. Carson	32	63 B 32 G 31	63 Fair; spelling correct.	24 Very poor speci- mens.	24 Creditable ex- amination in the professed rules.
Squaw Bay	Daniel M'Lean	49	36 B 20 G 16	36 Very correct, and with intelli- gence.	27 Very decided improvement.	22 Very fair in all the common rules.
St. Charles	Isabella M'Millan	65	42 B 22 G 20	42	12	10
St. Peter's Road	Robert Robertson	34	45 B 21 G 24	45 Below average; spelling fair.	33 Very fair.	29 Majority juniors.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
4 Fair acquaint- ance with the elements.	6 Very satisfac- tory.				Vacant when visited. Order good, and arrangements creditable; children very attentive, and interested in their work.
12 Fair know- ledge of the elements.	14 Fair.				Very decided improvement made during the year, particularly in the general intelli- gence of the pupils; methods and arrange- ments adopted creditable.
16 Deficient in the elements.	24 Very poor.		2	3 Begin- ners.	Almost all beginners here; order very good, children particularly anxious to make progress. Energy and efficiency much wanted on the part of the teacher; except in arithmetic; progress made since last examination not apparent.
13 Beginners in	14 both branches				Change of teacher during the year for the better; improvement already apparent; order good.
					Vacant.
					Opened under the present teacher since the district was visited.
8 Absent	8 in these	7 branches.			Order fair; standard of intelligence on the part of the pupils not so high as on former occasions; attendance very irregular.
7 Fair.	17 Creditable.				Order very good; progress made since last examination very fair; intelligence of pupils increased by the regular analysis of reading lessons.
3					Opened since the schools of the Township were examined.
6 Fair.	28 Elementary knowledge fair.				Order fair; the progress made during the year not apparent; attendance of the pupils very irregular.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Stanhope	James Henderson	35	33 B 17 G 16	33 Fair, with cor- rect spelling.	33 Specimens fair.	30
Suffolk	Henry Vickerson	34	36 B 21 G 15	36 Poor; hurried from book to book injudici- ously.	19 Average ability.	15 Examined as far as vulgar frac- tions; fair.
Surrey	Etis. M'Intosh	58	39 B 16 G 23	39 Fair attempts being made.	3 Beginners.	2
Ten Mile House	Patrick M'Quaid	35	64 B 35 G 29	64 Fluent, and with intelligence.	19 Below average.	12 Very creditable in the professed rules.
Tracadie Road	Christina Ross	34	44 B 26 G 18	44 Improvement visible; spelling correct.	18 Specimens fair.	16 Examined to in- terest; very cre- ditable.
Treagh	Donald Cameron	29	71 B 35 G 36	71 Fair; spelling correct.	34 Poor specimens.	27 Majority in the simple rules.
Uigg	Donald M'Donald	50	84 B 44 G 40	84 Defective, ex- cept in the high- est class.	47 A few good spe- cimens among many poor ones.	47 Very creditable in all the rules as far as evolu- tion.
Union Road	Sarah Henderson	33	36 B 17 G 19	36 Very distinct and correct, with intelligence.	21 Specimens care- fully written.	19 Very fair in all the professed rules.
Upper Westmorland	William Reid	29	58 B 37 G 21	58 Fair, with excel- lent analysis.	20 Specimens far above average.	12 Very good in all the professed rules.
Vernon River	Daniel Enman	50	74 B 53 G 21	74 Below average; spelling fair; an- alysis poor.	40 Very fair speci- mens.	36 Satisfactory ex- amination as far as evolution.
Webster Creek	Ewen Amos	65	37 B 20 G 17	37 Very fair, with correct spelling.	30 Specimens very fair.	31 Creditable in the professed rules.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
12	10				Change of teacher since last examination; only a few days opened; classes not organized.
6 Meagre acquaintance with the rules.	15 Very good.				Order very good; intelligence of pupils fair; progress made during the year creditable in some branches.
	1 Beginner.				New district established and school-house built during the past year; opened a month before being visited; all beginners.
11 Very fair in	11 both branches				Examination satisfactory throughout; order superior to that shewn on former visits.
6 Beginners in	6 both branches				Order very superior, and general arrangements creditable; very decided progress during the year.
4 Beginners in	4 both branches				Change of teacher since last visit; order very good, and fair progress being made in a crowded school.
30 Highest class fair knowledge of the rules.	23 Fair.		LATIN. 6 Examined in Cæsar.	Plane Geom.try 5 Fair know- ledge.	Examination in some branches satisfactory; order very poor; walls well tatood with ink, and disfigured by cuttings made by the knives of pupils, wishing to immortalize themselves.
10 Fair.	7 Beginners.				Examination very satisfactory; progress made during the year very apparent; order very superior; children cheerful and much attached to their teacher.
16 Superior knowledge of the rules.	14 Good.	7 Exercise very well done.			Examination highly satisfactory; this school maintains its character for the order and intelligence of the pupils, and the very intelligent methods adopted by the master in their training.
34 Those exami- ned very fair	45 Fair.	22 Weekly.	2		Very decided progress made since last examination; intelligence low; order of everything very good.
18 Good in both	16 branches.	12 Exercise well written.	3		Examination very satisfactory; order, as on former visits, good; tone of the school healthy, and arrangements creditable.

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SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGIS- TER.	READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.
Wheatley	John G. M'Kay	24	42 B 24 G 18	42 Fluent, and with intelligence.	26 Very good.	28 Creditable.
Windloe Road	Duncan Kennedy	33	49 B 26 G 23	49 Deficient, spel- ling poor.	24 Specimens poor.	18 Examined in the compound rules; fair.
Wiltshire, South	Charles Fowle,	31	54 B 31 G 23	54 Distinct and correct; spelling good.	25 Specimens of average ability.	12 Examined in the compound rules; very creditable.
Wood Islands	John M'Millan	62	48 B 27 G 21	48 Fair; with some understanding of passages read.	19 Below average.	16 Several well ad- vanced; fair.
Wood Islands, East	Duncan Crawford	62	41 B 23 G 18	41 Fair attempts; spelling good.	9 Below average.	7 Highest in the compound rules.
York River, South	John Sharp	32	39 B 24 G 15	39 Hasty, but with intelligence, spel- ling good.	22 Specimens be- low average.	27 Examined sever- al as far as evo- lution, very good
Bluefield	Elizabeth Martin	31	43 B 22 G 21	43 Very fair, with superior intelli- gencé.	20 Specimens of average ability.	20 Examined as far as vulgar frac- tions very fair.

COUNTY—continued.

GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.	DICTATION.	BOOK- KEEPING.	ALGEBRA.	REMARKS.
12 Beginners, except one.	19 Very fair.	6			Examination satisfactory; progress very decided since the present teacher entered upon his duties; children very ready and ac- curate in their work.
3 Beginners.					Progress made since last visit not apparent; no developement of the children's minds, by the regular analysis of the lessons read; in- telligence low.
3 Absent in	2 both branches				Order very good as on former visits; pro- gress made since last examination fair; at- tendance of pupils very irregular.
4 Beginners.	3 Creditable.	2			Fair progress made since last visit; order good as on last examination; attendance irregular.
3 Beginners	5 in all these	4 branches.			New district formed, and school-house built since last visit to this part of the Coun- ty; opened six weeks before being visited.
13 Knowledge of the rules very good.	11 Creditable in	10 both branches			Examination highly satisfactory; the intel- ligence of the pupils of no mean standard; great readiness and accuracy displayed in all the exercises.
13 Creditable knowledge of the rules.	13 Very credit- able.	8 Weekly exer- cise.			Everything presented an orderly aspect as on former occasions; examination highly sa- tisfatory; intelligence of some of the pupils worthy of special remark.

FRENCH ACADIAN SCHOOLS.

PRINCE COUNTY.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	LOT.	REGISTER.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	READING.	ENG. READING.	WRITING.	ARITHMETIC.	GRAMMAR.	GEOGRAPHY.
Cape Egmont,	Moses Nedge,	15	34	17	17	34	4	6	2		
Cascumpec,	Antoine Perry,	6	30	18	12	30	8	3			
Egmont Bay Road,	John O. Arseneaux,	16	41	22	19	41	12	7	8	5	2
Fifteen Point (Vacant when visited).											
Fortune Cove,	Joseph E. Arseneaux,	5	49	25	24	49	7	12	7		
L'Anse,	Sylvain Gallant,	1	35	17	18	35	19	8	1		
Miscouche,	Phillip Gaudet,	17	43	22	21	43	10	14	12	11	
St. Chrysostom,	Andrew Arseneaux,	15	43	22	21	43	16	9	6	6	4
St. Felix,	Francis Buote,	2	33	13	20	33	4	7	7		
St. James,	Sylvain Arseneaux,	15	44	24	20	44	12	9	5	10	5
St. Nicolas,	Onesime Gaudet,	15	48	29	19	48	23	19	15	4	
St. Roch,	Cyriac Buote,	2	36	22	14	36	6	13	5		
Tignish (Little),	Thos. Le Marquand,	2	36	23	13	36	36	26	6	18	
Tignish (Western Rd.)	Hubert Perry,	1	38	23	15	38	13	9	5		2

QUEEN'S COUNTY.

Cavendish Road,	Peter Doirant,	23	Not visited.								
Gonchet's Greek,	Isidore Gallant,	24	Not visited.								
Millvale Road,	Joseph Doirant,	22	45	28	17	45	18	10	8		
Hunter River,	Henry Herrell,	24	Not visited.								
Grand Pere's Point,	Adrian Doirant,	24	41	20	21	41	7	14	7	2	
Rustico Cross Roads,	Laurent Doucet,	24	50	27	23	50	6	14	14		
St. Augustine,	Marin Blanchard,	24	58	30	28	58	25	20			

List of Schools which remained unvisited on the 21st February, the date of the acceptance of my resignation by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in Council:

Albion	Lot 48	Glenfinnan,	Lot 35	New Glasgow,	Lot 23
Back Road,	48	Grenville,	21	Park Corner (Vacant),	21
Baltic,	48	Harding's Creek,	20	Pisquid Road,	49
Bowness,	25	Hazel Grove,	22	Pownal,	49
Branders (Vacant),	20	Hope River,	22	Rose Valley,	67
Bungay,	24	Irish Town,	20	Rustico, (North)	24
Campbeltown,	23	Johnston's Road (East),	22	Springfield,	67
Cavendish,	23	Johnston's Road (West),	22	Springton (Vacant),	67
Cherry Valley,	50	Long Creek,	65	St. Ann's,	22
Donagh,	35	Long River,	20	St. Patrick's,	22
Fermoy,	18	Mill River,	22	York River (North),	32
Gallows Point,	50	Mount Mellick,	49	Graham's Road,	20

Number of Schools reported on in the preceding pages, with the number of Children studying the various branches.

	PRINCE COUNTY.	KING'S COUNTY.	QUEEN'S COUNTY.	FRENCH ACADIAN.	TOTAL.
Schools,	54	72	93	18	237
Boys,	1234	1707	2479	382	5802
Girls,	1075	1432	1835	322	4773
On Register,	2309	3139	4314	704	10,466
Reading,	2309	3130	4314	704	10,466
Writing,	1029	1447	2314	200	4990
Arithmetic,	809	1108	1836	108	3861
Grammar,	468	533	783	56	1840
Geography,	522	520	1002	13	2057
Dictation,	195	146	417		758
Book-keeping,	12	17	14		43
Algebra,	5		18		23
Geometry,	1	2	7		10
Latin,	2		6		8
Drawing,	5				5
Agricultural Chemistry	5	3			8

The two most note-worthy events in the Educational history of the past year are, the establishment of an Orphan School for destitute children, and a Normal School, for the training of teachers. The former was opened in the Spring of 1856, and is conducted by a person well qualified for such a situation. The attendance has not hitherto been very large, being 26 for the first quarter, 18 for the second, and the same number for the third. The children at present attending are beginners; a few of them besides learning to read, are being taught writing and cyphering; but the very irregular attendance, so common, and seemingly so unavoidable amongst children of this class, is the greatest obstacle the teacher has to contend against in her arduous endeavours to impart to them the elements of education.

On the 22d July, 1856, shortly after the arrival in the Colony of the person appointed as Master of the Normal School, one department of that Institution was opened, namely, the students class in the Board Room of the Central Academy, the Normal School Buildings not being then ready for occupancy. The Normal School was formally opened in presence of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, on the 1st October, and on the following day, boys names began to be enrolled.

The Legislature having provided that one of the Charlottetown Female Schools should be incorporated with the Normal School, the Female School of King Square, was removed with its teacher to that Institution on the 20th of the same month, and put under the charge of the master of the Normal School.

The Statistics of the Normal School at the end of the quarter beginning October 1, were as follows:—

On Register,	Boys,	Girls,	Reading,	Secular knowledge,	Writing,	Arithmetic,	Grammar,	Geography,	Dictation,
105	47	58	105	105	76	70	49	105	49

On the 22d July, 22 Students, male and female, were entered, and completed their term on the 30th October. Four of these, after having been unsuccessful in obtaining Licence as Teachers at the first Examination, returned home—the following table will shew after what period of attendance, the remainder of those who, up to this time have received Licence, were approved of by the Board :

1856—October 30—November 27—December 23—	1857—January 29—February 26.
Licensed 3 8 — 1 4—16.	

The Second Session for Students commenced November 3. I regret that I am unable to give the exact number of Students who were then enrolled, not having been furnished since that date, as Superintendent of the Normal School with any statement from the Master, of the number of Students, their attendance, or progress.

The Normal School in its present state of operation is not carrying out the end which such an Institution is intended to fulfil. Wherever a Normal School has been established, it has been found necessary to provide for the special instruction of the Students in those branches which they will afterwards be required to teach. It is essential to the successful working of such an Institution, that there be at least one Master or Tutor, whose office it is to give instruction to the Students, not in the art of communicating, but in those branches in which their previous study has left them deficient. If this be requisite in other parts of the world, it is surely much more so in a Colony where the educational advantages of young men have hitherto been so limited. This very important feature has not been directly specified in the Normal School Act, but it is implied in the whole spirit of the 6th clause of that Act; for how can young men be taught “the art of communicating the several branches of common School Education” if they themselves be ignorant of those branches. Until some direct provision is made for their special instruction by the appointment of a second Master as above stated, the young people who have made choice of teaching as a profession, and who are obliged to be at considerable expence in supporting themselves in Charlottetown while attending the Normal School, have not full justice done them.

In concluding this my last Report of the Inspection of the Schools of this Colony, it affords me no small pleasure to state, that a very marked improvement is apparent in the vast majority of the Schools since my first visit. This improvement is manifested in the superior order and arrangement adopted in School management; in the intelligence of the pupils; in the method of communicating instruction, and in the zeal, diligence, and faithfulness of the Teachers; while the decided advance in the style and furniture of new School-houses evinces the warm interest felt in Educational matters by parents and teachers. In no part of the country has the spirit of progress been so active, and the desire of self-improvement among the teachers so vigorous and energetic as in Belfast and the surrounding Districts. More

than a year ago, the teachers in that locality formed themselves into an Association or Institute, which has for its object the mutual improvement of its members, and the advancement of their schools. Detachments of the Members are deputed to visit the schools of their fellow-members, and to make a report at the monthly meeting of the Institute, on the state of the schools, and methods they saw pursued by the teachers. All the departments of school management are thus discussed at these meetings, and each member brings to bear upon the various subjects the results of his experience and reading. There is also a Library of useful and instructive works, most of which relate to the theory and practice of education, to which all the members have access. The important advantages of an Institute so conducted are very obvious, and the trustees and parents in the neighbourhood have shewn their appreciation of its results by expressing their satisfaction at the marked improvement visible in the schools. The success which has attended the exertions of the Belfast Teachers' Institute is a most cheering example and encouragement to teachers in other parts of the country who are anxious to advance in their profession.

Although this Report is already so voluminous, I would crave permission in one word to express my sincere and cordial thanks for the warm-hearted hospitality I have everywhere received in the country. Wherever my future lot may be cast, I shall ever cherish with gratitude and pleasure, the recollection of the courtesy and kindness which was accorded to me, a stranger, in travelling over Prince Edward Island.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN M. STARK,

Late Inspector of Schools.

Charlottetown, March 9, 1857.

APPENDIX No. 10.

[See Page 53.]

[No. 37.]

(COPY).

Downing Street, 17th October, 1856.

Sir,

Her Majesty's Government have had under their consideration the Act passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island on the 14th April last, "for Raising a Revenue, and to consolidate and amend several Acts therein mentioned."

This Act being in operation, Her Majesty's Government will not recommend that the consent of the Crown should be withheld from it. The Order, in Council, leaving it to its operation, will accordingly be passed at the next Council.

At the same time, I enclose the copy of a Report from the Commissioners of Customs, pointing out, that although the exigencies of Prince Edward Island may be such as to require rigorous Laws, there are clauses in this Act imposing regulations much more stringent than any contained in the Imperial Customs Acts, which are likely to create dissatisfaction on the part of the shipowners and merchants of this Kingdom.

I request you to call the attention of your Executive Council to these observations when the time arrives for submitting the usual measure for raising a Revenue for the year, to the deliberation of the Colonial Legislature.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor

Sir D. Daly. &c. &c. &c.
Prince Edward Island.

A true copy,

M. B. Daly, Private Secretary.

No. 990.

(COPY.)

To the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury :

Your Lordships having referred to us for any observations we might think proper to make thereon, the annexed Act of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, entitled, "An Act for raising a revenue, and to consolidate and amend several Acts therein mentioned."

We report—

That we have examined the said Act, and see no objection to the several provisions so far as this department is concerned.

We beg, however, to draw Your Lordship's attention to certain clauses which impose regulations much more stringent than any of those contained in the Imperial Customs' Acts, and although the exigencies of the Colony may be such as to require rigorous laws, we apprehend that vessels, trading from this country to Prince Edward Island, would be subject to consequences arising from those enactments, likely to create dissatisfaction on the part of the Ship Owners and Merchants of the United Kingdom.

The Sections referred to are the 14th, 15th, and 20th.

The 14th Section subjects goods of every kind, not duly entered, to seizure and forfeiture whilst remaining on board a vessel, and does not even specify a time for such entry, although the words, "remain on board such ship not having been duly entered," would seem to imply that the power is not to be exercised, nor the forfeiture to ensue, until after the lapse of 24 hours from the arrival of the Ship, the time prescribed in the preceding sections for report and entry.

The 15th Section forfeits goods landed after Report, and per margin after Entry, unless contained in the Report.

This enactment is severe, as it would appear that a Consignee properly entering his consignments, and bringing them to account for duty, might still forfeit his goods, because the master had neglected to report thereon.

We have further to observe, that up to the passing of the 16th and 17th Vic., cap. 107, a provision similar to that we now draw attention to, was contained in the Imperial Customs' Acts, but was then repealed for the reason above assigned.

The 20th Section subjects a ship to detention, in case the Master or owner is prosecuted for a violation of the law, as a security to answer the judgement which may be given. The provision might not be objectionable as regards the owner, if he being sole owner, had rendered himself liable to prosecution,

but a proposition to detain a vessel to abide the final judgment in a prosecution against the master does not seem to us equitable or expedient.

We would further remark, that by several sections of the Act in question, Oaths are required to be taken by the Masters of vessels and by the Importers and Exporters of goods, a practice which has for many years been discontinued in the United Kingdom, where declarations have been substituted for oaths in all matters relating to the Customs.

In other respects there does not appear to be any material difference between the Act under consideration and the Imperial Law, except as regards regulations of a local character, with which it would not be expedient for Her Majesty's Government to interfere.

(Signed.) **SPRING RICE**
W. R. GREG.
 Custom House,

2nd October, 1856.

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[Circular.]

(copy.)

Downing Street, 18th September, 1856.

Sir;

I have to acquaint you that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have decided upon exempting from Income Tax the Dividends payable in this Country upon Loans contracted by Colonial Governments, and held by persons wholly resident in the Colonies to which such Loans belong respectively, upon an application made to the Commissioners of Income Tax, accompanied by a Declaration that the Owner of the Stock, upon which such Dividends are

payable, is solely resident in such Colony, and that no other person, resident elsewhere, has any interest or share in such Dividends.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant,

(Signed) H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieut. Governor

Sir D. Daly, &c. &c. &c.

Prince Edward Island.

APPENDIX No. 12.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The Trustees of the Lunatic Asylum in presenting their Annual Report, beg to observe, that the contrivances hitherto in use for warming the cells of Lunatics, are inadequate to the purpose, and they are desirous of remedying that which is a great grievance.

They beg to state, that the obedience to the requisitions of the Executive Government, several lunatics and some paupers have been admitted to the benefits of the Institution at the charge of the Government.

That this practice has been proved to be highly beneficial, is shewn by the Medical Report, which demonstrates the very great advantage of early assistance in cases of lunacy, several parties having been relieved, who, without immediate assistance, might have become confirmed lunatics.

On the part of the Trustees,
WILLIAM SWABEY,
Honorary Secretary.

January 31, 1857.

Gentlemen ;

In compliance with the regulations prescribing my duties, I have again the honor of presenting your Board with the Medical Statistics of the Lunatic Asylum, in which are detailed the admissions, discharges, and general efficiency of the Institution for the last twelve months.

On inspecting the accompanying Chart, it will appear that the total number of Lunatics receiving medical treatment during the past year amounts to 40. Of these 27 are lunatics and 13 paupers ; the latter comprising many medical and surgical cases of importance.

Of the lunatics 17 remained at last Report, and 10 have been admitted during the year ; among the lunatics 5 deaths have occurred, 4 males and 1 female, viz.: 2 from consumption, 2 from fits, and one from old age.

Of the total number of lunatics, 7 have recovered, 4 males and 3 females ; 8 are registered as much improved, 3 improved, and 5 not improved (being all chronic cases), and deemed incurable, while 19 still remain in the house.

On inspecting the yearly operations of the Asylum, it will be remarked that the number of recoveries are nearly all comprised in the recent admissions ; and again, that nearly all those labouring under recent attacks have recovered, which sufficiently shows the immense advantage of early application and treatment.

Of the paupers 2 have been cut off by death, one a female at the age of 70, having become paralytic, was attacked with crysipelas in the limbs, which ended in mortification, and proved fatal ; the other a male having become paralytic in his limbs, &c. died of decline at the age of 66 years.

The remaining paupers are all helpless and incapable either from old age, or some constitutional or surgical ailment of rendering service to themselves or the Institution.

Allow me to make one suggestion at this time in regard to the heating of the building : the present brick furnices have been fully tried, found inefficient and condemned, and for the present we have been obliged to adopt isolated stoves for the different sitting-rooms or halls, but their influence does not extend either to the basement cells, or private rooms.

From information recently received respecting the heating of Insane Hospitals by steam, radiating heat in horizontal chambers in the cellar, through iron tubes;—I am led to conclude, that in point of economy, convenience, and effect, no method, on that principle (which has become quite common), combines so many essentials as that of hot water circulating in cast iron pipes of from 4 to 6 inches diameter.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. MACKIESON.

The Board of Trustees.



SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

Exhibiting in a Tabular form the Admissions, Discharges, Forms of Disease, and remedial results of the cases of Insanity under treatment in the Asylum near Charlottetown.

NAMES.	Sex.		Age. Years.	Place of Birth.	Occupation.	Civil condition.		How long insane.	Probable cause of Disease.	Favourite pursuit or hobby.	Form of Mental Disease.	Subject to what other Diseases.	When admitted.	When discharged.	Died.	Not improved.	Improved.	Much improved.	Recovered.	Recovering.
	Male.	Female.				Single.	Married.													
Michael Grady	1		39	P. E. Island	Baker	1		18 years	Fever	Indolent	Remittant Insanity		Aug. 13, 1848							
Lawrance Doonan	1		58	Ireland	Labourer		1	10 years	Frigh and hurt	Dread of prison	Melancholia	Gastredynia, &c.	Aug. 16, 1848	April 18, 1856	1				1	1
Marin Pieneau	1		34	P. E. Island	Farmer	1		18½ years	Hereditary		Mania Furibanda		Dec. 2, 1850			1				
Alexander Finlayson	1		65	Scotland	Farmer	1		35 years	Blow on the head		Amentia		March 27, 1849			1				
John M'Phee	1		38	P. E. Island	Farmer	1		7 years	Disputed property	Indolent	Polymania Mitis		March 5, 1852			1				
David Bryde	1		37	Ireland	Shoemaker	1		5 years	Intoxication		Pantomania		April 26, 1852			1				
Margaret Ferguson		1	34	P. E. Island	Spinster	1		15 years	Disappointed love	Indolent	Imbicility	Debility	May 26, 1852				1			
William Blatch	1		57	England	Farmer	1		23 years	Hereditary		Polymania Mitis		Dec. 5, 1853							
Angus M'Swain	1		24	P. E. Island	Farmer	1		3 years	Heat and cold		Polymania	Epilepsy	March 16, 1854							
John Callaghan	1		50	Ireland	Farmer		1	3½ years		Quarrelsome	Polymania		July 20, 1854							
Moses Simpleton	1		32	P. E. Island		1		?			Dementia		Nov. 7, 1854							
William Donovan	1		39	Ireland	Shoemaker	1		2½ years		Indolent	Mania		Dec. 27, 1854				1			
Christiana Brown		1	57	Scotland	Spinster		1	9 years			Polymania Mitis	Chronic Gastritis	June 9, 1855							
Euphemia Whelan		1	67	Scotland	Spinster		1	19 years	Loss of husband	Knitting and sewing	Melancholia Agitata		Sept. 24, 1855							
Benjamin M'Phail	1		31	P. E. Island	Farmer	1		5½ years	Cold		Mania Agitata		Sept. 24, 1855	Feb. 3, 1857						
Arthur A. M'Kenzie	1		32	Nova Scotia	Teacher	1		1 month	Intoxication	Reading	Mania	Gastritis	Jan. 11, 1856	Feb. 11, 1856	1					
Ann M'Kenna		1	35	Ireland	Spinster	1		15 months			Moral Insanity		Jan. 23, 1856							
Michael Campion	1		33	P. E. Island	Trader		1	1 month	Loss of property		Mania Furibanda		Feb. 14, 1856	Aug. 28, 1856		1				
Joanna Walsh		1	30	Ireland	Spinster	1		10 months			Melancholia		Feb. 23, 1856							
John M'Arthur	1		38	Scotland	Joiner, &c.		1	5 years	Penury		Melancholia		April 22, 1856							
Ann Nicholson		1	84	Scotland	Spinster	1		5 years	Family troubles		Mania		April 28, 1856	July 8, 1856	1					
James Doyle	1		65	Ireland	Farmer	1		15 years	Penury		Moral Insanity	Convulsions	June 8, 1856	Oct. 15, 1856	1	1				
Mary Burns		1	46	Ireland	Spinster	1		8 years	Family broils	Knitting, &c.	Polymania Furibanda	Chronic Hepotitis	June 30, 1856							
John Chusick	1		48	Ireland	Soldier		1	2 years			Melancholia Agitata		July 25, 1856	Aug. 13, 1856	1					
Jessie Kennedy		1	50	Scotland	Spinster	1		2 months		Knitting and sewing	Melancholia		Dec. 13, 1856							
Alexander M'Millan	1		46	P. E. Island	Farmer	1		2 months			Mania Iraninda		Jan. 5, 1857	Feb. 7, 1857						
Margaret Hughes		1	27	P. E. Island	Spinster		1	1 month	Family broils				Jan. 20, 1857							
	18	9				16	11				27		27	8	5	5	3	8	7	19

PAUPERS.

NAMES.	Male.	Female.	Age.	Birthplace.	Occupation	Single.	Married.	Disease.	Admitted.	Discharged.	Died.	Remain- ing.	REMARKS.
William Magher	1		73	Ireland	Sawyer		1	Amaurosis	June 26, 1848			1	A confirmed case of Amaurosis, of 14 years standing.
Michael Malone	1		82	Ireland	Fisherman		1	Cough, &c.	Oct. 23, 1848			1	Subject to cough and renal irritation.
William Brennan	1		59	England	Farmer	1		Hernia	Nov. 16, 1852			1	Helpless from Scrotal Hernia, and Chronic Rheumatism.
James Murphy	1		80	Ireland	Labourer		1	Rheumatism	Jan. 5, 1855			1	Subject to Chronic Rheumatism.
Patrick Brennan	1		73	Ireland	Labourer		1	Rheumatism	July 9, 1853			1	Subject to Rheumatism and Cough.
Mary Morrison		1	70	England	Teacher		1	Paralysis	May 5, 1855	Feb. 11, 1856		1	Paralytic in the lower extremities,—died from mortification of the leg.
Charles Hogan	1		36	Ireland	Farmer		1	Epilepsy	June 1, 1855			1	Subject to Epileptic Fits, and blind of one eye.
Daniel O'Connor	1		66	Ireland	Labourer	1		Elephantiasis	July 30, 1855	Sept. 9, 1856		1	Elephantiasis of one leg, of 14 years standing—subject to Isehuria.
John Craddock	1		51	England	Labourer	1		Hermaplegia	Nov. 26, 1855	Sept. 21, 1856		1	Abandoned September 21, 1856.
Thomas Pollard	1		81	England	Shoemaker	1		Curved spine	March 1, 1856			1	Helpless from old age, and curvature of the spine.
Patrick Forun	1		60	Ireland	Labourer	1		Helpless	July 25, 1856			1	Subject to scrofulous sores.
William Kenny	1		58	Ireland	Labourer	1		Lame	Oct. 6, 1856			1	Lame from neglected dislocation of the thigh.
Edward Walsh	1		35	Ireland	Shoemaker	1		Lame	Nov. 22, 1856			1	Lame from contraction of the knee joint, and chronic abscess of the thigh.
	12	1				7	6		13	3	2	10	

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J. MACKIESON, *Medical Superintendent.*

Return of Paupers and Lunatics in the Asylum, on the 18th March, 1857.

Distributions.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Remarks.
Paupers - - -	6		6	1 Blind.
" Lunatics - - -	10	7	17	
Boarders " - - -	1	1	2	1 Cancer and 3 Cripples.
Government { Paupers - - -	6		6	
Patients { Lunatics - - -	1	1	2	
Total -	24	9	33	

SAMUEL WILLIAM MITCHELL,
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