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## PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, knight commander of the orders of St. Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

L. S.

J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Saturday the thirty-first day of May instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday the thirty-first day of July next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this twenty-eight day of May, A. D. 1856, and in the 19th year of her majesty's reign.

*By his excellency's command,*

LEWIS M. WILKINS,  
Provincial secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



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L. S.

J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday the thirty-first day of July instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday the twenty-fifth day of September next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax this twenty-third day of July, A. D. 1856, and in the twentieth year of her majesty's reign.

*By his excellency's command,*

LEWIS M. WILKINS,

Provincial secretary.

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L. S.

J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Province, stands prorogued to Thursday the 25th day of September, instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Thursday the Twenty-seventh day of November next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this seventeenth day of September, in the 20th year of her majesty's reign, A.D. 1857.

*By his excellency's command,*

WILLIAM H. KEATING,

Deputy secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



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*Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Thursday the twenty-seventh day of November, instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the same until Wednesday the twenty-fourth day of December next—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this Nineteenth day of November, in the twentieth year of her majesty's reign, A. D. 1856.

*By his excellency's command,*

WILLIAM H. KEATING,

Deputy secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.



# PROCLAMATION,

BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

*Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

L. S.

J. GASPARD LE MARCHANT.

WHEREAS the general assembly of this province stands prorogued to Wednesday the twenty-fourth day of December instant, I have thought fit further to prorogue the said general assembly until Thursday the fifth day of February next, *then to meet for the despatch of business*—of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and seal at arms at Halifax, this seventeenth day of December, in the 20th year of her majesty's reign, A. D. 1856.

*By his excellency's command,*

W. A. HENBY,

Provincial secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.





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### PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

SESSION 1857.

20° VICTORIÆ.

THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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

House meet

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

Message from governor

*Gentlemen,*

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

Commands attendance of house

Accordingly the house went up to attend his excellency in the council chamber;

House attend

And being returned,

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

Governor's speech reported

*Mr. President, and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council;*

Speech

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

I meet you again in parliament with feelings of undiminished pleasure, and I trust that your deliberations will result in measures promotive of the best interests of this thriving and loyal province.

Animated

2<sup>o</sup>. Animated by true British feeling, and warmly interested in the conduct and progress of the late war, though happily exempted from its disasters and burdens, the people of this country, in common with their fellow-subjects in every part of the empire, have reason to be deeply grateful for its successful termination, and I am sure will unite with us in a fervent prayer, that the benign and sustaining influences of peace may long continue to advance and extend the prosperity and happiness of the nation at large.

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

3<sup>o</sup>. The accounts for the past, and the estimates for the current year, will be forthwith submitted to you.

*Mr. President, and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council ;*

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

4<sup>o</sup>. Our exemption from pestilence of every kind during the past year, through the protection of a merciful providence, demands our deepest gratitude.

5<sup>o</sup>. The labours of the husbandman within our borders in the past season have been richly rewarded; and the ready sales and remunerating prices of all kinds of farm stock and produce, I am happy to find, have contributed largely to his well-being and comfort.

6<sup>o</sup>. I confidently feel that the recent importations of improved stock will result in general advantage to the farming classes, and hope that you will be disposed to encourage, by liberal grants, an object of such vital importance to the agriculture of the province.

7<sup>o</sup>. I regret to learn that the fisheries, more especially in the autumn, have disappointed the hopes of the hardy and enterprising body who derive their subsistence from that great branch of provincial industry.

8<sup>o</sup>. I am happy to acquaint you that the revenue has somewhat exceeded that of last year, and gives continued proof of the increasing prosperity and active industry of the people.

9<sup>o</sup>. The extension of the provincial railway has been vigorously prosecuted. The stream of eastern traffic has been tapped at the Grand Lake, and it is confidently hoped that ere the close of this year the line will be open to Windsor and Stewiacke. The accounts of the expenditure and liabilities incurred in these large operations will be laid before you at an early day, and will satisfy you I trust of the integrity and prudence with which the works have been conducted.

10<sup>o</sup>. The reports and accounts of the Lunatic Asylum, which will also be before you, will shew that the building of that institution has favourably advanced during the past season.

11<sup>o</sup>. It was thought advisable that a further survey should be had of the St. Peter's Canal by an experienced engineer. The report of the gentleman who was employed will be presented at an early day, and I invite your attention to a subject of such prominent interest to the whole eastern section of the province.

12<sup>o</sup>. Two acts have been recently passed by the imperial parliament for assimilating the laws affecting trade and commerce in the United Kingdom, and bills founded upon these, but adapted to our local legislation, will be submitted for your approval.

13<sup>o</sup>. Two measures have also been prepared, and will be immediately submitted to you—the one having for its object the more efficient protection of the crown lands, and the other a more easy and economical process of escheat.

14<sup>o</sup>. The subject of the mines and minerals I regret to say is still unsettled, the home government having been hitherto unable to come to a determination on this complicated and important question. The correspondence will show that it has engaged the anxious solicitude of my government, and I entertain the hope that the great interests involved will be considered and disposed of in a manner acceptable to the people.

15<sup>o</sup>. Since the close of the last session private enterprise has completed a telegraph union of the North American provinces by a sub-marine cable, connecting Newfoundland with Cape Breton.

16°. A still larger experiment is about to be made for carrying telegraph communication across the atlantic. The company by whom it was projected have entered into arrangements for conveying their messages across our territory, and the inhabitants of this province, as well as of the other parts of the American continent, have a deep interest in their success. An intimation, however, has been conveyed to me that another company of adequate resources, propose to lay down a line from Ireland direct to Nova Scotia. Both parties will apply to you for legislative privileges, and I recommend their respective claims to your attentive consideration. Be assured, gentlemen, that in this, as in every other matter affecting the welfare and progress of the people whom you represent, you may rely on my cordial co-operation.

Mr. Speaker announced to the house that having during the recess received official information that the honorable Lewis Morris Wilkins, member for the township of Windsor, had been appointed to and had accepted the office of associate judge of the supreme court; the honorable William A. Henry, member for the county of Sydney, had been appointed to and had accepted the office of provincial secretary; the honorable Adams G. Archibald, member for the county of Colchester, had been appointed to and had accepted the office of solicitor general, whereby their seats in this house had become vacant, he the Speaker had thereupon, pursuant to law, required that writs should be issued to supply such vacancies, and also to supply the vacancy in the representation of the county of Cape Breton, occasioned by the decease of the honorable James McLeod, a member for that county during the last session of the provincial legislature.

Vacancies in representation reported

The hon. the provincial secretary then delivered in a writ directed to the sheriff of the county of Hants, for the election of a representative for the township of Windsor in that county; and writs directed to the sheriffs of the counties of Sydney, Colchester and Cape Breton, for the election of one representative for each of such counties respectively, with the returns of such sheriffs thereto; and the same being respectively read, it appeared by such returns that the honorable Joseph Howe had been duly elected and returned as the representative for the township of Windsor; the honorable William A. Henry as a representative for the county of Sydney; the honorable Adams G. Archibald as a representative for the county of Colchester, and Thomas Caldwell, esquire, as the representative for the county of Cape Breton.

Writs and returns presented

The honorable Joseph Howe, returned duly elected as the representative for the township of Windsor; the honorable William A. Henry returned duly elected as a representative for the county of Sydney, and the honorable Adams G. Archibald returned duly elected as a representative for the county of Colchester, took the oath of allegiance in the presence of the honorable Hugh Bell, a commissioner appointed to administer the same, and then took their seats as such members.

Members sworn in

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

Address moved

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR-GENERAL,

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, and knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand, and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief in and over her majesty's province of Nova-Scotia, and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Address

1<sup>o</sup>. We thank your excellency for the speech with which you have been pleased to open this session of the provincial parliament.

2<sup>o</sup>. We fully participate in the satisfaction with which British subjects in every part of the empire have welcomed the successful conclusion of the hostilities with Russia. Our exemption from the burthens and disasters of war, does not diminish our appreciation of the blessings of peace.

3<sup>o</sup>. We are grateful to a merciful providence for our freedom during the past year from the ravages of pestilence.

4<sup>o</sup>. We learn with great satisfaction that the labours of the husbandman in the past season have been crowned with success; and that the well being and comfort of the large portion of our population who derive their support from the cultivation of the soil, ave been greatly promoted by the high prices yielded by agricultural produce.

5<sup>o</sup>. We appreciate the importance to the farming classes of the encouragement afforded by the legislature to the introduction of improved stock; and it affords us pleasure to assure your excellency that the agricultural population are very sensible of the benefit which they derive from the warm personal interest which your excellency has taken in a subject which so deeply concerns them.

6<sup>o</sup>. It affords us matter of great regret to learn that the fisheries, and more particularly those of the autumn, have not been entirely successful.

7<sup>o</sup>. In view of the partial failure in this important branch of industry it is gratifying to learn that the revenue has somewhat increase during the past year.

8<sup>o</sup>. The satisfactory progress of the railway operations affords us sincere gratification.

9<sup>o</sup>. When the accounts connected with the work are submitted we shall give them our best consideration, and we feel gratified by your excellency's assurance that those documents will evince the integrity and the prudence of those who have had charge of the work.

10<sup>o</sup>. We learn with pleasure the favorable progress made in the erection of the Lunatic Asylum.

11<sup>o</sup>. When the report of the recent survey connected with St. Peter's canal shall be laid before us, we shall be prepared to give to that subject all the attention which a matter of so much importance to the eastern section of the province requires at our hands.

12<sup>o</sup>. The bills affecting trade and commerce, and those for the protection of the crown domain, and the improvement of the process of escheat, shall receive our deliberate consideration.

13<sup>o</sup>. We regret the unsettled state in which the question of the mines and minerals yet remains. We shall consider with much interest the correspondence which has passed on this subject, and sincerely hope that a matter of so much importance will soon be disposed of in a manner acceptable to the people of Nova-Scotia.

14<sup>o</sup>. We look upon the completion of the telegraphic communication between St. John's and this continent as a matter of deep interest to the whole empire.

15<sup>o</sup>. To any application for legislative privileges which shall be made to us on behalf of those engaged in that enterprise, or in any other effort for the connection of Europe with this continent by telegraphic wires, we shall give grave consideration, with

a full sense that any measures we may adopt will derive great importance from the geographical position which this province holds to the rest of America.

16°. We have the fullest assurance that in any matter which affects the welfare of the people of Nova-Scotia, we may rely with confidence upon the cordial co-operation which your excellency has promised.

Which motion being seconded,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be deferred until to-morrow.

Consideration postponed

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

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. John Campbell moved the following resolution :

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

Which being seconded,

Mr. Chambers moved in amendment thereto the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That instead of the present franking privilege the sum of two pounds be allowed to each member of this house, in full for his postage expenses during the present session :

Which amendment being seconded and put, passed in the negative.

The original resolution being then put, was agreed to by the house.

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

And the first clause of such address having been read, the hon. the attorney general moved that the same do pass :

Which being seconded,

The hon. Mr. Johnston moved by way of amendment, that such clause be omitted, and the following clause inserted in place thereof.

We thank your excellency for the expression of your pleasure in again meeting the legislature in session. We shall be gratified if the hope which your excellency entertains that its deliberations may result in measures promotive of the best interests of the province, shall be realized—but to this end it is essential that her majesty's executive council should enjoy the confidence of this house, we therefore feel it to be our duty to your excellency and the people we represent, to take the earliest occasion respectfully to inform your excellency that the present executive councillors of your excellency do not possess the confidence of this house, without which it is impossible that the public business can be successfully conducted, and the harmonious co-operation of this house with your excellency in the administration of the government be maintained :

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

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

On motion of the hon. attorney general,

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

*Ordered*, That the hon. atty. general, Mr. Wilkins, the hon. sol. gen'l. Mr. McClearn, the hon. fin. secretary, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Davidson, be a committee for that purpose.

A petition of William Kandick, trustee of Richard Nugent, late proprietor, and John Dunn, printer of the Sun newspaper, both of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Annand

Resolution as to franking

Amendment moved

And lost

And original resolution passed

Address considered

Amendment moved

And debated

Debate adjourned

Committee to select general committees

Petition of W. Kandick and J. Dunn

and

and read, setting forth that the said Richard Nugent had entered into agreement with the committee appointed during the last session to make arrangements for reporting the debates of the present session, for the publication of such reports in the Sun newspaper, that the said Richard Nugent was prepared and had made arrangements to perform such service, but that the reporter had not furnished proofs to such newspaper pursuant to his agreement, and had made a different arrangement for the publication of such reports, and praying for the interference of the house.

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

Gas company amend-  
ment bill

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

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

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SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

List of committees re-  
ported

The hon. attorney general reported from the select committee appointed to prepare lists of members of standing committees on general subjects, that the committee had agreed on such lists; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follows, viz :

Agriculture

*Agriculture*.—Hon. attorney general, Mr. Wilkins, hon. Mr. McKinnon, hon. financial secretary, Mr. Parker, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Robecheau, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Bailey.

Fisheries

*Fisheries*.—Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Martell, Mr. Tobin, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Rinhard, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Bailey.

Trade

*Trade and Manufactures*.—Hon. Mr. Wier, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Killam, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. McLelan, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Mr. McClearn.

Post-office

*Post Office*.—Hon. provincial secretary, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Annand, Mr. Munro, Mr. Thorne, Mr. McLelan, Mr. White.

Public accounts

*Public Accounts*.—Mr. Esson, Mr. Killam, Mr. McDonald, Mr. White, Mr. Webster.

Education

*Education*.—Hon. attorney general, hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. Mr. Howe, Mr. Brown, hon. solicitor general, Mr. Tupper, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Webster, Mr. Hyde.

Mines

*Mines and Minerals*.—Hon. solicitor general, hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. attorney general, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Marshall, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Davison.

Navigation securities

*Navigation Securities*.—Mr. Whitman, Mr. Bill, Mr. Wade, Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Moses, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Bent, Mr. Davison, Mr. Morrison.

Penitentiary

*Penitentiary*.—Mr. Robertson, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Chambers.

Transient paupers

*Transient paupers*.—Mr. Tupper, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Bill, Mr. McClearn.

Sick immigrants

*Sick Immigrants*.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Gilderd, Mr. Tobin, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Caldwell.

Indian affairs

*Indian affairs*.—Mr. Whitman, Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Webster, Mr. Davison, Mr. Parker, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Martell.

Printing

*Printing*.—Mr. McDonald, Mr. Munro, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Moses, Mr. Robertson.

*Road damages.*—Mr. Annand, Mr. Munro, Mr. Rinhard, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Bent.

Road damages

*Private bills.*—Mr Wade, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Killam.

Private bills

*Poor Asylum.*—Mr. Munro, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Chambers, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Mr. Robecheau, Mr. Gilderd.

Poor asylum

*Expiring laws.*—Hon. provincial secretary, Mr. Wilkins, hon. Mr. Locke.

Expiring laws

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved,* That such lists be agreed to ; and that the several members therein named do respectively compose the standing committees on general subjects.

Lists agreed to

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

Mr Speaker laid before the house the contract between the late clerk of this house and William A Penney, relating to the printing of the house.

Printing contract presented

*Ordered,* That the same be printed in the appendix to the journals.

(See appendix No. 1.)

On motion of Mr. Annand,

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

Committee on reporting debates

*Ordered,* That the hon. the attorney general, Mr. Tupper, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Wade and Mr. Esson, be a committee for such purpose.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a contract entered into between the clerk of the house and Mr. Otto Weeks, and his sureties relating to the reporting and publishing the debates and proceedings of the house, pursuant to the reports of the committee on that subject, adopted by the house during the last session

Reporting contracts presented

(See appendix No. 2.)

*Ordered,* That the same be referred to the above named committee on that subject.

And referred

*Ordered,* That the petition of William Kandick and John Dunn presented yesterday be referred to the same committee.

Petition of Kandick and Dunn referred

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session ; and after some time spent in such debate,

Debate resumed

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

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

And adjourned

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The order of the day being read,

Debate resumed

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session— and after some time spent in such debate,

And adjourned

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

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

Tuesday,

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TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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## PRAYERS.

Petition of com'rs. of  
schools, Pictou

A petition of the commissioners of Schools for the northern district of the county of Pictou was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, complaining of the action of the committee on education of the last session respecting the claim of William H. Waddell, teacher of the Cross-road school in that county, and praying that the sum of thirty pounds allowed to him by that committee out of the education funds of the county of Pictou may be refunded to the commissioners.

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

Bill to naturalize Seth  
Kimbal

Mr. Munro, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to naturalize Seth Kimbal; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition of sessions of  
Pictou

A petition of the general sessions of the peace for the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the passing of an act to remedy certain defects in the carrying into execution of the "act to establish a more just and equal system of assessment" in that county.

Leave for bill

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

Pictou assessment bill

Mr. McDonald thereupon pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to provide for the assessment and collection of county and poor rates for the county of Pictou; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. of A. Archibald  
referred to post office  
committee

A petition of Adams Archibald, postmaster at River John, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald read, praying for an increase of salary.

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

Petition of overseers  
of Maxwelton

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the Eastern district of Maxwelton in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.

Referred to transient  
pauper committee

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

Pet. of W. R. Evans

A petition of William R. Evans of West River, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying to be allowed a sum of ten pounds which he claimed to be due to him for fencing along the main post road in that county.

Referred to road damage  
committee

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

Petition of com'rs of  
schools, Halifax

A petition of the commissioners of the Shore school district in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an increased grant to the board on account of the great destitution in the means of education in that district.

Referred to education  
committee

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

Debate resumed

The order of the day being read, the house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session; and after some time spent in such debate,

And adjourned

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

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



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WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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## PRAYERS.

- A petition of Newcomb Sibley of Stewiacke, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying the house to grant him a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors in that county. Petition of N. Sibley
- Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.
- A petition of Alexander P. Ross, of Pictou, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for a return of duties paid by him on machinery imported. Petition of A. P. Ross
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Referred to trade com.
- A petition of John H. Crosskill, Otto Weeks, and Fitzgerald Cochran, reporters to the house, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying the house to afford them access to the lobby of the house for the purpose of reporting the debates. Petition of Reporters
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the subject of reporting the debates. Referred to reporting committee
- A petition of Eleanor McDonald, of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying for increased remuneration for keeping the post-office at Arichat. Petition of Eleanor McDonald
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on post-office affairs. Referred to post-office committee
- Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church in Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. St. Matthew's church incorporation bill
- A petition of John Gully, of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for continued aid in educating a deaf and dumb child. Petition of J. Gully
- Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.
- A petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Lunenburg was presented by Mr. Bailey and read, praying for the passing of a bill to amend the act relating to public lands in the town of Lunenburg. Petition of inhabitants of Lunenburg
- Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Bailey have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Leave for bill
- And thereupon,
- Mr. Bailey, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Lunenburg lands bill
- Mr. Bailey, also pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relating to county and poor rates in the county of Lunenburg; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Lunenburg assessment bill
- Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes, "of patents for useful inventions;" and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Patent law amendment bill
- The order of the day being read, the house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session; and after some time spent in such debate, Debate resumed
- Ordered,* That the same be further adjourned until to-morrow. And adjourned
- Then the house adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two of the clock.

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 THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1857.
 

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## PRAYERS.

Victoria sessions bill

Mr. Munro, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Victoria assessm't bill

Mr. Munro pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relating to poor and county rates in the county of Victoria; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition of trustees of Pictou academy

A petition of the trustees of the Pictou academy was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a continuance of the grant for that institution.

Referred to education committee

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

Petition of John and Ellen Stapleton

A petition of John Stapleton, of McNair's Cove, in the county of Guysborough, and Ellen Stapleton his wife, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, setting forth that by deed of trust dated the 26th day of March, A.D., 1853, the petitioners had conveyed to John L. Barry and Thomas Ring, of Halifax, and their heirs, certain real estate whereof the said Ellen Stapleton was seized in her own right in fee simple upon trust for the said Ellen Stapleton during her natural life for her sole use and benefit, independent of her husband and not subject to his debts and control; and after the decease of the said Ellen Stapleton, then in trust for the sole use and benefit of the said John Stapleton his heirs and assigns; but in case the said John Stapleton should die before his said wife Ellen Stapleton then upon trust after her decease for any child or children of the said John Stapleton and Ellen Stapleton that might then be living, and in default of any such children then in trust for the right heirs of the said Ellen Stapleton; and the petition further set forth that the buildings erected on the said lands are ancient, and that owing to the expense of upholding and maintaining the same, the petitioners are desirous of having the said deed cancelled, so as to be enabled to sell such real estate; and praying for the passing of a bill to enable the petitioners to cancel such deed and sell such real estate, with the assent of such trustees.

Referred to select com.

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the hon. Mr. Johnston, hon. Mr. Howe and Mr. Webster, to examine and report thereon.

Petition of B. Sheffield

A petition of Benjamin Sheffield, president of the agricultural society of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for a return of duties paid on agricultural implements imported by the society.

Referred to trade com.

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

Debate resumed

The order of the day being read, the house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session; and after some time spent in such debate,

And adjourned

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

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

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## FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1857.

## PRAYERS.

Petition of R. Martin

A petition of Robert Martin, postmaster at Sydney, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to post-office committee

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

- A petition of James Primrose and William H. Davis, of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for a return of duties on machinery imported. Petition of J. Primrose and W. Davis  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures Referred to trade com.
- A petition of the trustees of the grammar school in the district of Argyle, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for the allowance to them of a portion of the grammar school fund for the purpose of furnishing their school house. Pet. of Argyle school trustees  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on education. Ref. to education com.
- A petition of the commissioners of schools for the Eastern district of the county of Shelburne was presented by the hon. Mr. Locke and read, praying for a participation in the grammar school allowance for that county. Petition of Shelburne school trustees  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on education. Ref. to education com.
- A petition of Dennis O'Callaghan, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying for a grant to him in consideration of his having made certain discoveries in mathematics. Pet. of Dennis O'Callaghan  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on education. Ref. to education com.
- A petition of Cobliel Glode, a mic-mac Indian residing in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for a grant to assist him in erecting a dwelling house. Petition of C. Glode  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Ref. to committee on Indian affairs
- A petition of Patrick Gough, warden of the river fisheries in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses of litigation in which he was involved in protecting the river fishery in that county. Petition of P. Gough  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Tobin, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Ryder, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- Two petitions from the counties of Annapolis and Queen's respectively, were presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying that the grant to George Merry to aid him in maintaining a house of entertainment on the road between those counties, may be continued. Petitions for G. Merry's house of entertainment  
*Ordered,* That the petitions do lie on the table.
- A petition of the inhabitants of East Port Medway, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying for the establishment of a way-office in that district. Petition from Port Medway  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on post-office affairs. Referred to post-office Committee
- A petition of the inhabitants of electoral district number 7, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that the district may be established as a separate district for township purposes. Petition from New Annan  
*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Archibald have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Leave for bill  
 And thereupon,  
 Mr. Archibald, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill relating to electoral district No. 8, in the settlement of New Annan; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. New Annan district bill
- A petition of John Ross, of Truro, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for an alteration in the patent law, so as to enable petitioner to obtain efficient protection for a discovery by him of a method of manufacturing of bar-iron direct from the ore by an ordinary puddling furnace. Petition of John Ross  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Webster, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Archibald, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.

- Petition from Chester Bay as to seine fishery  
Ref. to fishery com.  
A petition of the inhabitants of Chester Bay, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for the passing of an act to regulate the seine fisheries.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the fisheries.
- Petition for wharf at Argyle  
Referred to nav. sec. committee  
A petition of certain inhabitants of the district of Argyle, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for aid in the erection of a public wharf.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition for bridge at Sable river  
Referred to select com.  
A petition of inhabitants of the eastern district of the county of Shelburne was presented by the hon. Mr. Locke and read, praying for aid in the erection of a bridge at Sable river.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Davison, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Marshall, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition as to seine fishery  
Ref. to committee on fisheries  
A petition of inhabitants of Port Matoon, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying the passing of an act to regulate the seine fisheries.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the fisheries.
- Petition of W. Harrison  
A petition of William Harrison, of Maccan, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for aid in supporting his son afflicted with insanity, in the lunatic asylum at St. John, New Brunswick.  
*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Committee on deaf, dumb, &c.  
On motion of Mr. Tupper,  
*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon petitions for aid to deaf, dumb, blind, and insane persons, during the present session.  
*Ordered*, That Mr. Tupper, Mr. Brown, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Killam, be a committee for such purpose.
- Petitions of W. Harrison and J. Gully re'd  
*Ordered*, That the above mentioned petition of William Harrison, and also the petition of John Gully, presented on the eleventh instant, be referred to such committee to examine and report thereon.
- Petition of W. Chappel  
Referred to committee on navigation sec.  
A petition of William Chappel, of Bay Verte, was presented by Mr. Bent and read, praying for a continuance of the grant in aid of the packet between Bay Verte and Charlottetown, P. E. Island.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition of overseers Windsor  
Referred to transient pauper committee  
A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Windsor, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by them in the support of transient paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Pet. of Mary McIsaac  
Referred to transient poor committee  
A petition of Mary McIsaac, of Judique, in the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for a continuance of the pecuniary aid allowed to her at the last session.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Pet. of Isaac McLeod  
Ref. to nav. sec. com.  
A petition of Isaac McLeod, of Broad Cove, in the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for additional aid in erecting a landing or slip at Margaree Island.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Pet. of Dr. N. Tupper  
Ref. to Indian com.  
A petition of Dr. N. Tupper, of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying to be remunerated for his services in attending sick Indians.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs. Mr.

Mr. Smyth, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to legalize the proceedings of the sessions for the county of Inverness; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Inverness assessment bill

A petition of the general sessions of the peace for the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for the exemption of that county from the operation of the act of last session, relating to assessments.

Petition of Inverness sessions

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

Leave for bill

And thereupon,

Mr. Smyth, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to exempt the county of Inverness from the operation of chapter 20 of the acts of 1856; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Inverness assessment amendment bill

A petition of the inhabitants of Broad Cove, in the county of Inverness; also a petition from the inhabitants of South West Mabou, in the same county, were severally presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for the establishment of way offices in those districts respectively.

Petitions from Broad Cove and Mabou

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

Referred to post-office committee

A petition of James Forbes, health officer at Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. McClearn and read, praying for an increase in the fees payable to health officers in the outports.

Petition of J. Forbes

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

The order of the day being read, the house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session; and after some time spent in such debate,

Debate resumed

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

And adjourned

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

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SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

A petition of certain inhabitants of the Upper Settlement of Big Baddeck River, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for the establishment of a way office in that district.

Petition for way-office at Baddeck

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

Ref. to post office com.

A petition of John Thomas Lane, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for compensation for injury sustained by him in consequence of the transfer of the governor's farm to the railway commissioners during the continuance of a lease held by him of the premises.

Petition of J. T. Lane

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Esson, and Mr. McDonald, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

A petition of John and David Lowe of Sheet Harbor, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a grant in consideration of his having obtained a grant of land from the crown, from which he was afterwards expelled by a party who had obtained a prior grant.

Petition of J. and D. Lowe

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition from inhabitants of River Denis, in the county of Inverness, was presented

Petition for way office at River Denis

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- by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for an extension of mail communication and the establishment of a way office.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Referred to post office committee  
 Petition of overseers of poor Pictou  
 A petition of the overseers of the poor for district No. 6 of the township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for re-imbusement of expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
- Referred to transient pauper committee  
 Petition of overseers of poor Marwilton  
 A petition of the overseers of the poor for the western district of the township of Marwilton, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for re-imbusement of expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
- Ref. to transient poor committee  
 Petition of Chas. Lewis  
 A petition of Charles Lewis, of Halifax, a native of Prussia, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying to be naturalized by act of the provincial parliament.  
*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. McDonald have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Leave for bill  
 Knox's free church bill  
 Mr. C. J. Campbell, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of Knox's free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Bill to naturalize C. Lewis  
 Mr. McDonald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to naturalize Charles Lewis; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Pet. of D. McDonald  
 A petition of Donald M. McDonald, of Mabou, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. the attorney general and read, praying for a grant to aid him in conducting his mills for manufactures of various kinds, at Mabou.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Referred to committee on trade  
 Petition of I. Embree  
 A petition of Isaiah Embree and others, of Ship Harbor, in the Strait of Canso, was presented by the hon. attorney general and read, praying for additional aid to the ferry at that place.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Ref'd to committee on navigation securities  
 Petition from N. E. Margaree  
 A petition of inhabitants of north-east Margaree, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. attorney general and read, praying for the establishment of an additional polling place in that county.  
*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table and that the hon. attorney general have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.  
 And thereupon,  
 The hon. attorney general, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to add a polling place in the county of Inverness; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Leave for bill  
 Inverness polling district bill  
 A petition of the inhabitants of Boulardrie, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for the establishment of a post office.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition for post office at Boulardrie  
 Referred to post office committee  
 Petition of S. Kelly  
 A petition of Susan Kelly, of Halifax, widow, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying for continued aid in educating a deaf and dumb child.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the subject of petitions for aid to the deaf, dumb, blind and insane.
- Ref'd to com. on deaf, dumb, &c.  
 Petition of E. Bigelow  
 A petition of Ebenezer Bigelow and others, of Canning, in the township of Cornwallis, was presented by the hon. financial secretary and read, praying for a return of duties on machinery imported.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Ref'd to trade com.

A petition of inhabitants of Canning, in the township of Cornwallis, was presented by the hon. financial secretary and read, praying for the establishment of a post office at Canning.

Petition of inhabitants of Canning

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

Ref. to post-office comm.

A petition of Roderick McLeod, ferryman at the Great Bras d'Or entrance, was presented by Mr. C. J. Campbell and read, praying for aid to the ferry at that place.

Pet. of R. McLeod

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

Ref'd to nav. sec. com.

A petition of Thomas Battersby, of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKinnon and read, praying for pecuniary assistance in consequence of having injured his health and become unable to support himself by his exertions in performing his duty as a mail carrier.

Petition of Thomas Battersby

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

Referred to post office committee

The order of the day being read, the house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor at the opening of the session; and after some time spent in such debate,

Debate resumed

*Ordered,* That the same be further adjourned until Monday next.

And adjourned

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

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1857.

PRAYERS.

A petition of Thomas O. Geddes was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for remuneration for medical attendance and medicines furnished to sick Indians in Argyle and Barrington.

Petition of Dr. T. O. Geddes

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

Referred to committee on Indian affairs

A petition of James Harding, of Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne, was presented by the hon. Mr. Locke and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense incurred by him in attending as a witness at a criminal prosecution at Guysborough.

Petition of J. Harding

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Killam, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select committee

A petition of the inhabitants of Argyle, was presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for the establishment of a way-office at Eel Brook in that district.

Petition for way office at Argyle

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of George V. Rand, of Wolfville, postmaster, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Petition of George V. Rand

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of Peter S. Hamilton, of Halifax, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying for a grant to aid him in publishing a work prepared by him on the subject of immigration.

Petition of P. S. Hamilton

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of Chester was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for the passing of an act to set off that township as a separate district for county purposes.

Petition of inhabitants of Chester

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Ryder, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select committee

Mr.

Dalhousie polling  
place bill

Mr. Webster, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to establish a polling place at Dalhousie, in the county of King's; and the same was read a first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Physic and surgery bill

Mr. Webster, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 22 of the acts of 1856, entitled an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, "of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery;" and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition of Henry G.  
Pineo

A petition of Henry G. Pineo, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for a grant to aid the inhabitants of Pugwash in removing a wrecked vessel forming an obstruction to the harbor of Pugwash.

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

Referred to navigation  
securities committee

Petition for light  
house, Chester

A petition of inhabitants of Chester, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for the establishment of a light house on Iron Bound Island, at the entrance of Chester Bay.

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

Referred to navigation  
securities committee

Petition of comrs of  
schools, Chester

A petition of the commissioners of schools for the district of Chester, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for an increased grant to them for educational purposes.

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

Referred to education  
committee

Petition of Dr. Madden

A petition of doctor Andrew Madden, of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance upon transient paupers.

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

Referred to transient  
poor committee

Petition from River  
Bourgeois

A petition of inhabitants of River Bourgeois, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

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

Referred to post-office  
committee

Petition from L'Ardoise

A petition of inhabitants of L'Ardoise, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

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

Referred to post-office  
committee

Petition of Levi Bor-  
den

A petition of Levi Borden, postmaster at Pugwash, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for an increase of salary.

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

Referred to post office  
committee

Petition for infant  
school

A petition of the ladies, managers of the Infant school at Halifax, was presented by the hon. Mr. Wier and read, praying for the continuance of the annual grant to that institution.

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

Referred to education  
committee

Petition of L. P. W.  
Desbrisay

A petition of L. P. W. Desbrisay, of Richibucto, in the province of New Brunswick, was presented by the hon. Mr. Wier and read, praying that he may be allowed the sum of three hundred pounds granted to him during the last session, on condition of his keeping up a daily steam communication between Prince Edward Island and this province, notwithstanding he had not been able to keep up such daily communication.

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

Referred to nav. sec.  
committee

Petition of overseers  
1st district Pictou

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the first section of the township of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying re-imbusement of expenses incurred in maintaining transient paupers.

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

Referred to transient  
poor committee

Petition of fire wardens  
New Glasgow

A petition of the fire wardens of the town of New Glasgow, was presented by Mr. McDonald



McDonald and read, praying for the return of duties paid by them on hose imported for a fire engine.

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

Referred to trade com.

A petition of inhabitants of the east branch of the East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the establishment of a way office in that district.

Petition for way office, East River

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of inhabitants Maxwelton, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for aid in erecting a public wharf.

Petition of inhabitants of Maxwelton

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

Referred to navigation securities committee

A petition of inhabitants of Fisher's grant, and adjoining districts, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for aid in erecting a public ferry wharf at Fisher's grant.

Petition for wharf at Fisher's grant

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

Referred to navigation securities committee

A petition of Doctors William Dennison and S. M. Weeks, was presented by Mr. Chambers and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance on sick Indians.

Petition of Doctors Dennison and Weeks

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

Referred to Indian com

A petition of John Lombard, postmaster, at Tatamagouche, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Petition of John Lombard

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of the New York, Newfoundland and London telegraph company, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for the exclusive right to land telegraph wires or cables on the shores of this province.

Petition of New York and London telegraph company

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

The hon. attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the county of Inverness; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Broad Cove church incorporation bill

A petition of Robert Kaulback, postmaster at Middle Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Petition of R. Kaulback

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

Referred to post-office committee

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the governor; and after some time spent in such debate,

Debate resumed

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

And adjourned

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

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TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

A petition of Ann Fitchet, of Fort Lawrence, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying compensation for injury to her land by the alteration of the main post road.

Pet. of Anne Fitchet

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

Referred to comm on road damages

- Pet. of A. Newcomb  
Referred to committee on agriculture  
A petition of Archibald Newcomb, of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for aid to an oat mill.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.
- Petition of Dr. Creed  
Referred to Indian committee  
A petition of doctor Charles Creed, of Pugwash, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance upon Indians.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of J. Hewson  
Referred to trade com.  
A petition of James Hewson, of River Philip, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for aid in erecting a salt factory at Black River.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Petition of inhabitants of Parrsborough  
Referred to post office committee  
A petition of J. Ratchford and others, of Parrsborough, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for increased mail communication.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Petition of J. W. B. Kerr  
A petition of Joseph W. B. Kerr, of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying that a grant of land to Amos Purdy, which he alleged to have been improperly made under the circumstances mentioned in his petition, might be cancelled, and a grant of such lands made to petitioner.  
*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition of Dr. T. E. Jeans  
A petition of Thomas E. Jeans, of Sydney Mines, surgeon, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying remuneration for surgical services, in connection with coroner's inquests.  
And thereupon,  
On motion of Mr. Henry,  
*Resolved,* That a select committee be appointed to consider the general subject of the expenses of the attendance of physicians and surgeons upon coroner's inquests, and in other cases of a similar nature.  
*Ordered,* That Mr. Henry, Mr. Brown. and Mr. Killam, be a committee for the above purpose.
- Committee on medical expenses  
Petition of Dr. Jeans referred  
*Ordered,* That the foregoing petition of Thomas E. Jeans be referred to the same committee, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition as to Lingan harbor  
Referred to navigation securities committee  
A petition of the general mining association, and sundry inhabitants of the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying for a grant to aid in deepening the harbor of Lingan.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition as to Digby & Bridgetown steamer  
Ref. to nav. sec. com. and leave for bill  
Digby and Bridgetown steam company bill  
A petition of inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for the passing of an act to incorporate a company to conduct steam navigation between Bridgetown and Digby, and also for pecuniary aid to the company in conducting their enterprise.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities; and that Mr. Thorne have leave to bring in a bill to incorporate such company.  
And thereupon,  
Mr. Thorne, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steam boat company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition from Eastern Granville  
Referred to transient pauper committee  
A petition of the overseers of the poor for the eastern district of the township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining transient paupers.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.

- A petition of the inhabitants of the Fitch settlement, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- A petition of the inhabitants of Chute's Cove, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for aid to the breakwater at that place.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- A petition of inhabitants of Walton, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying for the erection of a light house at Petite River.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- A petition of the directors of the Liverpool marine railway company, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying for the return of duties paid by them on machinery imported.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- A petition of D. O. Gaskill, of Milton, in Queen's county, was presented by Mr. John Campbell and read, praying to be remunerated for medicines and medical attendance furnished to sick Indians.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- A petition of Joseph W. B. Kerr, of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying to be reimbursed expenses incurred by him in altering and repairing roads.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Killam, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. White, to examine and report thereon.
- A petition of Charles B. DeWolfe, of Pugwash, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying a return of duties paid by him at Pictou on goods imported by him from the United States, and subsequently lost by shipwreck in passing from Pictou to their destination at Pugwash.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- A petition of inhabitants of Victoria Settlement, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Mr. Henry, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to naturalize Jehn Shultz; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- A petition of James E. McKeen, postmaster at Plaister Cove, Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for an increase of salary.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- A petition from certain inhabitants of the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for an alteration in the boundaries of the township of Morrisstown.  
*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of a transient pauper.  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on transient pauper expenses.
- A petition of inhabitants of Barrington was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying for a grant to James Boyd, in consideration of an injury sustained by his son in working on the roads.  
*Ordered,*

Petition for way office Annapolis

Referred to post office committee

Pet. from inhabitants of Chute's Cove

Ref. to nav sec. com.

Petition of inhabitants of Walton

Ref. to nav sec. com.

Petition of Liverpool marine railway comp'y

Referred to trade com.

Pet. of D. O. Gaskill

Ref. to Indian com.

Petition of J. W. B. Kerr

Referred to select com.

Pet. of C. B. Dewolfe

Referred to trade com.

Pet. for mail extension Cumberland

Ref. to post office com.

Bill to naturalize Jehn Shultz

Pet. of J. E. McKeen

Ref. to post office com.

Petition as to boundary of Morrisstown

Petition of overseers Barrington

Ref. to transient poor committee

Petition of inhabitants of Barrington

- Referred to select com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Ryder, to examine and report thereon.
- Pet. of W. & J. Magee A petition of William Magee and John Magee, of Saint John, New Brunswick, merchants, was presented by the hon. Mr. Johnston and read, praying aid to an extensive manufacturing establishment about to be erected by them in the county of Annapolis.
- Referred to trade com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Pet. for aid to factory in Queen's county A petition of the inhabitants of the northern district of Queen's county, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying aid to an establishment for the manufacture of agricultural implements in that district
- Referred to trade com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Pet. of John McLean A petition of John McLean, of North Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for compensation in consequence of a grant of land having been improperly made to his prejudice under the circumstances mentioned in his petition.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition of J. Cody A petition of James Cody, mail carrier of Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying increased remuneration for his services.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Pet. of H. Y. Taylor A petition of Henry Y. Taylor, postmaster at Margaree, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. attorney general and read, praying for an increase of salary.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petitions for division of Inverness county Two petitions from inhabitants of the county of Inverness, were presented by the hon. attorney general and read, and a petition of inhabitants of the same county was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for the passing of an act to divide the county of Inverness.
- Ordered*, That the petitions do lie on the table.
- Petition of R. McLearn A petition of Richard McLearn, of Halifax, merchant, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying to be paid out of the public funds for the passage of certain shipwrecked seamen in the petitioner's vessel from Newfoundland to Halifax.
- Ref. to immigrant com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of sick immigrants and wrecked seamen.
- Petition of Peters and Blaiklock A petition of Peters & Blaiklock, of Halifax, contractors, was presented by the hon. Mr. Wier and read, praying for a return of duties on machinery imported.
- Referred to trade com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Pet. of J. S. Ingraham A petition of Jacob S. Ingraham, high sheriff of the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Charles J. Campbell and read, praying to be reimbursed the expenses of maintaining several prisoners accused of felony.
- Referred to committee on J. Harding's petition *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the petition of James Harding.
- Petition of J. McGregor A petition of John McGregor, of Little Malagawatch, in the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for aid to an oat mill.
- Referred to committee on agriculture *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.
- Pet. of A. McPherson A petition of Alexander McPherson, of Grand Antz, in the county of Richmond, mail carrier, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for additional remuneration for conveying the mails.
- Referred to post office committee *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.

- A petition of Peter Frazer, of Grandique, in the county of Richmond, ferryman, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for additional remuneration for his services. *Petition of P. Frazer*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. *Ref. to nav. sec. com.*
- A petition of David Morse, of the township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for aid in educating four deaf and dumb children. *Petition of D. Morse*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane. *Referred to committee on deaf, dumb, &c.*
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for district No. 1, township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses incurred in maintaining transient paupers. *Petition of overseers Annapolis*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. *Referred to transient pauper committee*
- A petition of the trustees of the school in district No. 5, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying to be allowed a portion of the common school grant for that county, under the circumstances set out in the petition. *Pet of school trustees Annapolis*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on education. *Ref. to education com.*
- A petition of Ichabod Corbet, an aged teacher, of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying to be granted a pension in consideration of his long services as a teacher. *Petition of I. Corbet*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on education. *Ref. to education com.*
- A petition of the overseers of the poor for Minudie, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Bent and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in maintaining transient paupers. *Petition of overseers Minudie*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers. *Referred to transient pauper committee*
- A petition of Samuel Musgrove, of North Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Wade and read praying aid in educating two deaf and dumb children. *Pet. of S. Musgrove*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane. *Referred to committee on deaf, dumb, &c.*
- A petition of inhabitants of Hillsburg and Clements, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for aid in clearing out the west branch of Bear River. *Pet. for aid in clearing out Bear River*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. *Ref. to nav. sec. com.*
- A petition of inhabitants of the county of Annapolis was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an act of incorporation for the company engaged in conducting steam navigation between Digby and Bridgetown, and also for a grant in aid of the enterprise. *Pet. for aid to Digby & Bridgetown steamer*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. *Ref. to nav. sec. com.*
- A petition of inhabitants of Petite Passage, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a continuance of the grant for the ferry at that place. *Pet. of inhabitants of Petite Passage*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. *Ref. to nav. sec. com.*
- A petition of inhabitants of Trout Cove, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for aid in erecting a breakwater. *Petition for wharf at Trout Cove*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. *Ref. to nav. sec. com.*
- A petition of the trustees of the school at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for the passing of an act to enable them to sell the school house lot at that place. *Petition from trustees Bridgewater school*  
*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on education. *A Ref. to education com*

Pet of H. D. Ruggles

A petition of doctor H. D. Ruggles, of Weymouth, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance on sick Indians and transient paupers.

Referred to Indian and transient poor com.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the subjects of Indian affairs and of transient paupers respectively.

Petition for aid to Montegan pier

A petition of inhabitants of Montegan River and its vicinity, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying aid to the breakwater at that place.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Petition of overseers Aylesford

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Aylesford, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying reimbursement of monies expended in support of sick Indians.

Ref. to Indian com.

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

Petition overseers, Aylesford

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Aylesford, was also presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in maintaining transient paupers.

Referred to transient pauper committee

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

Petition for way office, Cornwallis

A petition of inhabitants of the North Mountain, in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.

Referred to post office committee

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

Petition for aid to Givan wharf

A petition of the proprietors of the Givan wharf, in the township of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for aid in repairing their public wharf.

Referred to nav sec.

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

Petition of Donald Ross

A petition of Donald Ross, of the Blue Mountain, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for continued aid in educating a deaf and dumb child.

Referred to committee on deaf, dumb, &amp;c

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane.

Petition for ferry at Carriboo Island

A petition of the inhabitants of Carriboo Island, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the establishment of a ferry between that Island and the main land.

Referred to navigation securities committee

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

Pet for aid to Canada Creek pier

A petition of inhabitants of Cornwallis, was presented by the hon financial secretary and read, praying for a grant in aid of the Canada Creek pier.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Pet. for aid to repair embankment at Cornwallis

A petition of inhabitants of Cornwallis, was also presented by the hon. financial secretary and read, praying for aid in repairing an embankment at the town plot in that township.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Time for petitions and bills extended

On motion of Mr. Wade,

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

Debate resumed

The order of the day being read, the house resumed the consideration of the amendment proposed by the hon. Mr. Johnston to the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant governor at the opening of the session.

And thereupon,

The hon. Mr. Howe moved that in place of such amendment that the following resolution do pass :

Second amendment moved

“ *Whereas* the public works of this province are yet unfinished ; *and whereas* the question of the mines and minerals is yet unsettled ; *and whereas* the public accounts have not been submitted to enable this house to determine whether or not the functions of the executive government have been honorably and adequately discharged,

Amendment

*Therefore resolved*, That this house proceed to the consideration of the lieutenant governor's speech.”

Which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

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

Debate adjourned

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

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Six petitions from inhabitants of the county of Lunenburg, were presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg.

Petitions against Lunenburg lands bill

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

A petition from inhabitants of the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for the passing of an act to authorize the sessions to make regulations to prevent the spread of pernicious weeds.

Pet respecting pernicious weeds

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

Referred to committee on agriculture

A petition of James Murdoch, warden of the river fisheries for the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying to be reimbursed the expenses incurred by him in conducting legal proceedings in the performance of the duties of his office.

Petition of J. Murdoch

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the petition of Patrick Gough.

Ref to com. on pet. of P. Gough

A petition of clergymen and others, inhabitants of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying for the establishment of a provincial institution for the maintenance and education of the deaf and dumb.

Petition for deaf and dumb asylum

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane.

Ref. to committee on deaf, dumb, &c.

A petition of the overseers of the poor for district No. 1 of the township of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.

Petition of overseers Guysborough

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

Ref to transient poor committee

A petition of inhabitants of the district of St. Mary's and the eastern portion of the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for the establishment of a post office at Glenelg.

Petition for post office at Glenelg

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

Ref. to post office com.

A petition of inhabitants of the district of St. Mary's and adjoining districts, in the counties of Sydney and Pictou, was presented by Mr. Marshall and read, praying for the establishment of a new county, to be called the county of St. Mary's, and to consist of portions of the counties of Guysborough, Sydney, Pictou and Halifax, respectively.

Pet. for formation of St. Mary's county

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

- Petition from Arichat as to pilotage  
 Ref. to select com. A petition of the merchants and shipowners of Arichat and the adjacent ports, was presented by Mr. Martell and read, praying to be exempted from pilotage fees at the ports of Pictou and Sydney, except when a pilot may be actually employed.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Killam, Mr. McKenzie, and Mr. Martell, to examine and report thereon.
- Petition of trustees of Bridgetown school  
 Ref. to committee on education. A petition of the trustees of the Bridgetown academy, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for the allowance to them of a portion of the grammar school money for that county.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition of J. Clark  
 Referred to trade com. A petition of Joseph Clark, of Granville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a grant of the amount of provincial notes destroyed while in his possession.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Pet. of B. K. Dodge  
 A petition of B. K. Dodge, of Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a grant to remunerate him for services in vaccinating paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Guysborough sessions bill  
 Mr. Marshall, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of Dr. H. C. Masters  
 Ref. to Indian com. A petition of Holmes C. Masters, physician, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying remuneration for attendance on sick Indians.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of overseers Cornwallis  
 Ref. to Indian com. A petition of the overseers of the poor of the township of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of sick Indians.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of overseers Falmouth  
 Ref. to Indian com. A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Falmouth was presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of sick Indians.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of overseers Liverpool  
 Ref. to transient com. A petition of the overseers of the poor for the district of Liverpool, in Queen's county, was presented by Mr. John Campbell, and read, praying the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers.
- Petition of overseers at Carleton  
 Ref. to post office committee. A petition of inhabitants of Carleton, in the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Petition for way office Yarmouth  
 Ref. to nav sec com. A petition of the directors of the Yarmouth steam navigation company, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for a grant to aid them in conducting steam navigation between Halifax, Yarmouth and Boston.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition for fog bell, Yarmouth  
 Ref. to committee on navigation securities. A petition of inhabitants of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for the placing of a fog bell in the light house at Cape Forchu.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition for improvement of Yarmouth harbor  
 A petition of inhabitants of Yarmouth, was also presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for a grant to aid them in improving the harbor of Yarmouth.

Ordered,



<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Ref. to nav. sec. com.
A petition of the overseers of the poor for the municipality of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses of maintaining transient paupers.	Petition of overseers Yarmouth
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.	Ref. to transient poor committee
A petition of the inhabitants of Como's Brook, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for aid in the construction of a breakwater.	Pet. for breakwater at Como's brook
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Ref. to nav. sec. com.
A petition of inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying that the town of Annapolis may be made a port of registry.	Pet. for port of registry at Annapolis
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.	Ref. to com. on trade
A petition of inhabitants of Horton, in the county of King's, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying aid in erecting a breakwater at the mouth of Windsor river.	Pet. for breakwater at Horton
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Ref. to nav. sec. com.
A petition of Joseph R. Hea, of Lower Horton, was presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying for a grant in aid of his seminary at that place.	Petition of J. R. Hea
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Ref. to education com.
A petition of Alexander Farquharson, of Middle River, in the county of Victoria, grammar school teacher, was presented by Mr. Mauro and read, praying to be allowed a portion of the grammar school fund, under the circumstances mentioned in the petition.	Petition of Alexander Farquharson
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on education.	Ref. to education com.
Mr. Tobin, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.	Bill as to wooden buildings, Halifax
A petition of inhabitants of Portapique, in the county of Colchester, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.	Petition for way office at Portapique
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.	Ref. to post office com.
A petition of the inhabitants of Saint Andrew's settlement, in Lower Stewiacke, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.	Pet. for mail extension Colchester coun.y
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.	Ref. to post office com.
A petition of the inhabitants of the west branch of the North River, in the county of Colchester, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.	Pet. for mail extension, Colchester
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.	Ref. to post office com.
A petition of inhabitants of New Bridge, Mabou, in the county of Inverness, was presented by the hon. attorney general and read, praying for the establishment of a post and stamp office at that place.	Petition for post office at Mabou
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.	Ref. to post office com.
A petition of Isaac Heckman, way office keeper at Rose Bay, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Bailey and read, praying for an increase of salary.	Petition for post office at Rose Bay
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.	Ref. to post office com.
A petition of Job Dart, ferryman at the mouth of the Shubenacadie river, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying for a grant to enable him to provide new ferry boats.	Petition of Job Dart
<i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.	Ref. to nav. sec. com.

Debate resumed

The order of the day being read,

The house resumed the adjourned debate on the amendment proposed by the hon. Mr. Howe to the amendment proposed by the hon. Mr. Johnston to the address in answer to his excellency's speech at the opening of the session; and after some time spent in such debate, such second amendment was, *nem. con.*, withdrawn; and the question that such first amendment do pass being again proposed, the question was put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twenty-eight; against it, twenty-two.

Second amendment withdrawn

*For the amendment.*

Mr. Whitman,	Mr. McClearn,
" McKinnon,	" Thorne,
" Fuller,	" Brown,
" Marshall,	" Moses,
" White,	" Churchill,
" Henry,	" Killam,
" J. Campbell,	" Wilkins,
" Robecheau,	Hon. Mr. Johnston,
" Wade,	Mr. McFarlane,
" Bourneuf,	" Tobin,
" C. J. Campbell,	" Tupper,
" Bill,	" Bent,
" Martell,	" McKeagney,
" Ryder,	" Smyth.

*Against the amendment.*

Hon. Fin. Sec.,	Hon. Atty. Gen'l.,
Mr. Rhinard,	Mr. Webster,
" Esson,	" Dimock,
" McKenzie,	Hon. Sol. Gen'l.,
" McDonald,	Mr. Munro,
" Bailey,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
" Parker,	Mr. Morrison,
" Gilderd,	" Davison,
" McLelan,	" Annand,
" Robertson,	Hon. Mr. Howe,
" Chambers,	" " Wier.

First amendm't carried

So it passed in the affirmative.

Consideration of address postponed until Friday next

*Ordered*, That the house do on Friday next proceed to the further consideration of the address in answer to his excellency's speech.

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

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1857.

## PRAYERS.

Petition for western railway

A petition of the inhabitants of the township of Aylesford, in the county of King's, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for the continuance of the line of railway from Windsor westwardly, simultaneously with the progress of the eastern branch.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Petition of Dr. Chipman

A petition of doctor James S. Chipman, of Bridgetown, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying remuneration for attendance upon sick Indians.

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

Pet. of Dr. Jennings

A petition of Edward Jennings, doctor of medicine at Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying to be remunerated for attendance upon a railway laborer who had been stabbed at a house of entertainment on the Windsor road.

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

Ref. to transient poor committee

Petition of J. G. Balcomb

A petition of John G. Balcomb, of Clements, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of a law suit brought against him for taking possession of a lot of land under the authority of the commissioners

commissioners of crown lands with a view to a grant thereof, the same having been previously granted to a another party.

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John and James Davison, of Sackville, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying that means may be provided to enable him to obtain compensation for injury to his real estate caused by the railway.

Pet. of J. & J. Davidson

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Trout cove breakwater bill

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant to aid them in clearing out the east branch of Bear River.

Petition for clearing out Bear River

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

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

A petition of Alpheus Jones, principal deputy surveyor of the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, setting forth that certain parties in that county had applied for grants of crown land, and had paid him the amount thereof, which he had remitted by mail to the commissioner of crown lands, but that the letter enclosing the same had been lost, and did not reach said commissioner, and praying that the parties who had paid such moneys might receive their grants.

Petition of Alpheus Jones

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

Referred to select com.

A petition of Charles H. Carman, a clerk in the office of the commissioner of crown lands, was presented by the hon. Mr. Wier and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Pet. of C. H. Carman

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of John Murphy, of Halifax, brush maker, was presented by the hon. Mr. Wier and read, praying for a return of duties paid by him on materials imported for carrying on his manufactory.

Pet. of John Murphy

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

Referred to trade com.

A petition of inhabitants of the vicinity of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for the establishment of a way office on the post road leading from Pictou to Amherst.

Petition for way office at Wallace

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

Ref. to post office com.

A petition of John Crockett, of the county of Colchester, innkeeper, was presented by Mr. Wilkins and read, praying the house to grant him a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Pet. of John Crockett

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

Two petitions from inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, were presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying that the port of Annapolis may be made a port of registry.

Petitions for port of registry, Annapolis

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

Referred to trade com.

A petition of inhabitants of Maccan, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying for aid to an oat mill.

Petition for oat mill at Maccan

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

Referred to committee on agriculture

A petition of Thomas Logan, principal deputy surveyor for the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Tupper and read, praying to be allowed a salary for his services, in addition to his present allowance.

Petition of T. Logan

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of members of the baptist congregation at Windsor, was presented by the hon.

Petition for bill to sell church at Windsor

- hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying for the passing of an act to enable them to sell their place of worship and the land attached thereto.
- Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that the hon. Mr. Howe have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer of such petition.
- Pet. of N. H. Calkin A petition of Nathaniel H. Calkin, of Windsor, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, setting forth that he had purchased one of the stud horses imported by order of the house, and that such horse had soon afterwards died, and praying a grant to enable him to purchase another horse for the use of the county of Hants.
- Referred to committee on agriculture *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on agriculture.
- Meeting house at Windsor, bill The hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting house at Windsor; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition to run base line, Medway river A petition of inhabitants of Mills village in the county of Queen's, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying for the passing of an act to establish a base line between two ranges of lots on the Medway river.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition of James B. Davison A petition of James B. Davison, of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying compensation for injury sustained by him in consequence of an irregular grant to him of crown land.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition of David Dow A petition of David Dow, of Douglas, in the county of Hants, was presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying compensation for injury sustained in consequence of the issuing of a grant of land to him, having been improperly delayed for many years.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition of Finlay Cameron A petition of Finlay Cameron, railway contractor, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred by him in procuring surgical attendance to persons injured in the recent riots on the railway.
- Referred to select com *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Webster, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Brown, to examine and report thereon.
- Pet. of Dr. Jennings, refe red *Ordered*, That the petition of doctor Jennings, presented this day, and referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers, be referred to the same committee, to examine and report thereon.
- Way office, Cape John A petition of inhabitants of Toney River and the back shore of Cape John, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Pet. to change polling place, Pictou county A petition of inhabitants of electoral district No. 22, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for an act to alter the polling place in that district.
- Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. McDonald have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Pet. of D. T. McLean A petition of David T. McLean, of Green hill, in the county of Pictou, grammar school teacher, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying participation in the grammar school allowance under the circumstances set out in the petition.
- Petition of school com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Cape Breton county A petition of the commissioners of schools for the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying to be permitted to divide the sum of one hundred

dred pounds allowed to that county for grammar schools, between two schools, instead of three as now by law provided.

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

Referred to committee on education

A petition of inhabitants of Grand River, in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for an extension of mail communication

Pet. for mail extension, Richmond

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

Referred to post office committee

A petition of Neil McIntosh, ferryman at North Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying a grant to aid him in replacing his boats destroyed in a recent storm.

Petition of Neil McIntosh

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

Ref to nav. sec. com.

A petition of John McDonald, of Boulardrie Island, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying a grant to enable him to visit the United States to get cured of blindness with which he is afflicted.

Pet. of John McDonald

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the subject of the deaf, dumb, blind and insane.

Referred to committee on deaf, &c.

A petition of inhabitants of Port Hood, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for an additional grant to aid them in extending the breakwater on the western side of Port Hood harbor; also a report of the commissioners appointed to expend the sum granted at the last session in aid of that undertaking.

Petition for grant to improve Port Hood harbor

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

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

A petition of Malcom McDonald, ferryman at McMillan's Point, Strait of Canso, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for an increased allowance in aid of that ferry.

Petition of Malcolm McDonald

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

Ref to nav. sec. com.

A petition of Archibald McQuarrie, of Judique, in the county of Inverness was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying for a grant in consideration of his ill health and distressed circumstances.

Petition of Archibald McQuarrie

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

Referred to transient poor committee

A petition of inhabitants of Clare, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Bourneuf and read, praying for a grant to aid them in improving the Gros Coque breakwater.

Petition for aid to Gros Coque breakwater

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

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

A petition of Valentine Munro, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying a grant to aid him in keeping a house of entertainment on the new road between Annapolis and Liverpool.

Petition of V. Munro

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Marshall, Mr. Davison, and Mr. Robertson, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select. com.

*Ordered,* That the petitions from the counties of Queen's and Annapolis, presented on Friday, the thirteenth instant, praying for a grant to aid in keeping up George Merry's house of entertainment, be referred to the same committee, to examine and report thereon.

Petitions for E. Merry, referred

Pursuant to order, the house proceeded to the further consideration of the address in answer to the speech of his excellency the lieutenant-governor at the opening of the session, and the amendment thereto passed by the house on Wednesday the eighteenth instant; and the address, as so amended, having been read, the hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the same do pass—which being seconded and propounded from the chair,

Order of day

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

Address considered as amended

And

And passed

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

*Resolved*, That the address do pass.

*Ordered*, That the address be engrossed.

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

Time fixed for presentation

The hon. attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, informed the house that his excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow at half-past eleven of the clock at government house, to receive the house with their address in answer to the speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. McDonald, from the committee on public printing, reported in part that the committee had had under their consideration the subject of printing an additional number of copies of the journals of the house, and had agreed to recommend to the house that one hundred additional copies of the journals be printed.

Report received and adopted

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

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

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*SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1857.*

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PRAYERS.

House attend governor with address

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

And being returned,

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

*Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen of the house of assembly:*

Reply

I thank you for your address. As respects the information which it conveys "that the present executive council does not possess the confidence of the house of assembly," I beg to assure you that being convinced that harmony between the executive and legislative branches of the constitution is essential to the successful conduct of administration, I am prepared to summon to my councils such advisers as will secure the attainment of that object, in which the public interests are so deeply involved.

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

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*MONDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1857.*

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PRAYERS.

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

Tuesday,

TUESDAY, 24th FEBRUARY, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. Wilkins, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, informed the house that the honorable James W. Johnston, a member of this house, had been appointed to, and had accepted the office of attorney general of this province; the hon. Charles Tupper, also a member of this house, had been appointed to, and had accepted the office of provincial secretary; and the hon. John J. Marshall, also a member of this house, had been appointed to, and had accepted the office of financial secretary.

Departmental appointments announced

And thereupon,

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house that he would require that writs be issued in the usual form for the election of members for the counties of Annapolis, Cumberland and Guysborough, respectively, in the stead of the honorable James W. Johnston, the hon. Charles Tupper, and the hon. John J. Marshall, whose seats in the house had become vacant according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Speaker informs house that he will apply for writs

A petition of inhabitants of the Upper Dyke Village, in Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for the establishment of a way office.

Petition for way office at Upper Dyke Village

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

Referred to post office committee

Mr. Young moved the following resolution :

*Whereas* the new administration has filled up all the departmental offices except the office of solicitor general, which is intended to be filled by the honorable Martin I. Wilkins, a member of this house; *and whereas* the law requires that writs for filling up vacancies in this house shall be issued at or about the same time, and that the elections thereunder shall be held on the same day; *and whereas* writs for the election of members for Annapolis, Cumberland and Guysborough are to be immediately issued, but the appointment of the solicitor general has been postponed and the writ for the township of Pictou withheld :

Resolution as to appointment of solicitor general

*Therefore resolved*, That the course that has been so pursued is a breach of the law and an infringement of the privileges of this house and of the rights and liberties of the people

Which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

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

Debate adjourned

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

WEDNESDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, informed the house that the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, a member of this house, had been appointed to, and had accepted the office of solicitor general of this province.

Appointment of sol. general announced

And thereupon, Mr. Speaker acquainted the house that he would require that a writ be issued in the usual form for the election of a member for the township of Pictou, in the stead of the honorable Martin I. Wilkins, whose seat in the house had become vacant according to the statute in such case made and provided.

Writ for township of Pictou

*Ordered*, That the following members be added to the respective committees of the house for the present session, as undermentioned, in the stead of members whose seats have been vacated, viz:

Alterations in committees

Agriculture.

*Agriculture.*—Mr. Bill in the place of the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Fisheries.*—Mr. White in the place of the hon. John J. Marshall, financial secretary.

*Trade.*—Mr. McFarlane in the place of the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Transient paupers.*—Mr. Webster in the place of the hon. Charles Tupper, provincial secretary.

*Petition of John Stapleton and Ellen Stapleton.*—Mr. Archibald in the place of the hon. J. W. Johnston, attorney general.

*Petition of P. Gough.*—Mr. Wade in the place of the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Petition of John Ross.*—Mr. McDonald in the place of the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Petition of inhabitants of Shelburne for bridge at Sable River.*—Mr. Wade in place of the hon. Charles Tupper, provincial secretary.

*Deaf, dumb, blind and insane.*—Mr. Henry in place of the hon. Charles Tupper, provincial secretary.

*Reporting debates.*—Mr. Killiam and Mr. Whitman in the stead of the hon. Charles Tupper, provincial secretary, and the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Petition of J. T. Lane.*—Mr. Henry in place of the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Petitions of James Harding and Jacob S. Ingraham.*—Mr. Churchill in place of the hon. John J. Marshall, financial secretary.

*Petition from inhabitants of Chester.*—Mr. Fuller in place of the hon. John J. Marshall, financial secretary.

*Petition of W. B. Kerr.*—Mr. Robecheau in place of the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, solicitor general.

*Petition of James Boyd.*—Mr. Locke in place of the hon. John J. Marshall, financial secretary.

*Petition of F. Cameron.*—Mr. McKeagney in place of the hon. John J. Marshall, financial secretary.

*Petitions respecting houses of entertainment of George Merry and others.*—Mr. Thorne in place of the hon. John J. Marshall, financial secretary.

Petition to divide Inverness

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying for the passing of an act to divide that county.

Table and leave

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

And thereupon,

Bill to divide Inverness

Mr. Young, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to divide the county of Inverness; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pet. to divide Halifax county

A petition of inhabitants of Middle Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for the passing of an act to divide the county of Halifax.

Leave for bill

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

Bill to divide Halifax county

And thereupon Mr. Esson, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to divide the county of Halifax; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition for Musquodoboit navigation company bill and grant

A petition of inhabitants of Musquodoboit, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an act to incorporate a company for the removal of obstructions in, and improving the navigation of, the Musquodoboit river; and also for pecuniary aid to the undertaking.

*Ordered,*



<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Esson have leave to introduce a bill to incorporate such company in accordance with the prayer thereof.</p>	<p>Leave for bill</p>
<p>And thereupon, Mr. Esson, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill to incorporate Musquodoboit navigation company</p>
<p>A petition of the committee of the house of refuge, in the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for a grant to aid in sustaining that institution.</p>	<p>Petition for grant for house of refuge</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to Mr. Webster, Mr. White, and Mr. McFarlane, to examine and report thereon.</p>	<p>Referred to select com.</p>
<p>A petition of Catherine Frances Gore, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying that means may be provided to enable her to procure compensation for her lands appropriated by the commissioners of the railway for railway purposes.</p>	<p>Petition of Mrs. Gore</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition do lie on the table.</p>	
<p>A petition of Jonathan Archibald, mail carrier between Halifax and Musquodoboit, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for an increase of salary.</p>	<p>Petition of Jonathan Archibald</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.</p>	<p>Referred to post office committee</p>
<p>A petition of the inhabitants of the west branch of Saint Mary's River, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying to be included in the proposed county of Saint Mary's, in case the same shall be established as a separate county.</p>	<p>Petition from Eastern Halifax</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition do lie on the table.</p>	
<p>A petition of John Maguire, of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for the passing of an act to authorize the corporation of the city of Halifax to reimburse losses sustained by him in the cutting down of barrack street.</p>	<p>Pet. of John Maguire</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to Mr. McKeagney, Mr. Dimock, and Mr. Moses, to examine and report thereon.</p>	<p>Referred to select com.</p>
<p>Two petitions of inhabitants of Jordan River, in the county of Shelburne, were presented by Mr. Locke and read, praying for the establishment of a way office and the extension of mail communication.</p>	<p>Petition mail extension and way office, Jordan River</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petitions be referred to the committee on the post office.</p>	<p>Referred to post office committee</p>
<p>Mr. McClearn, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queens; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time</p>	<p>Marking logs, amendment bill</p>
<p>A petition of Joshua Heustis, of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, postmaster, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for an increase of salary.</p>	<p>Petition of J. Heustis</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.</p>	<p>Ref. to post office com.</p>
<p>A petition of inhabitants of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for an extension of mail communication</p>	<p>Petition for mail extension, Wallace</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.</p>	<p>Ref. to post office com.</p>
<p>A petition of inhabitants of Wentworth, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for the passing of an act to set off that district as a separate township.</p>	<p>Petition to set off township of Wentworth</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition do lie on the table.</p>	
<p>A petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, of Wallace, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying investigation and the intervention of the house respecting a grant of land alleged to be improperly withheld from him.</p>	<p>Petition of J. N. B. Kerr</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition do lie on the table.</p>	

- Petition of overseers, Parrsborough  
A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Parrsborough, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in providing relief to sick Indians
- Ref. to Indian com.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of T. Robson  
A petition of Thomas Robson, of Sackville, in the province of New Brunswick, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying a grant to aid him in putting into operation a fog-bell invented by him.
- Referred to navigation securities committee  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Receiver general's account presented  
The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the account current of the hon. the late receiver general, of all moneys paid into, and moneys paid from, the provincial treasury, during the year ending 31st December, 1856.
- (See appendix No. 21.)
- Referred to committee on public accounts  
*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on public accounts.
- Petition of overseers, Clements  
A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Clements, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred in supporting a transient pauper.
- Referred to transient poor committee  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Cape Breton assessment bill  
Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relating to county and poor rates in the county of Cape Breton; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Pet. of H. Grintmire  
A petition of Henry Grintmire, of the North West Arm, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying reimbursement of money which he was compelled to pay as trustee of a school.
- Ref. to education com.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition for mail communication, C. Breton  
A petition of inhabitants of the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, complaining of the present mail arrangements between Halifax and the Island of Cape Breton, and praying several alterations in the system.
- Ref. to post office com.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Petition of Dr. Mair  
A petition of doctor Samuel Muir, of Truro, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance on sick Indians.
- Ref. to Indian com.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Ocean telegraph bill  
Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition for way office at Hanley mountain  
A petition of inhabitants of Hanley Mountain, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for an extension of mail communication and the establishment of a way office.
- Ref. to post office com.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Petition of M. and R. Angus  
A petition of Matthew and Robert Angus, of Shinemacas, in the county of Cumberland, was presented by Mr. Bent and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred by him in consequence of an irregular survey and grant of crown lands.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Polling place, Pictou hill  
Mr. McDonald, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to change a polling place in the county of Pictou; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

<p>A petition of numerous inhabitants of the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for the division of that county into two districts.</p>	<p>Petition to divide Pictou county</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. McDonald have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.</p>	<p>Leave for bill</p>
<p>And thereupon,</p>	
<p>Mr. McDonald, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to divide the county of Pictou into two districts; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.</p>	<p>Bill to divide Pictou county</p>
<p>A petition of the trustees of the Wesleyan academy at Sackville, was presented by the hon. John Campbell and read, praying for a continuance of the grant to that institution.</p>	<p>Petition, trustees of Wesleyan academy</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on education.</p>	<p>Ref. to education com.</p>
<p>A petition of inhabitants of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was presented by the hon. John Campbell and read, praying for a grant in aid of the female seminary at that place.</p>	<p>Pet. for aid to Liverpool female seminary</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on education.</p>	<p>Ref. to education com.</p>
<p>A petition of Cobliel Globe, a micmac Indian, residing in the county of Queen's, was presented by the hon. John Campbell and read, praying for a free grant of crown land.</p>	<p>Petition of C. Globe for grant</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.</p>	<p>Ref. to Indian com.</p>
<p>A petition of S. G. Eckstadt, of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was presented by the hon. John Campbell and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred in maintaining a transient pauper.</p>	<p>Pet. of S. G. Eckstadt</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers.</p>	<p>Referred to transient poor committee</p>
<p>A petition of inhabitants of Hall's Harbor in the county of King's, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for a grant to enable them to erect an additional breakwater at Hall's Harbor.</p>	<p>Petition for breakwater Hall's harbor</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.</p>	<p>Referred to navigation securities committee</p>
<p>A petition of inhabitants of King's county, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying for aid in the erection of a breakwater at the Murray Mill Brook in that county.</p>	<p>Petition for breakwater at Murray's brook</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.</p>	<p>Referred to committee on navigation securities</p>
<p>A petition of inhabitants of Cornwallis, owning marsh and dyked lands on the Habitant River in that township, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying for the passing of an act to authorise them to construct a dyke across that river.</p>	<p>Petition for act to dyke Habitant river</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. Whitman, to examine and report thereon.</p>	<p>Referred to select com.</p>
<p>A petition of N. T. Harris, postmaster, at Hantsport, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying for an increase of salary.</p>	<p>Petition of N. T. Harris</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.</p>	<p>Ref. to post office</p>
<p>A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Newport, was presented by Mr. Chambers and read, praying for reimbursement of expenses incurred in supporting a transient pauper.</p>	<p>Petition of overseers, Newport</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.</p>	<p>Referred to transient poor committee</p>
<p>A petition of doctor William Denison, of Newport, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Chambers and read, praying remuneration for attendance on colored paupers.</p>	<p>Petition of Dr. W. Denison</p>
<p><i>Ordered,</i> That the petition be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers.</p>	<p>Referred to transient poor committee</p>

Mr.

District school  
land bill

Mr Gilderd, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorise the sale of the school house at Bridgewater; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition for way office  
at Kingsbury

A petition of inhabitants of Kingsbury, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying for the establishment of a post office.

Ref. to post office com.

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

Petition for bankrupt  
law

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd, and read, praying for the enactment of a bankrupt law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Petition of C. P. Jones

A petition of Cereno P. Jones, postmaster at Weymouth, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Ref. to post office com.

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

Petition of overseers,  
Weymouth

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Weymouth, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in maintaining a transient pauper.

Referred to transient  
pauper committee

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

Petition for breakwater  
at Petite Riviere

A petition of inhabitants of Petite Riviere, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for the erection of a breakwater.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Petition for post office  
at Church Point

A petition of inhabitants of Church Point, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for the establishment of a post office.

Ref. to post office com.

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

Petition of road labor-  
ers at Lunenburg

A petition of inhabitants of Sherbrook, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Gilderd and read, praying a grant to pay them for labor expended on the highways, by the direction of a commissioner who had absconded, without paying for their labor.

Referred to select com.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Whitman and Mr. Robertson, to examine and report thereon.

Railway returns pre-  
sented

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

1<sup>o</sup>. A statement of the expenditure and receipts of the board of railway commissioners up to the 31st day of December, 1856.

2<sup>o</sup>. A report made to the board by James R. Forman, esquire, chief engineer, shewing the progress of the works, and describing their general character and state of advancement.

3<sup>o</sup>. Traffic returns shewing the amount of movement of passengers and freight upon those sections of the road thrown open for the use of the country; and the same were respectively read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 3.)

Leave of absence

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bent have leave of absence until after Tuesday next, on urgent private business.

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

Thursday,

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 THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1857.
 

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## PRAYERS.

- A petition of Daniel W. Faulkner, of Hantsport, in the county of Hants, was presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying a return of duties on machinery imported. Pet of D. W. Faulkner
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. Ref. to trade committee
- A petition of David Morse, postmaster at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Rhinard and read, praying for an increase of salary. Petition of D. Morse
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of the rector and churchwardens of St. John's church, Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg. Petition against Lunenburg land bill
- Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.
- A petition of inhabitants of the rear lands in the county of Richmond, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for the establishment of a way office. Petition for way office, Richmond county
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of Edward Dakin, of the county of Digby, master mariner, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying to be compensated for the loss of his vessel, alleged to have been occasioned by a recent alteration of the coast lights near the entrance of Halifax harbor. Petition of E. Dakin
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Fuller, Mr. Wier, Mr. Killam, Mr. McKenzie, and Mr. White, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- A petition of Alexander McRae, of Middle River, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying compensation for land taken for the purpose of constructing a highway. Pet. of Alex. McRae
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on road damages. Referred to committee on road damages
- A petition of Alexander Ross, ferryman at the Little Narrows, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying for an increased grant to that ferry. Pet. of Alexander Ross
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Referred to navigation securities committee
- A petition of inhabitants of Upper Baddeck River, was presented by Mr. Muuro and read, praying for the establishment of a way office. Petition for way office, Baddeck
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of Donald Ross, of Little Narrows, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying aid in educating three blind children. Pet. of Donald Ross
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane. Referred to committee on deaf, blind, &c.
- A petition of George Hume, ferryman at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, was presented by Mr. Munro and read, praying a grant in consideration of his boat having been accidentally lost. Petition of George Hume
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Referred to navigation securities committee
- A petition of James W. Pratt, of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of defending a suit brought against him for a trespass in laying out money as a commissioner on a road. Petition of J. W. Pratt
- Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Chipman, Mr. Thorne, and Mr. Locke, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- And thereupon,

- Petition against J. W. Pratt's claim. A petition of inhabitants of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying that the claim of James W. Pratt, mentioned in the foregoing petition, may not be allowed.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the petition of James W. Pratt.
- Petition for breakwater at Digby Neck. A petition of inhabitants of Digby Neck, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant to aid in the erection of a breakwater at the sea wall at that place.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to navigation securities committee.
- Petition for mail extension at Hillsburgh. A petition of inhabitants of Hillsburgh, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Ref. to post office com.
- Petition for buoys at Joggin bridge. A petition of inhabitants of the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for the placing of buoys near the Joggin drawbridge in that county, to facilitate the navigation.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Referred to navigation securities committee.
- Petition of C. Hill. A petition of Charles Hill, of Granville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the repeal of the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Ryder, Mr. Bill, and Mr. Bent, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select com.
- Pet for alteration of mails, northern Hants. Two petition of inhabitants of Kennetcook, Walton and Cheverie, in the county of Hants, were presented by Mr. Dimock and read, praying for an alteration in mail arrangements.  
*Ordered*, That the petitions be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Ref. to post office com.
- Petition for Bear River bridge. Two petitions from the inhabitants of the county of Digby, were presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for a grant to aid in the erection of a bridge across Bear River.  
*Ordered*, That the petitions do lie on the table.
- Ref. of Joseph Dickson. A petition of Joseph Dickson, clerk of the peace for the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying that that county may be reimbursed the expense of maintaining an insane criminal.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. McFarlane, Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Wade, to examine and report thereon.
- Ref. to select com.
- Petition of Dr. Geddes. A petition of doctor Thomas O. Geddes, of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying to be remunerated for medical attendance on sick Indians.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Ref. to Indian com.
- Petition of John W. Homer. A petition of John W. Homer, collector at the port of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying for an increase of salary.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.
- Ref. to trade committee.
- Petition of comm'rs for deepening East River. A petition of the commissioners for deepening the East River of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for a further grant in aid of that undertaking, accompanied by a report of the progress already made in the work.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Munro, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Fuller, to examine and report thereon.
- Referred to select com.
- Petition of overseers at Albion mines. A petition of the overseers of the poor at the Albion mines, in the county of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying for reimbursement of expense incurred in supporting transient paupers.  
*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Ref. to transient poor committee.

- A petition of the governors of the Halifax visiting dispensary, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for an increased grant to that institution. Petition of governors of visiting dispensary
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the subject of the house of refuge at Halifax. Referred to house of refuge committee
- A petition of James B. Hadley, of Melford, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, complaining of having been unjustly removed from the office of postmaster at McNair's Cove, and praying enquiry and redress. Pet. of J. B. Hadley
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of James B. Hadley, of Melford, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying remuneration for his services in capturing criminals who had escaped from jail. Pet. of J. B. Hadley
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Whitman, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Moses, to examine and report thereon. Referred to select com.
- A petition of inhabitants of McNair's Cove, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an alteration in the mail arrangements at that place. Petition for change in mails at Guysborough
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- Two petitions of inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, were presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for the erection of a light house at the northern entrance of Canso harbor. Petition for light house at Canso
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities. Ref. to nav. sec. com.
- A petition of John J. Appleton, of Guysborough, was presented to the house and read, praying for an alteration in the law relating to statute labour. Petition of John J. Appleton
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- A petition of the general sessions of the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying reimbursement of the expense of maintaining a pauper lunatic at the poor asylum in Halifax. Petitions of sessions of Guysborough
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on expenses of transient paupers. Referred to transient pauper committee
- A petition of inhabitants of Saint Mary's, and the eastern portion of the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for the establishment of a post office at Glenelg, in the county of Guysborough. Pet. for stamp office at Glenelg
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of Thomas O'Flavin, way office keeper at Marie Joseph, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an increase of salary. Petition of Thomas O'Flavin
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of inhabitants of the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an alteration in the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough. Petition to alter time of holding sessions at Guysborough
- Ordered*, that the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Wade have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. Leave for bill
- A petition of Edward May, mail carrier between McNair's Cove and Forrestall's, in the county of Guysborough, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an increase of salary. Petition of E. May
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.
- A petition of Peter Doyle, a clerk in the crown land office, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for an increase of salary. Petition of P. Doyle
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

- Free church at Bras  
d'Or, bill Mr. Munro, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Bouvardrie; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Richmond assessment  
bill Mr. Fuller, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill relating to the assessment of rates in the county of Richmond; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.
- Bill to incorporate trustees  
of baptist parsonage  
at Chester Mr. Gilderd, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the baptist parsonage at Chester; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Pet of Hector McNeil A petition of Hector McNeil, of Sydney River, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying additional remuneration for his services as a mail courier from the year 1832 to the year 1849, inclusive.
- Ref to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Petition of Dr. Forbes A petition of doctor James Forbes, of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying remuneration for medical attendance on sick Indians.
- Ref. to Indian com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on Indian affairs.
- Petition of proprietors  
of Amherst seminary A petition of the proprietors of the Amherst female seminary. was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for a grant in aid of the funds of that institution.
- Ref to education com *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Pet. of T. W. Carritt A petition of doctor T. W. Carritt, proprietor of a female boarding school at Amherst, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying a grant in aid of the institution.
- Ref. to education com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.
- Petition for mail extension  
at Sable River A petition of inhabitants of the east side of Sable River, in the county of Shelburne, was presented by Mr. White and read, praying for an extension of mail accommodation.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Pet. for mail extension  
at Wood's harbor A petition of inhabitants of the western settlement of Woods' Harbor, in the township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. White and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Pet for mail extension,  
Inverness A petition of inhabitants of the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying for the extension of mail communication and the establishment of a way office.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Petition to change way  
office at Lochaber lake A petition of inhabitants of the vicinity of Lochaber Lake, in the county of Sydney, was presented by the hon. Mr. McKinnon and read, praying for a change in the locality of the way office in that settlement.
- Ref to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Lochaber township bill The hon. Mr. McKinnon, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to establish the township of Lochaber, in the county of Sydney; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Public accounts pre-  
sented The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house,
- A general statement of the amounts certified by the financial secretary for payment on account of the different public services of the province for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

(See appendix No. 22.)

Also—



Also—a general abstract of the returns of impost and excise duties collected at the different ports of this province during the year ending 31st December, 1856.

(See appendix No. 23.)

Also—an abstract of articles imported into this province, on which duty was collected in the year 1856.

(See appendix No. 24.)

Also—a comparative statement, exhibiting the increase and decrease of the amount of excise duties collected in the different ports of this province, for the years 1855 and 1856.

(See appendix No. 25.)

Also—a comparative statement of articles imported into this province, and of the amount of excise duties collected thereon, for the years 1855 and 1856.

(See appendix No. 26.)

Also—a comparative statement of the gross amount of light duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the years 1855 and 1856.

(See appendix No. 27.)

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

Referred to committee on public accounts

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, also presented to the house, an estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province, for the year 1857.

Estimate presented

(See appendix No. 28.)

*Ordered*, That the estimate do lie on the table.

On motion of the hon. Mr. McKinnon, *resolved*, that a supply be granted to her majesty.

Supply granted

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

Estimate referred to supply

*Ordered*, That the house do, on Monday next, the second day of March, resolve itself into a committee, to consider of the supply granted her majesty.

Order of day for supply

A petition of a public meeting of inhabitants of Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for a grant to Robert Trotter and Daniel Murphy towards enabling them to rebuild their extensive mills and woolen factory at Antigonishe, destroyed by fire.

Petition for aid to factory at Antigonishe

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

Referred to trade com

A petition of Edmund Forrestall, ferryman at Auld's Cove, in the Strait of Canso, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for a grant to aid in the erection of a ferry wharf at that place.

Pet. of E. Forrestall

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

Ref. to nav sec. com

A petition of shareholders in Burns' free church, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, complaining that injustice had been done to their interests in the passing of the act in the session of 1856, entitled "An act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' free church, in the county of Sydney," and praying for the repeal thereof.

Petition as to Burns Free church

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Locke, to examine and report thereon.

Referred to select com.

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

## FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1857.

## PRAYERS.

- Petitions of W. Babin and others Three petitions from Walter Babin, John Thompson, and Thomas Pass, of Sydney, Cape Breton, were presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred by them respectively in the support of shipwrecked seamen.
- Referred to immigrant committee *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on immigrants and wrecked seamen.
- Pet. for incorporation of trustees of baptist church A petition of the first baptist church in the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for an act to incorporate the trustees of their church property.
- Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Bill have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof; and thereupon,
- Trustees incorporation bill Mr. Bill, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the trustees of the first baptist church at Horton.
- Crown lands com. On motion of Mr. Young, *resolved*, that a committee be appointed to take into consideration petitions upon subjects connected with the crown lands of this province, presented during the present session, and other questions relating thereto, and to report thereon.
- 12 petitions referred *Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Locke, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Henry, Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Smyth, and Mr. Bailey, be a committee for such purpose.
- Pet. of H. Bessemer A petition of Henry Bessemer, in the city of London, civil engineer, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying for the passing of an act to grant him an exclusive right within this province to put in operation his improvements in the manufacture of malleable iron.
- Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Young have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- H. Bessemer's patent bill And thereupon,  
Mr. Young, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Petition of P. Cato and others A petition of Peter Cato and others, of Liverpool, England, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying for the passing of an act to enable them to obtain letters patent for their improvements in the manufacture of anchors and other articles.
- Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Young have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Cato and others patent bill And thereupon,  
Mr. Young, pursuant to such leave presented to the house a bill to enable Peter Cato and others to obtain letters patent; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Bills relating to patents referred to J. Ross's committee *Ordered*, That the two foregoing bills, and petitions therefor, and the bill to amend chapter 12 of the revised statutes, "of patents for useful inventions," be referred to the select committee appointed to examine and report upon the petition of John Ross.
- Committee enlarged *Ordered*, That Mr. Young and Mr. Wier be added to such committee.
- Assessment committee On motion of Mr. Henry,  
*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the subject of assessments

assessments for poor and county rates in the several counties, and report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Archibald, Mr. Killam, Mr. Whitman, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Bill, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Munro be a committee for such purpose.

A petition of inhabitants of Arisaig, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.

Pet. for mail extension,  
Sydney county

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

Referred to post office  
committee

A petition of Thomas Murphy, of Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying aid in educating four deaf and dumb children.

Petition of Thomas  
Murphy

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane.

Ref. to committee on  
deaf, &c.

A petition of the trustees of the combined grammar and female school in Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for a grant in aid of that institution.

Petition for school at  
Antigonishe

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

Ref. to education com.

A petition of Henry P. Hill, postmaster, at Antigonishe, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Pet. of H. P. Hill

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

Ref. to post office com.

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for the erection of a bridge over Bear River, in the county of Digby.

Petition for Bear River  
bridge

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of the eastern part of the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a grant to aid in the erection of a breakwater at Port Williams.

Petition for breakwater  
at Port Williams

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

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

A petition of inhabitants of Margareville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for an act to incorporate a fishing company at that place.

Petition for incorpora-  
tion of fishing company

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Thorne have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Leave for bill

A petition of Nathaniel Parker, of Wilmot, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for a change in the locality of the way office heretofore kept by him.

Petition of N. Parker

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

Referred to post office  
committee

A petition of Edward Forrestall, ferryman at the Strait of Canso, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying remuneration for an increased amount of labor in conveying the mails.

Pet. of E. Forrestall

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

Referred to post office  
committee

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying a grant in aid of the improvement of the Arisaig pier.

Pet. for aid to Arisaig  
pier

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

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

A petition of the overseers of the poor of the township of Dorchester, in the county of Sydney, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred in supporting a transient pauper.

Petition of overseers  
of Dorchester

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

Ref. to transient poor  
committee

A petition of the hon. Charles J. Campbell, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying

Petition of hon. C. J.  
Campbell

praying for the extension of mail communication, and the establishment of way offices in the county of Victoria.

Referred to post office committee

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

Petition for breakwater at Tatamagouche

A petition of inhabitants of Tatamagouche, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying a grant to aid in erecting a breakwater in Tatamagouche harbor.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Antigonishe fire engine bill

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

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Young,

Fire engine bill com.

*Resolved,* That a select committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a bill to enable the inhabitants of towns and villages to procure fire engines and apparatus connected therewith

*Ordered,* That Mr. Henry, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Chambers be a committee for such purpose.

Antigonishe bill re-ord

*Ordered,* That the foregoing bill to enable the inhabitants of Antigonishe to procure a fire engine, be referred to such committee.

Pet. for public wharf at Spencer's point

A petition of inhabitants of Londonderry, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. McLelan and read, praying for the erection of a public wharf at Spencer's point.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Petition for light house on Spencer's point

A petition of inhabitants of Londonderry, in the county of Colchester, was also presented by Mr. McLelan and read, praying for the erection of a light house on Spencer's point.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Petitions against Habitant dyke

Two petitions from inhabitants of Canning and its vicinity, in the township of Cornwallis, were presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying the house to refuse the prayer of the petition for permission to construct a dyke across the Habitant river.

Referred to committee on petition in favor of dyke

*Ordered,* That the petitions be referred to the select committee appointed on Wednesday, the 25th instant, to consider and report upon the petition in favor of such undertaking.

Petition for grant to factory at Canning

A petition of the proprietors of the Canning steam factory, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying a grant in aid of their manufactory of agricultural implements.

Referred to trade com.

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

Petition for wharf at Safe Harbor

A petition of inhabitants of King's county, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying aid in the erection of a wharf at Safe Harbor.

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

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

Despatches as to public statutes

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

A Copy of a despatch from the right honorable the secretary of state for the colonies to the lieutenant governor, dated 31st July, 1856, signifying the queen's assent to certain legislative acts.

Also—a copy of a despatch from the colonial office, dated 2nd August, 1856, stating the reasons for deferring to lay before the queen the act to incorporate the transatlantic submarine telegraph company.

Also—a copy of a despatch from the colonial office, dated 30th October, 1856, conveying the queen's assent to ninety-eight acts of the legislature of this province.

(See appendix No. 4.)

Also—a report by William H. Talcott, esquire, civil engineer, respecting the practicability and cost of construction of the Saint Peter's canal, with the correspondence and proceedings in connection with such report.

St. Peter's canal report, &c.

(See appendix No. 5.)

Also—a memorial of the president and directors of the inland navigation company, to his excellency the lieutenant governor, praying for a loan towards the completion of their undertaking, and the proceedings and correspondence in relation thereto.

Shubenacadie canal

(See appendix No. 6.)

Also—a copy of a despatch from the right hon. the secretary for the colonies, to his excellency the governor, suggesting the admission into this province, duty free, of the articles enumerated in the reciprocity treaty when imported from other countries than the United States; together with the correspondence connected therewith.

Despatch as to foreign trade

(See appendix No. 7.)

Also—copies of correspondence with the colonial office, relating to duties on wines consumed by military officers.

Despatches as to duties on officers' wine

(See appendix No. 8.)

Also—copies of correspondence between the colonial secretary and his excellency, relating to the military defences of Halifax.

Despatches as to military defences of Halifax

(See appendix No. 9.)

Also—copies of correspondence between the colonial secretary and his excellency, relating to the collection of tolls from vessels arriving in the ports of this province for the support of the light house erected by the imperial government upon Cape Race, in the Island of Newfoundland.

Cape Race light house duties, &c.

(See appendix No. 10.)

And the same were respectively read by the clerk.

*Ordered*, That such several papers do lie on the table.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from council

Mr. Speaker—

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

Public accounts, com.

And then the messenger withdrew.

A petition of Hugo Reid, principal of the high school in Dalhousie college, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying for a grant to enable him to publish a map of the province, for the use of schools.

Petition of Hugo Reid

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

Referred to committee on education

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

Margaretville fishing company bill

A petition of James Grant, railway contractor, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying reimbursement of loss sustained by him on a portion of the railway works constructed by him, under the circumstances set forth in his petition.

Petition of Jas Grant

*Ordered*,

- Referred to select com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Parker, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. Churchill, to examine and report thereon.
- Pet for aid to Church point wharf A petition of inhabitants of Clare, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecchean and read, praying for aid in extending the Church Point wharf.
- Ref. to nav. sec. com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petitions for & against opening harbor at Doucet's Island Two petitions of inhabitants of Clare, in the county of Digby, were also presented by Mr. Robecchean and read, one of such petitions praying aid in opening the passage from a lake at Doucet's Island, so as to form a harbor,—and the other praying that the prayer of such petition may not be granted.
- Referred to navigation securities committee *Ordered*, That the petitions be referred to the committee on navigation securities.
- Petition of inland navigation company A petition of the president and directors of the inland navigation company, was presented by Mr Wier and read, praying for an additional loan to enable them to complete their undertaking.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Pet. of Mary Graham A petition of Mary Graham, of the North West Arm, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying aid to enable her to send her son, afflicted with lunacy, to the New Brunswick asylum in the hope of effecting his cure.
- Referred to committee on deaf, &c. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the subject of the deaf, dumb, blind and insane.
- Petition as to church lands, Onslow A petition of inhabitants of the township of Onslow, was presented by Mr. Morrison and read, praying that the church lands in that township may be applied to public purposes.
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.
- Petition for mail extension, Horton A petition of inhabitants of Lockhartsville, in the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying for an extension of mail accommodation.
- Referred to post office committee *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Petition of E. M. Archibald A petition of E. M. Archibald, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying for the extension of mail communication in the county of Annapolis, and the establishment of a post office at Nictaux Falls.
- Referred to post office committee *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office.
- Then the house adjourned until to morrow, at half-past two of the clock.

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SATURDAY, 28th FEBRUARY, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

- Petition of overseers, Granville A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Granville, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for reimbursement of the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.
- Referred to transient poor committee *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on transient paupers.
- Petition of overseer, Horton A petition of the overseer of the poor for the township of Horton, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.
- Referred to transient poor committee *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the expenses of transient paupers.
- Petition of Caldwell and Chase A petition of Messrs. Caldwell and Chase, of Cornwallis, was presented by Mr. Chipman and read, praying for a return of duties on hay imported from the United States.
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Dartmouth, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, praying for reimbursement of the expense of maintaining transient paupers.

Petition of overseers,  
Dartmouth

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

Referred to transient  
poor committee

A petition of the executive committee of the Nova Scotia baptist education society, was presented by Mr. Webster and read, praying for the continuance of the grant to the Horton academy.

Petition for grant to  
Horton academy

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

Ref to education com.

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Clare, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining several sick and destitute Indians.

Petition of overseers  
of the poor, Clare

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

Ref. to Indian com.

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Robecheau and read, praying for legislation to protect the mackarel fishery against injury, in consequence of fishermen in vessels from the United States, taking the fish with gaffs and otherwise in a manner destructive to the fishery.

Petition from Digby as  
to gaffing mackarel

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to the committee on the fisheries.

Referred to fishery  
committee

Mr. Ryder, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 40 of the acts of 1856, relating to the district of Argyle; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Argyle district amend-  
ment bill

A petition of inhabitants of the township of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Wade, and read, praying for the passing of an act to repeal one of the bye-laws of the municipality of Yarmouth, by which they have been unjustly subjected to taxation.

Petition of inhabitants  
of Yarmouth

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Ryder, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Robertson, to examine and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Referred to select com.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the report of the postmaster general for the year ending 30th Sept., 1856, with statements and returns connected with the business of that department; and the report was read by the clerk.

Post office returns pre-  
sented

(See appendix No. 11.)

*Ordered,* That the report and statements be referred to the committee on the post office.

Ref to post office com.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, also presented to the house, the report and accounts of the commissioners of the Halifax poor asylum, for the year 1856; and the same was read by the clerk.

Poor asylum report, &c

(See appendix No. 12.)

*Ordered,* That the same be referred to the committee on the poor's asylum.

Referred to poor's  
asylum committee

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, also presented to the house,

Board of works report,  
&c.

The annual report of the chairman of the board of works, accompanied by a detailed statement of the proceedings of the superintendant of light houses, for the year 1856, and other papers connected with the business of that department.

(See appendix No. 13.)

Also—a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, for the year 1856.

Electric telegraph  
company report.

(See appendix No. 14.)

Also—

Memorial of the electric and international telegraph company

Also—a memorial of the chairman of the electric and international telegraph company to the house, praying for the grant of powers and privileges with a view to the establishment of telegraphic communication between Great Britain and British North America.

(See appendix No. 15.)

*Ordered*, That the papers do lie on the table.

Atlantic telegraph bill

Mr. Young, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to encourage telegraphic communication across the atlantic; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Young,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to consider and report upon the general subject of submarine telegraphic communication between this province and other countries.

Atlantic telegraph com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Young, Mr. Esson, Mr. Henry, Mr. Locke and Mr. Archibald, be a committee for such purpose.

Bills and memorial referred

*Ordered*, That the bill presented to the house on Wednesday, the 25th instant, to encourage the establishment of telegraph communication between this province and Great Britain; the above mentioned memorial of the chairman of the electric and international telegraphic company; and the above mentioned bill to encourage telegraphic communication across the atlantic, be referred to such committee.

Petition of overseers, Annapolis

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Whitman and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred in supporting transient paupers.

Referred to transient poor committee

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

Petition of overseers, Barrington

A petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Barrington, was presented by Mr. Robertson and read, praying reimbursement of expense incurred in supporting transient paupers.

Referred to transient poor committee

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

Petition A. Buchanan

A petition of Alexander Buchanan, of Horton, was presented by Mr. Bill and read, praying reimbursement of the expense of maintaining a transient pauper.

Referred to transient pauper committee

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

Petition of E. W. Foster

A petition of Edward W. Foster, seizing officer at Bridgetown, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to trade com.

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

Petition for grant for Digby slip

A petition of inhabitants of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying for a grant to aid in improving the public slip at Digby.

Referred to navigation securities committee

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

Petition of Dr. Jeans

A petition of doctor Thomas E. Jeans, of Sydney Mines, was presented by Mr. McKeagney and read, praying remuneration for medicine and services to Indians.

Referred to Indian committee

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

Petition for aid to road at Bedford

A petition of inhabitants of Bedford, in the county of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Henry and read, praying for a grant to aid in opening a road to avoid railway crossings on the post road in that settlement.

Referred to select com.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Killam, Mr. McFarlane, and Mr. Morrison, to examine and report thereon.



- A petition of Stephen Selden, of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Esson and read, setting forth that in the conflagration which took place in the city of Halifax on the first day of January last, the fire was checked and ultimately subdued in consequence of the demolition of petitioner's house and premises for that purpose; but that in consequence of an informality in the order for the demolition of the building, the city authorities refused to assess the city therefor; while the insurance company in which said building was assured, also refused to pay the amount of the insurance thereon, alleging that the building was not destroyed by the occurrence of the risk insured against; and the petitioner prayed enquiry and relief by legislation adapted to the circumstances. ¶ *Petition of S Selden*
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Wade, Mr. Archibald, and the hon. J. Campbell, to examine and report thereon, by bill or otherwise. *Referred to select com.*
- Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. *Water company bill*
- A petition of J. Walker, of Truro, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying return of duties on marble imported from the United States. *Petition of J. Walker*
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures. *Referred to trade com.*
- A petition of James Cogswell, lieutenant colonel commanding the first company of Halifax volunteer artillery, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying that the members of the company may be exempted from road taxes levied in the city of Halifax. *Petition of colonel Cogswell*
- Ordered*, that the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Wier have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. *Leave for bill*
- A petition of inhabitants of Port Medway and Mills Village, in the county of Queen's, was presented by Mr. Davison and read, praying for an act of incorporation of the Port Medway ship building and fishery company. *Petition for Port Medway fishing company incorporation*
- Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that Mr. Davison have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. *Leave for bill*
- And thereupon.
- Mr. Davison, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to incorporate the Port Medway shipbuilding and fishery company; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. *Bill presented*
- Mr. Tobin, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. *Halifax streets bill*
- Mr. Tobin, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. *Halifax incorporation amendment bill*
- Mr. Wier, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. *Volunteer artillery company bill*
- A petition of Richard Dingwell, of Little Narrows, in the county of Victoria, was presented by the hon. C. J. Campbell and read, praying enquiry and relief respecting a grant of land alleged to be improperly withheld from him. *Petition of R. Dingwell*
- Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the crown lands. *Referred to crown land committee*
- A petition of Stephen Bartlett, a Micmac Indian, residing at Hillsburgh, in the county of Digby, was presented by the hon. John Campbell and read, praying compensation for having communicated information to the deputy surveyor for that county, in consequence

quence of which, a large quantity of logs and timber prepared by trespassers on the crown lands had been seized and sold by such surveyor for the benefit of the public revenue.

Referred to crown land committee

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

Petition of H. G. Pineo

A petition of the hon. H. G. Pineo, was presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for the erection of a light house on the coast between Pictou and Cape Tormentine.

Referred to navigation securities committee

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

Petition of N. Chesley

A petition of Nelson Chesley, way office keeper at New Germany, in the county of Lunenburg, was presented by Mr. Bailey and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Ref. to post office com.

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

Petition of H. Hyde

A petition of Hiram Hyde, esquire, mail contractor, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying for payment of balance allowed him by the post office committee of last session, for the conveyance of extra mails.

Ref. to post office com.

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

Petition of C. B. Archibald

A petition of Charles B. Archibald, mail contractor, was presented by Mr. Archibald and read, praying payment of balance allowed him by the post office committee of last session, for the conveyance of extra mails.

Ref. to post office com.

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

Petition for grant to Jairus Hart

A petition of inhabitants of Arichat, was presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying for a grant to Jairus Hart, to compensate him for over-expenditure on bridge at Little Arichat.

Referred to select com.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Chambers, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Tobin, to examine and report thereon.

Petition of Margaret and Catharine Currie

Two petitions from Margaret and Catharine Currie, of the county of Richmond, were presented by Mr. Fuller and read, praying compensation for land owned by them respectively, and appropriated for the construction of a highway.

Ref. to road damages committee

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

Pet. of T. S. Lindsay

A petition of Thomas S. Lindsay, mail contractor, was presented by the hon. Mr. McKinnon and read, praying an allowance for extra services in conveying the mails from the West River of Pictou to Sydney, Cape Breton.

Ref. to post office com.

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

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

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MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

Minas Hall company bill

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

Petition for buoys in Strait of Canso

A petition of shipmasters, of Pictou, was, pursuant to special leave, presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the granting of a sum of money for the purpose of placing buoys on the Bass and Ceberus rocks in the Strait of Canso.

Referred to navigation securities committee

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

Pet. of Lewis Minard

A petition of Lewis Minard, of Liverpool, in the county of Queen's, was, by special leave, presented by the hon. John Campbell and read, praying reimbursement of expenses incurred in the support of transient paupers.

*Ordered*,

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

A petition of inhabitants of Pubnico harbor, in the county of Yarmouth, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Ryder and read, praying for an extension of mail communication. Petition of inhabitants of Pubnico for mail route

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the post office. Ref. to post office com.

On motion of Mr. Chambers,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to consider the present state of the laws relating to statute labor on the highways, and to report by bill or otherwise. Statute labor com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Chambers, Mr. Howe, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Munro, be a committee for such purpose.

On motion of Mr. Henry,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to examine the revised statutes and the amendments made thereto from time to time since their publication, and to report to the house as to the expediency of a further revision thereof, with a view to the incorporation therein of such subsequent amendments. Revised statutes com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Henry, Mr. Young, Mr. Wade, Mr. Chambers, and Mr. Howe, be a committee for such purpose.

The order of the day being read,

Pursuant to such order the house resolved itself into committee of supply. Committee of supply

Mr Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had come to fifty-five resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered them in at the clerk's table. Fifty-five resolutions reported

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

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

1°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the speaker of the house of assembly, in full for his salary as speaker for the present year. £200, speaker of assembly

2°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of the house of assembly, for his services for the same year. £200, clerk of assembly

3°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the chaplain of the house of assembly, for his services during the present session. £25 chaplain of assembly

4°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk assistant of the house of assembly, for his services during the present session. £100, clerk assistant of assembly

5°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of bills of the house of assembly, for his services during the present session. £200, clerk of bills

6°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the serjeant at arms of the house of assembly, for his services for the present session. £50, serjeant-at arms

7°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to the assistant serjeant at arms of the house of assembly, for his services for the present session. £30, assistant serjeant-at-arms

8°. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty pounds be granted and paid to the messenger of the governor and the executive and legislative councils for his services for the present year. £40, council's messenger

*Resolved*,

- £30, J. Fitzgerald 9<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and paid to John Fitzgerald, for his services as messenger to the house of assembly during the present session.
- £100, clerk, board of revenue 10<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the clerk of the board of revenue, for his services during the present year.
- Allowance to extra waiters 11<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and paid, on the certificate of the board of revenue, as may be sufficient to pay, at the rate of seven shillings and six pence per day, to such persons as shall be employed by the receiver general as extra waiters for the port of Halifax during the present year; five shillings a day to such extra waiters when unemployed, and at the rate of five shillings a day to temporary waiters.
- £70 guagers and weighers 12<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted and paid to such persons as the governor shall appoint to discharge the duties heretofore performed by the guager, weigher and proof officer, for the port of Halifax.
- £60 keeper of assembly rooms, &c. 13<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of sixty pounds be granted and paid to the keeper of the assembly house, council chamber, and law library, for the present year.
- £400, Sable Island 14<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, for the support of the establishment at Sable Island for the present year.
- £50, packet, Guysborough 15<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted to such persons as will run a proper packet between Guysborough and Arichat, touching occasionally at Fox Island and Canso, under the regulation of the sessions for the counties of Guysborough and Richmond—to be paid on the certificate of such sessions that the packets have been properly kept and run during the present year; provided that the judges of the supreme court shall be taken without charge, if required, from Guysborough to Arichat and from Arichat to Guysborough, on their circuit to Cape Breton, and that the packet shall also carry the mail between Guysborough and Arichat, if required.
- £20, scow at Douglas 16<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted to aid the inhabitants of Douglas, at the mouth of the river Shubenacadie, in supporting a suitable boat or scow to run between Londonderry and that place, such boat or scow to be under the regulation of the sessions for the county of Hants—to be paid upon the certificate of three justices of the peace residing in Douglas that such boat has been running at least twice a week for six months to their satisfaction, under the regulations aforesaid.
- £20, ferrymen, Shubenacadie 17<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two licensed ferrymen at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, in the counties of Colchester and Hants, for the transportation of horses and carriages across that river—to be paid upon the certificate of the general or special sessions of each county respectively that such ferry has been duly attended, and proper boats procured and used.
- £20, J. & C. Pernette 18<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted and paid to Joseph and Charles Pernette, for keeping up the ferry on LaHave river.
- £10, Cornelius Craig 19<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Cornelius Craig, to enable him to keep up a ferry across the narrows at the entrance of Sable River, in the county of Shelburne, under the regulation of the sessions, and to be paid on their certificate.
- £10, Alexander McGuire 20<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Alexander McGuire, or such other person as shall run a ferry boat or scow between Carter's landing, on the western side of the Strait of Canso, and Alexander McPherson's, on the eastern side thereof—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county of Guysborough that such boat or scow has been provided and run under their regulations and to their satisfaction.

Resolved,

- 21°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Alexander McPherson, £10, A. McPherson to enable him to run a suitable ferry boat or scow between his landing, on the eastern side of the Strait of Canso, and John Carter's, on the western side thereof—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county of Richmond that such boat or scow has been provided and run under their regulations and to their satisfaction.
- 22°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to such two persons £20, ferry at Port L' Herbert as shall respectively keep up a ferry at the mouth of the harbor of Port L'Herbert, provided a boat be kept to convey horses and cattle across the harbor—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county of Shelburne that such boat has been properly kept and run under their regulations.
- 23°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Duncan McPhee, £10, D. McPhee to enable him to maintain a ferry between Low Point and Sydney Mines, at the mouth of Spanish River, in the county of Cape Breton—to be paid on the certificate of three justices of the peace for the county of Cape Breton that he has faithfully discharged the duties assigned him by the sessions.
- 24°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted to William Cunningham £15, W. Cunningham and J. Knowles and John Knowles, or such persons as shall keep a ferry across the narrows of the passage between Cape Sable Island and the main land, such persons being furnished with suitable boats for the accommodation of passengers—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for Shelburne that such boats have been properly kept and run under their regulations.
- 25°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted to aid in maintaining a £15, ferry, Amherst ferry during the present year between Amherst and Minudie—such ferry to be under the regulation of the sessions for the county of Cumberland, and the foregoing sum to be paid on their certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.
- 26°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two licensed £20, ferry, Grandique ferrymen at the mouth of the Grandique River, in the county of Richmond—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions for the county that the work has been faithfully performed and the public properly accommodated.
- 27°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid to the ferrymen £20, ferries, Halifax county at Sheet Harbor and the mouth of the North West Arm, in the county of Halifax.
- 28°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds each be granted to such two persons, £10, ferry at Liscomb's harbor one on each side of Liscomb's harbor, in the county of Guysborough, as shall maintain a ferry across the harbor during the present year—to be paid on the certificate of three justices of the peace for the county that suitable boats have been provided, that the ferry has been conducted under the regulation of the sessions, and that the public have been properly accommodated.
- 29°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to John Leary, £5, John Leary the ferryman at Basin Gut, Sambro, in the county of Halifax.
- 30°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds each be granted to the two ferrymen at £20, ferrymen, Big Harbor Big Harbor, Bras d'Or Lake, in the county of Victoria—to be paid on the certificate of the sessions that the ferry has been properly kept up for the accommodation of the public.
- 31°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Charles Smith, to enable him to keep a ferry over Necum Teuch River, eastern shore, county of Halifax. £7 10s. C. Smith
- 32°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted to aid £7 10s., ferry at Liscomb's Harbor in maintaining a ferry during the present year over Liscomb's harbor, opposite the highway

highway at Clay Head, in the county of Guysborough—such ferry to be under the regulation of the sessions, and the amount to be paid on their certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.

- £5, ferryman at Bear River 33°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Bear River.
- £25, Parrsboro' packet 34°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid in aid of the packet between Horton and Parrsborough, and between Windsor and Parrsborough—such packet to make two trips each week, and carry the mails.
- £25, W Chappel 35°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to William Chappell, to encourage him to run a packet between the Bay Verte and Charlottetown, provided such packet shall run at least once a week from the first day of May to the first day of November, under the regulation of the sessions for the county of Cumberland.
- £375, Newfoundland steamer 36°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted to such person as shall run a suitable steamboat between Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland, touching at Cape Breton going and returning—to be paid when it shall appear to the governor in council that the service has been properly discharged.
- £20, ferry, Grand and Petite Passage 37°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds each be granted to two ferrymen, one on each side of the Petite Passage, and five pounds each to the ferrymen at the Grand passage, in the county of Digby, to be paid on the certificate of three justices of the peace for the county that suitable boats have been provided that the respective ferries have been conducted under the regulations of the sessions, and that the public have been properly accommodated.
- £5, ferry, Lingan 38°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to John Young, of Lingan, in the county of Cape Breton, to enable him to keep a ferry across the strait or passage between Lingan and Bridgeport.
- £5 ferryman, St. Ann's 39°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at St. Ann's Harbor, in the county of Victoria.
- £5, ferry, Margaree 40°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Margaree River, in the county of Inverness.
- £8, ferries Grand Narrows 41°. *Resolved*, That the sum of four pounds each be granted and paid to the ferrymen at the Grand Narrows, in the county of Cape Breton.
- £5, ferry, North Bar 42°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman between the North Bar, and the town of Sydney, in the county of Cape Breton.
- £7 10s ferry, Great Bras d'Or 43°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to the ferryman at the entrance of the Great Bras d'Or in the county of Victoria.
- £5, ferry, Pugwash 44°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid in aid of the ferry across Pugwash Harbor.
- £30, scow at McMillan's point 45°. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted to aid the inhabitants of Cape Breton in supporting a suitable boat or scow to run between McMillan's point, Cape Breton, and Auld's Cove in the county of Sydney, such boat or scow to be placed under the regulation of the superintendant of the main road, and of the sessions for the county of Inverness.
- £10, ferry, Milford 46°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to aid in establishing a ferry during the present year, between Milford in the county of Guysborough and Ship Harbor, and to aid in providing suitable boats for the purpose; such ferry to be under the

the regulation of the sessions, and the amount to be paid on their certificate that the same has been conducted to their satisfaction.

47°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the two ferry-men at St. Mary's River, Guysborough. £10, ferry, St. Mary's River

48°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid in aid of the ferry across the entrance of Southern Bay, Ingonishe, Victoria. £7 10, ferry, Ingonishe

49°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at the Gut of Mire River, Cape Breton county. £5, ferryman, Mire River

50°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton. £10, ferry, Little Bras d'Or

51°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Sydney River, Cape Breton. £5, ferry, Sydney River

52°. *Resolved*, That the sum of three pounds each be granted and paid to the two ferrymen at Tusket, in the county of Yarmouth. £5, ferry, Tusket

53°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at Pubnico harbor, Yarmouth. £5, ferry, Pubnico

54°. *Resolved*, That the sum of eight pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman at the mouth of Ship Harbor, Halifax. £8, ferry, Ship Harbor

55°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds each be granted and paid to the two ferrymen, one on each side of the Jordan River, county of Shelburne. £10, ferry, Jordan River

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

On motion of Mr. McDonald,

*Resolved*, That the committee on navigation securities be instructed to enquire and report to this house what part of the amounts annually granted for ferries throughout the province might in their judgment be struck off, modified or reduced. Resolution as to ferries

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

TUESDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz :	Bill's read second time
A bill to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company.	Halifax gas company
A bill to naturalize Seth Kimball.	Naturalization
A bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthews' church in Halifax.	St. Matthew's church
A bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria.	Victoria sessions
A bill relating to electoral district No 8 in the settlement of New Annan.	New Annan electoral district
A bill to incorporate the trustees of Knox's free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria.	Knox's Free church
A bill to naturalize Charles Lewis.	Naturalization
A bill to add a polling place in the county of Inverness.	Inverness polling place
A bill to incorporate the trustees of the free church congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the county of Inverness.	Free church, Inverness

- Digby Steamer A bill to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steam boat company.
- Naturalization A bill to naturalize John Schulte.
- Trout Cove pier com. A bill to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company.
- Baptist meeting house, Windsor A bill to authorize the sale of the old baptist meeting house at Windsor.
- Baptist church, Horton incorporation A bill to incorporate the trustees of the first baptist church at Horton.
- Lochaber township A bill to establish the township of Lochaber, in the county of Sydney.
- Halifax water company A bill to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof.
- Referred to private bill committee *Ordered*, That the bills be referred to the committee on private bills.
- Petition of C. McAlpine and others A petition of Charles McAlpine, and other inhabitants of Louisburg, in the county of Cape Breton, was, pursuant to special leave, presented by the hon. C. J. Campbell and read, praying the house to grant a reward to William Townsend and nine others, for their gallant conduct in saving the master and crew of the brigantine "Speed" from death by shipwreck.
- Ref. to select com *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Esson, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Moses, to examine and report thereon.
- Railway balance sheets presented The hon. John Campbell, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,  
Quarterly accounts of the expenditures and liabilities incurred by the railway commissioners for the year ending 31st December, 1856, examined and checked by the hon. the late financial secretary, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.
- (See appendix No. 16.)
- Receiver general's account current with railway Also—the account current of the provincial railway with the hon. the late receiver general, to the 31st December, 1856, accompanied by sundry statements of account and vouchers connected therewith.
- (See appendix No. 17.)
- Board of works, account current Also—the account current of the receipts and expenditures of the board of works during the year ending 31st December, 1856.
- (See appendix No. 13—part 2.)
- Ordered*, That the several accounts be referred to the committee on public accounts.
- Partial report on reporting debates Mr. Young reported in part from the committee on the subject of reporting and publishing the debates and proceedings of the house; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.
- (See appendix No. 2—part 2)
- Report received *Ordered*, That the report be received and do lie on the table.
- Petition for mail extension, Falmouth A petition of inhabitants of Falmouth, in the county of Hants, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Churchill and read, praying for an extension of mail communication.
- Ref. to post office com. *Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.
- Pet. from Yarmouth to repeal municipal incorporation act A petition of inhabitants of the municipality of Yarmouth, was, by special leave, presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, praying the house to pass a bill to repeal the act for the municipal government of counties, in so far as it applies to the township of Yarmouth.
- Leave for bill *Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that the hon. Mr. Howe have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.
- Bill presented And thereupon,  
The hon. Mr. Howe, pursuant to such leave, presented to the house a bill to repeal the



the act for the municipal government of counties, so far as respects the township of Yarmouth; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

A petition of inhabitants of the shore of the Bay of Fundy, in the township of Granville, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying a grant to aid them in replacing the breakwater at Troop's Cove, destroyed by a storm.

Petition for aid to Troop's Cove breakwater

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

Ref. to nav. sec. com.

A petition of doctor H. O. McLatchy, of Horton, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. Brown and read, praying remuneration for medical services to Indians.

Petition of Dr. H. O. McLatchy

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

Ref. to Indian com.

A petition of Alexander Campbell, secretary of the Canadian land and railway association, was, by special leave, presented by the hon. Mr. Howe and read, setting out that he had made great exertions and incurred great pecuniary loss in maturing a system of emigration from Britain in connexion with the provincial railway operations, which scheme did not go into operation, and praying the house to adopt measures for the promotion of emigration to the province, and also to compensate him for his past services and expenditure.

Petition of Alexander Campbell

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

Referred to crown land committee

*Ordered,* That Mr. McFarlane have ten days leave of absence after to-morrow, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

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

WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

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

A bill to alter the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough.

Bills read 2nd time

A bill to amend the act to regulate the marking of logs in the county of Queen's.

Guysborough sessions

A bill to change a polling place in the county of Pictou.

Markings logs, amendment

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist parsonage at Chester.

Pictou polling place

A bill to incorporate the Minas hall company.

Baptist parsonage

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

Chester incorporation

Minas hall company

Incorporation

Referred to private bills committee

Petition of John McLeod

A petition of John McLeod, late contractor on the St. Peters canal, was, pursuant to special leave given, presented by Mr. Young and read, setting out that he had contracted to perform excavations on such work at a rate far below the actual price at which the work could be performed, and had expended all his means in endeavoring to fulfil his contract, whereby he had incurred a heavy pecuniary loss, and praying the house to grant him some compensation.

*Ordered,* That the petition be referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Gilderd, and Mr. Archibald, to examine and report thereon.

Petition of John McLeod

Referred to select com.

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

Despatch as to railway survey expenses

A despatch from the right honorable the secretary of state for the colonies to the lieutenant-governor, claiming the repayment of the balance of moneys advanced by the imperial government for the railway survey of British North America in 1847.

(See appendix No. 18.)

Also, copies of correspondence between his excellency the lieutenant-governor and the

Correspondence as to destitute seamen

the colonial secretary, relative to destitute colonial seamen in the ports of the United Kingdom.

(See appendix No. 19.)

And such papers were respectively read by the clerk.

*Ordered*, That the despatches and correspondence do lie on the table.

Road damages agreements

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house certain agreements and claims filed in the provincial secretary's office, for damage done to the lands of individuals by the construction of the main post roads through such lands; and the same was read by the clerk.

Referred to committee on road damages

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

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

THURSDAY, 5th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Members added to committee on J. McLeod's petition

*Ordered*, That Mr. McKenzie and the hon. Mr. McKinnon be added to the committee appointed to consider and report upon the petition of John McLeod, presented on Wednesday the fourth day of March, instant.

Railway vouchers, presented

The hon. Mr. John Campbell, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house sundry accounts and vouchers connected with the accounts of expenditures on the railways, presented to the house on Tuesday the third day of March, instant.

Referred to committee on public accounts

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

Resolution as to post office

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

Whereas the deficiency in the amount collected by the post office department to pay the expenses, has been so steadily and rapidly increasing from £2,641 in 1852; £2,902 in 1853; £3,251 in 1854; £4,500 in 1855; and £7,912 in 1856; that in the latter year £7,881 was paid to mail carriers, while the entire expense of the department was £13,931. However desirable it may be to have posts established over the country, yet from these facts it is evident that some further limit than the present is needed to prevent too large a sum from being drawn from the provincial treasury; therefore,

*Resolved*, As the opinion of this house, that no application for a new post route or for additional mails should be considered by the postmaster general, unless accompanied by a guarantee, that the amount (or additional amount as the case may be) to be collected on such route, shall amount to one-half the salary of the courier to be employed thereon.

*Resolved*, That whenever there is not found sufficient money collected on any branch line to pay the couriers one-half of their salaries, the postmaster general shall cause handbills to be posted along the route, giving public notice that unless the said deficiency—the amount of which shall be specified in the notice—shall be made up by the inhabitants within three months, such mail (whether it be the first, second or third) will be discontinued, and shall act accordingly.

Which being seconded,

Amendment moved

Mr. Young moved by way of amendment thereto, that instead thereof, the house do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the committee on the post office be instructed to report to this house, as a preliminary step to their general report, what conditions, if any, should be imposed on the granting of new rides, or the continuance of the rides now established.

Which

Which amendment being seconded,

Mr. Wade moved by way of second amendment to the original resolution, that instead thereof, the house do come to the following resolution :

Second amendment moved

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the propriety of imposing any conditions upon the granting of new rides, or on the continuance of the rides now established, be postponed until the committee on post office affairs report finally to this house.

Which second amendment being seconded, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, nineteen ; against it, sixteen.

And passed on division

*For the amendment.*

*Against the amendment.*

Mr Bill,  
 " Thorne,  
 " Martell,  
 Hon C. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. McClearn,  
 " Churchill,  
 " Bourneuf,  
 " Tobin,  
 " Moses,  
 Hon. J. Campbell,

Mr. Ryder,  
 " Whitman,  
 " Wade,  
 " Brown,  
 " Hyde,  
 " Robecheau,  
 " Fuller,  
 " Henry,  
 " Smyth.

Mr. Parker,  
 " Davison,  
 " Bailey,  
 " McKenzie,  
 " Webster,  
 " Robertson,  
 " McLelan,  
 " Young,

Mr. Wier,  
 " Dimock,  
 " Morrison,  
 " Chambers,  
 " Annand,  
 " Archibald,  
 Hon. Mr. Locke,  
 Mr. Esson.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

FRIDAY, 6th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The following bills were severally read a second time.

A bill to amend chapter 22 of the acts of 1856, entitled, an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes " of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery."

A bill to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company.

A bill to incorporate the Port Medway shipbuilding and fishery company.

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

Bills read 2nd time

Physic and surgery

Margaretville fishing company

Port Medway shipbuilding company

Mr. Chambers reported from the committee on the petition of inhabitants of Arichat, praying for a grant to Jairus Hart ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on J. Hart's petition

(See appendix No. 20.)

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

Received and adopted

The bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, was read a second time.

Lunenburg lands bills read second time

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Thorne,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to examine and report upon the said bill, and the petitions for and against the passing thereof.

And select committee appointed

*Ordered*, That Mr. White, Mr. Young, Mr. Moses, the hon. J. Campbell, and Mr. Morrison, be a committee for such purpose.

*Ordered*, That the bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, and also the petition in favor of such bill, and the two petitions against the

Bill and pet. referred

the passing thereof, be referred to such committee, to examine and report on such bill, with amendments or otherwise.

## Committee of supply

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

## Report two resolutions

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

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

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

£82,000, roads and bridges  
£10,000, great roads

1<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-two thousand pounds be granted for the ordinary road and bridge service for the present year ; and a further sum of ten thousand pounds for the great road service for the same year.

£500 Bridgewater road

2<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds be granted to aid in completing the new road from Bridgewater to Mills Village.

## Resolutions agreed to

The resolutions being severally read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon respectively, agreed to by the house.

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

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SATURDAY, 7th MARCH, 1857.

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## PRAYERS.

## Petitions against Pictou county division bill

Three petitions from inhabitants of the township of Pictou, Egerton, and Maxwilton, respectively in the county of Pictou, were presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to divide the county of Pictou into two districts. Also, a certified extract from the records of the court of general sessions of the peace for the county of Pictou, containing a resolution of the sessions deprecating the passing of such bill.

*Ordered*, That the petitions and resolution do lie on the table.

## Private bills committee report bills, v.z.:

Physic and surgery.

Guysborough sessions

Marking logs

Pictou polling place

Chester parsonage

Margaretville company

Port Medway company

Minas hall company

## Bills committed

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to amend chapter 22 of the acts of 1856, entitled, an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, " of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery ; " the bill for altering the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough ; the bill to amend the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queen's ; the bill to change a polling place in the county of Pictou ; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist parsonage at Chester ; the bill to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company ; the bill to incorporate the Port Medway shipbuilding and fishery company ; and the bill to incorporate the Minas hall company,—and had directed him to report such bills, severally without amendment ; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

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

## Bills read 2nd time

Halifax wooden buildings

Halifax streets

The following bills were read a second time :

A bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax.

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

A bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.

A bill to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856.

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

Halifax incorporation amendment  
Volunteer artillery  
Bills committed

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

Resolution to go into committee on general state of the province

*Resolved*, That this house do now resolve itself into a committee on the general state of the province, to take into consideration the state of the new provincial administration.

Which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

On motion of Mr. Henry,

*Resolved*, That this house do now adjourn.

Resolution for adjournment

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

MONDAY, 9th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company, was read a second time.

Musquodoboit navigation bill, read 2d time

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

Referred to private bills committee

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house an account of printing performed for the various public departments during the past year.

Printing accounts presented

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

Referred to printing committee

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by the command of his excellency, also presented to the house the report of the medical officer of the provincial penitentiary, as to the sanitary condition of that institution : and the same was read by the clerk.

Report of medical officer of penitentiary

*Ordered*, That the report be referred to the committee on the penitentiary.

Ref. to penitentiary committee

Mr. Henry, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 79 of the revised statutes, "Of partnerships ;" and the same was read a first time.

Partnership bill

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to Mr. Murray, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Young, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Morrison, to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise.

Referred to select com.

Mr. Whitman reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James B. Hadley, praying compensation for his services in recapturing escaped criminals ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on J. B. Hadley's petition

(See appendix No. 29.)

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

Received and adopted

Mr. Whitman also reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Alpheus Jones ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on A. Jones' petition

(See appendix No. 30.)

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

Received and adopted

On motion of Mr. Ryder,

Militia law committee

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to consider the present state of the laws relating to the militia, and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Ryder, Mr. McLelan, and Mr. Chambers, be a committee for such purpose.

Committee on bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported,  
Guysborough session

Marking logs

Polling place, Pictou

Chester Baptist par-  
sonage

Minas hall company

Halifax wooden build-  
ings bill, amended

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to alter the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough; the bill to amend the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queens; the bill to change a polling place in the county of Pictou; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the baptist parsonage at Chester; and the bill to incorporate the Minas hall company,—severally without amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill; and he delivered the several bills, together with the amendment to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

*Ordered*, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

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

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

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TUESDAY, 10th MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

Communication from  
speaker of assembly of  
Newfoundland, pre-  
sented

Mr. Speaker laid before the house,

A communication from the hon. the speaker of the house of assembly of the province of Newfoundland to Mr. Speaker, dated the second day of March instant, relating to the convention between the government of Great Britain and France, ceding to the latter power certain rights of fishery on the coast of Newfoundland, and requesting the co-operation of the legislature of this province in uniting with the legislature of Newfoundland in such measures as may tend to prevent the imperial government from consummating such convention.

Despatches and corres-  
pondence as to New-  
foundland fishery con-  
vention

Also, a copy of convention between Great Britain and France relating to fisheries on the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. Also, copy of secretary of state's despatch accompanying the convention. Also, copies of correspondence between her majesty's government and the several governors of the colony of Newfoundland on the same subject. Also, copy of resolutions and address of the assembly of Newfoundland on the same subject.

Communication as to  
delegation from New-  
foundland assembly

Mr. Speaker also laid before the house a communication from the hon. the speaker of the house of assembly of Newfoundland to Mr. Speaker, acquainting him that the honorable John Kent and Mr. Frederick Carter, members of the assembly of Newfoundland, had been appointed delegates to proceed to the other British North American colonies, in order to represent to the different legislatures the views of the assembly of Newfoundland upon the subject of the convention between her majesty's government and the French government, respecting the fisheries on the coast of Newfoundland.

*Ordered*, That such several papers do lie on the table.

Committee on private  
bills report  
St. Matthew's church  
New Annan district  
Inverness polling place

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of St. Matthew's church in Halifax; the bill relating to electoral district number eight in the settlement of New Annan; and the bill to add a polling place in the county of Inverness,—and had directed

directed him to report such bills to the house, severally without any amendment; and that they had considered the bill to naturalize Seth Kimball, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendment to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

Naturalization amend-  
ed

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

An engrossed bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Guysborough, was read a third time.

Bill read 3rd time  
Guysborough sessions

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Guysborough.

An engrossed bill to amend the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queen's, was read a third time.

Marking logs

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queens.

An engrossed bill to change a polling place in the county of Pictou, was read a third time.

Inverness polling place

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 11th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the report of the commissioners of the Saint Peters canal for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

St. Peters canal report

(See appendix No. 5.)

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

Referred to public  
accounts committee

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying the house to refuse the prayer of the petitions presented to the house in favor of a division of that county.

Petition against divi-  
sion of Inverness

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

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

THURSDAY, 12th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That the detailed statement of the proceedings of the superintendant of light houses for the year 1856, and the memorial of merchants of Halifax to the board of works, praying for the erection of a light house on George's Island, presented to the house

Light house papers re-  
ferred to navigation  
security committee

house on the twenty-eighth day of February, in connexion with the report of the chairman of the board of works, and referred to the committee on public accounts, be referred to the committee on navigation securities.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Esson be added to the committee on expenses of sick immigrants and shipwrecked seamen.

Private bills reported,  
Halifax gas company  
Broad Cove church  
Trout Cove pier comp'y  
Halifax water company

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the county of Inverness; the bill to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company; and the bill to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof,—and had directed him to report such several bills without any amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

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

Bills committed

Report on petitions of  
J. Murdoch and P.  
Gough

Mr. Tobin reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of James Murdoch and Patrick Gough; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 31.)

Referred to supply

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

Committee on bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported

Halifax gas company  
Naturalization  
St. Matthew's church  
New Annan district  
Free church at Broad  
Cove Intervale  
Trout Cove pier comp'y  
Halifax water company

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company; the bill to naturalize Seth Kimball; the bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church in Halifax; the bill relating to electoral district number eight in the settlement of New Annan; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Broad Cove Intervale, in the county of Inverness; the bill to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company; and the bill to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof,—and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house, without any amendments; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the bills be engrossed.

Report as to Yarmouth  
bye-law

Mr. Ryder reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Yarmouth, praying the repeal or alteration of a bye-law of that municipality; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 32.)

Received and adopted

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

Petition of J. Forbes,  
referred to medical  
expenses committee

*Ordered*, That the petition of doctor James Forbes of Liverpool, praying for increased remuneration of health officers at the outports, be referred to the committee on the expenses of medical practitioners.

Papers presented

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house returns of the quantities of pickled fish inspected in the several counties during the year 1856, with an abstract of such returns.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committees on the fisheries.

Fishery returns

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house reports



reports of the wardens of the river fisheries in the various counties for the year 1856.

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

Reports of wardens of  
river fisheries  
Referred to fishery  
committee  
Printing accounts

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house the account of the queen's printer for the year 1856, together with additional accounts for printing for the public departments for the same year.

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

Ref. to printing com.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house returns of fees collected by the sheriffs of the county of Annapolis, Cape Breton, Colchester, Cumberland, Digby, Guysborough, Halifax, Hants, Inverness, Kings, Lunenburg, Pictou, Richmond, Shelburne, Victoria, and Yarmouth, respectively, for the year 1856, together with an abstract of such returns.

Returns of Sheriffs fees

(See appendix No 33.)

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

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

### FRIDAY, 13th MARCH, 1857.

#### PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, sundry returns of expenditure incurred on account of the grant for the benefit of Indians during the past year.

Returns of Indian ex-  
penses

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

Ref. to Indian com.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, also presented to the house, copies of correspondence between the respective governments of Canada, New Brunswick, and this province, relating to the expenses of conveying English mails through Nova Scotia to and from Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

Post office correspon-  
dence

(See appendix No. 11—part 2.)

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

Ref. to post office com.

Mr. Smyth, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the jury law; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Jury law bill

An engrossed bill to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company, was read a third time.

Bills read third time

*Resolved,* That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company.

Halifax gas company

An engrossed bill to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church in Halifax, was read a third time.

St. Matthew's church

*Resolved,* That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church in Halifax.

An engrossed bill relating to electoral district No. 8 in the settlement of New Annan, was read a third time.

New Annan district

*Resolved,* That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act relating to electoral district No. 8, in the settlement of New Annan.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist parsonage at Chester, was read a third time.

Chester parsonage

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist parsonage at Chester.

Minas hall company

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Minas hall company, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Minas hall company.

Bills sent to council

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

Statute labor bill

Mr. Chambers, from the committee on the statute labor law, reported by bill; and thereupon, he presented to the house a bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Members substituted on post office com.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Brown and Mr. Bailey be substituted instead of Mr. McFarlane and Mr. Munro, as members of the committee on post office affairs.

Leave of absence

*Ordered*, That the hon. Mr. Howe and Mr. Young have ten days leave of absence, respectively, after to-morrow; and that Mr. Archibald and Mr. McDonald have ten days leave of absence, respectively, after this day, on urgent private business.

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

### SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1857.

#### PRAYERS.

Private bills reported  
Knox's church at Baddeck  
Digby steamboat company  
Windsor meeting house

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to incorporate the trustees of Knox's free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria; the bill to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steam boat company; and the bill to authorize the sale of the old baptist meeting house at Windsor,—and had directed him to report the same to the house, without any amendments; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the bills be engrossed.

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

### MONDAY, 16th MARCH, 1857.

#### PRAYERS.

Jury law bill, read 2nd time  
And committed

The bill to amend the jury law, was read a second time.

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

Post office account current

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, the quarterly account current of the post office department, for the year ending 30th September last.

(See appendix No. 11.)

Ref. to post office com.

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

Private bills reported

Victoria sessions

Baptist church, Horton

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that the committee had considered the bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria; and the bill to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton, and had directed

directed him to report such bills to the house severally without any amendments ; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

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

Bills committed

The hon. Mr. McKinnon by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the report of the superintendant of the provincial penitentiary for the year 1856.

Penitentiary report

(*See appendix No. 34.*)

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

Referred to penitentiary committee

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house a return of causes tried in judicial district No. 5 of the municipality of Yarmouth during the past year ; also an abstract of the receipts and expenditures of the municipality for the same year, and a copy of the bye-laws of the municipality.

Yarmouth municipality accounts and bye-laws

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Mr. Locke reported from the committee on the petition of inhabitants of Barrington, praying for a grant to Thomas Boyd ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition in favor of T. Boyd

(*See appendix No. 35.*)

And thereupon,

Mr. Locke moved that the report be received and adopted ; which being seconded,

Resolution to adopt, lost on division

Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment, that the report be received and do lie on the table : which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twenty ; against it, five.

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

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

A petition of inhabitants of Hillsborough, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Wade and read, praying the house to refuse the prayer of the petitions presented to the house for aid in erecting a bridge at Bear River.

Petition against Bear River bridge

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of Granville, in the county of Annapolis, was presented by Mr. Thorne and read, praying the house not to pass a bill to repeal the act relating to the Chesley aboiteau.

Petition in favor of Chesley aboiteau

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee appointed to consider the petitions praying for the repeal of such act.

Referred to committee

Mr. Thorne reported from the committee on the subject of aid to houses of entertainment in remote districts ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report as to houses of entertainment

(*See appendix No. 36.*)

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

Referred to supply

An engrossed bill to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof, was read a third time.

Water company bill read 3rd time & passed

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof.

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

*Ordered*,

Leave of absence

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

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

WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Victoria sessions  
Knox's Free church  
Baptist church, Windsor  
Baptist church, Horton  
Margaretville fishing company  
Port Medway fishing company  
Venturer artillery  
Jury law

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria; the bill to incorporate the trustees of Knox's Free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria; the bill to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting house at Windsor; the bill to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton; the bill to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company; the bill to incorporate the Port Medway shipbuilding and fishery company; the bill to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, and the bill to amend the jury law,—and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house without any amendments; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the bills be engrossed.

Petition against division of Inverness

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying the house not to pass any bill to divide the county of Inverness.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Report of committee on immigrants

Mr. Brown reported from the committee on the expenses of sick immigrants and wrecked seamen; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(see appendix No. 37.)

Adopted and referred to supply

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommend grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.

Message

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

2 road grants agreed to

The council have agreed to two resolutions of this honorable house, granting sums of money, viz:

1<sup>o</sup>. £42,000, ordinary and great road service.

2<sup>o</sup>. 500, Bridgewater road.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Subdivision of road grant

On motion of the hon. C. J. Campbell,

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

For the county of	Ordinary service.	Great roads.
Halifax,	£2355	£1213
Pictou,	2304	640
Inverness,	2112	560
Hants,	1920	933
Lunenburg,	1920	530
Colchester,	1869	773
Cumberland,	1869	640
Cape Breton,	1820	626
King's,	1728	476
Annapolis,	1664	476
Yarmouth,	1561	400
Shelburne,	1561	400
Digby,	1561	476
Sydney,	1561	400
Richmond,	1561	360
Victoria,	1561	380
Guysborough,	1561	400
Queen's,	1512	317

*Ordered,* That the several members for the respective counties do prepare and present to the house on or before Monday the sixth day of April next, scales of subdivision of the road money allotted to each county, out of the sum of thirty-two thousand pounds granted for the ordinary road and bridge service, and also out of the sum of ten thousand pounds granted for the great road service.

Order of day for road scales

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

Road petitions referred

*(For a list of such petitions—see appendix No. 38.)*

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

THURSDAY, 19th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Smyth and read, praying the house not to pass a bill to divide that county.

Petition against division of Victoria county

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, and the bill to amend the act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, and had made amendments to such bills respectively, which amendments they had directed him to report to the house with the bills; and he delivered the bills, with the amendments to such bills respectively, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bills reported

*Ordered,* That the bills, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Mr.

Resolution as to absent members, moved

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

*Whereas* certain members of this house have absented themselves therefrom in violation of one of the rules of this house, and without having applied for or obtained leave for such absence ; *and whereas* such course of proceeding is calculated materially to retard the business devolving upon the house :

*Resolved therefore*, That no member of this house shall be entitled to receive his pay for the present or any future session, until he furnish to the clerk of the house a statement in writing, shewing the number of days during which such member has been in actual attendance on the house, and the number of days during which he may have been prevented by sickness from attending to his legislative duties.

Amendment moved

Which being seconded,

Mr. Tobin moved by way of amendment thereto, that instead of such resolution and the preamble thereto, the house do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thirtieth rule of the house as respects members absent without leave, will be strictly enforced after the twenty-sixth day of March, instant.

And carried on division

Which being seconded, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, twenty ; against it, thirteen.

*For the amendment.*

Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Henry,
“ Rhinard,	“ Esson,
“ Churchill,	“ Parker,
“ Webster,	“ Morrison,
“ Bailey,	Hon. Mr. Locke,
“ Davison,	Mr. Tobin,
“ Brown,	“ McKinnon,
“ Robertson,	“ Wier,
“ Moses,	“ Annand,
“ McLelan,	“ Dimock.

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Martell,	Mr Bourneuf,
“ McKeagney,	“ Whitman,
“ Thorne,	Hon. C. J. Campbell,
“ Bill,	Mr. Ryder,
“ White,	“ Robecheau,
“ Smyth,	“ Killam.
“ Wade,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

Report of committee on petition of inhabitants of Louisburg

Mr. Esson reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Louisburg for a grant to ten persons residing there, as a reward for their exertions in saving the lives of the shipwrecked crew of the brigantine Speed ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 39.)

Report received and adopted

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

Petition of inhabitants of Halifax for amendment to wooden buildings bill

A petition of inhabitants of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Wier and read, praying for the amendment of the bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Resolution to search councils journals

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

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to search the journals of the legislative council, to ascertain the particulars of certain votes of that honorable body, negating a resolution asserting the liberty of the press, and also a resolution maintaining equal rights of protestants to discuss their religion in the newspapers with that enjoyed by catholics, and to obtain copies of such resolutions respectively.

Debate thereon adjourned

Which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

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

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

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*FRIDAY, 20th MARCH, 1857.*

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## PRAYERS.

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, of pilotage harbors and harbor masters ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Pilotage bill

An engrossed bill to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria, was read a third time.

Bills read 3rd time  
Victoria sessions

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of Knox's free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, was read a third time.

Knox's Free church  
bill

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of Knox's free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria.

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

Bills sent to council

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house, reports of the supervisors of certain of the main post roads ; and the same were read by the clerk.

Reports of supervisors  
of roads

(See appendix No 40.)

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Resolution as to re-  
porting

*Resolved*, That the committee on reporting be instructed to enquire why the daily summary of the proceedings of the house has not been published as contracted for by the reporter, and that the committee report thereon at an early day.

Which resolution being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house.

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

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*SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 1857.*

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## PRAYERS.

Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the new practice act ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Practice act amend  
ment

On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of ways and means.

Committee of ways  
and means

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of the business referred to them, and had come to seven resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house ; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

Report seven resolu-  
tions

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

Leave to sit again

The

Resolution read	The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :		
	1 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the same system of imposition, collection, and regulation of colonial revenue as has been in operation for the past year, be continued for the year ending 1st April, 1858, with such exceptions as may be hereafter determined on.		
Duty on refined sugar reduced	2 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the duty on refined sugar be reduced from fourteen shillings to ten shillings sterling per hundred weight.		
Articles not enumerated in tariff raised to ten per cent	3 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the duty of six and a quarter per cent. <i>advalorem</i> now payable on goods, under chapter 12 of the revised statutes, be increased to ten per cent. with the exception of cotton yarn, on which the duty shall be two and a half per cent. <i>advalorem</i> .		
Duty on wines altered	4 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the duty on Madeira, port and sherry wines, of which the first cost is thirty pounds per pipe or upwards, be two shillings and sixpence per gallon.		
Light house duties	5 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the duties for the support of light houses remain the same for the year ending 1st April, 1858, as they have been during the past year.		
License duties	6 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the duties imposed upon licenses for public houses and shops for the sale of intoxicating liquors, be continued in the same manner and at the same rates as during the past year.		
Distillery duties	7 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That the system of licensing distilleries for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in force during the past year, be continued for the present year.		
Motion against alteration of wine duty	Which resolutions having been again read by the clerk, Mr. McLelan moved that the fourth resolution altering the duty on wines be not received by the house ; which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twelve ; against it, sixteen.		
	<i>For the motion.</i>		<i>Against the motion.</i>
	Mr. Parker,	Mr. McLelan,	Mr. Annand,
	“ Chipman,	“ Morrison,	Mr. Henry,
	“ Bailey,	“ Dimock,	“ Smith,
	“ Rinhard,	“ Killam.	“ Ryder,
	“ Gilderd,		“ Fuller,
	“ McClearn,		“ Esson,
	“ Webster,		Hon. C. J. Campbell, Hon. Mr. McKinnon,
	“ Moses,		Mr. Dourneuf, Mr. Thorne,
			“ Tobin, “ Wade.
Lost on division	So it passed in the negative.		
Resolutions agreed to,	The foregoing seven resolutions reported from the committee, were then, upon the question severally put thereon, agreed to by the house.		
Committee to prepare bills	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Henry, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Killam, be a committee to prepare and report revenue bills in accordance with the above resolutions.		

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



MONDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. McLelan moved that the third resolution, reported yesterday from the committee of ways and means, and agreed to by the house, raising the duties on certain articles from six and a quarter to ten per cent., be rescinded.

Motion to rescind resolution to raise duties

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

*For the motion.*

*Against the motion.*

Lost on division

Mr. Rhinard,  
 " Bailey,  
 " Gilderd,  
 " Parker,  
 " McLelan,  
 " Morrison,  
 " Webster,  
 " Munro.

Mr. McClearn,  
 " McKeagney,  
 Hon. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Thorne,  
 " Fuller,  
 " Moses,  
 " Killam,  
 " White,  
 " Whitman,  
 " Churchill,  
 Hon. C. J. Campbell,

Mr. Bourneuf,  
 " Henry,  
 " Dimock,  
 " Smyth,  
 " Tobin,  
 " Ryder,  
 Hon. Mr. McKinnon,  
 Mr. Robecheau,  
 " Annand,  
 " Wade.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Morrison moved that the fourth resolution, reported yesterday from the committee of ways and means, and agreed to by the house, reducing the duties on certain wines, be rescinded.

Motion to rescind resolution altering wine duty.

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

*For the motion.*

*Against the motion.*

Lost on division.

Mr. Rhinard,  
 " Bailey,  
 " Robertson,  
 " Gilderd,  
 " Parker,  
 " McLelan,  
 " Morrison,  
 " Dimock,  
 " Webster,  
 " Robecheau.

Mr. McClearn,  
 " Martell,  
 Hon. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Thorne,  
 " Fuller,  
 " Moses,  
 " Killam,  
 " White,  
 " Whitman,  
 Hon. C. J. Campbell,

Mr. Bourneuf,  
 " Churchill,  
 " Henry,  
 " Smyth,  
 " Tobin,  
 " Ryder,  
 Hon. Mr. McKinnon,  
 Mr. Annand,  
 " Wade,  
 " Locke.

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. McLelan moved that the sixth resolution, reported yesterday from the committee of ways and means, relating to the continuance of the duties on licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and agreed to by the house, be rescinded.

Motion to rescind resolution continuing license duties

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

So it passed in the negative.

Lost on division

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Broad Cove intervale, in the county of Inverness, was read a third time.

Bills read 3rd time  
 Broad Cove church

*Resolved,* That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Broad Cove intervale, in the county of Inverness.

- Halifax wooden buildings bill  
An engrossed bill to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, was read a third time.  
And thereupon,  
Mr. Tobin moved that the following clause be added to the bill by way of rider :  
" Nothing in this act shall extend to buildings on wharves, distant sixty-feet, and upwards, easterly from the eastern line of water street."  
Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.  
*Ordered*, That the clause be added to the bill accordingly by way of rider.  
And thereupon,  
*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax.
- Bills read 3rd time  
Baptist church, Windsor bill  
An engrossed bill to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting house in Windsor, was read a third time.  
*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting house in Windsor.
- Jury law amendment  
An engrossed bill to amend the jury law, was read a third time.  
*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the jury law.
- Bills sent to council  
*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the four foregoing bills to the council, and desire their concurrence.
- Message from council  
A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :  
Mr. Speaker—  
The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes " of the probate court ;" and a bill, entitled, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honourable house.
- Council's probate amendment bill  
Council's Yarmouth limits bill  
Bills agreed to  
Halifax gas company  
St. Matthew's church  
New Annan district  
Guysborough sessions  
Chester parsonage  
Halifax water company  
The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company ; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church in Halifax ; the bill, entitled, an act relating to electoral district No. 8, in the settlement of New Annan ; the bill, entitled, an act to alter the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough ; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist parsonage at Chester ; and the bill, entitled, an act to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof, severally, without amendment.
- Bills amended  
Pictou polling place  
Minas hall company  
They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to change a polling place in the county of Pictou ; and the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Minas hall company, severally, with amendments to such bills respectively,—to which they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.  
And then the messenger withdrew.
- Council's bills read 1st time  
The engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth ; and an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, " of the probate court," were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Amendments to Pictou polling place bill, read 1st time  
The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to change a polling place in the county of Pictou, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Minas hall company bill amendment agreed to  
The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Minas hall company, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.  
And thereupon,  
On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments. And sent to council

Mr. Wade reported in part from the committee appointed to consider and report respecting the publication of the debates and proceedings of the house; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Partial report respecting publication of debates

(See appendix No. 41.)

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

Mr. Henry, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to regulate the currency; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Currency bill

Mr. Henry reported from the committee on the revenue laws; and thereupon presented to the house, Revenue bills reported by committee

A bill to continue the license laws.

A bill to continue the law imposing light house duties.

A bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries.

A bill to continue and amend the law imposing customs duties.

And such bills were severally read a first time, and, *nem. con.*, a second time. Read 1st and 2nd time, and committed

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to continue the license laws; the bill to continue the law imposing light house duties; the bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries; and the bill to continue and amend the law imposing customs duties,—and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house without any amendments; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table. Revenue bills reported without amendment

*Ordered*, That the bills be engrossed. Order to engross

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

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

TUESDAY, 24th MARCH, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house returns shewing the condition and progress of St. Mary's college, at Halifax, St. Francis Xavier's college, Antigonishe, and the academies at Arichat and Truro, respectively, for the year 1856; and the same were read by the clerk. Educational institutions, returns

*Ordered*, That such returns respectively be referred to the committee on education. Referred to education committee

An engrossed bill to continue the license law, was read a third time. Revenue bills read 3rd time

And thereupon,

Mr. McLelan moved that such bill be recommitted, for the purpose of abolishing shop licences, except in the city of Halifax. Motion to recommit license bill

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, eleven; against it, sixteen. And lost on division

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved,

- Bill passed**            *Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the license laws.
- Light house duties bill**    An engrossed bill to continue the law imposing light house duties, was read a third time.  
And thereupon,
- Motion to add ryder, negatived**    Mr. Wier moved that the following clause be added to the bill by way of ryder :  
“ Vessels not bound to any port in this province, nor through the Strait of Canso, putting into any port in distress, shall pay three pence per ton light house duty, which shall not exempt such vessel from the usual duty in case of a subsequent voyage.”  
Which being seconded, and the question put thereon, passed in the negative.
- Bill passed**            *Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the law imposing light house duties.
- Distilleries bill passed**    An engrossed bill to continue the law to regulate distilleries, was read a third time.  
*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the law to regulate distilleries.
- Customs duties bill**        An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties, was read a third time.  
And thereupon, Mr. McLelan moved that the house do come to the following preamble and resolution in relation thereto :
- 1<sup>o</sup>. Whereas, there is required to be raised for the year 1857 for interest (independently of the old funded debt) for money borrowed and spent on the St. Peters canal and the railroad, and for interest on £250,000 more to be spent during the present year, and payable by the province, the sum of £24,284 :
- 2<sup>o</sup>. And whereas, the laying burthens on the people can only be justified on the principle of protecting home manufactures, and encouraging some branch of business thought to be beneficial to the country, or for merely raising a revenue :
- 3<sup>o</sup>. And whereas, on Saturday evening last, certain resolutions were carried through the house, among which one went to raise the six and a quarter per cents to ten per cent; and 2nd, to largely reduce the duty on wine; and 3rd, to reduce the duty on cotton yarn to 2½ per cent. It is hard to understand the principle on which these have been passed. By them, if A wishes to lay out his money in drinking wine, he is encouraged by having the duty reduced; but if B wishes to expend his money in building a house, he is discouraged by having the duty on the materials to be purchased from the shops raised more than 50 per cent; and if C wishes to erect a factory for spinning cotton yarn, for which no country is better calculated than Nova Scotia, he is met by a duty of 7¼ per cent. against him in proportion to other articles. Which resolutions have been embodied in this bill.
- 4<sup>o</sup>. And whereas the surplus revenue of 1855, after paying all charges except for the railroad and St. Peters canal, calculating the distillery license duties the same as at present, was £6800, the revenue of which year is about the average for the last three years, and may be taken as a safe standard for 1857, as from the prosperous state of the country it may with good reason be expected to increase :
- 5<sup>o</sup>. And whereas the raising of the six and a quarter per cents to ten per cent. would increase the revenue for 1857, according to the amount collected in 1855, £24,157, to which are to be added the surplus of 1855, £6800, and the balance on hand in December, 1856, £22,384, (as there is no good reason for retaining so large a balance in the hands of the treasurer, the interest of which would pay the wages of some twenty men on the railroad throughout the year,) making in all £53,341, for the only avowed purpose of paying £24,284, which is evidently a greater burthen than it is necessary to lay on the people at present :
- Therefore resolved*, That the bill be referred back to the committee, for the purpose of reducing the duty of ten per cent. to 8½ per cent., which would leave £43,679 to meet

meet the payment of such sum of £24,284 ; and also to increase the duty on wine, so that the rich man may not be enabled to drink his wine at a reduced duty, while the poor man is obliged to pay the old duty on his rum.

Which resolution being seconded, and the question put thereon, passed in the negative. Resolution negatived

And thereupon,

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties. And bill passed

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the four foregoing bills to the council and desire their concurrence. Bills sent to council

The bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, was read a second time. Bills read 2nd time Boulardrie church bill

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

The bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbours, and harbour masters," was read a second time. Pilotage bill

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin and Mr. White be added to the committee on the petition of Stephen Selden. Members added to S. Selden's committee

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

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THURSDAY, 26th MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

*Ordered*, That Mr. McClearn have leave of absence until Tuesday next, on urgent private business. Leave of absence

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

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FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

The bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, was read a second time. Statute labor bill read 2nd time  
*Ordered*, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house. And committed

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, was read a second time. Yarmouth limits bill read 2nd time

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

Mr. Chipman, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for repairing Cornwallis bridge bill

repairing the Cornwallis bridge ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition against division of Iverness

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Iverness, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying the house to pass a bill to divide the county of Iverness.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

Leave of absence

*Ordered,* That Mr. Chipman have leave of absence until Tuesday next, on urgent private business.

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

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SATURDAY, 28th MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

Dartmouth fire engine bill

Mr. Esson, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth ; and the same was read a first time.

Referred to fire engine committee

*Ordered,* That the bill be referred to the committee on the subject of providing fire engines in the various towns in this province.

Currency bill read 2nd time and committed

The bill to regulate the currency, was read a second time.

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

Cornwallis bridge bill read 2nd time  
Referred to private bills committee

The bill to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge, was read a second time.

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

Pilotage bill reported

Mr. Killam reported from the committee appointed to consider the petition of the merchants of Arichat, relating to pilotage fees at Pictou and other ports, by bill ; and thereupon he presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters ;" and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the hon. J. Campbell be substituted for Mr. Davison, as a member of the committee on the petition of inhabitants of Shelburne for aid in erecting a bridge over Sable River.

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

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MONDAY, 30th MARCH, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

Report central board of agriculture

The hon. Mr McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, presented to the house the report of the central board of agriculture for the year 1856; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 42)

Referred to agriculture committee

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

Report of committee on reporting, adopted

*Ordered,* That the preliminary report of the committee on the subject of reporting the debates of the house, presented on the third day of March, instant, be adopted by the house.

Mr.

Mr. Ryder, from the committee on the militia laws, reported by bill ; and thereupon, presented to the house a bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia ; and the same was read a first time, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.

Militia bill reported, read 2nd time, and committed

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

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Inverness, was presented by Mr. Young and read, praying the house not to pass a bill to divide that county.

Pet. against division of Inverness

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from council

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria ; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Bread Cove intervale, in the county of Inverness ; the bill, entitled, an act to authorise the sale of the old Baptist meeting house at Windsor ; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queen's ; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the jury law ; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the license law ; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the law imposing light house duties ; the bill, entitled, an act to continue the law 'o regulate distilleries ; and the bill, entitled, an act to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties, severally without any amendments.

Nine bills agreed to, Victoria sessions, Broad Cove church, Baptist meeting house, Windsor, Marking logs, Jury law, Revenue laws

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Minas hall company, as now amended.

Minas hall company bill as amended

The council have passed a bill entitled, an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, " of interest ; " a bill, entitled, an act for transferring to her majesty's secretary of state for the war department, the powers and estates vested in the principal officers of her majesty's ordnance department ; and the bill, entitled, an act for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders, except in the city of Halifax.

Three bills from council, viz : Interest, Ordnance lands

Juvenile offenders

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively, an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, " of interest ; " an act for transferring to her majesty's secretary of state for the war department the powers and estates vested in the principal officers of her majesty's ordnance department ; and an act for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders, except in the city of Halifax, were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Councils bills read 1st time

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment ; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Militia bill reported

*Ordered*, That the bill be engrossed.

An engrossed bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, was read a third time.

Halifax city assessment bill, read 3rd time

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.

An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, was, *nem. con.*, read a third time.

Militia bill read 3rd time, nem. con.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia.

*Ordered*,

**Bills sent to council**      *Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing bills to the council, and desire their concurrence.

**Penitentiary com. report**      Mr. Robertson reported in part from the committee on the penitentiary; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 43.)

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

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

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TUESDAY, 31st MARCH, 1857.

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PRAVERS.

**Bills read 2nd time**      The following bills were read a second time :

**Practice act amend'm't**      A bill to amend the new practice act ;

**Pilotage at Sydney**      A bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, " of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters."

**Council's engrossed bills**      And the engrossed bills from the council, entitled respectively as follows, viz :

**Probate**      An act to amend chapter 130, " of the probate court ;"

**Interest**      An act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, " of interest ;"

**Ordnance lands**      An act for transferring to her majesty's secretary of state for the war department, the powers and estates vested in the principal officers of her majesty's ordnance department ; and,

**Petty offences**      And an act for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders.

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

**Baddeck bridge bill**      The hon. C. J. Campbell, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck river, in the county of Victoria ; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

**Message from governor**      A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor, by the gentleman usher of the black rod :

Mr. Speaker—

His excellency the lieutenant governor commands this honorable house to attend his excellency immediately in the council chamber.

And accordingly,

**House attend**      Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council chamber, when

**Bills assented to**      his excellency was pleased to give his assent to sixteen bills, entitled as follows :

An act to increase the capital stock of the Halifax gas light company.

An act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church in Halifax.

An act to alter the time of holding the sessions for the county of Victoria.

An act relating to electoral district No. 8, in the settlement of New Annan.

An act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church congregation at Broad Cove intervale, in the county of Inverness.

An act to alter the time of holding the sessions at Guysborough.

An act to authorise the sale of the old Baptist meeting house at Windsor.

An act to amend the act for regulating the marking of logs in the county of Queen's.

An act to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist parsonage at Chester.



An act to repeal the act to enable the Halifax water company to construct a reservoir on the common of Halifax, and the act in amendment thereof.

An act to incorporate the Minas hall company.

An act to amend the jury law.

An act to continue the license laws.

An act to continue the law imposing light house duties.

An act to continue the law to regulate distilleries ; and

An act to continue and amend the law imposing customs duties.

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

WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

On motion of Mr. Bailey,

*Resolved*, That the sum of forty-six pounds eleven shillings and four pence of undrawn moneys for the county of Lunenburg, viz :

No. 110.	Casper Miller,	1856,	£15	0	0
119.	George Corkum,	"	0	3	3
134.	John Fanning,	"	0	11	4
182.	Christian Vogler,	"	0	1	3
184.	Abraham Hebb,	"	5	0	0
134.	George Armstrong,	"	7	0	0
	From Pleasant River road to Butler's road,		10	0	0
	Unappropriated,		8	15	6

Change of appropriation, Lunenburg

£46 11 4

And remaining undrawn in the treasury, be applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of Lunenburg, for the present year.

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

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

THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

An engrossed bill to naturalize Seth Kimball, was read a third time.

Bills read 3rd time,

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to naturalize Seth Kimball, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassey.

Naturalization

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company, was read a third time.

Trout Cove company incorporation

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company, was read a third time.

Margaretville company incorporation

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company.

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

Report, Chesley aboiteau committee

Mr. Ryder reported from the committee appointed to consider the petitions relating to the Chesley aboiteau, in the township of Granville ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 44.)

Received and adopted

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

Att. and sol. general take their seats

The honorable James W. Johnston, her majesty's attorney general, returned duly elected as member for the county of Annapolis, and the hon. Martin I. Wilkins, her majesty's solicitor general, returned duly elected as member for the township of Pictou, respectively took the oath of allegiance before the honorable Hugh Bell, one of the commissioners authorized to administer the same, and their seats as such members.

Petition for light house at Pugwash

A petition of inhabitants of Pugwash, in the county of Cumberland, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for the erection of a light house at the entrance of Pugwash harbor.

Referred to navigation securities committee

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

Petition for breakwater at Maccan

A petition of inhabitants of Lower Maccan, and adjoining settlements in the county of Cumberland, was, by special leave, presented by Mr. McFarlane and read, praying for aid in the erection of a breakwater at William Blenkhorn's creek.

Referred to navigation securities committee

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

Order of day to consider respecting voting by ballot

*Ordered*, That this house do, on Saturday next, resolve itself into a committee on the general state of the province, to consider the subject of voting by ballot at elections of members to serve in the general assembly.

Baddeck bridge bill, read 2nd time

The bill to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck river, in the county of Victoria, was read a second time.

And referred to private bills committee

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

Practice act extension bill

Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to extend the provisions of the new practice act ; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Easter term postponement bill

The hon. the attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to postpone the ensuing Easter term at Halifax ; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Report of committee on J McLeod's petition

Mr. Brown reported from the committee on the petition of John McLeod ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 45.)

Received and referred to supply

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

Private bills reports, Bras d'Or church Cornwallis bridge

Mr Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, and the bill to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge,—and had directed him to report such bills to the house severally without amendment ; and that they had also considered the bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company, and had directed him to recommend to the house that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session, and that the same be printed ; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Musquodoboit river navigation bill, referred

Bills read 2nd time, Bras d'Or church Cornwallis bridge

The above mentioned bills to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, and to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge, were severally read a second time.

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

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company, be deferred until the next session.

Musquodoboit river bill, deferred

*Ordered*, That fifty copies of such bill be printed, for distribution by the members for the county of Halifax.

Order to print bill

Mr. Young reported from the committee appointed to consider and report upon the general subject of submarine telegraphic communication across the Atlantic, and the bills and memorial referred to that committee; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of submarine telegraph committee

(See appendix No. 46.)

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

And thereupon,

Mr. Young delivered in at the clerk's table the bill referred to the committee to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain, with the amendments agreed on by the committee, and which they had directed him in such report to recommend to the house, and such amendments were read.

Bill reported with amendments

The bill to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain, was then read a second time.

Read 2nd time and committed

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

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

FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

A petition of inhabitants of the municipality of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying the house not to pass the bill to repeal the act for the municipal government of counties, so far as respects the township of Yarmouth.

Petition against Yarmouth municipality bill

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Yarmouth, was presented by Mr. Moses and read, praying the house to pass a bill for the prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and manufacturing uses.

Petition for liquor law

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Wade, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorize an assessment for the erection of a lock-up-house at North Sydney; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

A petition of the rector, churchwardens and vestry, of Saint John's church, in the county of Colchester, was presented by the hon. solicitor general and read, praying the house not to pass any bill to disturb the existing rights to the glebe lands in the township of Onslow.

Petition against interference with glebe lands at Onslow

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton:

Message from council

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of Knox's Free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria; and the bill, entitled, an act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, with amendments to such bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Knox's Free church bill, and Halifax wooden buildings bill, agreed to with amendments

And then the messenger withdrew.

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Amendments to Halifax wooden buildings bill agreed to

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

Amendment's to Knox Free church, bill read 1st time

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of Knox's Free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, were read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Bills read 3rd time,

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton, was read a third time.

Horton church

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton.

Port Medway company

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Port Medway ship building and fishery company, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Port Medway ship building and fishery company.

Halifax streets

An engrossed bill to amend the act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.

Bills sent to council

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

Fin. secretary takes his seat

The honorable John J. Marshall, financial secretary for the province, returned duly elected as a member for the county of Guysborough, took the oath of allegiance before the honorable Hugh Bell, one of the commissioners authorized to administer the same, and his seat as such member.

Yarmouth municipality bill, read 2nd time

The bill to repeal the act for the municipal government of counties, so far as respects the township of Yarmouth, was read a second time.

And thereupon,

Mr. Killam moved that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until this day three months.

Which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly,

And deferred

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be deferred until this day three months.

Expiring laws committee report

Mr. Henry, from the committee on the expiring laws, reported and presented to the house,

Special sittings of supreme court

A bill to render perpetual the act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals;

Avon marine insurance

A bill to continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company; and

Pictou steam ferry

A bill to continue the act relating to the steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.

Bills read 1st time

And such bills were severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Public accounts committee report

Mr. Esson reported from the joint committee on public accounts; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it, together with the several appendices therein referred to, in at the clerk's table, where such report was read.

*For report and appendices—*

(See appendix No. 47.)

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and with the appendices thereto do lie on the table. Received and adopted

The hon. Mr. McKinnon, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the report of the superintendant of education for the year 1856, together with the vouchers connected therewith ; and the same was read by the clerk. Report of superintendant of education

(See appendix No. 48.)

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

The hon. attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorize assessments for railway damages ; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Railway damages bill

Mr. Wier reported from the committee on trade and manufactures ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report of trade com.

(See appendix No. 49.)

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

Mr. Brown, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Halifax railway assessment bill

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

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SATURDAY, 4th APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

The honorable Charles Tupper, provincial secretary, returned duly elected a member for the county of Cumberland, took the oath of allegiance before the honorable Hugh Bell, one of the commissioners authorized to administer the same, and his seat as such member. Provincial secretary takes his seat

Mr. Churchill reported from the committee on the petitions of James Harding and Jacob S. Ingraham ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on petitions of Harding and Ingraham

(See appendix No. 50.)

And thereupon,

Mr. Churchill moved that such report be received, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply. Motion to refer to supply

Which being seconded,

Mr. Ryder moved by way of amendment thereto, that such report be received and do lie on the table ; which amendment being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house. Amendment moved  
And passed

And accordingly,

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

A petition of merchants and other inhabitants of the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying the house to take measures to influence her majesty's government not to put into operation the convention recently entered into between her majesty Petition relating to Newfoundland fisheries

majesty and the emperor of the French, relating to the fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador.

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

And thereupon,

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

*Whereas* from documents laid before this house by delegates from the general assembly of Newfoundland, it appears that a convention was entered into between her majesty and the emperor of the French, on the 14th day of January last, whereby extensive rights and privileges of fishery on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador were ceded to the subjects of France, without, as it appears, any equivalent concession by the government of France to British subjects. *And whereas* the rights and interests of the inhabitants of this province, engaged in the trade and fisheries of Newfoundland and Labrador, will be most seriously prejudiced if such convention be carried into effect. *And whereas* it appears by the 20th article of the convention, that the same shall come into operation so soon as the laws required to carry it into effect shall have been passed by the imperial government and the provincial legislature of Newfoundland ; but it further appears that the said provincial legislature has refused in any manner to sanction the said convention : therefore

*Resolved,* That while it is satisfactory to this house to perceive in the said convention the recognition of the right of the provincial legislature of Newfoundland to give to, or withhold its sanction from, the same, the house desires nevertheless to express its opinion, that rights of so important a nature as those proposed to be ceded by the convention, and which belong to the inhabitants of Nova Scotia in common with those of Newfoundland, ought not to be transferred to the subjects of a foreign power without an opportunity being afforded to the people of this province of protecting their interests, and of submitting their views and sentiments to her majesty's government upon the policy of such concessions, so far as relates to this province.

*Resolved,* That as the operation of the said convention would be highly detrimental to the trade and fisheries of this province, a dutiful address be presented to her majesty, praying that no steps may be taken for carrying the same into effect.

Which being seconded,

*Ordered,* That the same be printed, and do lie on the table.

A petition of the executive committee of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, was presented by Mr. Killam and read, praying the house not to grant to any company or individuals an exclusive right to approach or touch by submarine telegraphic cable, the shores of this province.

*Ordered,* That the petition do lie on the table.

The bill to postpone the ensuing Easter term at Halifax, was read a second time.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee, that they had gone through the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Bouldrie ; the bill to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge ; the bill to postpone the ensuing Easter term at Halifax ; and the engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act for transferring to her majesty's secretary of state for the war department, the powers and estates vested in the principal officers of her majesty's ordnance department, and had directed him to report such bills, severally, to the house without any amendments ; and that they had also considered the engrossed bills from the council, entitled respectively, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes " of the probate court ;"

Resolutions relative to Newfoundland fisheries

Petition of committee of N. S. telegraph company

Easter term bill, read 2nd second time, and committed

Committee on bills

Reported without amendment  
Bouldrie church  
Cornwallis bridge  
Easter term  
Ordnance lands

Recommended to refer to select committee  
Probate court

court ;” an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, “ of interest ;” and an act for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders, and had directed him to recommend to the house to refer such three last mentioned bills to a select committee to examine and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise ; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk’s table.

Interest  
Juvenile offenders

*Ordered*, That the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d’Or, in the Island of Boulardrie ; the bill to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge ; and the bill to postpone the ensuing Eastern term at Halifax, reported without amendments, be engrossed.

Order to engross bills

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act for transferring to her majesty’s secretary of state for the war department, the powers and estates vested in the principal officers of her majesty’s ordnance department, was read a third time.

Council’s ordnance  
lands bill, read 3rd time  
and passed

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such bill be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bill.

And sent to council

*Ordered*. That the council’s bills, entitled, respectively, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, “ of the probate court,” an act to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, “ of interest,” and an act for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders, be referred to the hon. attorney general, Mr. Archibald, Mr. McLelan, Mr. Young, Mr. Henry, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Morrison, to consider and report upon such bills respectively, with amendments or otherwise.

Three councils bills ref  
to select committee

The bill to extend the provisions of the new practice act, was read a second time.

Practice act extension  
bill, read 2nd time, and  
referred to same com-  
mittee

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to the above mentioned committee on certain bills from the council, to consider and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise.

The hon. financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house, returns from the various grammar schools throughout the province, for the year 1856.

Grammar school  
returns

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

Referred to education  
committee

The hon. financial secretary, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house returns of the importation and disposal of sheep and other stock imported during the years 1855 and 1856, pursuant to the directions of the committees on agriculture for the two last sessions, respectively.

Returns of stock im-  
ported

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

Referred to agriculture  
committee

*Ordered*, That the house do on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, on the general state of the province, to consider the propriety of introducing the system of voting by ballot in the election of members to serve in the general assembly.

Order of day postponed

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

Monday,

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MONDAY, 6th APRIL, 1857.

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## PRAYERS.

Change of appropriation, Yarmouth

On motion of Mr. Ryder,

*Resolved*, That the sum of forty pounds nineteen shillings and nine-pence, viz :

No. 6	£ 0 5 0
27	5 0 0
45	34 13 10
59	1 0 11
	£40 19 9

And remaining undrawn in the treasury, be granted and applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of Yarmouth for the present year.

Sent to council

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

Report on J. Grant's petition

Mr. Parker reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Grant; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

*(See appendix No. 51)*

Received and adopted

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted.Bills read 3rd time  
Volunteer artillery

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856.

Cornwallis bridge

An engrossed bill to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge.

Bills sent to council

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

Message

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

Estates of married women bill

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Read 1st time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women, was then read a first time and ordered to be read second time.

Sale of land under execution bill

Mr. Wade, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts;" and the same was read a first time.

Referred to committee on alterations on the laws

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to the committee appointed yesterday to consider and report on certain bills from the council, to report thereon with amendments or otherwise.

Municipal corporation amendment bill.

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

Mr.



Mr. Killam reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Bedford, in the county of Halifax, praying for the alteration of a road, that the committee did not recommend the house to grant the prayer of the petition, inasmuch as its consideration more properly belonged to the members for the county of Halifax.

Report of committee on petition as to Sackville Road

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

Received and adopted

Mr. Munro reported from the committee on the petition of inhabitants of New Glasgow, respecting the improvement of the navigation of the East River of Pictou; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on petition as to deepening of East River

(See appendix No. 52.)

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

Mr. Tobin moved that the resolutions laid on the table of the house yesterday, on the subject of the convention recently entered into between her majesty and the emperor of the French, respecting the fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, do pass.

Newfoundland fishery resolutions passed

Which being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house.

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Tobin,

1<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That a conference be desired with the legislative council, by committee, on the general state of the province.

2<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That at such conference the committee of this house do communicate to the committee of the council the foregoing resolutions on the subject of the recent convention between her majesty and the emperor of the French, respecting the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries, and request the legislative council to join this house in an address to her majesty on that subject.

Resolutions for conference with council on the same subject to prepare joint address

*Ordered*, That the clerk do request such conference.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, as amended.

Halifax wooden buildings bill agreed to as amended

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion of the hon. C. J. Campbell,

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-seven pounds ten shillings, undrawn of the road moneys for the county of Victoria for the past year, viz:

Victoria county, change of appropriation

No. 34.	Rear of Hume's settlement to McKenzie's bridge,	£7 10 0
33.	From McNab's towards upper bridge, Baddeck,	20 0 0

£27 10 0

Be added to the general road service of that county, for the present year.

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

Sent to council

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had considered the bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, and had directed him to recommend the house to refer the same again to the select committee, by whom it was reported to the house with a view to the further consideration thereof, by such committee; and that

Committee report

Statute labor bill to be referred back to select committee

Practice act amended to be referred to select committee

they had also considered the bill to amend the new practice act, and had directed him to recommend the house to refer the same to a select committee, to consider and report thereon; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

State labor bill referred back to select committee

*Ordered*, That the bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, be referred back to the committee by whom it was reported, to further consider the same, and report with amendments or otherwise.

Practice bill referred to law amendment committee

*Ordered*, That the bill to amend the new practice act be referred to the committee appointed yesterday to consider and report on certain bills from the council, to report thereon with amendments or otherwise.

Report on petition of inhabitants of Sherbrooke

Mr. Chipman reported from the committee on the petition of inhabitants of Sherbrooke, in the county of Lunenburg; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

*See appendix No. 53.*

Received and adopted

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

Order of day postponed road series

*Ordered*, That the road series be presented on Monday next.

Vote by ballot

*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider the question of voting by ballot at elections.

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

TUESDAY, 7th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Boulardrie church bill read 3d time

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, was read a third time.

Passed and sent to council

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie.

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

Bills read 2d time—North Sydney lock-up house Referred to private bills committee

The bill to authorize an assessment for the erection of a lock-up house at North Sydney, was read a second time.

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

Criminal trials

The following bills were also read a second time:

A bill to render perpetual the act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals.

Avon marine insurance company  
Pictou steam ferry  
Municipal corporation amendment  
Bills committed

A bill to continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company.

A bill to continue the act relating to the steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.

A bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties.

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

Message

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker—

Bills agreed to, without amendment—  
Trout cove pier, with amendment

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company, without any amendment.

Naturalization

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to naturalize Seth Kimball, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassey; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton; and the bill, entitled,

Baptist church, Horton

an act to continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, with amendments to such bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Militia

The council agree to the conference desired by this honorable house, on the general state of the province; and the committee of the council are now ready to meet the committee of this house.

Council agree to conference

And then the messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, the hon. solicitor general, and hon. Mr. Howe, be a committee to manage the conference on the general state of the province.

Com. of conference

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Tobin reported that the managers had been at the conference, and had complied with the instructions of the house.

Report

An engrossed bill to postpone the ensuing Easter term at Halifax, was read a third time.

Supreme court bill read 3d time

And thereupon,

The hon. attorney general moved that the bill be amended by substituting the words "the fourth Tuesday of April" instead of the words "the third Tuesday of April" in the first clause of the bill.

Bill amended

Which amendment being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

*Ordered*, That the bill be amended accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax.

Passed and sent to council

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

The hon. attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house copies of correspondence between the provincial and imperial governments, between 8th May, 1856, and 6th February, 1857, relating to the mines and minerals of Nova Scotia; and the same was read by the clerk.

Mines and minerals correspondence

(See appendix No. 54.)

*Ordered*, That the correspondence do lie on the table.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to naturalize Seth Kimball, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, and Frederick G. D'Utassey, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Amendments of council to naturalization

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to, and that the title of such bill, as amended, be an act to naturalize Seth Kimball, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, Frederick G. D'Utassey, James Farnham and Henry Hesslein.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton, were read a first, and *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Baptist church, Horton, and

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to continue and amend the laws relative the militia, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Militia bills, agreed to

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to, and that the title of such bill, as amended, be an act to revive, continue and amend the laws relative to the militia.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the three foregoing bills to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments, respectively.

Bills sent to council

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Railway damages bill read 2d time	The bill to authorize assessments for railway damages, was read a second time. <i>Ordered</i> , That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Halifax railway assessment bill read 2d time	The bill to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax, was read a second time. And thereupon,
Motion to commit	Mr. Brown moved that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole house. Which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,
Debate adjourned	<i>Ordered</i> , That the debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Leave of absence	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. Wier have leave of absence until Wednesday next, on urgent private business.
Claims of appropriation, Hants.	On motion of Mr. Dimock, <i>Resolved</i> , That the following sums, granted for the ordinary road and bridge service of the county of Hants, viz :
	1852.—No. 79, £5 0 0
	1854.—No. 49, 5s. ; No. 71, 2s. 6d. ; No. 94, 2s. 9d. ; No. 98, 3s. ; No. 105, 1s. 6d. ; No. 124, 1s., 0 15 9
	1855.—No. 12, £5 ; No. 20, £2 10s. ; No. 142, £10, 17 10 0
	1856.—No. 4, £3 13s. 11d. ; No. 6, 3d. ; No. 8, 2s. 9d. ; No. 17, 7s. 6d. ; No. 100, £19 14s. ; No. 102, £5 ; No. 97, 1s. ; No. 122, £15 ; No. 134, £12 ; No. 135, £7 ; No. 146, 14s. 7d. ; No. 148, 2s., 63 16 0
	<u>£87 1 9</u>
	Amounting to eighty seven pounds one shilling and nine pence, and remaining undrawn, be granted and applied in the scale of the ordinary road and bridge service of that county for the present year.
Sent to council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the resolution to the council and desire their concurrence.

Correspondence relating to Missequash bridge. The hon provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house correspondence relating to the claims of the government of New Brunswick, to reimbursement of one half of the expense of rebuilding Missequash bridge, at the boundary line between New Brunswick and this province; and the same was read by the clerk.

(See appendix No. 55.)

Referred to supply.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee of supply.
Land damage papers.	The hon. provincial secretary, also by command of his excellency, presented to the house certain claims filed in the provincial secretary's office for damage done to lands by the construction of great roads.
Ref. to committee	<i>Ordered</i> , That the same be referred to the committee on road damages.
Claims for ordinance stores	The hon. financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented

presented to the house certain claims for ordnance stores furnished by the ordnance department to the provincial government.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee of supply.

Referred to supply

*Ordered*, That Mr. Locke be substituted for Mr. Wier, as a member of the committee on the patent laws.

Member substituted on patent law com.

The hon financial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to authorize a provincial loan ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Provincial loan bill

Mr. Wade reported from the committee on private bills, that they had considered the council's bill, entitled, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth ; the bill to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck River, in the county of Victoria, and the bill to authorize an assessment for the erection of a lock-up house at North Sydney, and had directed him to report such bills to the house severally without amendment ; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Private bills  
Committee report  
bills, viz :  
Yarmouth limits  
Baddeck bridge  
Noth Sydney lock-up  
house

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

Bills committed

Pursuant to order, the house resumed the consideration of the bill to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax.

Order of day

And thereupon,

Mr. Brown renewed his motion, that such bill be committed to a committee of the whole house ; which being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house ; and accordingly,

Halifax railway assessment bill

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

Bill committed

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the petition of John Stapleton and Ellen Stapleton ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of Stapleton and wife

(See appendix No. 56.)

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

Received and adopted

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, without amendment.

Halifax streets bill, without amendment

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company ; and the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Port Medway ship-building and fishery company with amendments, to such bills, respectively ; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Margaretville company and Port Medway company bills, with amendments.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Margaretville, fishing company, were read a first, and *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Margaretville bill amendments agreed to

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That such amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bills and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

And sent to council

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Port Medway ship building and fishery company, were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Amendments to Port Medway bill read 1st time

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of Knox's Free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria, were read a second time, and considered by the house.

Council's amendments to Knox's Free church bill read 2d time

And

- And thereupon, on motion,  
*Resolved*, That such amendments be agreed to.  
*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.
- Passed, and  
 Sent to council
- Railway construction  
 amendment bill
- The hon. attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Message
- A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :  
 Mr. Speaker,  
 The council desire a further conference with the house of assembly, by committee, on the general state of the province.  
 And then the messenger withdrew.
- Council desire conference
- On motion of Mr. Tobin,  
*Resolved*, That this house do agree to the further conference desired by the council.  
*Ordered*, That the committee who managed the last conference do manage this conference.
- House agree to conference
- Committee of management
- Ordered*, That the clerk do acquaint the council that this house agree to the further conference desired by the council, and that the committee of this house are ready to meet the committee of the council upon such conference.  
 So the managers went to the conference.  
 And being returned,  
 Mr. Tobin reported that the managers had been at the conference, and that the committee of the council had communicated to the committee of this house copies in writing of two resolutions of the council, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the clerk's table, where they were again read as follow :
- To be reported to  
 council  
 Council agree to join  
 in address
- Legislative council chamber,*  
*7th April, 1857.*
- On motion, *resolved*, that this house will join the house of assembly in an address to her majesty, praying that no steps may be taken for carrying into effect the convention entered into between her majesty and the emperor of the French, on the 14th day of January last, whereby extensive rights and privileges of fishery on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador were ceded to the subjects of France.
- Committee to prepare  
 address
- Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, be a committee of this house to join a committee of the house of assembly to prepare the said address.  
*Ordered*, That a further conference be desired with the house of assembly, by committee, on the subject of the last conference, and that the committee of this house do communicate to the committee of the house of assembly the foregoing resolutions.
- JOHN C. HALIBURTON, C. L. C.
- Ordered*, That the copies of resolutions do lie on the table.  
*Ordered*, That the committee who managed the conferences be a committee to join the committee of the council in preparing such address; and that the clerk do acquaint the council therewith.
- Joint address reported
- Mr. Tobin, from the joint committee appointed to prepare an address to her majesty on the subject of the recent convention between her majesty and the emperor of the French, respecting the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries, reported the address agreed on by such committee; and he read the same in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows :

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY—

We, your majesty's faithful subjects, the legislative council and house of assembly of Nova Scotia, in provincial parliament assembled, beg leave to approach your majesty with the expression of our loyal attachment to your majesty's gracious person and government.

From a communication which has been made to us on the part of the legislature of Newfoundland, through delegates from that body to the legislature of this province, we learn that a convention has lately been conditionally agreed upon between the government of your majesty and that of the emperor of the French, whereby extensive and valuable privileges of fishery on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador have been conceded to the subjects of France, to the serious prejudice, if not ultimate ruin of the trade and fisheries of that ancient and loyal dependency of the crown.

We beg to represent to your majesty, that the effect of this convention, if carried into operation, would likewise be extremely injurious to the interests of a large portion of your majesty's subjects in this province, who have always enjoyed and exercised rights of fishery on the coast of Labrador, and are now engaged in an extensive and hitherto increasing trade and fishery on the southern coast of Newfoundland, which cannot but be henceforth greatly lessened and prejudiced, should this convention take effect.

We assure your majesty that were the interests of the people of this province not jeopardized by this convention, we could not, as fellow colonists and British subjects remain unconcerned spectators of the dismay and alarm with which its provisions are regarded by the entire population of Newfoundland.

With the utmost deference for the views which have guided your majesty's advisers in this negotiation, we cannot withhold the expression of our respectful, yet sincere regret, that the provisions of a convention entered into for the avowed purpose of "regulating with exactness the rights and privileges of the subjects" of the two nations, instead of being restricted to the limits within which the French were by former treaties entitled to fishery privileges, should have embraced additional concessions to a foreign power of such great value and importance, without, as it appears to us, anything beyond a merely nominal equivalent.

While we lament that an opportunity had not been afforded to the legislature of Newfoundland of previously considering the terms of the proposed convention, we are nevertheless happy to observe that the concurrence of that legislature is made a condition upon which the convention is to take effect. We regard with satisfaction this recognition of the constitutional rights of colonial legislatures to maintain the integrity of the territories subject to their respective jurisdictions, and this safeguard against the alienation without their consent of the most valuable privileges of their constituents.

In view of the deplorable detriment to the best interests of all your majesty's loyal subjects in Newfoundland which would result from this convention, we are not surprised to learn that the legislature of that colony has expressed its unanimous determination not to assent to it. Convinced as we likewise are of the impolicy and inexpediency of the concessions involved in it—of the certainty of its leading to future disputes equally if not more serious than any which have heretofore arisen from conflicting rights, we are compelled, no less from a regard for the interests of the fishing population of this province than from sympathy for our fellow subjects in Newfoundland, respectfully, but most earnestly to pray your majesty that no steps may be taken to bring the convention into operation.

And as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

And thereupon the usual question being propounded from the chair that the address be agreed to, the same was agreed to by the house.

Mr.

Joint address to go-  
vernour reported

Mr. Tobin, also from the same committee, reported a joint address to his excellency the lieutenant governor, requesting him to transmit the foregoing address to be laid at the foot of the throne ; and he read such last mentioned address in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, as is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

*May it please your excellency—*

The legislative council and house of assembly have passed the accompanying address to her most gracious majesty on the subject of the convention recently entered into between her majesty and the emperor of the French, relative to the fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador ; and they respectfully request your excellency to forward their address to her majesty, with your excellency's most favorable recommendation.

*Resolved*, That such address be agreed to by the house.

And passed

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Committee on bills.

Bills reported without amendment.

Digby Steamer

Pilotage

Baddeck bridge

Lock-up house at Sydney

Criminal trials

Avon ins. company

Pictou steam ferry

with amendments

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steamboat company ; the bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, " of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters ;" the bill to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck river, in the county of Victoria ; the bill to authorize an assessment for the erection of a lock-up house at North Sydney ; the bill to amend and render perpetual the act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals ; the bill to continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company ; and the bill to continue the acts relating to the steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou,—and had directed him to report the same to the house severally without any amendments ; and that they had also gone through the council's bill to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, and made an amendment to such bill, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill ; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

Yarmouth limits

*Ordered*, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the amendment to the council's bill to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, be engrossed.

Orders to engross

Yarmouth limits bill read 3d time

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, was read a third time, with the amendment made thereto.

Agreed to and sent to council

*Resolved*, That the bill be agreed to, and do pass this house, with such amendment.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto, with such amendment.

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

Thursday,



## THURSDAY, 9th APRIL, 1857.

## PRAYERS.

Mr. Young, from the committee on agriculture, reported in part by bill ; and thereupon presented to the house a bill for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Noxious weeds bill

Mr. Henry, from the committee on certain bills relating to fire engines, reported that the committee had considered the bill to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment ; and that they had also considered the bill to enable the inhabitants of Antigonishe to procure a fire engine, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill ; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Fire engine committee report bills

Dartmouth engine bill with out amendment

Antigonishe engine bill with amendment

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

Bills committed

Mr. Archibald, from the committee on the assessment law, reported in part by bill ; and thereupon, presented to the house a bill to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessments ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Assessment committee report b. ll

Mr. Henry, from the committee to whom was referred the bill to amend chapter 79 of the revised statutes, " of partnerships "—reported that they had considered such bill, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments ; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Partnership committee report bill

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

Bill committed

Mr. White, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne ; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Cape Sable bridge bill.

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the report of the commissioners appointed to superintend the erection of a building for the model schools in connection with the normal school at Truro, with an account of the expenditure thereon.

Model schools report, &amp;c.

(See appendix No. 57 )

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

Referred to education committee

On motion of the hon. solicitor general,

*Ordered*, That no bill except those reported by committees or founded on reports of committees be received by the house after Wednesday, the fifteenth day of April, instant.

Time for reception of bills limited

Mr. McFarlane reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Dickson ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report on petition of J. Dickson

(See appendix No. 58.)

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply.

Received, adopted, and referred to supply

On motion of Mr. White,

*Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds granted in the year 1856, for the purchase of seed for distribution among the colored population in the county of Shelburne, and undrawn, be appropriated in aid of the colored schools at Port LaTour and Birch Town, in said county.

Change of appropriation coloured school, Shelburne county

Sent to council

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

Railway correspondence and returns presented

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house copies of correspondence between the provincial government and the board of railway commissioners; together with returns relating to the cost, construction and management of the railway.

(See appendix No. 59.)

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Trade returns presented

The hon. financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house returns and abstracts relating to the trade and navigation of the province, for the year 1856, viz :

1<sup>o</sup>. A detailed statement of the principal articles of British and foreign merchandize imported into Nova Scotia during the year 1856—shewing the quantity and value of each article entered at each port, and indicating from what countries imported.

2<sup>o</sup>. A detailed statement of the principal articles shipped from Nova Scotia during the year ended 31st December, 1856,—shewing the quantity shipped at each port, and indicating to what country exported.

3<sup>o</sup>. A general statement of imports, shewing the value of merchandize entered at each port of Nova Scotia during the year 1856, and indicating from what country imported.

4<sup>o</sup>. An abstract of the principal articles of British and foreign merchandize imported into the province of Nova Scotia during the year 1856, shewing the value of each article, and from what country imported.

5<sup>o</sup>. A general statement of exports, shewing the value of merchandize exported from each port in Nova Scotia during the year 1856, and indicating to what country exported.

6<sup>o</sup>. An abstract of the principal articles shipped from the province of Nova Scotia in the year ended 31st December, 1856,—shewing the value of each article, and to what country exported.

7<sup>o</sup>. A comparative statement of the value of merchandize imported at the different ports of Nova Scotia during the years 1855 and 1856.

8<sup>o</sup>. A comparative statement of the principal articles of merchandize imported into the province of Nova Scotia during the years 1855 and 1856.

9<sup>o</sup>. A comparative statement of the value of merchandize exported from the different ports in Nova Scotia during the years 1855 and 1856.

10<sup>o</sup>. A comparative statement of the principal articles of merchandize exported from the province of Nova Scotia during the years 1855 and 1856.

11<sup>o</sup>. A statement of imports into the port of Halifax during the year 1856,—shewing the quantity and value of each article imported, and indicating from what country imported.

12<sup>o</sup>. A statement of exports from the port of Halifax during the year 1856,—shewing the quantity and value of articles exported, and indicating to what country exported.

13<sup>o</sup>. An account of the number and tonnage of vessels entered inwards at each port in Nova Scotia, from each country, in the year 1856, with the number of men navigating the same—distinguishing vessels with cargoes from those in ballast, and distinguishing British from foreign ships.

14<sup>o</sup>. An account of the number and tonnage of vessels cleared outwards at each port in Nova Scotia, to each country, in the year 1856, with the number of men navigating the same—distinguishing vessels with cargoes from those in ballast, and distinguishing British from foreign ships.

15°. A statement of the number, tonnage and value of vessels owned in the different ports of Nova Scotia on the 31st December, 1856, indicating those built during that year.—shewing also those sold out of the province, and whither sent for sale.

(See appendix No. 60.)

Ordered, That the returns do lie on the table.

Mr. Whitman reported from the committee on navigation securities; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Navigation securities committee report

(See appendix No. 61.)

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

Received and laid on table

Ordered, That the house do, on Tuesday next, the fourteenth day of April, instant, resolve itself into a committee on bills, for the purpose of considering the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Order of day  
Railway damages bill

Then the house adjourned until Saturday next, at three of the clock.

SATURDAY, 11th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

The following bills were read a second time :

The council's bill, entitled, an act for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women.

Bills read 2d time  
Estates married women

The bill to authorize a provincial loan.

Provincial loan

The bill for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture

Noxious weeds

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

Bills committed

The following bills were also read a second time :

The bill to establish a polling place at Dalhousie, in the county of Kings.

Bills read 2d time

The bill to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne.

Dalhousie holding place  
Cape Sable bridge

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

Referred to private bills committee

An engrossed bill to authorize an assessment for the erection of a lock-up house at North Sydney, was read a third time.

Bills read 3rd time--  
Sydney lock-up house

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize an assessment for the erection of a lock-up house at North Sydney.

An engrossed bill to render perpetual the act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals, was read a third time.

Criminal trials

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to render perpetual the act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals.

An engrossed bill to continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company, was read a third time.

Avon insurance company

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company.

An engrossed bill to continue the act relating to the steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou, was read a third time.

Pictou steam ferry

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue the act relating to the steamboat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.

Ordered,

- Bills sent to council**      *Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.
- Committee on bills**      On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills  
                                  Mr. Speaker left the chair.  
                                  Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.  
                                  Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
- Reported without amendment—  
 Fire engines  
 Dartmouth fire engine  
 Provincial loan  
 and  
 Noxious weeds.**      The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to enable the inhabitants of Antigonishe to procure a fire engine ; the bill to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth ; the bill to authorise a provincial loan ; and the bill for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture,—and had directed him to report such bills to the house severally without any amendments ; and that they had also considered the council's bill, entitled, an act for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women, and had directed him to recommend that the same be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon ; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table
- Recommended to refer—  
 Estates of married women**      *Ordered*, That the four first mentioned bills, reported without amendments, be engrossed.
- Order to engross**      *Ordered*, That the council's bill, entitled, an act for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women, be referred to the committee appointed on the fourth day of March, instant, to consider certain bills from the council effecting alterations in the law—to consider and report on such bill with amendments or otherwise.
- Order to defer married women's bill**      *Ordered*, That the council's bill, entitled, an act for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women, be referred to the committee appointed on the fourth day of March, instant, to consider certain bills from the council effecting alterations in the law—to consider and report on such bill with amendments or otherwise.
- Despatches relating to Newfoundland fisheries**      The hon. attorney general, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house a copy of a despatch from the secretary of state for the colonies to the lieutenant governor, enclosing a copy of a despatch from the colonial office to the governor of Newfoundland, conveying the information that her majesty's government had abandoned further proceedings in relation to the recent convention between her majesty and the emperor of the French, on the subject of the fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador ; and such despatches were read by the clerk.
- (See appendix No. 62.)
- Ordered*, That the despatches do lie on the table.
- Report of committee on navigation securities referred to supply**      *Ordered*, That the report of the committee on navigation securities be adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.
- Railway board bill read 2nd time**      The bill to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province, was read a second time.
- And committed**      *Ordered*, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.
- Orders of day  
 Supply**      *Ordered*, That on Monday next the house do resolve itself into the committee of supply.
- Mines and minerals**      *Ordered*, That on Monday next the house do proceed to the consideration of the despatches and correspondence on the subject of the mines and minerals of this province.
- Currency bill**      *Ordered*, That on Wednesday next the house do resolve itself into a committee on bills, for the purpose of considering the bill to regulate the currency.

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

MONDAY, 13th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker—

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge, without any amendment.

Message

Agreed to without amendment—  
Cornwallis bridge bill.

The council have agreed to the bill now entitled, an act to naturalize Seth Kimball, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, Frederick G. D'Utassey, James Farnham, and Henry Hesselein ; the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the first baptist church at Horton ; and the bill now entitled, an act to revive, continue and amend the laws relative to the militia, as now severally amended.

As amended—  
Naturalization  
Horton church  
Militia law.

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

With amendments—  
Supreme court postponement.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Council's amendments agreed to

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to, and that the title, as amended, be, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax, and the sittings thereafter.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

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

Report of committee on Indian affairs

(See appendix No. 63 )

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends a grant of money be referred to the committee of supply.

Received, and referred to supply

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill now entitled, an act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax, and the sittings thereafter, as now amended.

Message

Supreme court bill agreed to as amended

And then the messenger withdrew.

Mr. Ryder reported from the committee on the fisheries ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on fisheries

(See appendix No. 64.)

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

Report adopted

A message from his excellency the lieutenant governor by the gentleman usher of the black rod :

Message from governor

Mr. Speaker,

His excellency the lieutenant governor commands this honorable house to attend his excellency immediately in the council chamber.

And accordingly,

Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council chamber, when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to eight bills, entitled as follows :

An

An act to naturalize Seth Kimball, Charles Lewis, John Schulte, Frederick G. D'Utasse, James Farnham, and Henry Hesslein.

An act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax.

An act to incorporate the Trout Cove pier company.

An act to incorporate the trustees of the first Baptist church at Horton.

An act to amend the act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.

An act to provide for repairing the Cornwallis bridge.

An act to revive, continue and amend the laws relating to the militia.

An act for transferring to her majesty's secretary of state for the war department, the powers and estates vested in the principal officers of her majesty's ordnance department.

An act to postpone the ensuing Easter term of the supreme court at Halifax, and the sittings thereafter.

Report from committee on expenses of transient paupers

Mr. Webster reported from the committee on the expenses of transient paupers ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 65.)

Received, and referred to supply

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

Report of committee on John Maguire's petition.

Mr. McKeagney reported from the committee appointed to examine the petition of John Maguire ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 66.)

Received, and leave for bill

*Ordered*, That the report be received and do lie on the table, and that Mr. McKeagney have leave to bring in a bill in accordance with the recommendation thereof.

And thereupon,

Bill presented, and read 1st time

Mr. McKeagney presented to the house a bill further to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax ; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Juries amendment bill

Mr. McKeagney, pursuant to leave given, also presented to the house a bill to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes, "of juries ;" and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Committee on contingencies

On motion of the hon. financial secretary,

*Resolved*, That a select committee be appointed to examine and report upon the contingent expenses of the house.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wade, Mr. Ryder, and Mr. McKenzie, be a committee for that purpose.

Order of day  
Committee of supply

Pursuant to order, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress in the consideration of the supply, and had come to twenty-five resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house ; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.

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

The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :	Resolutions reported
1 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to the commissioners of the poor in Halifax, to defray the expense of continuing the school in the poor asylum for the present year, for the benefit of orphans and poor children in that establishment.	£25 poor asylum school
2 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That three hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, for the benefit of the Indians for the present year.	£300 Indians
3 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That eighty pounds sterling be granted and paid to the clerk of the crown in the supreme court of this province, for his services for the past year.	£80 stg clerk of crown
4 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That a sum, not to exceed two hundred pounds, be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be appropriated in paying seizing officers in various parts of this province for more effectually protecting the revenue, provided no such officer shall receive more than fifteen pounds.	£200 seizing officers
5 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That twenty pounds be granted and paid to each of the two chairmen of bills and supply for their services for the present session.	£40 chairmen of committees
6 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That thirteen pounds be granted and paid to George R. Grassie, esquire, serjeant-at-arms to the house of assembly, in addition to his salary for the present session.	£13 G. R. Grassie
7 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the colored population in the counties of Hants, Queens, Yarmouth, Guysborough, Annapolis, Sydney, Shelburne, Digby, Kings and Cumberland, to the amount of ten pounds in each county.	£100 colored population in counties
8 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in affording relief to the colored population in the county of Halifax, by purchasing seed or provisions, as circumstances may require.	£100 colored population, Halifax
9 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That four hundred and sixty pounds sterling be granted for the salaries of the clerks in the provincial secretary's office for the present year, to be appropriated and applied by the provincial secretary.	£460 stg. clerks prov. sec. office
10 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That one hundred pounds sterling be granted for stationery and other contingencies for the provincial secretary's office for the present year—the expenditure to be accounted for at the next session of the general assembly.	£100 stg. prov. sec. office contingencies
11 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That ten pounds be granted in aid of the ferry across Wallace harbor, in the county of Cumberland.	£10 Wallace ferry
12 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That twenty-five pounds be granted to the serjeant-at-arms, being a further addition to his salary,—and ten pounds to John Fitzgerald, messenger to the house of assembly, in addition to his salary for the present year.	£25 serjeant at arms £10 J. Fitzgerald
13 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the travelling charges of the members of government, non-residents in Halifax, when summoned during the recess to attend meetings of council, to be computed at the same rate as is allowed members of the assembly.	£100 travelling charges
14 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That one hundred pounds each be granted and paid to the clerk and clerk assistant of the house of assembly, for their extra services during the present session.	£200 clerks of assembly
15 <sup>o</sup> . <i>Resolved</i> , That nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay a sum not exceeding twenty pounds each for their services during the present year to the controllers at the different ports ; and such further sum as shall	£900 controllers

be required to pay at the same rate such other controllers as may be appointed during the present year.

£10<sup>stg</sup> crier admiralty court

16<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That ten pounds sterling be granted and paid to the judge of the vice admiralty court, for fuel and crier of the court for the present year.

£30 E. Crowell

17<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That thirty pounds be granted and paid to Edmund Crowell, of Seal Islands, in the county of Yarmouth, for keeping the establishment on the Islands to aid vessels in distress.

£20 Goodwin & Smith

18<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That twenty pounds be granted and paid to William Goodwin and George Smith, residents upon Mud Islands, county of Yarmouth, to enable them to provide and keep efficient boats, and otherwise render assistance to shipwrecked mariners, —to be paid on the certificate of the sessions that the boats are provided and kept, and the duty performed.

£25 Montegan packet

19<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That twenty-five pounds be granted to aid in maintaining a packet between Westport and Montegan, in the county of Digby.

£20 Sandy Cove packet

20<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That twenty pounds be granted in aid of a packet between Weymouth bridge and Sandy Cove, in the county of Digby.

£547 15 6 Missequash bridge

21<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That five hundred and forty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, New Brunswick currency, be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be paid to the treasurer of the province of New Brunswick as the proportion of the expense payable by this province for rebuilding the bridge over the Missequash river.

£2 4s<sup>stg</sup> Ordnance stores

22<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That two pounds four shillings sterling be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to repay the value of stores issued by the war department to the Halifax volunteer artillery, on the 28th day of September last.

£12 9s<sup>stg</sup> military store office

23<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That twelve pounds nine shillings sterling be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to pay for tents supplied from the military store office to the provincial government in June, 1856.

£35 S. Chipman

24<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That thirty-five pounds be granted and paid to Samuel Chipman, esquire, late financial secretary, to repay the expense incurred in preparing abstracts and trade returns to be laid before this house.

£100 Mrs. Crosskill

25<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the widow of John H. Crosskill, deceased, late a reporter of this house.

Resolutions agreed to.

The several resolutions being read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon, respectively agreed to by the house.

Amendments to Port Medway bill agreed to.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Port Medway shipbuilding and fishery company, were read a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That such amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

Assessment bill read 2nd time

The bill to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, was read a second time.

And committed

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

Ordered,



*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, proceed to the consideration of the despatches and correspondence on the subject of the mines and minerals. Orders of day

*Ordered*, That the road scales be presented on Saturday next.

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

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TUESDAY, 14th APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

The hon. financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house the vouchers connected with the expenditure of the normal school commissioners during the past year. Model school vouchers

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

An engrossed bill to enable the inhabitants of Antigonishe to procure a fire engine, was read a third time. Bills read 3rd time  
Fire engines

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize assessments for fire engines.

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbours and harbor masters," was read a third time. Pilotage

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters."

An engrossed bill to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth, was read a third time. Dartmouth fire engines

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth.

An engrossed bill to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck river, in the county of Victoria, was read a third time. Baddeck bridge

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck river, in the county of Victoria.

An engrossed bill to authorize a provincial loan, was read a third time. Provincial loan

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize a provincial loan.

An engrossed bill for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture, was read a third time. Noxious weeds

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture.

On motion of the hon. financial secretary,

*Resolved*, That the sum of nine pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, viz. :

No. 2, 5, 8, 17 and 52,	£0 11 8
No. 33,	9 3 9

£9 15 5

Remaining undrawn in the treasury, be granted and applied to the general road and bridge service in the county of Guysborough, for the present year.

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

Report of committee on petitions of Cameron and Jennings

Mr. Webster reported from the committee to whom was referred the petitions of Finlay Cameron and doctor Jennings ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 67.)

Referred to supply

*Ordered*, That the report be received, and that so much thereof as relates to a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply.

Rep. on poor's asylum

Mr. Munro reported from the committee on the poors' asylum ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 68.)

Referred to supply

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

Report on petition of S. Selden

Mr. Wade reported from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Selden ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 69.)

Adopted

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

Report on petition of J. N. B. Kerr

Mr. Killam reported from the committee on the petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 70.)

Adopted

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

Labor on roads bill reported with amendments

Mr. Chambers reported from the committee on the statute labor law, that they had considered the bill referred to them to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill ; and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bill re-committed

*Ordered*, That the bill as amended be again committed to a committee of the whole house.

On motion of Mr. Esson,

Change of appropriation, Halifax

*Resolved*, That the following sums, amounting to seventeen pounds seven shillings and one penny, granted for roads and bridges in the county of Halifax, and remaining undrawn, be applied in repairing the road through Middle and Upper Musquodoboit, viz :

No. 26.	Roach,	4	0	0
29.	Shea,	0	5	6
44.	Contingencies,	3	15	7
100.	McCurdy,	0	3	4
104.	McHeffy,	1	0	0
122.	Contingencies,	7	15	10
125.	Annand,	0	6	10
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		£17	7	1

Change of appropriation, Cumberland

On motion of Mr. McFarlane,  
*Resolved*, That the sums hereunder mentioned, granted and appropriated in 1856 for road service in the county of Cumberland, amounting to sixty-one pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence, and remaining in the treasury undrawn, be added to the road scale of such county for the year 1857, namely :

No.

No. 46	£3 11 3
34	8 0 0
49	0 3 4
85	0 8 9
165	30 0 0
181	19 12 5
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	£61 15 9

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence. Resolutions sent to council

The hon. financial secretary, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Canso road bill

The hon. attorney general, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time. Registry of ships bill

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act; and a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Halifax corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society, to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. New practice amendment bill  
Colonial church and school bill

And then the messenger withdrew.

The engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively, an act to amend the new practice act, and an act to incorporate the corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society, were then severally read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Council's bills read a first time

*Ordered*, That the council's bill to amend the new practice act, be referred to the committee appointed to consider certain bills effecting amendments in the law—to consider and report thereon, with amendments or otherwise. Practice amendment bill, referred to law committee

On motion of the hon. attorney general,

1°. *Resolved*, That this house has learned with great satisfaction from the despatch of the right honorable H. Labouchere, her majesty's secretary of state for the colonies, dated 26th March, 1857, communicating the copy of a despatch from the colonial secretary to the governor of Newfoundland, that her majesty's government, in deference to the views of the legislature of that colony, had abandoned the treaty with his majesty the emperor of the French on the subject of the Newfoundland fisheries; and that her majesty's government, in terms the most distinct and gratifying, recognized the principle that the assent of the colonial legislature is at all times to be considered essential before her majesty's government shall feel at liberty to make arrangements modifying the territorial or maritime rights of the colony. Resolutions as to Newfoundland fisheries

This house therefore deems it becoming and proper to withhold the transmission of the address lately passed on the subject of that treaty, and to substitute a humble address to the Queen, expressive of the appreciation by this house of the acquiescence on the part of her majesty's government in the views of her majesty's colonial subjects on this important question, and of the ready and unqualified acknowledgement by her majesty's government of a principle applicable to her majesty's colonies generally, and by none more highly valued than by the people of this province.

2°. *Resolved*, That a conference be desired with the legislative council by committee on the general state of the province

3°. *Resolved*, That at such conference, the concurrence of the council be requested in a joint address to the queen on the subject of the foregoing resolution

*Ordered*, That the clerk do request such conference.

Pursuant

Order of day, committee on bills

Pursuant to order, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills, for the purpose of considering the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Committee report progress

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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

Orders of day  
Railway damages bill

*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Mines and minerals

*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, proceed to the consideration of the despatches, on the subject of the mines and minerals.

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

WEDNESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Petition from Pictou against reduction of pilotage fees

A petition of merchants, ship owners and other inhabitants of Pictou, was presented by Mr. McDonald and read, praying the house not to pass any bill for the reduction of pilotage fees at that port.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Crown land returns

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

1<sup>o</sup>. The report by the commissioner of crown lands of the operations of that department for the year 1856.

2<sup>o</sup>. A tabular statement showing where immigration could with advantage be introduced, with other information.

3<sup>o</sup>. Returns of applications for grants of crown land for the year ending 31st Dec., 1856.

4<sup>o</sup>. A return of crown lands applied for during the quarter ended 31st March, 1857.

5<sup>o</sup>. Returns of perfected grants of crown lands for the year ending 31st Dec., 1856.

6<sup>o</sup>. The annual reports of county surveyors for the year 1856.

(For report and tabular statement see appendix No. 71.)

*Ordered*, That such report and returns be referred to the committee on the crown lands.

East River report referred to supply

*Ordered*, That the report presented by Mr. Munro, on the sixth day of April, instant, from the committee on the subject of improving the navigation of the East River of Pictou, and laid on the table, be adopted; and that so much thereof as recommends a grant of money, be referred to the committee of supply.

Final report from penitentiary committee

Mr. Robertson reported finally from the committee on the penitentiary; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 43—part 2.)

Adopted

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

Report on J. W. Pratt's petition

Mr. Chipman reported from the committee on the petition of J. W. Pratt; and he read

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

(See appendix No. 72.)

*Ordered*, That the report do lie on the table.

Laid on table

Mr. Fuller, pursuant to leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers;" and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Supreme court amendment bill

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of Knox's Free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria; and the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Margareville fishing company, as now amended.

Bills agreed to without amendment, Knox's Free church Margareville company

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Port Medway shipbuilding and fishery company, as now amended.

Agreed to as amended, Port Medway company

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Agreed to with amendments Boulardrie church bill

The council agree to the conference proposed by this honorable house by committee on the general state of the province, and the committee of the council are now ready to meet the committee of this house.

Council agree to conference

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Amendments to Boulardrie church bill read

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, the hon. solicitor general, and the hon. Mr. Howe, be a committee to manage the conference on the general state of the province.

Committee of conference

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Tobin reported that the managers had been at the conference, and had complied with the instructions of the house.

Report

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council desire a further conference with the house of assembly by committee on the general state of the province, on the subject of the last conference.

Further conference desired

And then the messenger withdrew.

On motion of the hon. attorney general,

*Resolved*, That the house do agree to the further conference desired by the council.

And agreed to

*Ordered*, That the committee who managed the last conference do manage this conference.

Same managers appointed

*Ordered*, That the clerk do acquaint the council that this house agree to the further conference desired by the council, and that the committee of this house are ready to meet the committee of the council upon such conference.

So the managers went to the conference.

And being returned,

Mr. Tobin reported that the managers had been at the conference, and that the committee of the council had communicated to the committee of this house a copy in writing of a resolution of the council, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, as follows :—

Who report resolutions of council

*Legislative council chamber, 15th April, 1857.*

Council agree to joint address

On motion, *resolved*, that this house will join the house of assembly in an humble address to her majesty, thanking her majesty for not completing, in compliance with the wishes of the legislature of Newfoundland, the proposed convention between her majesty and the emperor of the French, giving increased rights to subjects of the French nation in the fishery on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, as announced in the despatch dated 26th March last, from the right honourable the secretary of state for the colonies, to the governor of Newfoundland, and also for the principles announced in the said despatch.

Council's committee

*Ordered*, That Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Archibald, and Mr. Morton, be a committee of this house to join a committee of the house of assembly to prepare the said address.

*Ordered*, That a further conference be desired with the house of assembly by committee on the subject of the last conference, and that the committee of this house do communicate to the committee of the house of assembly the foregoing resolution.

JOHN C. HALLIBURTON.

*Ordered*, That the copy of resolution do lie on the table.

Committee to prepare address

*Ordered*, That the committee who managed the conference be a committee to join the committee of the council in preparing such address, and that the clerk do acquaint the council therewith.

Member added to patent law committee

*Ordered*, That the hon. solicitor general be added as a member of the committee on the patent laws.

Order of day, committee on bills

Pursuant to order, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to consider the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Railway damages bill reported with amendments

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill committed to them to authorize assessments for railway damages, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill; and he delivered the bill, with the amendments, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Orders of day

*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee on bills, to consider the bill to regulate the currency.

*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, proceed to the consideration of the despatches and correspondence on the subject of the mines and minerals.

Report of committee as to Chester district

Mr. Fuller reported from the committee appointed to consider the petition of inhabitants of Chester, praying for a division of the county of Lunenburg into two districts; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 73.)

Received and adopted

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

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

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 THURSDAY, 16th APRIL, 1857.
 

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## PRAYERS.

Mr. Tobin, from the joint committee appointed to prepare an address to her majesty on the subject of the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries, reported the address agreed upon by such committee; and he read the same in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows :

Joint address on Newfoundland fisheries, reported

## TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF NOVA SCOTIA. Address

*May it please your majesty,—*

We, your majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the legislative council and house of assembly of Nova Scotia, beg leave to thank your majesty for a despatch of your majesty's principal secretary of state for the colonies, under date of the 26th of March last, addressed to the governor of Newfoundland, in reference to a projected treaty between your majesty's government and the emperor of the French, on the subject of the fisheries of Newfoundland, a copy of which despatch has been officially transmitted to the lieutenant governor of this province.

The assurance contained in that despatch that your majesty's government will adhere to two principles, namely, "that the rights at present enjoyed by the community of Newfoundland are not to be ceded or exchanged without their assent, and that the constitutional mode of submitting measures for that assent is by laying them before the colonial legislature," and also the declaration "that the consent of the community of Newfoundland is regarded by your majesty's government as the essential preliminary to any modification of their territorial or maritime rights," afford us unfeigned gratification.

We participate with our sister colony of Newfoundland in the satisfaction resulting from the abandonment of a treaty, which, in both colonies, has been regarded as prejudicial; and we see in the despatch, considerations of yet higher moment. The doctrines it avows are equally applicable to the territorial and maritime rights of Nova Scotia as of Newfoundland; and the unreserved declaration, that by these principles your majesty's government has been, and will continue to be guided, we receive as defining and establishing a fundamental element in the colonial relation of great importance.

And we, your majesty's loyal subjects, offer our grateful acknowledgment as well for the manner of the recognition as for the intrinsic value of the principles avowed.

And thereupon,

The usual question being propounded from the chair, that the address be agreed to—the same was agreed to by the house.

Mr. Tobin also, from the same committee, reported a joint address to his excellency the governor, requesting him to transmit the foregoing address to be laid at the foot of the throne; and he read such last mentioned address in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows :

Joint address to governor, also reported

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The legislative council and house of assembly have passed the accompanying address to her most gracious majesty, on the subject of the fisheries on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador; and they respectfully request your excellency to forward their address to her majesty, with your excellency's most favorable recommendation.

*Resolved*, That such address be agreed to by the house.

Education committee report, Cape Breton grammar school bill

Mr. Young, from the committee on education, reported in part by bill; and thereupon delivered to the house a bill relating to grammar school moneys in the county of Cape Breton; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Petition for sale of Indian lands, Inverness

A petition of inhabitants of Whyecomagh, in the county of Inverness, was, pursuant to special leave given, presented by Mr. Young and read, praying that a portion of the Indian lands at the head of Whyecomagh Bay, may be sold, in order to facilitate the settlement of the district.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Report of committee as to Habitant dyke

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee to whom were referred the several petitions for and against the construction of a dyke across the Habitant river; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 74.)

Adopted

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

Musquodoboit river bill committed

*Ordered*, That the bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company, be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Order of day  
Mines and minerals

Pursuant to order, the house proceeded to the consideration of the despatches and correspondence presented to the house, on the subject of the mines and minerals.

And thereupon,

Resolution moved

The hon. attorney general moved that the house do come to the following resolution in relation thereto :

*Whereas* the correspondence laid before the house on the subject of the mines and minerals of the province leads to the hope that this question may at length be terminated by a satisfactory compromise :

*Resolved therefore*, That if the provincial government shall find it necessary, for effecting a satisfactory compromise of this question, to employ commissioners, this house does authorize the selection, by the provincial government, of two members prominently representing the different views held in this house on the subject, who shall have power to effect a settlement of the controversy, provided both of the commissioners shall agree thereto, subject to the satisfaction of the legislature; and this house will provide for the expense.

Which resolution being seconded, and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

urged

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



A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the house do, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee on bills, to consider the bill to regulate the currency.

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

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FRIDAY, 17th APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Amendments to volunteer artillery, bill agreed to

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That such amendments be agreed to, and that the title of the bill as amended be, an act to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, "of the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax."

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bills, entitled, respectively, an act to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth; an act to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck river, in the county of Victoria; an act to authorise an assessment for the erection of a lock-up house at North Sydney; an act to amend and render perpetual the act to authorize special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals; an act to continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company; an act to continue the act relating to the steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou; and an act to authorize a provincial loan, without any amendments.

Message

Bills agreed to without amendment

Dartmouth fire engines

Baddeck bridge

Sydney lock up house

Criminal trials

Avon insurance comp'y

Pictou steam ferry

Provincial loan

Pilotage bill with amendments

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters," with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The council's amendment to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters," was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Amendments to pilotage bill, read 1st time

The following bills were read a second time :

A bill to provide for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso, and

The council's engrossed bill to incorporate the Halifax corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society.

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

Bills read 2nd time,

Canso road

Colonial church and school society

Ref. to private bills committee

The following bills were also read a second time :

A bill to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships.

Also, registry of ships

A bill to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers."

Supreme court

Bills committed

*Ordered*, That the two last mentioned bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Order of day  
Mines and minerals  
resolution

Pursuant to order, the house resumed the debate upon the resolution proposed yesterday respecting the mines and minerals of the province; and the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such resolution be agreed to:

Amendment moved

Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution, viz:

*Whereas*, while the inhabitants of this province have so long borne with the wrongs which a grinding monopoly has brought upon them, it is pleasing to see, by the recent despatch from the colonial secretary on the subject of the Newfoundland fishery convention, that the principle upon which our mines and minerals were leased for 60 years without our knowledge or consent, is admitted to be unsound. *And whereas*, while the people of this province, in common with the British government, have been long wearied with the pertinacity with which the claims of the creditors of the Duke of York have been urged when neither this province nor the British government had anything to do with such claims, as the lease gave the crown the rent and royalty as agreed upon between the duke and the British government, while the sub-lease gave certain profits to the duke according to the private bargain between him and the mining association. *And whereas* the duke of York, or his creditors, had neither right, claim or interest in the reserved mines, yet, when the mining association and the creditors of the duke of York had a dispute, and got into chancery about their profits or private bargain, with which the people of this province and the reserved mines had nothing more to do than with the antipodes or their mines, yet the people of this province, by the minute of council of 27th June, 1845, were required to pay the expense of this chancery suit at the rate of £600 per annum for the remainder of the lease, making a total of £23,000, by allowing 26,000 chaldrons of coal to be raised instead of 20,000 chaldrons before any royalty was payable, and other arrangements were made unfavorable to this province. *And whereas* it is now pleasing to see a prospect of the creditors of the duke of York being no longer a bar to the settlement of this question, and the mining association has suggested a delegation from this province to forward such settlement; and while it is again pleasing to see that the colonial secretary has stated that every facility will be afforded to such settlement—yet, when we consider that the late attorney general, W. Young, esquire, while in England in 1854, spent much time, combined with great ability, in endeavoring to effect a settlement, but in vain, and was unable to obtain from the association the slightest concession; nor has anything since been said, either as regards our previous offer of an amicable settlement, or our objection to execute the papers laid before this house in 1856; and so long as the payment of one shilling royalty per ton is claimed to be absorbed by the arrangement about the reserved mines, the effect in keeping up the price of fuel consumed in this province is the same in the lump of £120,000 as in one shilling and six pence per chaldron. *And whereas* the subject is now about to be narrowed down to its proper position between this province and the mining association, and the latter have an able agent in this province, and there is good reason to believe that the subject can be better and more economically settled here by Mr. Cunard and a committee of this house during next session than by a delegation:

*Therefore resolved*, That a humble address be presented to her majesty, containing the foregoing views.

Amendment negatived  
on division

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

*For the amendment.*

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Gilderd,	Mr. McClearn,	Mr. Rinhard,	Hon. Att'y. Gen'l ,
" Bailey,	Hon. Sol. General,	Hon. C. J. Campbell,	Mr. White,
" Robertson,	Mr. Henry,	Mr. Davidson,	" Killam,
" McLelan,	" Wade,	" Hyde,	" Bent,
" Chambers.	" Brown,	" Tobin,	" Churchill,
	" Bill,	" Ryder,	Hon. Mr. McKinnon,
	" Whitman,	" Thorne,	Mr. Martell,
	" Parker,	" Moses,	" McFarlane,
	" Bourneuf,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,	" Fuller,
	" Morrison,	" Fin. Sec.,	" Dimock,
	" Archibald,	Mr. Howe,	" Young,
	" McKeagney,	" Smyth,	" McDonald,
	" Locke.	" Annand,	" McKenzie,
	" Webs'er,	" Chipman,	" Esson.
	" Robecheau,	Hon. J. Campbell,	

So it passed in the negative.

The original resolution being then put, was agreed to by the house, and is as follows, Original resolution agreed to

*Whereas*, the correspondence laid before the house on the subject of the mines and minerals of the province, leads to the hope that this question may at length be terminated by a satisfactory compromise :

*Resolved therefore*, That if the provincial government shall find it necessary for effecting a satisfactory compromise of this question to employ commissioners, this house does authorize the selection, by the provincial government, of two members, prominently representing the different views held in this house on the subject, who shall have power to effect a settlement of the controversy, provided both of the commissioners shall agree thereto, subject to the ratification of the legislature ; and this house will provide for the expense.

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

*Ordered*, That the house do to-morrow resolve itself into a committee on bills, to consider the bill to regulate the currency. Order of day

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

SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Davidson reported from the committee upon the petition for aid in the erection of a bridge at Sable River, in the county of Shelburne ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report of committee as to Sable river bridge

(See appendix No. 75.)

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

The hon. attorney general moved that the house do come to the following resolution : Resolutions as to public departments  
*Whereas*, the board of works and the offices of the receiver general and excise may be found to require improvement :

*Therefore resolved*, That his excellency the lieutenant governor, in council, be authorized

rized to make such alterations in those departments as in the estimation of the provincial government the public service may demand.

Which resolution being seconded,

Amendment moved

Mr. Young moved that such resolution be amended by adding at the end thereof, the following words :

“ Provided that any changes that may be made and any salaries appointed under this resolution shall be subject to the supervision and control of the legislature at its next session.”

And lost on division

Which amendment being seconded and the question put thereon, there appeared for the amendment, nineteen ; against it, twenty-seven.

*For the amendment.*

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Chipman,	Hon. Mr. Howe,	Mr. Ryder,	Mr. McFarlane,
“ Gilderl,	Mr. McLelan,	“ Bill,	Hon. C. J. Campbell,
“ Rinhard,	“ Dimock,	“ McClearn,	“ Prov. Sec.,
“ Davidson,	“ Archibald,	“ Moses,	“ Sol. Gen'l.,
“ Parker,	“ Young,	Hon. Mr. McKinnon,	Mr. Brown,
“ Bailey,	“ Robertson,	Mr Killam,	Hon. Fin. Sec.,
“ McKenzie,	“ Webster,	“ Martell,	“ Att'y. Gen'l.,
“ McDonald,	“ Locke,	“ Thorne,	Mr. McKeagney,
“ Chambers,	“ Morrison.	“ Bent,	“ Whitman,
“ Annand,		Hon. J. Campbell,	“ Bourneuf,
		Mr. Churchill,	“ Henry,
		“ Hyde,	“ White,
		“ Wade.	“ Tobin.
		“ Smyth,	

So it passed in the negative.

Resolution passed

The original resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

Resolution for commission of enquiry as to public departments, passed

The hon. attorney general then moved that the house do come to the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That his excellency, in council, be authorized to employ competent persons to examine the books and accounts in the several public departments, including the accounts and contracts touching all the public works and their condition, and to report thereon—and also upon the system on which the books and accounts are kept, and on any changes in the system of receiving moneys and keeping the accounts that may be beneficial for the public service.

Which resolution being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence.

Orders of day

*Ordered*, That the house do, on Monday next, resolve itself into a committee on bills, for the purpose of considering the bill to regulate the currency.

*Ordered*, That the road scales be presented on Monday next.

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

Monday,

MONDAY, 20th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to establish a polling place at Dalhousie, in the county of Kings; the bill to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne; the bill to provide for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso; and the council's bill to incorporate the Halifax corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society—and had directed him to report such bills, severally, to the house, without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Private bills reported without amendment, Polling place, King's county  
Cape Sable bridge, Canso road  
colonial church society

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

Bills committed

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province, and had made an amendment thereto; which amendment they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill; and he delivered the bill, with the amendment, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

Railway act amendment bill  
With amendment

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

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

Leave of absence

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill now entitled, an act to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, "of the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax, as now amended."

Volunteer artillery bill as amended

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to enable private persons to implead the provincial government; a bill, entitled, an act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby; a bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house; and a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company; to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Four council's bills, viz.  
Impleading government  
Digby roads  
Garloch church  
Safe Harbor pier

The council have also agreed to seventeen resolutions of this honorable house, granting various sums of money for the public service, viz.:

17 money grants agreed to

£460 stg. clerks provincial secretary's office.

100 stg. contingencies of secretary's office.

10 Wallace ferry.

40 to G. R. Grassie, and £10 to J. Fitzgerald.

100 travelling expenses of members of government.

200 clerks of assembly.

900 controllers.

10 stg. crier admiralty court.

30 E. Crowell.

20 Goodwin and Smith.

25 Montegan packet

20 Sandy Cove packet.

547 15 6 Missequash bridge.

2 4 0 War department.

12 Military store office.

35 S. Chipman, esquire.

100 J. Crosskill's widow.

And then the messenger withdrew.

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- Council's bills read 1st time      The engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively, an act to enable private persons to implead the provincial government; an act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby; an act to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house; and an act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company; were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
- Railway board bill read 3rd time      An engrossed bill to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province, was read a third time.
- And passed      *Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province.  
*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and desire their concurrence.
- Railway damage bill, read 3rd time      An engrossed bill to authorize assessments for railway damages, was read a third time.  
And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass and be sent to the council for concurrence,
- Amendment to 2nd clause moved      Mr. Archibald moved, by way of amendment, that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of adding to the second clause thereof the following proviso:  
“Provided that in drawing juries for the counties of Colchester and Hants, the names of persons residing in townships in which railroad damages are to be assessed shall be passed over by the prothonotary in drawing jurors, and the names of other parties not so interested drawn in their stead.”
- And negatived      Which amendment being seconded, and the question put thereon, passed in the negative.
- Amendment to 5th clause moved      Mr. McLelan then moved, by way of amendment, that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of adding to the fifth clause thereof the following proviso:  
“Provided that twenty or more freeholders not interested in the railway damages shall be authorized, if they think fit, to appoint in writing an attorney to act for the county in striking the jury, instead of the clerk of the peace.”
- And negatived      Which amendment being seconded, and the question put thereon, passed in the negative.
- Bill recommitted      The hon. attorney general then moved, by way of amendment, that the bill be recommitted to a committee of the whole house, for the purpose of striking out of the seventh section thereof the words “as well of the relative benefit as injury done to the property by the construction of such railways,” and inserting instead of such words the following words: “of such damages as well prospective as present, including loss from delay of payment; and also shall consider the relative benefit as well as injury done to the property by the construction of the railway.”  
Which last amendment being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.
- Committee on bills      And accordingly, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills, for the purpose of making such alteration in the seventh section of the bill.  
Mr. Speaker left the chair.  
Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
- 7th clause amended      The chairman reported from the committee that they had considered the seventh section of such bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill; and he delivered the bill, with the amendment, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.  
*Ordered*, That the seventh section, as amended, be engrossed.
- Amendment to 12th section passed      The question being again propounded from the chair that such bill do pass and be sent to the council for concurrence,  
The hon. attorney general moved, by way of further amendment thereto, that the following

following words be inserted after the word "appraisement," in the twelfth section :  
 "together with interest for any delay of payment after the instalments become due."

Which amendment being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

*Ordered*, That the twelfth section be amended accordingly.

Mr. McLelan then moved, by way of further amendment, that the house do come to the following resolution :

Amendment to section 14 moved

*Whereas* the assessment for railway damages on moveable property, much of which will either have passed away or will receive no benefit from such railway before such assessment takes place, is not in accordance with justice. *And whereas*, while the value of property improves a little on the location and commencement of a railway, yet its extent is little noticed in the common valuation of property for rates until the road is completed, and the standard value of such property settled by the market price thereof by frequent sales :

*Resolved therefore*, That until such standard value is settled, assessments for railway damages should be made separate and distinct, reference being had solely to the benefits each owner of property, and not the possessor, is likely to receive from such railway, to be ascertained by a sliding scale to be regulated by the assessors in proportion to the distance of such property from a depot, and that the bill be recommitted for the purpose of establishing a separate and distinct assessment for railway damages on the property to be benefitted by such railway.

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

And lost on division

*For the amendment.*

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Killam,  
 " White,  
 " Chipman,  
 " Rinhard,  
 " Gilderd,  
 " Chambers,  
 " McLelan,  
 " Archibald,  
 " Dimock,  
 " Morrison,  
 " Wier,  
 " Robecheau.

Mr. Ryder,  
 Hon. Fin. Sec.  
 Mr. Bill,  
 " Churchill,  
 " Parker,  
 " Moses,  
 " McClearn,  
 Hon. Mr. McKinnon,  
 Mr. Bailey,  
 Hon. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Thorne,  
 " McFarlane,  
 Hon. C. J. Campbell,

Mr. Henry,  
 " Webster,  
 Hon. Pro. Sec.  
 Hon Atty. Genl.  
 Mr. Esson,  
 " Tobin,  
 " Smyth,  
 Hon. Sol. Genl.  
 Mr. Young,  
 " Whitman,  
 Hon. Mr. Howe,  
 Mr. Bent.

So it passed in the negative.

The hon. attorney general then moved that the 14th section of the bill be amended by adding thereto the following proviso :

Amendment to section 14 passed

" Provided that every tenant of real estate for any term less than freehold, who shall pay a rate under this act, shall be entitled to deduct from the rent payable by him to his landlord, or otherwise to recover from the owner of the estate so much of the rate paid by him as has been imposed upon him in respect of the real estate."

Which amendment being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

*Ordered*, That the fourteenth section be amended accordingly.

Mr. Archibald then moved, by way of amendment, that the bill be recommitted, for the purpose of striking out the twenty-fourth section thereof.

Motion to recommit to strike out section 24

Which amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, sixteen ; against it, sixteen.

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in favor of the amendment.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Carried by speaker's casting vote

And

- Committee on bills      And accordingly,  
The house resolved itself into a committee on bills.  
Mr. Speaker left the chair.  
Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
- Report progress      The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of the proposed alteration in the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages.
- Ordered,* That the road scales be presented to morrow.
- Ordered,* That Mr. Churchill have leave of absence after to-morrow, on urgent private business.
- Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at ten of the clock.

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TUESDAY, 21st APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

- Bills read 2nd time      The following bills were read a second time, viz. : the engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively,
- Digby roads      An act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby
- Garloch church      An act to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house.
- Safe Harbor pier      An act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company.
- And referred to private bills committee      *Ordered,* That the bills be referred to the committee on private bills.
- Implementing government bill, read 2nd time and referred to law committee      The council's bill to enable private persons to implead the provincial government, was also read a second time.  
*Ordered,* That the bill be referred to the committee on certain bills effecting amendments in the laws, to examine and report thereon with amendments or otherwise.
- Digby steamer bill, read 3rd time      An engrossed bill to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steam boat company, was read a third time.
- And passed      *Resolved,* That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steam boat company.  
*Ordered,* That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and desire their concurrence.
- Bras d'Or church bill, amendments agreed to      The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, were read a second time, and considered by the house.  
And thereupon, on motion,  
*Resolved,* That such amendments be agreed to.  
*Ordered,* That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.
- Leave of absence      *Ordered,* That Mr. Locke have leave of absence after Thursday next, on urgent private business.
- Private bills committee report without amendment  
Digby roads  
Safe Harbor pier  
Garloch church bill with amendment      Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the council's bills, entitled, respectively, an act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby ; and an act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company, and had directed him to report the same to the house, without any amendment ; and that they had also considered the council's bill, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house, and had made amendments thereto, which amendments



ments they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill—and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

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

Bills committed

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

Agriculture committee report

(See appendix No. 76.)

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

Report adopted, and referred to supply

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

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

Council desire conference

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Committee of conference appointed

*Ordered*, That Mr. Tobin, the hon. solicitor and the hon. Mr. Howe be a committee to manage such conference.

So they went to the conference.

And being returned,

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

Who report

Mr. Young reported from the committee on education; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Education committee report

(See appendix No. 77.)

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

Received and referred to supply

Mr. Young also reported from the same committee by bill; and thereupon, delivered to the house a bill to continue and amend the laws relating to education; and a bill to amend the act to establish a normal school; and such bills were severally read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.

Education bills reported by committee  
Education law continuance, and normal school bills, read twice and committed

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

Mr. Young, from the committee appointed in the last session to superintend the refitting of the assembly room, and the rooms adjacent thereto, reported the accounts and vouchers connected with the expenditure incurred in such service; and thereupon delivered such accounts and vouchers in at the clerk's table.

Report of committee to superintend refitting of assembly room

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee of supply.

Referred to supply

On motion of Mr. McKeagney,

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-nine pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, granted for the road service in the years 1855 and 1856 in the county of Cape Breton, and unappropriated, viz :

Change of appropriation, Cape Breton

1855.	No. 2,	£10	0	0
	78,	5	0	0
	88,	0	9	7
	104,	0	0	9
	109,	15	0	0

1856	No. 79,	£2	0	5
	133,	4	2	1
	142,	3	3	8
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		£39	16	6

Be applied to the road and bridge service in said county for the present year.

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

Change of appropriation, school moneys, Shelburne

On motion of Mr. Locke,

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds granted for the grammar school in the eastern district of Shelburne, and undrawn, be appropriated to the common school fund for that district.

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

Crown land committee report

Mr. Archibald reported from the committee on the crown lands; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 78.)

Referred to supply

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

Report of committee on petition of J. T. Lane

Mr. Henry reported from the committee on the petition of John Thomas Lane; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 79.)

Referred to supply

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

Committee on bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported without amendment

Bridgewater school house, Cape Sable bridge, Canso road

Registry of ships

Supreme court

Digby roads and Safe Harbor pier, with amendment railway damages bill

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain; the bill to authorize the sale of the school house at Bridgewater; the bill to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne; the bill to provide for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso; the bill to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships; the bill to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers;" and the council's bills, entitled, respectively, an act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby; and an act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company—and had directed him to report such bills, severally, to the house without amendment; and that they had considered the twenty-fourth section of the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendment to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

*Ordered*, That the bills reported without amendment, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the amendment to the bill to authorize assessments for railway damages be engrossed.

Digby roads and Safe Harbor pier bills agreed

*Resolved*, That the engrossed bills from the council, entitled, respectively, an act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby; and an act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company, do severally pass, and be agreed to by this house.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bills back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.

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

WEDNESDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Webster reported from the committee to whom were referred certain bills and petitions relating to the patent laws; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Patent law committee report

(See appendix No. 80.)

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

Received and laid on table

And thereupon, Mr. Webster delivered to the house the bills referred to the committee, namely, the bill to amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes, "of patents for useful inventions;" the bill to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent, and the bill to enable Peter Cato and others to obtain letters patent, which the committee had directed him to report back to the house without amendment, for the consideration of the principle thereof.

Bills reported by com.

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

Bills committed

An engrossed bill to authorize the sale of the school house at Bridgewater, was read a third time.

Bills read 3rd time  
Bridgewater school house

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize the sale of the school house at Bridgewater.

An engrossed bill to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable, in the county of Shelburne, was read a third time.

Cape Sable bridge

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne.

An engrossed bill for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso, was read a third time.

Canso road

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso.

An engrossed bill to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships, was read a third time.

Registry of ships

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers," was read a third time.

Supreme court

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers."

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

Bills sent to council

On motion of Mr. Wade,

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds, granted in aid of Everitt's wharf, Saint Mary's Bay, in the county of Digby, in the year 1853, and undrawn, be applied to aid in building a breakwater at the sea wall, in the county of Digby, upon the inhabitants complying with the terms now in force regulating grants to breakwaters.

On motion of Mr. White,

*Resolved*, That the following sums, granted for the road and bridge service in the county of Shelburne, in the year 1856, viz. :

No. 9,	0 0 6
60,	40 0 0
75,	0 0 3
78,	6 0 0
92,	8 0 0
94,	0 0 8
117,	0 17 9
120,	0 2 3
	£55 1 5

Amounting to fifty-five pounds one shilling and five pence, and remaining undrawn in the treasury, be appropriated to the road and bridge service of said county in the present year.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the foregoing resolutions to the council, and desire their concurrence.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to change a polling place in the county of Pictou, were read a second time, and considered by the house.

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such amendments be agreed to, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, fourteen; against it, fourteen.

Whereupon, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote against the resolution. So it passed in the negative.

And accordingly,

*Resolved*, That such amendments be not agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house do not agree to such amendment.

The honorable provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house certain accounts and vouchers connected with a claim of John Comerford, of Sydney, to be reimbursed the expense of maintaining certain shipwrecked seamen of the ship *Britannia*.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of immigrants and shipwrecked seamen, to examine the same, and make a supplemental report thereon.

A petition of owners of real estate in the city of Halifax, was presented by Mr. Tobin and read, praying the house not to pass any bill to impose on the real estate of the city of Halifax, a proportion of the expense of constructing railways in this province.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment; and that they had also gone through the bill to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax; and the council's bill to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house, and had made amendments to such bills, respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bills; and he delivered

Change of appropriation of Shelburne road moneys

Sent to council

Council's amendment to Pictou polling place

Disagreed to by casting vote

Claim for wrecked seamen's expenses, presented

Referred to immigrant committee

Petition against Halifax railway assessment bill

Referred to committee on bills

Committee on bills

Bills reported

Assessment bill without amendment

Halifax railway assessment, and Garloch church bills with amendments

delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the two last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

*Ordered*, That the bill to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax, reported with amendments, be engrossed.

Order to engross Halifax railway assessment bill

*Ordered*, That the amendment to the council's engrossed bill to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house, be engrossed.

Upon the usual question being propounded from the chair, in relation to the bill to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessments, reported without amendment, that the same be fairly engrossed,

Amendment to assessment bill moved

Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the house do come to the following resolution :

*Whereas* the establishing of a standard board of appraisers, while it adds unnecessary expense and trouble to counties, is unfair to townships and settlements, from which no member of such standing board shall be chosen, and is also unfair to resident appraisers by giving to the standing board a power to override the decisions of such resident appraisers :

*Therefore resolved*, That the clause authorizing the establishing of a standing board of appraisers, be struck out of the bill.

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

And lost on division

*For the amendment.*

Hon. Mr. Howe,  
Mr. Bill,  
" Rinhard,  
" McLelan,  
" Brown,  
" Webster,  
" Young,  
" Bailey,  
" Chipman,  
" Smyth.

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Henry,	Mr. Annand,
Hon. J. Campbell,	" Chambers,
" Sol. Gen'l.,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
Mr. Thorne,	Mr. Killam,
" Bent,	Hon. Att'y. Gen'l.,
Hon. Mr. McKinnon,	" Fin. Sec.,
Mr. Bourneuf,	Mr. Whitman,
" McFarlane,	" Tobin,
" Parker,	" Ryder,
" Archibald,	" Esson.
" Wade,	

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Smyth then moved that the bill be recommitted, for the purpose of inserting a clause providing that the operation of this act, and of the act of which it is an amendment, shall not extend to the county of Inverness.

Motion to recommit

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

Lost on division

The original resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house ; and thereupon,

Original resolution passed

*Ordered*, That the bill to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessments, be engrossed.

Order to engross

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments to procure fire engines ; the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax ; and the bill, entitled, an act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture, with amendments to such bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Bills amended  
Fire engines  
Halifax assessments,  
Noxious weeds

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie, as now amended.

Bras d'Or church bill agreed to as amended

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Amendments to Pictou polling place bill not adhered to

The council do not adhere to the amendments proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to change a polling place in the county of Pictou, but agree to such bill as originally sent up.

Council's Digby Neck iron company bill

The council have not agreed to the amendments proposed by this honorable house to the bill, entitled, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth.

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the union iron mining company of Digby county, to which bill they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Mines and minerals, resolution amended

The council have agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, authorizing a delegation to England on the subject of the mines and minerals of the province, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Railway damage bill, read 3rd time

An engrossed bill to authorize assessments for railway damages, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Submarine telegraph bill, read 3rd time

An engrossed bill to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain, was read a third time.

And passed on division

And the usual question being propounded from the chair, that such bill do pass and be sent to the council for concurrence, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-two ; against it, twenty-one.

*For the resolution.*

Mr. Martell,	Mr. Parker,
" Munro,	" Gilderd,
" Hyde,	" Chambers,
" Chipman,	" Morrison,
" McKenzie,	" Locke,
" McDonald,	" Wier,
" Bourneuf,	" Dimock,
" Henry,	" Young,
" Archibald,	" White,
" Robertson,	" Annand,
Hon. Mr. Howe,	" Bailey.

*Against the resolution.*

Mr. Wade,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
" Moses,	Mr. McLelan,
" Brown,	" McFarlane,
Hon. J. Campbell,	Hon. Att'y. Gen'l.,
Mr. Bent,	Mr. Tobin,
" Thorne,	" Whitman,
Hon. Mr. McKinnon,	" Smyth,
Mr. Bill,	" Webster,
" Rinhard,	" Robecheau,
Hon. Fin. Sec.,	" Ryder.
Mr. Killam,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Bills sent to council

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

Halifax assessment bill amendments read

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, were read a first time, and are as follow :

Council's amendments

*First clause.*

5th line. Instead of the word " ten" insert the word " eight."

*Third clause.*

10th line. After the word " specified" leave out the remainder of the clause.

*Fifth clause.*

1st and 2nd lines. Leave out the words " the city council shall deem."

3rd line. Instead of the words " to be or to have" insert the words " shall be absent or."

4th line. Leave out the words " or otherwise."

6th line. Instead of the word " they" insert the words " the city council."

*Sixth clause.*

9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th lines. Leave out the words, "the city council shall have power at any time to remove from office any city assessor at their discretion."

*Eighth clause.*

2nd & 3rd lines. Instead of the words "be sworn" insert the words "make oath in writing."

*Twelfth clause.*

8th line. Instead of the word "two" insert the word "five."

*Thirteenth clause.*

Leave out this clause.

*Fourteenth clause.*

At the end of the clause add the following words, "and all monies belonging to the inhabitants of the city invested in public or private securities, either within this province or otherwise."

*Sixteenth clause.*

3rd line. After the word "firm" insert the words "for partnership property."

*Eighteenth clause.*

21st line. After the word "industry" insert the words "house of refuge."

28th line. After the word "institution" insert the words "and all provincial de-  
bentures."

*Twenty-second clause.*

33rd line. Instead of the word "ten" insert the word "fifty."

*Twenty-fourth clause.*

3rd line. Leave out the words "so within the city."

24th line. Leave out the words "in the city."

*Twenty-fifth clause*

8th line. Leave out the words "within the city."

11th & 12th lines. Leave out the words "within the city of Halifax."

34th line. After the word "rated" insert the words "upon oath made of the fact."

47th & 48th lines. Leave out the words "within the city."

*Twenty-sixth clause.*

35th line. Leave out the words "in this city."

39th line. After the word "income" insert the words "as deponent verily be-  
lieves"—and thereupon,

*Resolved*, That this house cannot consider such proposed amendments to the first, third, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, sixteenth, eighteenth, twenty-second, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth clauses, respectively, as the same refer to the imposition of taxes in the city of Halifax, and are therefore contrary to the privileges of this house.

House refuse to con-  
sider amendments as  
being inconsistent with  
privileges

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the bill and amendments be deferred until this day three months.

And bill deferred

The amendments proposed by the council to the resolution, authorising a delegation to England on the subject of the mines and minerals of the province, were read a first time, and are as follow:

Council's amend'ments  
to delegation resolution  
read

2nd line. Instead of the word "house" insert the word "legislature."

11th line. Instead of the words "this house" insert the word "legislature."

15th line. Instead of the words "this house," insert the word "therein."

And thereupon,

Resolved,

And not considered,  
being inconsistent with  
privileges

*Resolved*, That this house cannot consider such amendments inasmuch as the amendment by the council of a resolution of this house is contrary to the privileges of the house; and also, inasmuch as such amendments are proposed to a resolution, authorizing the government to advance the expenses of a delegation to England, and are therefore contrary to the privileges of this house.

Second delegation re-  
solution moved

The honorable attorney general then moved that the house do come to the following resolution:

*Whereas*, the correspondence laid before the legislature on the subject of the mines and minerals of the province, leads to the hope that this question may at length be terminated by a satisfactory compromise:

*Resolved therefore*, That if the provincial government shall find it necessary for effecting a satisfactory compromise of this question to employ commissioners, the legislature does authorize the selection, by the provincial government, of two members, prominently representing the different views held therein on the subject, who shall have power to effect a settlement of the controversy, provided both of the commissioners shall agree thereto, subject to the ratification of the legislature; and this house will provide for the expense.

Which being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house.

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

Council's amendment  
to fire engine and  
noxious weeds bills  
read

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments to procure fire engines, and the bill, entitled, an act for the destruction of weeds, injurious to agriculture, were read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Digby iron company  
bill read

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the union iron mining company, of Digby county was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

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

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THURSDAY, 23rd APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

Message

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:

Mr. Speaker,

African church, and  
E. Tupper's patent bills

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the trustees of the African methodist episcopal Zion's church, in Halifax; and a bill, entitled, an act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain letters patent for the invention of a machine for the manufactory of shingles, to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

2 changes of appropri-  
ation agreed to

The council have agreed to two resolutions of this honorable house, changing the appropriation of certain moneys in favor of schools in the county of Shelburne.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Council's bills read 1st  
time

The engrossed bills from the council, entitled respectively, an act to incorporate the trustees of the African episcopal methodist Zion's church in Halifax, and an act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain letters patent for the invention of a machine for the manufactory of shingles, were severally read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

On



On motion of Mr. Whitman,

*Resolved*, That the following sums, remaining undrawn for the road and bridge service for the county of Annapolis, be added to the general grant of service for cross roads, and be re-appropriated by the members for the county of Annapolis, viz. :

Change of appropriation. Annapolis

No. 130,	1855,	£ 5 0 0
132,	“	5 0 0
140,	“	5 19 3
Unappropriated,	“	15 10 10
No. 16,	1856,	0 0 6
Unappropriated,	“	17 0 0
No. 154,	“	0 7 6
155,	“	12 6 5
157,	“	0 5 6
Unappropriated,	“	11 19 10
		£73 9 10

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

Mr. McDonald reported from the committee on public printing; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of printing com.

(See appendix No. 81.)

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply.

Referred to supply

The hon. attorney general, from the committee to whom were referred certain bills effecting amendments in the law, reported that they had considered the council's bill to enable private persons to implead the provincial government, and had directed him to recommend to the house that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until next session; that they had also considered the bill to amend the new practice act; the bill from the council to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, "of interest;" the bill to extend the provisions of the new practice act; the bill from the council for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women; the bill to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts;" and the bill from the council to amend the new practice act,—and had made amendments to such bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house, with the bills; and that they had also considered the bills from the council to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court;" and the bill from the council for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders, except in the city of Halifax,—and had directed him to report the same back to the house without amendment, for the consideration of the house, upon the general principle of such bills respectively; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the several bills amended by the committee, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Law committee, report bills, viz.

Impleading government to be deferred

6 bills amended, viz.

Practice act amend't.

Interest

Practice act extension

Married women

Execution debts

Council's practice amendment

2 bills reported to consider principle, viz.

Probate court and petty offences

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill to enable private persons to implead the provincial government, be deferred until next session.

Impleading government bill, deferred

*Ordered*, That the council's bill to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court;" and the council's bill for the more summary trial and punishment of petty offences and juvenile offenders, except in the city of Halifax, reported back without amendment—and the following bills, namely, the bill to amend the new practice act, the council's bill to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, "of interest," and the council's bill for the better protection of the estates and rights of married women, reported with amendments, together with the amendments to such three last mentioned bills respectively, be again committed to a committee of the whole house.

Bills recommitted

New practice act extension committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the bill to extend the provisions of the new practice act, reported with amendments, be committed to a committee of the whole house, together with such amendments.
Bills read 2nd time	The following bills, reported with amendments, were read a second time.
Execution debts	A bill to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts;" and,
Council's practice amendment	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act.
Bills committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the two last mentioned bills be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Garloch church bill read 3rd time	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to authorize the sale of the Garloch and New Larig meeting house, was read a third time, with the amendments made thereto.
And agreed to	<i>Resolved</i> , That such bill be agreed to, and do pass this house, with such amendments.
	<i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto, with such amendments.
Digby iron company bill, read 2nd time	The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the union iron mining company of Digby county, was read a second time.
And committed	<i>Ordered</i> , That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole house.
Read 3rd time and passed Halifax railway assess.	An engrossed bill to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax, was read a third time.
	<i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax.
And general assessment bills	An engrossed bill to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, was read a third time.
	<i>Resolved</i> , That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment.
Bills sent to council	<i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the bills to the council and desire their concurrence.
Council's amendments to noxious weeds bill read	The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture; were read a second time, and considered by the house.
	And thereupon, on motion,
1st and 2nd amendment agreed to	<i>Resolved</i> , That such amendments, except the third, be agreed to.
	The third of such amendments being read, is as follows:
	"At the end of the bill, add the following clause—
	In those counties where the general sessions have been held, a special general sessions may be summoned to meet at the court house to make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this act."
3rd amendment amended	And thereupon, on motion,
	<i>Resolved</i> , That such amendment be amended by striking out the word "general" after the word "special" in such added clause.
	<i>Ordered</i> , That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolution.
Message	A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton:
	Mr. Speaker,
Bills agreed to	The council have agreed to the bills, entitled, respectively, as follows, namely:— an act to authorize the sale of the school house at Bridgewater; an act to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne; an act to provide for improving the road from Crow Harbor to Canso; an act to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships; and an act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers," without any amendments.
Bridgewater school-house	
Cape Sable bridge	
Canso road	
Registry of ships	
Supreme court	

The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, authorizing a delegation to England on the subject of the mines and minerals. And then the messenger withdrew.

Delegation resolution agreed to

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had considered the bill to amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes, "of patents for useful inventions," and had directed him to recommend to the house that the further consideration thereof be deferred until the next session; that they had gone through the bill to amend the new practice act; the bill to amend the act to establish a normal school, and the council's bill to incorporate the union iron mining company of Digby county, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the bill to amend the act for the municipal government of counties, and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bills reported  
Patent bill to be deferred

Practice act amended

Normal school

Digby iron company with amendment

Municipal incorporation bills, with amendments

*Ordered,* That the further consideration of the bill to amend chapter 120 of the revised statutes, "of patents for useful inventions," be deferred until the next session.

Patent bill deferred

*Ordered,* That the bills reported without amendments be engrossed.

The usual question being propounded from the chair, in relation to the act for the municipal government of counties, that the same be fairly engrossed,

Amendment moved to municipal incorporation bill

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

*Whereas* the majority on the poll books against the municipal incorporation act in several counties in this province in 1856 shews that some better guard is necessary to prevent counties from being put to expense and trouble when there is not a reasonable prospect of the act being accepted by the people:

*Therefore resolved,* That the bill be recommitted for the purpose of requiring that one-twentieth part of the population of each county, according to the last census, should require the sheriff to call the meeting prescribed by the first section of the act for the municipal government of counties.

Which being seconded, and the question put thereon, there appeared for the amendment, seven; against it, nineteen.

And lost on division

*For the amendment.*

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Gilderd,  
" Dimock,  
" Archibald,  
" Chambers,  
" Webster,  
" McLelan,  
" Morrison.

Mr. Brown,  
" Ryder,  
" Thorne,  
" Bill,  
" Smyth,  
" McClearn,  
" Bent,

Hon. Fin. Sec.  
Hon. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Tobin,  
" Parker,  
" Killam,  
Hon. Atty. Genl.  
Mr. Bourneuf,

Mr. Wade,  
Hon. Mr. Howe,  
Mr. Whitman,  
" Young,  
" Esson.

So it passed in the negative.

The original resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

And accordingly,

*Ordered,* That the bill be engrossed.

Order to engross

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the union iron mining company of Digby county, was read a third time.

Digby iron company, bill read 3rd time

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved,* that such bill be agreed to.

And agreed to

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bill.

Inland navigation company bill

Mr. Tobin, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Report of committee on dispensary, &c.

Mr. Webster reported from the committee on the subject of aid to the Halifax dispensary and house of refuge; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 82.)

Referred to supply

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

*Ordered*, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.

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

FRIDAY, 24th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Read 2nd time

African church, and inland navigation company bills, and referred to private bills committee

The following bills were read a second time :

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the African methodist episcopal Zion church in Halifax.

A bill in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company.

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

Halifax city assessment bill read twice

Mr. Tobin, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to alter and amend the act concerning the city of Halifax; and the same was read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.

And committed

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

Committee on bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Bills reported without amendments  
Physic and surgery

Execution debts

Council's practice amendment, and colonial church

With amendments  
Bessemer's patent

And statute labor

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to amend chapter 22 of the acts of 1856, entitled, an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, "of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery; the bill to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes," of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts; the bill from the council to amend the new practice act, with the amendments thereto reported from the select committee; and the bill from the council to incorporate the Halifax corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society,—and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the bill to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent; and the bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, and had made amendments to such bills respectively, which they had directed him to report to the house, with the bills; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the two last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Orders to engross

*Ordered*, That the bill to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts," be engrossed.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the amendments to the two bills from the council, reported from the committee, be engrossed.

The usual question being propounded from the chair, in relation to the bill to amend chapter 22 of the acts of 1856, entitled, an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, "of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery," that the same be fairly engrossed,

Motion to defer physic and surgery bill

The hon. Mr. Howe moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the further consideration of such bill be deferred until the next session.

Which being seconded, and the question put thereon, there appeared for the motion, nineteen; against it, twenty.

Lost on division

So it passed in the negative.

The original resolution was then upon, the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

And thereupon,

*Ordered*, That the bill be engrossed.

And bill ordered to be engrossed

The usual question being propounded from the chair, in relation to the bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, that the same be fairly engrossed,

Amendments to highway labor bill

Mr. McLelan moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the bill be recommitted, for the purpose of adding thereto the following clause :

"All statute labor required from any individual under this act over eight days in any one year, shall be paid in money, and by the overseer paid to the county treasurer, to be expended on those roads in the county most requiring the same in the opinion of the general sessions of the peace for the county."

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

1st amendment  
Lost on division

*For the amendment.*

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. Gilderd,  
 " Wade,  
 " Riuhard,  
 " Munro,  
 Hon. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Bailey,  
 " McKenzie,  
 " Thorne,  
 " McLelan,  
 Hon. Att'y. Gen'l.,  
 " Fin. Sec.,  
 Mr. Bourneuf,  
 " Whitman,  
 " Esson.

Mr. McClearn,	Mr. Dimock,
" Moses,	" Robertson,
Hon. Mr. McKinnon,	" Webster,
Mr. McDonald,	Hon. Mr. Howe,
" Bill,	Mr Young,
" Tobin,	" Morrison,
" Killam,	" Chipman,
" Henry,	" Ryder,
Hon. Sol. Gen'l.,	" Parker,
Mr. Archibald,	" Brown,
" Chambers,	" Annand.
" White,	
" McFarlane,	
" Wier,	

So it passed in the negative.

The hon. financial secretary then moved, by way of amendment to the original question, that the bill be recommitted, for the purpose of adding thereto the following clause :

Second amendment  
Lost on division

"This act shall only come into operation in those counties and districts in which it shall be adopted on the presentment of the grand jury, and by a vote of a majority of the general sessions of the peace."

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

*For the amendment.*

Mr. Gilderd, Hon. Fin. Sec.,  
 " Wade, " Att'y. Gen'l,  
 " Rinhard, Mr. McFarlane,  
 " Munro, " White,  
 Hon. J. Campbell, " Bourneuf,  
 Mr. Bailey, " Whitman,  
 " McKenzie, " Smyth,  
 " Thorne, " Robecheau,  
 " McLelan,

*Against the amendment.*

Mr. McClearn, Mr. Dimock,  
 " Moses, " Robertson,  
 Hon. Mr. McKinnon, " Webs'er,  
 Mr. Bill, Hon. Mr. Howe,  
 " Bent, Mr. Young,  
 " Tobin, " Morrison,  
 " Henry, " Chipman,  
 " Killam, " Ryder,  
 " Martell, " Parker,  
 Hon. Sol. General, " Esson,  
 Mr. Archibald, " Brown,  
 " Chambers, " Annand,  
 " Wier, " Fuller.

So it passed in the negative.

Motion to defer  
 Lost on division

Mr. Wade then moved, by way of amendment to the original question, that the further consideration of the bill be deferred until the next session.

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

So it passed in the negative.

Original question carried

The original resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

And thereupon,

Order to engross

*Ordered,* That the bill be engrossed.

Amendment moved to defer Bessemer's patent, bill

The usual question being propounded from the chair in relation to the bill to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent, that the bill be fairly engrossed,

The hon. attorney general moved by way of amendment thereto, the following resolution :

" Inasmuch as this house has declined to act on the general policy of extending the patent law : therefore resolved, that the further consideration of the bill be deferred until the next session."

Lost on division

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

So it passed in the negative.

Original question agreed to

The original resolution was then upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house.

And thereupon,

Order to engross

*Ordered,* That the bill be engrossed.

Amendments to fire engines bill agreed to

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill to authorize assessments for fire engines, were read a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved,* That such amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments

Council's practice bill read 3rd time and passed with amendments

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act, was read a third time, with the amendments made thereto.

*Resolved,* That the bill, with the amendments, do pass.

Council's colonial church bill passed with amendments

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to incorporate the Halifax corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society, was read a third time, with the amendments made thereto.

*Resolved,* That the bill, with the amendments, do pass.

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the two foregoing bills back to the council, and acquaint them that the house have agreed thereto, with such amendments.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the expenses of sick immigrants and wrecked seamen, presented to the house a supplemental report upon the claim of John Comeford; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Supplemental report  
of immigrant coun.

(See appendix No. 37—part 2.)

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

Referred to supply

The council's bill to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain letters patent, for the invention of a machine for the manufactory of shingles, was read a second time.

Tupper patent bill  
read 2nd time and  
committed

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

Mr. Fuller reported from the committee on the petition of Edward Dakin; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee  
on petition of E. Dakin

(See appendix No. 83.)

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

Report adopted

Mr. Wade reported from the committee on private bills, that they had considered the council's bill to incorporate the trustees of the African methodist episcopal Zion's church in Halifax; and the bill for the further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendments; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Private bills reported  
African church  
Inland navigation com-  
pany

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

Bills committed

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they gone through the bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company; the council's bill to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court;" the bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors, and harbor masters;" the bill in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company; and the bill to alter and amend the act concerning the city of Halifax,—and had directed him to report such bills to the house, severally without amendment; and he delivered the bills in at the clerk's table.

Bills reported without  
amendment  
Musquodoboit naviga-  
tion company  
Pilotage  
Inland navigation com-  
pany  
Halifax city assessment

*Ordered*, That the bills, except the council's bill to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," be engrossed.

Order to engross

*Ordered*, That Mr. Whitman have leave of absence after Monday next, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

*Ordered*, That the road scales be presented to-morrow.

Road scales

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

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 SATURDAY, 25th APRIL, 1857.
 

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## PRAYERS.

On motion of the hon. C. J. Campbell,

Change of appropriation  
Schools, Victoria

*Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds, allowed for the grammar schools in the county of Victoria in 1856, and undrawn, be added to the common school fund of that county for this year.

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

Change of appropriation.  
Colchester roads

*Resolved*, That the sums following, remaining undrawn from the last year's road moneys for the county of Colchester, viz. :

No. 35,	£ 9 1 6
191,	16 7 6
194,	0 5 6
Nos. 4, 32, 80, 104, 189 and 207,	0 14 10
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	£17 9 4

Be appropriated as follows, viz. :

To pay David McCurdy, for over-expenditure at North River bridge,	£1 19 0
To pay Wm. Faulkner, for examining bridge,	1 11 3
To complete embankment at Truro bridge,	13 4 9
To pay over-expenditure on bridge near McElmun's,	0 14 4
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	£17 9 4

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

Bills read 3rd time, and passed

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 22 of the acts of 1856, entitled, an act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, "of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery," was read a third time.

Physic and surgery

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery.

Musquodoboit river navigation company

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company.

Bessemer's patent

An engrossed bill to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent.

Highway labor

An engrossed bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, was read third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to regulate the performance of labor on the highways.

Practice amendment

An engrossed bill to amend the new practice act, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the new practice act.

Pilotage

An engrossed bill to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes, "of pilotage, harbors and harbor masters." An



An engrossed bill to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts," was read a third time. Execution debts

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts."

An engrossed bill in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company, was read a third time. Inland navigation company

And the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill do pass and be sent to the council for concurrence,

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

*Resolved*, That this bill be deferred until this day three months, and that the government be authorized to give a perfect title of the canal property to the inland navigation company, upon their paying into the receiver general's office the sum borrowed from the government last year. Resolution to defer, moved

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, six ; against it, thirty-one. And lost on division

So it passed in the negative.

The original resolution was then, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the house Bill passed

And accordingly,

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company.

An engrossed bill to alter and amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, was read a third time. Halifax city assessments

And the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill do pass and be sent to the council for concurrence,

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

*Whereas* the bill now under consideration includes in the personal estate liable to assessment in Halifax, "all moneys belonging to the inhabitants of the city invested in public or private securities, either within this province or elsewhere," and it is proper to equalize the taxation upon this principle, and to render it more uniform and just : Amendment moved

*Resolved therefore*, That there shall also be added, as liable to assessment, "all incomes arising from any profession, office, trade or employment within the city," and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Which being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house. Bill amended

*Ordered*, That the bill be amended accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the bill, as amended, do pass, and that the title be, an act to alter and amend the act concerning the city of Halifax. And passed

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the nine foregoing bills to the council, and desire their concurrence. Bills sent to council

Mr. Parker, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to provide for building a bridge over Five-mile River, in the county of Hants ; and the same was read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time. Five mile river bridge bill, read twice and committed

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

Mr. Annand reported from the committee on the damage done to lands by the opening of new roads through them ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Land damages committee report

(See appendix No. 84.)

And thereupon,

On motion of Mr. Annand, *resolved*, that such report be adopted by the house. Adopted

- Referred to supply *Resolved*, That such parts of the report as require to be passed upon in committee of supply, be referred to such committee for that purpose.
- And agreements, &c. confirmed *Resolved*, That such agreements and appraisements, or portions thereof, recommended for adoption in such report, as have been made agreeably to law be confirmed.
- Message A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton.  
Mr. Speaker,
- Agreed to amend to amendment to noxious weeds bill The council have agreed to the amendment proposed by this honorable house, to the third amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture.
- Eleven changes of appropriation The council have also agreed to eleven resolutions of this honorable house, changing the appropriation of road moneys.
- And resolutions as to changes in departments and examination of public accounts The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, authorizing certain changes in the board of works, and the offices of the excise and of the receiver general, and to a resolution of this honorable house, authorizing the appointment of the commissioners to examine the public accounts, and report thereon.  
And then the messenger withdrew.
- Noxious weeds bill passed as amended On motion, *resolved*, that the bill, entitled, an act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture, be now finally agreed to as amended.  
*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill as now amended back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto.
- committee of supply On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply.  
Mr. Speaker left the chair.  
Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.  
Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.
- Report 36 resolutions The chairman reported from the committee that they had made further progress, and had come to thirty-six resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table.  
The chairman also acquainted the house, that he was directed by the committee to move for leave to sit again on the consideration of the supply, to which the house agreed.
- Resolutions read The resolutions reported from the committee were then read, and are as follow :
- £175, Sydney steamer 1<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be paid upon sufficient proof that a suitable steamboat has been run from Sydney through the Bras d'Or to Baddeck twice a week during the season, upon condition that the judges on circuit be conveyed in such boat from Sydney to Baddeck, and thence to Whycomah, free of expense.
- Postage, public departments 2<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as will be sufficient to repay the amount advanced from the treasury, to defray the expense of postage of the public departments during the past year.
- £15, E. Joyce 3<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to Edward Joyce' deputy serjeant at arms to the house of assembly, in addition to his salary for the present session.
- £250 stip., governor's secretary 4<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as will provide for the remuneration of a private secretary for the present year, at the rate of two hundred and fifty pounds sterling per annum.
- Road casualties 5<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That if any of the bridges or main post roads of this province shall be unexpectedly destroyed or obstructed by any accident or obstacle, the governor may order a commissioner to rebuild or repair such bridge, or remove such obstruction, and may draw warrants on the treasury for the amounts expended in favor of such commissioner; but the whole amount so expended during the year shall not exceed one thousand

sand pounds, and the respective sums so drawn shall be charged at the next session of the assembly as against the several counties in which the same shall have been expended.

6<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be expended in providing for the reporting and publication of the decisions of the supreme court. £100, supreme court reports

7<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty-three pounds two shillings and one penny be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to repay that amount advanced by order of the government in 1855, for inspecting a road in the counties of Sydney and Guysborough. £43 2s. 1d., survey Guysborough road

8<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fourteen pounds seven shillings and ten pence be granted and paid to James Murdoch, and twelve pounds and four shillings to Patrick Gough, to reimburse them for expenses incurred in suits instituted by them as wardens of the river fisheries for the county of Queen's, pursuant to the report of the committee on their petition. £26 11s. 10d., fishery warden expenses

9<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to enable him to keep a half-way house between Liverpool and Nictaux, pursuant to the report of the committee on the subject of his petition. £15, G. Merry

10<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to John Nelson, to enable him to maintain a half-way house between Musquodoboit and Saint Mary's, in the county of Guysborough, pursuant to the report of the committee on the subject of his petition. £15, J. Nelson

11<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to Valentine Munro, to enable him to keep a half-way house between Liverpool and Annapolis, pursuant to the report of the committee on his petition. £15, V. Munro

12<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of two pounds and ten shillings each, be granted and paid to Thomas Pass and William Bowlan, for maintaining seamen wrecked on Cape North, from the British ship Britannia, and three pounds eight shillings and nine pence to John Thomson, for keeping four seamen, wrecked from schooner Hope, at Cow Bay, near Sydney, C. B. pursuant to the report of the committee on sick immigrants. £8 8s. 9d., wrecked seamen

13<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of two pounds be granted and paid to John Comford, of Sydney, to reimburse him the expense of maintaining wrecked seamen, pursuant to the supplementary report of the committee on sick immigrants. £2 0s. 0d., wrecked seamen

14<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and ninety-three pounds fourteen shillings and eleven pence be granted and paid to the commissioners of St. Peters Canal, to be expended according to the directions of the committee on the petition of John McLeod, as contained in their report. £193 14s. 11d., J. McLeod

15<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of four pounds be granted and paid to Joseph Clarke, to reimburse him for province notes lost, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade and manufactures. £4, Joseph Clarke

16<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine pounds and six shillings be granted and paid to C. B. Dewolf, for duty paid on goods afterwards lost, on producing a certificate from the collector of excise at Pictou that such duty was paid, pursuant to the report of the committee on trade and manufactures. £9 6s. 0d., C. B. Dewolf

17<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-six pounds ten shillings and five pence be granted and paid to Joseph Dickson, clerk of the peace for the county of Colchester, to reimburse him for expenses incurred in keeping James Russell, an insane criminal. £76 10s. 5d., Joseph Dickson

£129 12s. 4d., transient  
paupers

18<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred and twenty-nine pounds twelve shillings and four pence be granted and paid to defray the several amounts following, pursuant to the report of the committee on transient paupers :—

Overseers of Dartmouth,	£62	2	9
Newport, including doctor's bill,	6	10	0
Clements, for sundries for Ann Cowley,	10	8	0
Weymouth, for Jares Hodge,	12	4	0
Horton, for Thomas Leminan,	10	0	0
“ for Mrs. Sullivan,	2	10	0
Annapolis, for Mrs. Connors,	5	14	5
“ for Mary McDonald,	16	5	5
Guysborough, for lunatic,	16	8	6
Barrington, for Mary Flin,	7	0	0
Aylesford, for supporting ——— Toole,	15	0	0
Cumberland, Minudie, for Daniel Larkie,	8	0	0
Granville, for supporting McDonald and Walsh,	10	0	0
“ for Israel Foster,	9	18	11
Liverpool, for Elizabeth Anderson,	40	0	0
Liverpool, for S. G. Eckstadt,	10	0	0
Yarmouth, for supporting five paupers, including doctor's bill, £13,	32	0	0
Inverness, for Mary McIsaac,	28	8	0
Windsor,	13	2	4
Pictou, district No. 6, for Alexander Chisholm,	7	0	0
“ Maxwelton, for Peter Wallace,	7	0	0
“ 1st section, including £9 to Dr. Johnson,	40	0	0
Albion Mines for supporting John Lawson,	39	0	0
To Dr. Ruggles, Weymouth,	5	0	0
Alexander Buchanan, Horton,	10	0	0
Overseers of Amherst, for Richard Levie,	6	0	0
	£429	12	4

£20, Finlay Cameron

19<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and paid to Finlay Cameron, being the amount of expenses incurred by him for surgical attendance on laborers injured on the railway.

£233 16s. 9d., commis-  
sioners poor asylum

20<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and thirty-eight pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence be granted and paid to the commissioners of the poors' asylum, to defray the excess of expenditure in conducting that institution during the past year.

£2,000, poors' asylum

21<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand pounds be granted to the use of the poors' asylum in Halifax, for the support of transient paupers for the present year.

£25, John Thos. Lane

22<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and paid to John Thomas Lane, to compensate him for loss sustained by him by the transference of the governor's farm to the railway commissioners while under lease to him.

£50, house of refuge

23<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That fifty pounds be granted to the managers of the house of refuge in Halifax, to assist them in carrying out their humane intentions, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£100, Halifax visiting  
dispensary

24<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That one hundred pounds be granted to the governors of the Halifax visiting dispensary, to aid them in carrying on their operations during the present year, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£1049 9s. 7d., printing

25<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand and forty-nine pounds nine shillings and

and seven pence be granted and paid to defray the amount still due for public printing, as follows, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject :

Queen's printer,	£678	14	6
W. A. Penny, (balance)	138	15	11
Richard Nugent,	20	17	10
J. & W. Compton,	28	7	9
James Bowes & Son,	27	17	6
William Gossip,	6	12	3
James P. Ward,	6	15	0
John Boyd,	7	13	0
Thomas Annand,	17	7	4
Richard Huntington,	8	12	6
Alexander Lawson,	6	3	9
English & Blackadar,	18	8	9
James Barnes,	9	13	9
L. J. Evans & Son,	6	10	0
Christian Messenger office,	3	18	9
Liverpool Transcript,	7	2	3
Alpin Grant,	28	14	9
E. M. McDonald,	9	12	6
Wesleyan,	0	10	0
Secretary's office, (sundries)	15	1	6

£1049 9 7

26°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds, granted last year for the importation and keeping of an improved breed of pigs at Truro, and remaining undrawn, be at the disposal of the superintendent of education, to purchase and set out fruit and other trees on the grounds of the normal school, pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture. £100, change of appropriation to normal school

27°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to repay the balance due to his excellency the lieutenant governor, for the expense of importing and preserving the breed of pheasants. £100, pheasants

28°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the central board of agriculture, to be applied pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture. £200, central board of agriculture

29°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as will be sufficient to purchase the remaining copies of the letters of Agricola, not to exceed one hundred and fifty copies, at a rate not exceeding ten shillings per copy, including binding,—to be distributed pursuant to the report of the committee on agriculture. Copies of "Agricola"

30°. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the central board of agriculture, to be applied at the rate of fifty pounds for each county, in manner prescribed by chapter 96 of the revised statutes. £900, agricultural societies

31°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Alexander Campbell, of Mabou, for fencing, in addition to five pounds granted in 1854, and undrawn, for fencing—pursuant to the report of the committee on land damages. £2 10s., Alex. Campbell

32°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to William R. Evans, of West River, Pictou, pursuant to the report of the committee on land damages. £10, W. R. Evans

33°. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty-seven pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Joseph N. B. Kerr, of Wallace, to compensate him for loss sustained in consequence of an irregular grant of crown lands to Amos Purdy, agreeably to the report of committee on crown lands. £47 10s., J. N. B. Kerr

£23 11s. 7d. John Mc-  
Lean

34°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-three pounds eleven shillings and sevenpence, be granted and paid to John McLean, of North Sydney, to compensate him for loss sustained in consequence of a grant of crown lands to another person, on which he had a prior claim under the circumstances mentioned in the report of the committee on crown lands.

£15, J. B. Davidson

35°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to James B. Davidson, of Wallace, amount of loss sustained by him from the delay in making a grant of crown lands, agreeably to the report of the committee on crown lands.

£100, P. S. Hamilton's  
book

36°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to purchase two thousand copies of a work on "Nova Scotia a field of emigration," prepared by Peter S. Hamilton, esquire, pursuant to the report of the committee on crown lands.

Resolutions read 2nd  
time

The resolutions, except the sixth and twenty-seventh, being read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon, respectively agreed to by the house.

£100, supreme court  
decision, passed on  
division

The sixth resolution, granting one hundred pounds to aid in publishing the decisions of the supreme court for the present year, being read a second time, and the question put thereon that the same do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty one; against it, eighteen.

So it passed in the affirmative.

£100 for pheasants  
passed on division

The twenty-seventh resolution, granting one hundred pounds to defray the balance of expense incurred in importing pheasants for naturalization in this province, being read a second time, and the question put thereon that the same do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-five; against it, nine.

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Road scales presented

The order of the day being read,

The undermentioned members for the several counties presented to the house, scales of subdivision of the sums of £32,000 for the ordinary road and bridge service, and £10,000 for the great road service, granted in the present session to such counties respectively, viz :

For the county of Halifax,  
Hants,  
Kings,  
Annapolis,  
Digby,  
Yarmouth,  
Shelburne,  
Queens,  
Lunenburg,  
Colchester,  
Cumberland,  
Pictou,  
Sydney,  
Gnysborough,  
Cape Breton,  
Inverness,  
Richmond,

Mr. Esson,  
" Parker,  
" Chipman,  
" Thorne,  
" Bourneuf,  
" Ryder,  
" White,  
Hon. J. Campbell,  
Mr. Bailey,  
" McLelan,  
" McFarlane,  
" McKenzie,  
Hon. Mr. McKinnon,  
" Financial Secretary,  
Mr. McKeagney,  
" Smyth,  
" Fuller.

(See appendix No. 89.)

Ordered,

*Ordered*, That such scales be referred to the hon. financial secretary, Mr. Henry and Mr. Bill, to examine and report thereon.

Committee on road scales

On motion of Mr. Fuller, *resolved*, that the sum of seventy-four pounds twelve shillings and seven pence, undrawn and unappropriated, of road monies for the county of Richmond, in the year 1856, be added to the road scales for that county in the present year.

Change of appropriation, Richmond

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

Mr. Henry, pursuant to special leave given, presented to the house a bill to prevent the destruction of oysters ; and the same was read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.

Preservation of oysters bill  
Read twice  
And committed

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

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

MONDAY, 27th APRIL, 1857.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Henry reported from the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report of committee on deaf, dumb, &c.

(See appendix No. 85.)

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

Referred to supply

Mr. Henry also reported from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of doctor Jeans and others, on the subject of the expenses of medical practitioners in certain cases ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

Report to committee on medical expenses

(See appendix No. 86.)

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

Report adopted

Mr. Henry also reported from the same committee by bill ; and thereupon, presented to the house a bill to regulate the fees of medical practitioners on inquests, and as witnesses on criminal trials ; and the same was read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.

Medical fees bill

Read twice

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

And committed

Mr. Henry also also reported from the committee on the subject of preparing and publishing a second edition of the revised statutes ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows, namely :

Report of committee respecting revision of statutes

“ The committee appointed to consider the subject of the further revision of the laws, beg leave to report, that they have agreed to a certain resolution in relation thereto, which they recommend to the favorable consideration of the house.”

Report

Committee room, 24th April, 1857.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.  
J. W. JOHNSON,  
WILLIAM CHAMBERS,  
WILLIAM YOUNG,  
JOSEPH HOWE.

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

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Resolutions read  
And moved

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

“ *Whereas*, it has become indispensable that the statutes of this province should be further revised, and an improved index made therefor :

*Resolved*, That his excellency the lieutenant governor be respectfully requested forthwith to employ a sufficient number of competent persons, not to exceed three, for the purpose of further revising the statutes, so as to have the same prepared and submitted to the government, at least one month before the next sitting of the legislature ; and this house will provide for the expense thereof.”

And thereupon,

Mr. Henry moved that such resolution be agreed to by the house.

And passed on division

Which being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty ; against it, fifteen.

*For the resolution.*

*Against the resolution.*

Mr. Bill,	Mr. Munro,	Mr. Chipman,	Mr. Killam,
“ Webster,	“ Young,	“ Gilderd,	“ Parker,
Hon. J. Campbell,	“ McFarlane,	“ Rinhard,	“ Robertson,
“ Mr. Howe,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,	“ Bailey,	“ Whitman,
Mr. Thorne,	“ Att’y. Gen’l.,	“ McKenzie,	“ Annand.
“ Bent,	“ Sol. Gen’l.,	“ Bourneuf,	
“ Moses,	Mr. Robecheau,	“ McLelan,	
Hon. C. J. Campbell,	“ Dimock,	“ Brown,	
Mr. Chambers,	“ White,	“ Ryder,	
“ Henry,	“ Hyde.	“ Morrison,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

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

Message

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Railway board reduction bill agreed to

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province, without any amendment.

Fire engines and noxious weeds bill agreed to as amended

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments to procure fire engines, as now amended ; and to the bill, entitled, an act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture, as finally amended.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Report on Lunenburg lands bill

Mr. White reported from the committee appointed to consider and report upon the bill to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, and the petitions for and against such bill ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk’s table, together with the bill, where such report was again read.

*For report—*

*(See appendix No. 88.)*

Report received

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

J. Maguire’s bill read 2nd time

The bill further to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, was read a second time.

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

Committee on bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill to continue and amend the laws relating to education, and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Education bill reported without amendment

*Ordered*, That the bill be engrossed.

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," was read a third time.

Council's probate bill amended

And the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill do pass,

Mr. McLelan moved that the bill be amended by striking out the three first clauses thereof.

Which amendment being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And accordingly,

*Resolved*, That the bill be agreed to and do pass this house, with such amendment.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill, as amended, back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto, with such amendment.

An engrossed bill to continue and amend the laws relating to education, was read a third time.

Education bill read 3rd time

And the usual question being propounded from the chair that such bill do pass and be sent to the council for concurrence, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty five; against it, nine.

And passed on division

*For the resolution.*

*Against the resolution.*

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| Mr. McKenzie,      | Mr. McClearn,    | Mr. Ryder,     | Mr. Killam, |
| " Bill,            | " Webster,       | " McKeagney,   | " Gilderd,  |
| " Hyde,            | " Robin,         | Hon. Mr. Howe, | " McLelan,  |
| " Bourneuf,        | " Young,         | Mr. Robertson, | " Moses,    |
| Hon. Mr. McKinnon, | " McFarlane,     | " Chipman,     | " Chambers, |
| Mr. Bailey,        | Hon. Prov. Sec., | " Davidson,    | " Dimock,   |
| Hon. J. Campbell,  | " Att'y. Gen'l., | " White.       | " Morrison, |
| Mr. Martell,       | " Sol. General,  |                | " Parker,   |
| " Bent,            | Mr. Robecheau,   |                | " Munro.    |

So it passed in the affirmative.

And accordingly,

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to continue and amend the laws relating to education.

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

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had considered the bill to amend chapter 79 of the revised statutes, "of partnerships," and the council's bill to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, "of interest,"—and had directed him to recommend to the house that the further consideration of such bills be deferred until the next session; that they had gone through the bill from the council to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain letters patent for the invention of a machine for the manufactory of shingles; the bill to provide for building a bridge over Five-mile River, in the county of Hants; and the bill to prevent the destruction of oysters,—and had directed him to report such bills severally to the house, without any amendments; and that they had also gone through the bill further to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, and the bill to regulate the fees of medical practitioners on inquests and as witnesses on criminal trials, and had made amendments to such bills respectively, which they had

Committee on bills  
Bills reported  
Partnership and interest bills to be deferred  
Tupper's patent bill  
Five Mile River bridge bill, and destruction of oysters bill, without amendment  
John McGuire's bill, and medical fees bill without amendment

directed

directed him to report to the house with the bills ; and he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the two last mentioned bills, in at the clerk's table, where such amendments were read.

Bills deferred  
Partnerships  
And interest

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill to amend chapter 79 of the revised statutes, " of partnerships ;" and the council's bill to amend chapter 82 of the revised statutes, " of interest," be deferred until the next session.

*Ordered*, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the bills reported with amendments be engrossed.

Change of appropriation,  
Pine Grove school

On motion of Mr. Chipman,

*Resolved*, That the sum of five pounds of the ten pounds granted in 1856, to purchase seed for distribution among the colored population in King's county, drawn and unappropriated, be applied in aid of freedom school, and school house, at Pine Grove, in Cornwallis.

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

Resolution as to gazette

On motion of Mr. Archibald,

*Resolved*, That the justices of the peace be furnished with copies of the gazette extra, containing the statutes passed during the session of the legislature, as the same are published.

Post office committee  
report

Mr. Henry reported from the committee on the post office ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See appendix No. 11.)

Referred to supply

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

Leave of absence

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

Leave of absence

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

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

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TUESDAY, 28th APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

Bills read 3rd time,

An engrossed bill, further to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, was read a third time.

J. Maguire

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act further to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.

Five mile river bridge

An engrossed bill to provide for building a bridge over Five Mile River, in the county of Hants, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to provide for building a bridge over Five Mile River, in the county of Hants.

Destruction of oysters

An engrossed bill to prevent the destruction of oysters, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to prevent the destruction of oysters.

Medical fees

An engrossed bill to regulate the fees of medical practitioners on inquests, and as witnesses on criminal trials, was read a third time.

*Resolved*,

*Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to regulate the fees of medical practioners on inquests, and as witnesses on criminal trials.

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

Mr. McFarlane reported from the committee on the petitions relating to the repeal of the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church, in the county of Sydney ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report of committee on Burns' Free church petitions

(See appendix No. 87.)

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

Mr. Wade reported from the committee on the contingent expenses of the house during the present session ; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read. Report on contingencies of assembly

*Ordered*, That the report be received and adopted, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money be referred to the committee of supply. Referred to supply

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

(See appendix No. 41—part 2.)

*Ordered*, That the report be received, and that so much thereof as recommends grants of money, be referred to the committee of supply. Referred to supply

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to establish a normal school ; and the bill, entitled, an act to alter and amend the act concerning the city of Halifax—without any amendments ; and to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house. Message

The council have agreed to two resolutions of this honorable house, changing the appropriations respectively of road moneys in the county of Colchester, and of school moneys in the county of Victoria ; and also to thirty-five resolutions of this honorable house, granting sums of money for the public service. Normal school, Halifax assessment bills agreed to

They have not agreed to the resolution of this honorable house, making provision for the purchase of the remaining copies of the letters of Agricola. Railway damages bill amended

And then the messenger withdrew. Two changes of appropriation, and 35 money votes agreed to

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages, were read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. One money vote not agreed to

On motion, the house resolved itself into the committee of supply. Council's amendments to railway damage bill read

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair. Committee of supply

The chairman reported from the committee that they had come to fifty-six resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house ; and he delivered them in at the clerk's table.

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

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## Report resolutions

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

£130 deaf, dumb, and blind

1<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and thirty pounds be granted and paid to the following persons, pursuant to the report of the committee on the deaf, dumb, blind and insane :

To Donald Ross, Victoria,	£25	0	0
Donald Ross, Blue Mountain,	25	0	0
Thomas Murphy, Antigonishe,	25	0	0
Samuel Musgrove, Sydney,	25	0	0
John Gully,	25	0	0
Susan Kelly,	5	0	0

£130 0 0

£300, deaf and dumb institution, Halifax

2<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred pounds be granted and paid towards the support of the institution at Halifax for the instruction of the deaf and dumb, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£100, East River, Pictou

3<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred pounds be granted and paid to the commissioners for deepening the East River of Pictou, in aid of that undertaking, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

£200, Arisaig pier

4<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in extending the Arisaig pier, Sydney county, upon the same terms as last year.

£75 Chute's Cove pier

5<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in extending the Chute's Cove breakwater, county Annapolis, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

£55 Troop's Cove pier

6<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That a sum not to exceed fifty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in rebuilding the Troop's Cove breakwater, county of Annapolis, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

£100 Port Williams pier

7<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in the erection of the breakwater at Port Williams, county Annapolis, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

£50, Murray mill brook pier

8<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in the erection of a breakwater at Murray mill brook, county of Kings, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

£100 Hall's harbor pier

9<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in extending the breakwater at Hall's Harbor, county of Kings, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

£50, Canada creek pier

10<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the Canada Creek pier, county of Kings, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

£75, Givan wharf,

11<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the Givan wharf, county King's, upon condition that one hundred and fifty pounds be subscribed and paid, in which subscription ninety pounds expended last year is to be included, on a satisfactory account being furnished, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.

£25, Horton pier

12<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-five pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid to repair the breakwater at Horton, county of King's, near

near the mouth of Windsor river, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities.

13 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in erecting a breakwater at Safe Harbor, county of Kings, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £50, Safe Harbor pier

14 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in completing the breakwater at Comeau's brook, Digby county, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities. £110, Comeau brook pier

15 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of eighty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the breakwater at Church Point, county of Digby, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £80, Church Point pier

16 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the breakwater at Groscoque, county of Digby, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £100, Groscoque pier

17 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred and ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of the breakwater at Montegan River, county of Digby, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £110, Montegan River pier

18 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Trout Cove, Digby county, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities. £100, Trout Cove pier

19 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty-one pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to be paid to the commissioners who expended money on the west side of Port Hood harbor in 1856, upon their furnishing a satisfactory account of the expenditure of ninety-three pounds, which is to include an over-expenditure made by them last year of sixty-two pounds, pursuant to the report of the committee on navigation securities. £31, commissioners Port Hood harbor

20 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of forty-nine pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to further improve the harbor of Port Hood, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £49, Port Hood harbor

21 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, in aid of a breakwater in Yarmouth, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £200, Yarmouth pier

22 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of thirty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in clearing out the east and west branches of Bear River, county of Digby, upon the same terms as the grants to breakwaters, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £30, Bear River improvement

23 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in erecting a fog bell on Cape Forchu, at the entrance of Yarmouth harbor, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £500 Fog bell, Cape Forchu

24 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in erecting a fog bell at Cranberry Island, Cape Canso, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £500 fog bell, Cranberry Island

25 °. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to the proprietors of the Digby and Annapolis steam boat company, to aid them in their enterprise, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities. £200, Digby steam boat company

26 °. *Resolved*, That there be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, Buoy, Bass rock, Canso

a sum sufficient to place a spar buoy on Bass rock, off Cape Canso, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.

- Booy, Cerberus rock 27°. *Resolved*, That there be granted a sum sufficient to place a spar buoy on Cerberus rock, off Arichat, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £1,500, additional erection of lighthouses 28°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor in council, in addition to the balance of the unexpended grant of last year, for the erection of light houses in the following order, after those already provided for shall be completed, viz : a beacon light to be erected at the port of Walton, in the county of Hants, and a beacon light on George's Island, in the harbor of Halifax, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £200, steam boat, Charlottetown 29°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of steam communication between Charlottetown and Pictou—the boat to be run three times a week, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £5, ferryman, Canso 30°. *Resolved*, That five pounds be granted and paid to Malcomb McDonald, ferryman, at McMillan's Point, Strait of Canso, in addition to his present salary, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £5, ferryman, Auld's Cove 31°. *Resolved*, That five pounds be granted and paid to E. Forrestall, ferryman, at Auld's Cove, Strait of Canso, in addition to his present salary, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £10, ferrymen, Ship Harbor 32°. *Resolved*, That ten pounds be granted and paid to Isaiah and Charles Embree, ferrymen, at Ship Harbor, Strait of Canso, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £2 10s., ferryman, Little Narrows 33°. *Resolved*, That two pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Alex. Ross, ferryman, at Little Narrows, between Inverness and Victoria, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- £10, wharves, Carriboo Island 34°. *Resolved*, That ten pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in erecting wharves at the ferry at Cariboo Island, county of Pictou, for the safety of the ferry boats, upon condition that a similar amount be subscribed and expended in the same service, pursuant to a report of the committee on navigation securities.
- Change of appropriation, Argyle school monies 35°. *Resolved*, That the commissioners for the Argyle school district may set off the undrawn grammar school allowance for that district towards furnishing the school house there, and the balance to be applied towards the common school fund for such district.
- William Shipley, grammar school allowance 36°. *Resolved*, That the grammar school allowance due William Shipley, be paid to him, pursuant to the report of the committee on education.
- £50, infant school, Halifax 37°. *Resolved*, That the sum of fifty pounds be granted and paid to the managers of the infant school at Halifax, in support of the institution for the present year, pursuant to the report of the committee on education.
- Hugo Reid's map 38°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor as will be sufficient to enable Hugo Reid to prepare and strike off 6,500 copies of his map of this province, for sale and distribution, pursuant to a report of the committee on education.
- £462 16s. 2d, normal school 39°. *Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred and sixty-two pounds, sixteen shillings and two pence, be granted and placed at the disposal of the commissioners of the normal

normal school, to be applied as follows : two hundred pounds for building outhouse and fencing playground—one hundred and thirty-seven pounds sixteen shillings and two pence to pay the balance due the commissioners for the expenditure beyond the grant of last session, and one hundred and twenty-five pounds for furnishing the model schools lately erected at Truro, pursuant to the report of the committee on education.

40°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds be granted and paid to the superintendant of education, to be distributed by him in prizes among the most deserving pupils in the normal school, pursuant to the report of the committee on education. £100, Normal school

41°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as will be sufficient to defray the expense of the post office department for the present year ; and also to pay the several grants recommended in the report of the committee on the post office, including the post office money order system. Post office expenses

42°. *Resolved*, That six hundred and fifteen pounds be granted and paid to the reporter of the debates and proceeding of the house of assembly, upon his completing his contract for the present session, pursuant to the several reports of the committee on that subject. £615, reporting debates of house

43°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and ninety-two pounds seven shillings and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the clerk of the house of assembly, to defray the expense of extra messengers, and other services, and to pay for fuel and other articles for the house during the present session, pursuant to the report of the committee on the contingencies of the house. £292 7s. 6d. contingencies of Assembly

44°. *Resolved*, That the sum of nine hundred and sixty-seven pounds and seventeen shillings be granted to defray the contingent expense of the legislative council for the present session. £967 17s. contingencies of legislative council

45°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and eighty-eight pounds seven shillings and six pence be granted and paid to A. & W. Mackinlay, in full of their account for stationery and binding for the house of assembly during the last year. £288 7s. 6d., A. & W. McKinlay

46°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventeen pounds one shilling and three pence be granted to pay the expense incurred in clearing and arranging the public documents of the assembly,—and nine pounds additional for the expense of fuel in the assembly rooms while undergoing repairs. £26 1s. 3d., arranging assembly papers, &c.

47°. *Resolved*, That the allowance now made to collegiate and academical institutions, including Kings college, Windsor, be continued under existing regulations for the present year. Collegiate and academical institutions

48°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one pound per day be granted and paid to each member of the house of assembly for the present session, for his actual attendance in parliament,—to be paid on the certificate of the speaker ; also the travelling charges as heretofore. Pay of members of assembly

49°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one pound per day be granted and paid to each member of the legislative council for his actual attendance in parliament, with the same travelling fees as are received by members of the house of assembly. Pay of members of legislative council

50°. *Resolved*, That the board of revenue shall allow a drawback upon wines imported for, and consumed by, the commissioned officers of the army, composing the regimental messes of the garrison at Halifax, or shall relinquish the duties upon all such wines, upon proof being made to the satisfaction of the board that the wines whereon drawback or relinquishment of duties is claimed, were imported for or consumed by such officers—provided the whole amount do not exceed three hundred pounds in the year. Drawback upon wines for officers

Commissioner of treasury notes

51°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as will enable him to pay the late commissioners for issuing treasury notes, the balance of the commission of one half per cent. due them on the amount of treasury notes issued by them since their appointment in 1846.

£14 10s 8d. overseers of poor, Clare

52°. *Resolved*. That the sum of forty-four pounds ten shillings and eight pence be granted and paid to the overseers of the poor for the township of Clare, to enable them to pay the following amounts for the support of destitute Indians, viz: To Benjamin Comeau, three pounds one shilling and three pence; Augustine Heriot, thirteen pounds six shillings and eleven pence; Peter Melanson, fifteen pounds five shillings and six pence; Hypolite Amero, twelve pounds and seventeen shillings.

£6 9 4 overseers poor, Aylesford

53°. *Resolved*, That the sum of six pounds nine shillings and four pence be granted to the overseers of the poor for the township of Aylesford, to enable them to pay the following amount for the support of destitute Indians, viz.: John Jaques six pounds nine shillings and four pence.

£1 14s. 2d.. J. Stevens

54°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one pound fourteen shillings and two pence be granted and paid to Jacob Stevens, of Lower Stewiacke,—money expended by him in support of a poor Indian during the present year.

£1,900, penitentiary

55°. *Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand and nine hundred pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to defray the expenses of the provincial penitentiary for the present year, pursuant to the report of the committee on that subject.

Board of works

56°. *Resolved*, That such sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, as may be necessary to defray the balance due to the board of works, pursuant to the report of the committee on public accounts.

The resolutions, except the twenty-fifth and fiftieth, being read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon, respectively agreed to by the house.

Grant of £200 for Digby steamer, passed on division

The twenty-fifth resolution, granting two hundred pounds in aid of the steamboat between Digby and Bridgetown, being read a second time, and the question put that the same do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-six; against it, nine.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Drawback on officers wines, passed on division

The fiftieth resolution, granting drawback of the impost duty on wines imported for the use of the military officers in her majesty's service in this province, being read a second time, and the question put that the same do pass, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the resolution, twenty-three; against it, twelve:

*For the resolution.*

Mr. McClearn,	Hon. Fin. Sec.,
“ McKeagney,	Mr. Munro,
“ Bill,	“ Davidson,
“ Tobin,	“ Wade,
“ Thorne,	“ Wier,
“ Martell,	“ Robecheau,
Hon. Mr. Howe,	“ White,
Mr. Henry,	“ Whitman,
Hon. Mr. McKinnon,	“ Smyth,
Mr. Hyde,	Hon. C. J. Campbell,
Hon. Prov. Sec.,	Mr. Fuller.
Hon. Att'y. Gen'l.,	

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Against the resolution.*

Mr. Gilderd,
“ Moses,
“ Bailey,
“ McDonald,
“ Chambers,
“ McLelan,
“ Parker,
“ Killam,
“ Brown,
“ Morrison,
“ Bourneuf,
“ Esson.

Ordered,



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

Resolutions sent to council

On motion of Mr. Henry,

*Resolved*, That the sum of thirteen pounds and twelve shillings, undrawn road monies for the county of Sydney for the years 1851, 1853 and 1854, be appropriated for repairing the Marshy Hope road, from the Pictou county line to Antigonishe.

Change of appropriation, Sydney road monies

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

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the road scales, to adjust and report a scale of subdivision of road monies for the county of Victoria.

Victoria road scale to be prepared by road scale committee

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

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WEDNESDAY, 29th APRIL, 1857.

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PRAYERS.

The bill further to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes, "of juries," was read a second time.

Juries bill read 2nd time

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

And committed

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house returns of the wardens of the river fisheries for the counties of Pictou and Sydney respectively, for the year 1856; and the same were read by the clerk.

Returns of fishery wardens presented

*Ordered*, That the returns do lie on the table.

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house the report of the supervisor of the main roads for the county of Inverness, for the year 1856.

Report of supervisor of roads, Inverness

(See appendix No. 40.)

*Ordered*, That the report do lie on the table.

On motion of the hon. attorney general,

*Resolved*, That so much of the grant of seventy-five pounds for exploring a road from Dalhousie road to Queen's county, as has not been required for that service, may be appropriated to the exploration of another road lying south-east, to run from Dalhousie road to Queen's county.

Change of appropriation, road survey, Annapolis

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

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

Committee of supply

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Dimock took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the business referred to them, and had come to twelve resolutions, which they had directed him to report to the house; and he delivered the resolutions in at the clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follow, viz:

Report finally

12 resolutions

1<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred pounds per annum, for four years, be granted in aid of a steam boat ferry between McNair's Cove and Ship Harbor, in the Strait of Canso, upon such conditions and subject to such regulations as the governor in council may prescribe and direct.

£100, steam boat, McNair's Cove

£10, ferryman, Maitland

2°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to the ferryman between Maitland and Black Rock, to aid him in procuring a scow—provided he raise a like amount for the same purpose.

£20, destitute Indians

3°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in relieving the destitute Indians in Pictou county.

£300, Welsford and Parker monument

4°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted in aid of a monument to be erected by private subscription, to the memory of the late major Welsford and captain Parker, who gallantly fell in the assault on Sebastopol, and to whom as Novascotians, this tribute is due.

£300, Trotter and Murphy, Antigonishe

5°. *Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred pounds be granted and paid to Messrs. Trotter and Murphy, to aid them in the erection of their cloth manufactory at Antigonishe, agreeably to the prayer of their petition, in which their great loss by fire is set forth.

£10, S. Campbell, esq.,

6°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted and paid to Stewart Campbell, esquire, speaker of the assembly, for his report to the late government on the case of the Snows at Guysborough.

£26 10s., extra services of E. McPhee and messengers

7°. *Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be granted to Evan McPhee, and the sum of five pounds and ten shillings each to Charles Roan, Ronald McMillan, and Thomas Shea, messengers to the house of assembly, for their extra services, in consequence of the length of the present session.

£19, S. Kelly and J. Barnaby

8°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty-four pounds and ten shillings be granted and paid to Susan Kelly, and twenty four pounds and ten shillings to John Barnaby, to aid them in supporting their deaf and dumb children at institutions in the United States.

£20, buoy, Liverpool harbor

9°. *Resolved*, That the sum of twenty pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to aid in placing a buoy over a sunken rock in the harbor of Liverpool.

£75, O. Weeks, reporting

10°. *Resolved*, That the sum of seventy-five pounds be granted and paid to Otto Weeks, junior, in addition to the sum already granted for the reporting service.

£5413 13s. 6d., advances by government

11°. *Resolved*, That the sum of five thousand four hundred and thirteen pounds thirteen shilling and six pence be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor, to repay the following advances made from the provincial treasury during the year 1856, viz:

Rev. A. McSween for Indians, Pictou county,	£10	0	0
Prov. secretary for Indians, Queen's county,	18	5	10
“ “ for passage of 11 wrecked seamen from Halifax to Quebec, and board at Halifax,	59	0	10
“ “ to pay N. Fowler for Alderney cattle,	505	18	4
“ “ “ expense of keeping ditto previous to sale,	38	14	9
“ “ “ S. Cunard for seed potatoes imported,	23	17	6
“ “ “ expense of conveying prisoners accused of murder, from Newfoundland to Sydney,	23	10	6
R. Hugonin, for purchase of sheep,	400	0	0
R. McLearn, passage and board of four wrecked seamen from Fortune Bay to Halifax,	10	17	6
J. R. Forman, on account of expenses incurred in examining harbors of Ingonishe, Aspy Bay, Cheticamp, Mabou, and Port Hood,	72	16	3
John McMillan, for Barnaby Mill Cove breakwater,	100	0	0

Commissioners

Commissioners for the purchase of Cornwallis bridge, as per act passed 1856,	£400 0 0
Attorney general, expenses of witnesses in crown suit at Shelburne,	19 12 0
Rev. E. C. Cossman, expenses incurred in attendance upon executive council on the subject of immigration,	8 0 0
Inland navigation company on account of loan agreed to be made by government,	3500 0 0
John Northup, expenses to St. John's, Newfoundland, to purchase stock,	28 0 0
Gammell & Tupper, for mowing machine sent to Annapolis,	32 10 0
Joseph Milward and James Wilson, rewards for apprehending George Izatt,	50 0 0
Richard Nugent, balance of account for publishing Dawson's work on agriculture,	112 10 0
	£5413 13 6

12<sup>o</sup>. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred pounds seventeen shillings and sixpence be granted and paid to Henry G. Hill, being the balance due him for drawing plans, and for the erection of the new court house in Halifax; this sum, together with one hundred pounds already paid to Mr. Hill on the same account, to be deducted from the monies payable from the provincial funds towards the erection of the court house.

£100 17s. 6d., H. G. Hill

The several resolutions being read a second time, were then, upon the question put thereon respectively, agreed to by the house.

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

The council have agreed to the bills, entitled, respectively, an act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery; an act to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company; an act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent; an act to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes, "of the sale of lands to satisfy execution debts;" an act to continue and amend the laws relating to education; an act in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company; an act to provide for building a bridge over Five Mile River, in the county of Hants; and an act to prevent the destruction of oysters, severally without amendment.

Message  
Bills agreed to without amendment—  
Physic and surgery  
Musquodoboit navigation company  
Bessemer's patent  
Execution debts  
Education  
Inland navigation  
Five mile river bridge  
Preservation of oysters

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

With amendment—  
Assessments

They have agreed to the amendments proposed by this honorable house to the council's bills, entitled, respectively, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," and an act to amend the new practice act.

Amendments agreed to  
Probate and practice act

The council have passed a bill, entitled, an act to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes, "of marriage, and the solemnization thereof;" a bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax; and a bill, entitled, an act to facilitate the disposal of real estate in certain cases where it cannot be conveniently divided, to which bills they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Councils bills:  
Marriage  
Wooden buildings, Halifax amendment  
Division of real estate

The council have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, authorizing a further revision of the statutes; and to two resolutions changing the appropriations respectively of road moneys in the county of Richmond, and of the sum of five pounds in favor of freedom school in Cornwallis.

Three resolutions agreed to

And then the messenger withdrew.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Council's amendments to assessment bill agreed to

And

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That such amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

Council's probate and practice act finally passed

On motion, *resolved*, that the council's bills, entitled, respectively, an act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court," and an act to amend the new practice act, do finally pass, as now amended.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bills back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto respectively.

Amendments to railway damages bill considered

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages, were read a second time, and considered by the house.

Four amendments agreed to, and one not agreed to

And thereupon, on motion, *resolved*, that the first, second, third and fifth of such amendments be agreed to by the house.

The fourth amendment being read, is as follows :

*Twenty-fourth clause.*

7th line. After the word "county," insert the following words: "fenced by the commissioners on both sides thereof, and at the rate of twenty-five pounds per mile when fenced on one side only."

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That such amendment be not agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolutions.

Council's marriage and wooden buildings bills, read 2nd time

The council's bills, entitled respectively, an act to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes, "of marriage and the solemnization thereof;" and an act to amend the act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, were severally read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.

And committed

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

Council's real estate bill, read 1st time

The council's bill, entitled, an act to facilitate the disposal of real estate in certain cases, where it cannot be conveniently divided, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Committed on bills

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

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Council's wooden buildings bill amended,

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the council's bill to amend the act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house with the bill; and he delivered the bill, with the amendment, in at the clerk's table, where such amendment was read.

*Ordered*, That the amendment be engrossed.

read 3rd time, and passed

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled an act to amend the act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax, was, *nem. con.*, read a third time, with the amendments thereto.

*Resolved*, That such bill be agreed to, and do pass this house, with such amendments.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed thereto, with such amendments.

Resolution as to public printing

On motion of the hon. financial secretary,

*Resolved*, That the governor be authorized, and respectfully requested, to direct advances from the treasury of such sums as may be required towards defraying the expenses

of

of public printing—provided that no greater sum be advanced in the whole than six hundred pounds ; and this house will provide for the same at the next session.

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

On motion of the honorable financial secretary,

*Resolved*, That the government be empowered to provide at Hantsport, Kempt, Horton, Cornwallis, and Londonderry, wharf accommodation for steamers to ply between those places and the railway depot at Windsor ; and also to encourage steam navigation between those ports and Windsor, touching at Parrsborough ; and this house will provide for such steam service to the extent of two hundred pounds annually, for four years.

Resolution as to wharves on Basin of Mines

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

Mr. Killam moved that the house do come to the following resolution,

*Whereas*, considerable sums of money have been voted by this house for surgical and medical services rendered to railway laborers during the construction of the railway ; *and whereas*, the compensation for such services has in many cases appeared large and extravagant ; therefore

Resolution as to medical expenses for railway laborers

*Resolved*, That for the future this house will not entertain any claim for or on account of such services, unless such claim is first laid before the railway commissioners, and reported upon favorably by them ; and all sums granted for such service, shall be charged to the railway account, and form part of the cost of the same.

Which resolution being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

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

*Whereas*, under the existing system of affording aid from the legislature towards the relief of Indians, a practice has crept in by which the overseers of the poor for any township or district may themselves furnish, or authorize others to furnish aid to sick and destitute Indians within their district, by supplies of food and clothing or medical attendance, or by having them placed out at board at a weekly charge at the provincial expense, which practice, if continued, is likely to entail a very large cost upon the province, unless some reasonable check is provided :

Resolution as to destitute Indians

*Therefore resolved*, That in future no application for supplies to Indians furnished by the overseers of the poor for any township or district in the province be entertained by this house until it be certified by the clerk of the township or district that the expense thus incurred has been included in the amount of poor rate of such township or district, and actually assessed and collected from the inhabitants thereof, whereupon this house will agree to repay one half of the expense thus incurred to the overseers for such township or district.

Which resolution being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house.

*Ordered*, That the report of the committee on the post office, be adopted by the house.

Post office report, adopted

*Ordered*, That Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Rinhard, and Mr. Bent, have leave of absence after to-morrow, on urgent private business.

Leave of absence

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

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 THURSDAY, 30th APRIL, 1857.
 

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## PRAYERS.

Mr. Wade moved that the resolution adopted by the house yesterday, respecting the support of aged and destitute Indians, be rescinded.

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

*For the motion.*

Hon. Sol. Gen'l.,  
 Mr. McClearn,  
 Hon. C. J. Campbell,  
 Mr. Munro,  
 " Fuller,  
 " Bill,  
 " Wier,  
 " McLelan,  
 " Tobin,  
 " Chambers,  
 " Wade,  
 " Bourneuf.

*Against the motion.*

Mr. Brown,	Hon. Att'y. Gen'l.,
" Rinhard,	Mr. Whitman,
" Bailey,	" Webster,
" Bent,	" Moses,
" White,	" Morrison,
" Thorne,	" Parker,
" Davidson,	" Robertson,
" Hyde,	" Esson,
Hon. Fin. Sec.,	" Ryder,
Mr. Killam,	" Chipman,
Hon. Prov. Sec.,	Hon. Mr. McKinnon,
Mr. McFarlane,	Mr. McKenzie.

So it passed in the negative.

## Message

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

## Bills agreed to—

Mr. Speaker,

## Municipal corporation without amendment

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act for the municipal government of counties, without any amendment.

## Assessment as amended

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment, as now amended.

## Submarine telegraph and Halifax railway assessment with amendments

They have agreed to the bills, entitled, respectively, an act to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain ; and an act to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax, with amendments to such bills respectively, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

## 56 money votes

The council have also agreed to fifty-six resolutions of this honorable house, granting sums of money for the public service, and to two resolutions changing the appropriation of road moneys in the county of Sydney, and of moneys granted for the survey of a road in the county of Annapolis.

## 2 changes of appropriation

They have also agreed to twelve resolutions of this honorable house, granting sums of money for the public service, and to a vote of credit for public printing.

## 12 money votes and one vote of credit

And then the messenger withdrew.

## Returns of county surveyor's presented

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house returns of the several county surveyors of the amounts received by them, respectively, on account of crown lands sold since their respective appointment to office ; and the same were read by the clerk.

*Ordered,* That the returns do lie on the table.

## Plans of Bras d'Or bridge presented

The hon. provincial secretary, by command of his excellency, also presented to the house a plan of the proposed drawbridge over the Little Bras d'Or Strait, in the Island of Cape Breton, together with a plan and survey of the proposed site thereof.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

## Amendments to Halifax railway assessment bill considered

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to carry out the provisions

provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the first, second, and third of such amendments be agreed to by the house. 3 amendments agreed to

The fourth of such amendments being read, is as follows :

And one not agreed to

“ At the end of the bill add the following clause :

The funds to be assessed and levied under this act shall be invested in railway debentures in the name of the city of Halifax, without interest, to be delivered to the mayor ; and so soon as the railway shall be introduced into the city proper, as far as Cornwallis street, the governor and council are authorized to call in and cancel such debentures.”

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be not agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them with the foregoing resolutions.

A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :

Message

Mr. Speaker,

The council do not adhere to the fourth amendment proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to authorize assessments for railway damages.

Fourth amendment to railway damages bill not adhered to

They have agreed to the amendment proposed by this honorable house to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax.

Amendment to council's wooden buildings bill agreed to

They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act, with amendments, to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.

Practice act agreed to with amendments

The council have agreed to a resolution of this honorable house authorising the erection of wharves, and encouragement of steam navigation in the Basin of Mines.

Resolution as to steam navigation in Mines Basin, agreed to

And then the messenger withdrew.

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

Committee on bills

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had gone through the bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes, “ of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” and had directed him to report the same to the house without any amendment ; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

Council's marriage bill without amendment

The engrossed bill from the council, entitled, an act to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes, “ of marriage and the solemnization thereof,” was then read a third time.

Bill read 3rd time and passed

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such bill be agreed to,

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such bill.

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.

Amendments to practice act agreed to

And thereupon,

On motion, *resolved*, that such amendments be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.

The hon. financial secretary, from the committee on the road scales, reported in part that Road scales reported that

that they had examined the scales of sub-division for seventeen counties referred to them, and recommended to the house the adoption thereof.

(See appendix No. 89.)

Report adopted

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

*Ordered*, That the several scales of sub-division of road moneys be agreed to, and do pass as separate resolutions for each of such counties, respectively.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry to the council the resolution passed on the eighteenth day of March last, for the general division of the sums of £32,000, and £10,000 respectively, granted for the road and bridge service, together with the foregoing resolutions for the sub-division and appropriation thereof, and desire their concurrence thereto, respectively.

Amendments to submarine telegraph bill considered

The amendments proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain, were read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house, and are as follow :

“ At the end of the bill, add the following clauses :

Unless within one year from the passing of this act the said New York and Newfoundland telegraphic company enter into an agreement with, and satisfactory to, the provincial government for maintaining an exclusive connection between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, for the price and on the terms mentioned in this act, for the due performance of any contracts into which they may enter with the Nova Scotia company, and for the regular payment of rent, this act shall be void.

This act shall not take effect until the Newfoundland company shall have given satisfactory security to the Nova Scotia company that they will, for such term of years as may be agreed upon, pay the annual rent agreed upon.

The exclusive privileges conferred by this act shall not have force or effect until it shall be agreed between the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland company, to the following effect, viz. : That the rate of tolls to be paid by the former for the land lines leased, owned or controlled by the Newfoundland company, shall not exceed the rate to be charged by the Nova Scotia company for messages transmitted over the Nova Scotia lines, and that the tolls over all submarine lines connecting with Nova Scotia shall not be more than double the rate charged to or by the Nova Scotia company for the like distances over their land lines.

Sections nine, eighteen, twenty and twenty-four of the act passed in the fourteenth year of her majesty's reign, entitled, an act to incorporate the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, are hereby repealed.”

And thereupon,

Motion to agree to first clause

Mr. Young moved that the first clause of such amendments be agreed to ; which being seconded, and a debate arising thereon,

Previous question moved.

Mr. Annand moved that the main question be now put ; which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.

And agreed to

So it passed in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the question on the original motion be now put ;

And accordingly, the question being put upon the motion, that such first clause be agreed to by the house, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the motion, twenty-four ; against it, seventeen :



<i>For the motion.</i>	<i>Against the motion.</i>	<i>Question put</i>
Hon. J. Campbell,	Mr. Morrison,	Mr. McClearn,
Mr. McDonald,	“ Chambers,	“ Bent,
“ Bailey,	“ Young,	Hon. J. Campbell,
“ McKenzie,	“ Annand,	Mr. White,
“ Martell,	“ Robertson,	Hon. Prov. Sec.,
“ Gilderd,	“ Chipman,	“ Att’y. Gen’l.,
“ Webster,	Hon. Mr. Howe,	Mr. Bourneuf,
“ Parker,	Mr. Munro,	“ Tobin,
“ Hyde,	“ Esson,	“ Moses,
“ Henry,	“ Whitman,	Hon. Sol. General,
“ Dimock,	“ Davidson,	Mr. McLelan,
“ Wier,	“ Bill.	“ Killam,
<p>So it passed in the affirmative.</p> <p>And accordingly,</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the first clause of such amendments be agreed to.</p>		
		Clause carried on division
<p>Mr. Young then moved that the second and third clauses of such amendments be agreed to : which being seconded and put, was agreed to by the house.</p> <p>And accordingly,</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the second and third clauses be agreed to by the house.</p>		
		Second and third clauses agreed to
<p>Mr. Young then moved that the fourth of such clauses be agreed to : which being seconded, and the question propounded from the chair that such clause be agreed to,</p> <p>Mr. Killam moved, by way of amendment thereto, that the further consideration of the bill be deferred until this day three months : which amendment being seconded and put, and the house dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment, sixteen ; against it, twenty-six.</p> <p>So it passed in the negative.</p> <p>The original resolution being then put, was agreed to by the house.</p> <p>And accordingly,</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That the fourth clause of such amendments be agreed to by the house.</p>		
		Fourth clause moved Amendment moved to defer bill And lost on division
<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendments back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendments.</p>		
<p>A message from the council, by Mr. Halliburton :</p> <p>Mr. Speaker,</p> <p>The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to amend the new practice act as now amended.</p> <p>They have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house for dividing the ordinary and great road moneys among the various counties ; and to seventeen resolutions for subdividing and appropriating such moneys in the various counties, except the county of Victoria.</p> <p>And then the messenger withdrew.</p>		
		Message Practice act amendment agreed to Road scales agreed to
<p>On motion of the hon. Mr. Howe,</p> <p><i>Resolved</i>, That his excellency the governor be respectfully requested to cause the ancient records and documents illustrative of the history and progress of society in this province to be examined, preserved and arranged, either for reference or publication as the legislature may hereafter determine, and that this house will make provision for this service.</p>		
		Resolution as to collection and preservation of ancient records
<p>Mr. Speaker informed the house that he had received an official communication from</p>		
		Announcement of prerogation

the honorable the provincial secretary, announcing that the prorogation of the house will take place to-morrow, at three of the clock.

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

FRIDAY, 1st MAY 1857.

PRAVERS.

- Message from council A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :  
 Mr. Speaker,
- Digby steamer bill with amendment The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steamboat company, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable house.
- Submarine telegraph bill as amended They have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and Great Britain, as now amended.
- Amendment to Halifax railway assessment bill adhered to The council adhere to the fourth amendment proposed by them to the bill, entitled, an act to carry out the provisions of chapter 2 of the acts of 1854, so far as relates to the city of Halifax.  
 And then the messenger withdrew.
- Amendment to Digby steamer bill agreed to The amendment proposed by the council to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steam boat company, was read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time, and considered by the house.  
 And thereupon, on motion,  
*Resolved*, That such amendment be agreed to.  
*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and acquaint them that this house have agreed to such amendment.
- Appropriation *Ordered*, That the clerk do prepare and present to the house an engrossed bill for applying such part of the supplies granted in the present session, as are not already appropriated by acts of the general assembly.  
 And accordingly,
- Presented The clerk presented to the house an engrossed bill for applying certain moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes ; and the same was read a first, and, *nem. con.*, a second time.
- And passed *Resolved*, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act for applying certain moneys therein mentioned, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes.  
*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill to the council, and desire their concurrence.
- Road scale committee report as to Victoria road scale The hon. financial secretary reported finally from the committee on the road scales, that they had not been able, for want of necessary information, to prepare a scale of sub-division of the ordinary and great road moneys for the county of Victoria, and had directed him to recommend to the house that such moneys be sub-divided and appropriated in such manner as his excellency the governor shall be pleased to direct.  
*Ordered*, That the report be adopted by the house.
- Resolution moved, authorizing governor to appropriate Victoria road moneys And accordingly, the hon. financial secretary, pursuant to such report, moved that the house do come to the following resolution :  
*Resolved*, That his excellency the governor be authorised and respectfully requested to take such measures as shall be necessary for sub-dividing and appropriating the moneys granted during the present session, and applied in the general division of road moneys

moneys to the service of ordinary and great roads in the county of Victoria, and also for directing the expenditure thereof.

Which resolution being seconded, and the question put thereon, was agreed to by the house. Agreed to

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

The amendment proposed by the house to the bill, entitled, an act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth, was read and re-considered by the house. Amendment to council's Yarmouth limits bill not adhered to

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That such amendment be not adhered to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill and amendment back to the council, and acquaint them that the house do not adhere to such amendment, but have agreed to the bill as originally passed by the council.

A message from the council by Mr. Halliburton :

Message from council

Mr. Speaker,

The council have agreed to the bill, entitled, an act to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steamboat company, as now amended. Digby steamer bill agreed to as amended

The council have also agreed to the bill, entitled, an act for applying certain moneys therein mentioned to the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes. Appropriation act,

They have also agreed to a resolution of this honorable house, providing for the subdivision and expenditure of the moneys granted for roads and bridges in the county of Victoria, for the present year. And resolution as to Vic. cr. a road moneys agreed to

And then the messenger withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the bill to regulate the performance of labor on the highways, be printed, and that one thousand copies thereof be circulated by the clerk during the recess. Order to print statute labor bill

A message from his excellency the governor, by the gentleman usher of the black rod :

Message from governor

Mr. Speaker,

His excellency the governor commands this honorable house to attend his excellency immediately in the council chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the house, attended his excellency in the council chamber, when his excellency was pleased to give his assent to forty-eight bills, severally entitled as follows, viz. : House attend

An act to incorporate the trustees of Knox's Free church at Baddeck, in the county of Victoria.

An act to regulate the practice of physic and surgery.

An act to incorporate the Digby and Bridgetown steamboat company.

An act to incorporate the Musquodoboit river navigation company.

An act to encourage the establishment of telegraphic communication between this province and the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

An act to change a polling place in the county of Pictou.

An act to authorize the sale of the school house at Bridgewater.

An act to incorporate the trustees of the Free church at Great Bras d'Or, in the Island of Boulardrie.

An act to enable Henry Bessemer to obtain letters patent.

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- An act to authorise assessments to procure fire engines.
- An act to incorporate the Margaretville fishing company.
- An act to incorporate the Port Medway ship building and fishery company.
- An act to amend chapter 44 of the acts of 1856, "of the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax."
- An act to amend the new practice act.
- An act to settle and confirm the limits of the town of Yarmouth.
- An act to amend chapter 130 of the revised statutes, "of the probate court."
- An act to amend the act respecting fire engines at Dartmouth.
- An act to provide for building a bridge at Baddeck River, in the county of Victoria.
- An act to authorise an assessment in the county of Cape Breton, for the erection of a lock-up house in North Sydney.
- An act to render perpetual the act to authorise special sittings of the supreme court for the trial of criminals.
- An act to continue the act to incorporate the Avon marine insurance company.
- An act to continue the act relating to the steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou.
- An act to authorize assessments for railway damages.
- An act to amend chapter 118 of the revised statutes of the sale of lands, to satisfy execution debts.
- An act to amend the act for the municipal government of counties.
- An act to authorize a provincial loan.
- An act to amend chapter 1 of the acts of 1854, entitled, an act to authorize the construction of railways in this province.
- An act for the destruction of weeds injurious to agriculture.
- An act to amend the act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment.
- An act to provide for building a bridge at Cape Sable Island, in the county of Shelburne.
- An act for improving the road from Crow harbor to Canso.
- An act to extend the provisions of the act concerning the registry of ships.
- An act to amend the new practice act.
- An act to incorporate the Halifax corresponding committee of the colonial church and school society.
- An act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers."
- An act relating to the width of certain roads in the county of Digby.
- An act to authorize the sale of the Gairloch and New Larig meeting house.

An act to incorporate the Safe Harbor pier company.

An act to continue and amend the laws relating to education.

An act to amend the act to establish a normal school.

An act to incorporate the union iron mining company of Digby county.

An act to enable Eliakim E. Tupper to obtain letters patent for the invention of a machine for the manufactory of shingles.

An act in further amendment of the act to incorporate the inland navigation company.

An act to alter and amend the act concerning the city of Halifax.

An act to provide for building a bridge over Five-mile River, in the county of Hants.

An act to prevent the destruction of oysters.

An act to amend chapter 122 of the revised statutes, "of marriage, and the solemnization thereof.

An act to amend the act to limit the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Halifax.

After which, Mr. Speaker spake as follows :

*May it please your excellency :*

Your excellency having been graciously pleased to give your assent to all the bills passed in the present session, it becomes my agreeable duty, on behalf of her majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, her faithful commons of Nova Scotia, to present to your excellency a bill for appropriating the supplies granted in the present session for the support of her majesty's government during the present year, and to request your excellency's assent to the same.

His excellency was then pleased to give his assent to the following bill, viz. :

An act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes.

His excellency was then pleased to make the following

#### S P E E C H :

*Mr. President, and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council ;  
Mr. Speaker, and gentlemen of the house of assembly ;*

The change of administration which occurred soon after the meeting of the legislature, resulting from the principles of responsibility inherent in the existing constitution of the colony, necessarily occasioned an interruption of your deliberations, and unavoidably protracted the duration of this session.

In releasing you from further attendance upon legislative duties, which you have discharged with zeal and assiduity, I beg to assure you that in the ensuing recess my best efforts shall be directed to the accomplishment of those important objects which you have entrusted to executive management and control.

It affords me great satisfaction to contemplate the probability of a final adjustment of the difficulties which exist between the provincial legislature and the general mining association.

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The liberality with which you have increased the appropriation for the encouragement of common school education affords gratifying evidence of your attention to that important element of public improvement.

You may rest assured that in the interval between this and the next meeting of the legislature I shall superintend with care, conduct with economy, and prosecute with energy, the great public works in progress, in the success of which the prosperity and happiness of the province are deeply involved.

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

The funds which you have provided for the public service shall be faithfully applied to the objects to which you have directed their appropriation.

*Mr. President, and honorable gentlemen of the legislative council ;*

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

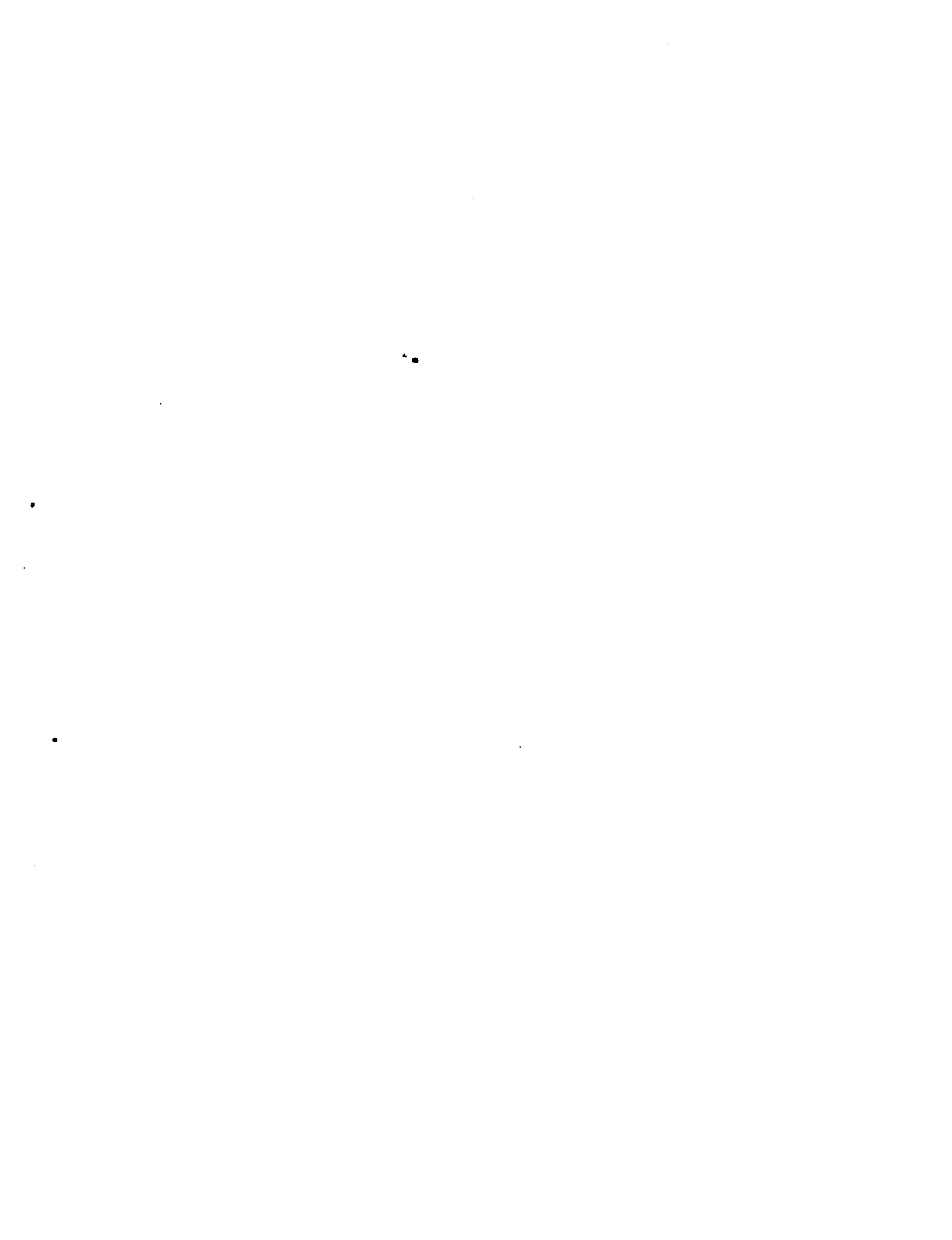
I take leave of you with the conviction that you will return to your homes to cultivate those social virtues which, by uniting all classes, can alone render a people prosperous and happy ; and to cherish those sentiments of loyalty to our beloved sovereign for which this fine province has ever been distinguished.

After which, the president of the legislative council, by his excellency's command, said :

*Gentlemen,*

It is the will of his excellency that this general assembly be prorogued to Wednesday, the tenth day of June next ; and this assembly is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the tenth day of June next, to be then here held.

ALEX'R. JAMES, }  
Clerk of the house of assembly. }







# **APPENDIX**

TO THE

# **JOURNAL**

OF THE

# **HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

OF THE

**PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.**

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**FOR THE SESSION**

**COMMENCING FIFTH FEBRUARY AND ENDING THE FIRST MAY, 1857.**

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**HALIFAX:**

**W. A. PENNEY, PRINTER TO THE ASSEMBLY.**



# APPENDIX.

No. 1.

(See page 223.)

By these Articles of Agreement, made the 1st day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, between William A. Penney, of the city of Halifax, in the province of Nova Scotia, printer, of the first part ; George Isles and Alexander McDonald, both of the same city, grocers, of the second part ; and Henry C. D. Twining, of the same city, esquire, clerk of the house of assembly for such province, of the third part—IT IS WITNESSED : That the said William A. Penney, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators, doth hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Henry C. D. Twining, clerk of the house of assembly as aforesaid, and his successors respectively in such office, that he, the said William A. Penney, will, for a term beginning on the first day of the meeting of the next general assembly of the province, and ending at the commencement of the first session of assembly to be held in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, print and furnish to the said Henry C. D. Twining, or to the clerk of the said house of assembly for the time being, three hundred and twenty copies of the journals of the said house of assembly for the time being, and of the appendix and index thereto, with marginal notes to the journals, without delay, and as fast as copy shall be furnished therefor, in manner following, that is to say : eighty copies of such journals and appendix to be so furnished and delivered at the assembly room of said house, during the respective sessions thereof, daily, or as copy is furnished ; and after its prorogation, with the index thereto, to the clerk at his office ; the remaining two hundred and forty copies of journal, appendix and index, to be delivered to the clerk, at his office, on or before the first day of July, when the session shall be held at the times at which the sessions of late years have been usually held, and within a reasonable time after any extra session ; sixty-five copies thereof, well stitched in blue covers as heretofore ; and the remaining one hundred and seventy-five copies folded in readiness for binding,—the whole to be printed on sized paper, equal in quality and appearance to that on which the journals of the last session of the general assembly are printed, and the work to be executed on good plain pica type, and in the best style ; the size of the volume to be the same as that of the journals of the said house of assembly for the said last session, and with like margins ; clean proofs to be furnished to such clerk, in every respect conformable to copy, and all paper and other materials to be furnished by the said Wm. A. Penney. And further : that he, the said William A. Penney, will, during the above term, as soon as required by such clerk, do and perform all such extra printing, whether of bills of the said assembly or otherwise, in such manner as may be required, and will also furnish the same to the assembly or clerk without delay. And will also, during such period, print and publish in the Halifax Morning Journal newspaper, in such manner as may be required, all copies of papers or other documents whatsoever, for or on behalf of such house of assembly or by direction of the said clerk ; all materials for such extra printing and advertising to be furnished by the said William A. Penney ; and the paper for such extra printing, together with the mode of executing the same, to be subject to the approval of the clerk ;—the said William A. Penney, however, not being

being compellable to furnish better paper than that hereinbefore mentioned for the journals—and clear proofs of such extra printing conformable to copy to be likewise furnished, as mentioned respecting the journals. And further, it is understood, and the said William A. Penney doth also hereby covenant and agree, that for such work, printing and publishing, the said William A. Penney shall, from and out of the provincial treasury, upon the same being granted by the legislature of the province, and warrant therefor issued, be paid and receive in full compensation as follows:—For the journal of the proceedings of the said house of assembly, with marginal notes thereto, and appendix and index, including all rule, figure and other work, appertaining thereto, according to copy furnished, that is to say, to the extent of three hundred and twenty copies thereof, for every sheet of eight pages thereof, the sum of two pounds twelve shillings and sixpence. For folding, preparing and stitching in the blue covers as before mentioned, sixty-five copies of such journal, appendix and index, collectively, the sum of sevenpence half-penny for each copy;—and for folding in readiness for binding the remaining one hundred and seventy-five copies thereof, the sum of fivepence for each copy. For advertising in the Morning Journal, four shillings per square for the first insertion, and one shilling per square for each continuance;—and for all other extra work hereinbefore mentioned, at rates proportioned to the foregoing, according to the character of the work, the time and labor involved, and the materials used therefor. And lastly, the said George Isles, and Alexander McDonald, for themselves and each of them for himself, their each and every of their heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Henry C. D. Twining, clerk as aforesaid, and his respective successors in office, that the said William A. Penney shall and will well and truly stand to, perform, fulfil and keep all and singular the covenants, agreements, promises and undertakings by him the said William A. Penny made, entered into, undertaken or agreed on as hereinbefore mentioned. In witness whereof, the parties to these presents have hereto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

W. A. PENNEY,  
 GEORGE ISLES,  
 ALEX. McDONALD,  
 HENRY C. D. TWINING.

Signed, sealed, and delivered, in the }  
 presence of JOHN SKERRY. }

No. 2.

(See page 223.)

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPORTING.

SIR,—

Having been led to believe that it is the intention of the reporting committee to recommend that the present system be discontinued, I have to request that you will make known to the house the views I entertain on this subject.

In the year 1848 I entered the reporter's box, and up to that period it is well known that a system of party reporting had been kept up, by which the views and opinions of the members on either side were travestied—their arguments distorted, and their speeches held up to public ridicule. So rife had this system become, that it was the habit of either of the two parties in the province to believe only the version which appeared in a publication being the professed advocate of their particular opinions, and to discredit all and everything published in any journal of opposite politics. In 1848, I reported for the "Sun" newspaper only, and so acceptable were the reports then given that

that the house was induced to appoint me a joint reporter with Mr. Crosskill the following session. From that time up to the present I have had the honor of filling the situation of reporter to the assembly, with what success you may judge when I state that no complaint for partiality or misrepresentation has ever been preferred against my reports.

During the session of 1849, a greater number of columns were published—greater regularity was observed—the reports went to the country more rapidly, and the whole debates were finished within a shorter period than at any session of the legislature either before or since—and this, too, when each journal received but £20, and was compelled to set up the whole quantity, amounting to nearly 400 columns.

Since then, owing to various causes, the system has retrograded,—but I think it due to the reporters to say, that, so far as I am aware, in no instance has the delay in publication been attributed to them.

When the committee, appointed to make arrangements for the present session, met, I was not present, because no intimation of the meeting had been given me. When I heard of the proposed arrangement, I objected to it in toto; and informed the chairman that, in my opinion, it was not feasible, and could not be successfully carried out. I also requested the chairman to call another meeting, that I might have an opportunity of putting my views before the committee. This request, however, was not complied with. The committee reported, and the house adopted the system—the evil effects of which, the experience of this session has sufficiently proven.

I now beg leave to submit to the house, through you, sir, the following proposal—to carry out which it will be necessary that the house should adopt it before adjourning, that arrangements may be perfected during the recess to make it efficient and satisfactory to the members and the country generally:—

1st.—I propose to furnish to the house on the evening of each day, a condensed report of the proceedings, varying, as necessity may require, from one to two and one half columns per day, copies of which shall be laid on the table the following morning, and transmitted by mail to each country journal.

2nd.—To supply full reports to the extent of 21 columns per week—in no case to be more than five days after the delivery of the speeches—to be published in at least two of the city papers, and proofs to be furnished to any others that may agree to publish, in extenso, for a reasonable remuneration; the whole to be finished within a fortnight after the close of the session, and to lay on the table of the house sixty copies of each publication on the morning of issue.

3rd.—To furnish to the house, within one month after the close of the session, sixty copies of a parliamentary reporter, to be done up in pamphlet form, sewed, and covered with paper covers.

4th.—To enter into an agreement, with such reasonable additions or alterations as the committee or the house may, during the present session, suggest for the performance of the work—with a covenant to the effect that if the service shall not be performed to the satisfaction of the house, I shall forfeit the whole amount of the provincial grant.

5th.—To perform this service for the sum of five hundred pounds.

In making arrangements for the performance of the work during the recess, I shall keep three objects in view. 1st. The fidelity, accuracy, and impartiality of the reports. 2nd. The rapidity of publication,—and 3rd. The circulation of the reports as extensively as the nature of the case will permit.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

OTTO WEEKS, jr.,

Reporter to the assembly.

P. S.—If the house should favor the adoption of the plan proposed above, I shall be prepared to submit the details more fully if required.

O. WEEKS, jr.

Halifax,

*Halifax, N. S., April 17th, 1856.*

We, the undersigned, publishers in the city of Halifax, are prepared to engage in the publication of the reprints as specified in the proposal of Mr. Weeks, for the session of the assembly for 1857, for the sum of £75 each, and to publish the same in new and uniform type,—it being understood that if satisfactory to the house the arrangement shall continue for three years.

A. GRANT, Pub. Br. Colonist.  
RICHARD NUGENT.  
THOMAS ANNAND.

In connection with, and addition to, the proposition for reporting made by me and submitted to the house, I will be prepared to employ three reporters to perform the work, as in the said proposition it is stipulated to be done.

OTTO WEEKS, jr.

To the chairman of the reporting committee.

April 17th, 1856.

The committee on reporting the debates of the house during the next session having had before them the two reporters at present employed, as well as other parties, and considered the annexed papers, have agreed to report: That the proposal of Mr. Weeks should be accepted by the house, as the same is modified by the memorandum now produced,—that the sum of fifty pounds should be added to his offer, making £550 in all, to insure publication in three newspapers instead of two; and that the clerk of the house be authorised to enter into a contract accordingly, under the inspection of any two members of the committee, and take such security as they shall approve for the due fulfilment, by Mr. Weeks, of the contract so to be entered into.

W. YOUNG.  
L. M. WILKINS.  
JNO. ESSON.  
JNO. C. WADE.  
CHARLES TUPPER.

Halifax, 17th April, 1856.

#### ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Entered into this tenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, between Otto Weeks, of the city of Halifax, barrister at law, being the principal, and Robert Davis, architect, and John T. H. Slayter, doctor of medicine, both of Halifax aforesaid, being the sureties of the said Otto Weeks of the one part, and Alexander James, of the city aforesaid, esquire, clerk to the house of assembly of the province of Nova Scotia, of the other part.

Whereas by resolution of the house of assembly aforesaid, passed on the sixteenth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, it was ordered by the house that the honorable the attorney general, Mr. Tupper, the honorable the provincial secretary, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Esson, be a committee to make arrangements for reporting and publishing the debates of the house in accordance with the proposal contained in a certain letter from the said Otto Weeks, which said letter is hereunto annexed, with such modifications in the plan proposed by the said Otto Weeks as they, the

the said committee, should consider expedient, as in and by the printed journals of said house of assembly for the year last aforesaid, on page two hundred, will on reference being had thereto more fully appear.

And whereas the honorable the attorney general, as chairman of said committee, on the seventeenth day of April, now last past, reported from such committee, and after such report had been read, it was ordered by the house that such report be received and adopted, as in and by the journals aforesaid, page two hundred and two, will on reference thereto more fully appear. And whereas, (as in and by said original report, which with certain memoranda thereto annexed and therein referred to, is hereto annexed, will on reference thereto more fully appear), it is therein recommended that the clerk of the house be authorized to enter into a contract in accordance therewith, under the inspection of any two members of said committee, and take such security as they shall approve for the fulfilment, by the said Otto Weeks, of the contract so to be entered into. And whereas these presents have before the execution thereof been submitted to and approved by the honorable William Young, attorney general, and John Esson, esq., two of the members of such committee, whose approval hereof, and of the sureties herein named, is testified by a memorandum signed by them respectively, and endorsed hereupon.

Now therefore these presents witness, that for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and fifty pounds of lawful money of said province, to be to the said Otto Weeks well and truly paid, by or on behalf of the house of assembly aforesaid, in each and every year during the faithful performance by him in each year of his part of this agreement, the said Otto Weeks, Robert Davis, and John T. H. Slayter, jointly and severally hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with the said Alexander James as such clerk, his executors and administrators in manner and form following, that is to say:—First, That he the said Otto Weeks shall and will, for the consideration aforesaid, cause to be prepared and completed on the evening of each and every day of the sitting of the house, during the next ensuing three annual sessions, a faithful and accurate condensed report of the debates and proceedings of the house which shall have taken place during the same day, varying according to the circumstances from one to two and one half columns per day—which report shall be published in three newspapers at the expense of the said Otto Weeks—and such papers furnished or laid on the table of the house as hereinafter mentioned on the morning following, at or before the hour of ten o'clock, and one copy additional shall be transmitted by mail to each country journal on the same day. Second, That the said Otto Weeks shall prepare and furnish as hereinafter mentioned, full and faithful reports of the debates and proceedings of the house, to the extent of twenty-one columns in each and every week during the sitting of the house; such reports to be invariably supplied at no later period than five days after the delivery of the speeches, and to be published in at least three of the city newspapers; proof copies thereof to be furnished to the managers of any other newspapers who may publish such reports, for a reasonable remuneration, in case the house of assembly shall enter into any arrangement therefor. The said Otto Weeks to provide for the expense of publication in three newspapers as aforesaid and no more; and the whole of such duties to be performed and completed within two weeks after the close of each session, and the said Otto Weeks shall lay on the table of the house sixty copies of each of said three newspapers on their morning of issue. Third, The said Otto Weeks shall furnish to the clerk of the house within one month after the close of each session of the house, sixty copies of such debates and proceedings done up in pamphlet form, sewed and covered with paper covers, and entitled “the parliamentary reporter.” Fourth, The said Otto Weeks to keep constantly employed during each session of the house, three competent reporters, for the performance of the duties required, at his expense and responsibility.

And it is hereby further understood and agreed, that the above services shall be in

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every respect done and performed to the full satisfaction of the house, and that on non-performance or insufficient performance thereof, the whole and every part of such consideration as aforesaid shall be forfeited, and this contract and everything herein contained, shall cease to be binding on the house of assembly aforesaid.

And it is further stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, that the said report, letter and memoranda hereinbefore referred to, shall form a part of this agreement, together with such modifications and conditions as have been hereinbefore made of such letter and memorandum, and shall be equally binding upon them respectively, as if the same were set forth at length herein.

And it is further hereby understood and agreed between the respective parties hereto, that in case any extra or unusual session of the said house of assembly shall be held, the said Otto Weeks shall perform the duties hereinbefore contracted for by him in the same manner as in the case of the usual annual sessions of the house; and in such case, and also in case any such usual sessions of the house shall be diminished by dissolution or prorogation before the period within which the business of the annual session is usually transacted, the said Otto Weeks shall be paid for such his services rateably and in proportion to the amount of time, labor and expense actually incurred and expended by him in and about the performance of such duties.

And it is further hereby expressly stipulated and agreed by and between the parties hereto, that if the house of assembly shall at any time be dissatisfied with the performance, by the said Otto Weeks, of the duties above mentioned, it shall be competent to the house to terminate such contract by resolution of the house in such behalf, and thereupon this contract shall cease to be of any binding, force or effect.

And it is further expressly understood and agreed between the parties, that in entering into this agreement on behalf of the house of assembly, the said Alexander James is acting solely and exclusively as the agent of the house of assembly aforesaid, and that he shall not incur any personal liability or risk whatever, nor be liable to any suit or action whatever, for the non-fulfilment thereof. In witness whereof, the parties to these presents have hereto their hands and seals subscribed, and set the day and year first above written

OTTO WEEKS, jr.  
JNO. T. H. SLAYTER.  
ROBERT DAVIS.

Signed, sealed and delivered, in the }  
presence of JOSEPH H. WEEKS. }

JNO. E. WHIDDEN, witness to signature }  
of Jno. H. Slayter. }

We have read the foregoing contract, and approve thereof, and of the sureties therein named.

W. YOUNG.  
JNO. ESSON.

Halifax, January 11th, 1857.

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PART 2.—(See page 272.)

The committee on reporting having been attended by the reporter of the house and several other parties connected with the debates, beg to report partially as follows:

That the house raised the amount for this service to the annual sum of £550, that they



they might be assured of a daily summary, and of twenty-one columns of the debates per week being published in each one of three of the Halifax journals, to wit, the chronicle, colonist, and sun, who were to receive £75 each out of the above sum.

The death of one of the reporters and other circumstances have prevented the reporter and others from fulfilling the agreement, and the committee having to deal with the matter as it now stands, recommend to the house :

First—that the reporter be instructed to furnish hereafter during the session twenty-one columns of the debates per week, as also the daily summary to the three papers originally named, the chronicle, colonist, and sun, and that the several speeches be published in these papers in the order in which they were delivered.

Second—That of the sum of £75 originally intended for the sun, but in which paper the debates have not hitherto been published, the house, when voting the sum in committee of supply, should assign £25 to the morning advertiser in consideration of the debates already or hereafter to be published therein, and that the sun fulfilling its part of the contract should receive the remaining £50.

Third—that £25 be granted at same time to the morning journal in consideration of the debates already or hereafter to be published therein, and £40 for furnishing 140 copies of the parliamentary reporter beyond the 60 copies in the agreement.

Fourth—That the reporter furnish to the chairman a memorandum of the number of columns of debates already published, and at the end of each week a memorandum of the number of columns published in that week.

The committee presume that the house would not be willing, as they themselves would not, to extend the cost for this service beyond what they have thus recommended, or in any case to pay more than three newspapers ; and they reserve to themselves the right of determining at a future period of the session what amount they would recommend to be granted for this year, and how far it may be advisable to continue the present agreement, with any and what modifications in future sessions.

WILLIAM YOUNG.  
JOHN ESSON.  
JOHN C. WADE.  
THOMAS KILLAM.  
ALFRED WHITMAN.

Halifax, 28th February, 1857.

No. 3.

(See page 252.)

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY OFFICE,  
Halifax, 4th February, 1857.

SIR—

We have the honor to furnish you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor,

1. A statement of the expenditure and receipts of this board up to the 31st day of December, 1856 :

In 1854 the board expended	£53,573 17 4
1855	163,302 7 10½
1856	249,875 18 2½
In all	£466,752 3 5

Of

Of this amount there was received from the honorable the				
receiver general—in 1854,		£56,228	2	6
1855,		149,847	15	2
1856,		249,299	7	6
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In all,		£455,375	5	2
Leaving due on sundry accounts,				
as per balance sheet,	£12,231	8	5	
Cash on hand,	854	10	2	
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		11,376	18	3
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		£466,752	3	5
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2. A report made to the board by JAMES R. FORMAN, esquire, chief engineer, showing the progress of the works, and describing their general character and state of advancement.

3. Traffic returns, showing the amount of movement of passengers and freight upon those sections of the road thrown open for the use of the country.

The quarterly balance sheets, accounts and vouchers have been lodged with the honorable the financial secretary, as the law directs.

The cost of railroads in this province has been enhanced by the rise in the price of labour, and of all other commodities in the general markets of the world, ever since the operations of the board commenced. This advance, whether produced by a state of war, or by the influx of gold from California and Australia, or resulting from both or from other causes, has been marked both in Europe and America. These general causes have of course operated here; and the expenditure of large sums of money, in a country into which no steady stream of emigration has been directed, naturally raised the rates of wages when railways commenced: and these rates, both for labourers and skilled workmen, have, from the rise in the price of labour abroad, been steadily maintained.

But while our roads have, from the operation of causes over which we have had no control, cost more than it was assumed they would a few years ago, we have reason to believe that they have cost less than roads of like description, built elsewhere.

The board regret that it was not possible, owing to the tardiness with which some of the contractors advanced their works, to open the sections through to the Grand Lake until after the close of the year.

The transportation of freight has steadily increased. Though the portion of the road worked throughout the year was too short to command the great staples of the country, the results have been most encouraging, as will be seen by reference to the returns that accompany this report, and from which the nature and extent of the passenger and freight business are shown under separate heads.

The whole revenue of the road (8 miles) for the year ending 31st December, 1856, was

From passengers,	£2401	0	8
Freight,	576	1	10½
Mail coaches,	168	10	7
Contractor's freight,	822	0	11
Conveyance of troops,	25	0	0
Locomotive work on No. 3,	107	10	0
Storage, &c.,	18	18	4
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	£4120	2	4½

The expenses were, viz :

Locomotive charges,	£786	19	10	
Accident at 3 mile house,	497	9	7½	
Traffic charges,	254	16	9½	
Repairs of stock,	355	7	8	
Fuel,	325	11	6	
Upholding,	618	14	5½	
Miscellaneous,	173	6	10½	
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Nett,	£1107	15	7½	
				—————

It will be perceived that the expenses, this year, have been largely increased, from the necessity of repairing a locomotive injured by the accident at three-mile house, in March, thereby decreasing the nett revenue.

The board are gratified in being enabled to state, that since their road has been opened, 81,407 passengers, and 6,748 horses, have been carried over it, without the slightest injury.

The road through to the Grand Lake, near Shultz's, 22½ miles, was opened in the month of January. It will be seen from the traffic returns furnished, that the number of passengers, and the quantity of freight conveyed, afford very cheering indications of what may hereafter be expected.

The board have but little to add to the description of the works in progress, given by the chief engineer. They believe that he is not too sanguine in assuming that the western branch to Windsor, and the whole of the main line to the Stewiacke, will be completed and open during next summer.

It will appear by Mr. Forman's report that the section between Stewiacke and Truro is ready for contract. The board wait the instructions of the executive government as to the period when that portion of the work shall be advertised.

There is nothing to prevent the location and letting of the whole road to Pictou during the next summer, if the board are authorised and instructed so to do. Whether this course be prudent must depend upon those on whom devolves the responsibility of stimulating or restraining their action, according to the views which may be entertained of the necessity of the work to be done, and of the resources at command.

The board invite the very special attention of the government to the necessity that exists for the passage of some law, by which the assessments contemplated for the compensation of proprietors, from whom lands and materials have been taken, may be levied and paid over.

Though proprietors have submitted to the operation of the construction act, with respect, if not with cheerfulness, this has been done in the confident belief that the legislature would do them justice. They are looking forward to the passage of a law at the approaching session which shall realize their expectations, and we now record our unanimous opinion, that the perfection of such a measure cannot be longer delayed without serious embarrassment.

We have the honor to be, sir,  
Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, chairman.  
JONATHAN McCULLY.  
WILLIAM PRYOR, Jr.  
JOHN H. ANDERSON.  
P. M. CUNNINGHAM.  
THOMAS S. TOBIN.

The hon. the. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY.

## NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY—ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Halifax, 31st January, 1857.

SIR,—

I have to submit the following report upon the progress of the works during the year ending 31st December, 1856.

At the date of my last report eight miles were in operation, and fifty-two and one-half miles in course of construction; and during the above period an additional ten miles were put under contract at a cost of £41,616 18s. 4d., to be completed by 30th June next. Thirty miles have also been located during this period. Since the commencement of this year a further distance of four and a half miles, terminating at the public road leading up the Stewiacke valley, including the Lower Shubenacadie bridge, has been let at a cost of £21,993 3s. 10d., to be completed by the 30th November next; and the sections between Bedford and the Grand Lake have been opened for traffic. At this date there is therefore twenty two and a half miles open for traffic, fifty-two and one-half miles in course of construction, exclusive of the extension into Windsor one mile in length, and twenty-five and one-half miles located but not yet under contract.

The adjustment of sections between Bedford and the Grand Lake was not effected before the winter commenced. These works had therefore to be secured with the view of accommodating the present traffic at a moderate speed, and if the spring prove favorable can be completed at the proper season without interfering with the passage of trains.

CONSTRUCTION.—The expenditure during the year, has been, for

Excavations	£127,884	15	10
Bridges	33,278	10	3
Roads	1,355	11	4
Drainage	6,245	5	11
Finishing	24,575	12	2
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			£193,339 15 6
And on stations, viz.,			
Richmond, including wharf, &c.	2,985	11	8
Bedford	244	18	3
Fletcher's	142	14	7
Grand Lake	572	16	0
Nine Mile River	187	0	0
Shubenacadie	688	12	10
St. Croix	362	3	3
Windsor, including wharf	4,274	6	3
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			£9,458 2 10
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Total			£202,797 18 4

As the extent of drainage and some of the other operations can only be ascertained during construction, the specifications contemplate and are drawn out with the view of providing for alterations and additions in these particulars. The extra work executed during the year on these accounts to be added to the above is £4,500.

The number of yards of excavation put into embankments were

Main line	C. yds.	563,183
Windsor branch	'	602,364
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	C. yds.	1,165,547

The materials in the excavations are well suited for embankments, and ensure a good and cheaply maintained road. The viaduct at Bedford is completed, those for Fletcher's and

and St. Croix river nearly so; the Upper Shubenacadie, Nine Mile river, Barney's brook, Holdsworth's meadow, and Five Mile lake viaducts, are well advanced; and nearly the whole of the material for the Big Bog brook viaduct is prepared. The road and other small bridges and stone drains are in several cases completed, the remainder being for the most part in a forward state. The viaducts in most instances built of stone, or stone and iron combined, not excepting the smaller ones for road crossings and drainage, are of the most substantial and durable description, and put together with due regard to appearance, and I may state generally that no saving that would affect the stability or permanency of the line, or economy in working it after completion, by insufficient grading, has been attempted.

The levelling for the Windsor depot and the road-side stations is designed, and being executed with the view of providing ample accommodation for a large amount of traffic; their position and relation to the other works rendered this advisable. The area required at Richmond will eventually be extensive and must be formed independently of road construction—the course adopted in this instance has therefore been to execute from time to time such portions as are necessary to meet immediate demands.

Labourers' wages have seldom during the year been below five shillings per day, in many instances six shillings have been paid. From ten to twelve shillings have been a common allowance for masons, and the remuneration made to other tradesmen bears the same proportion. The average daily number of men employed upon the contracts for the year was sixteen hundred and twenty-two.

The following table shows the length, amount of tender, and value of contract work done on each of the sections not completed at 31st December:

CONTRACTS.	Length.		Amount of tender.	Value of work done.			Date of letting.	Date of completion.
	Miles.	Chains.		£	s.	d.		
<b>MAIN LINE.</b>								
No. 5,	8	60	46,360 19 3	43,465	5	5	April 14, 1855	June 1, 1856
" 6,	2	40	16,798 8 6	15,201	5	6	Sept. 15, 1855	" "
" 7,	7	0½	30,774 10 6	21,821	17	0	Nov. 27, 1855	June 30, 1857
" 8,	10	9½	41,616 18 4	24,964	16	0	May 10, 1856	" "
<b>WINDSOR BRANCH.</b>								
No. 1,	6	7½	33,305 0 3	19,591	8	11	July 7, 1855	June 1, 1857
" 2,	6	39	28,000 0 0	16,964	6	4	" "	" "
" 3,	5	76	41,411 11 5	25,030	9	6	" "	" "
" 4,	5	74	47,458 13 3	35,291	0	0	" "	Sept. 1, 1856
" 5,	6	30	21,500 0 0	18,708	16	0	" "	" "
Extension,	1	0	.....	3,465	5	0	.....	" "
<b>Totals,</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>16½</b>	<b>£307,226 1 6</b>	<b>£224,504</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>		

**PERMANENT LOCATIONS.**—The permanent locations beyond Shubenacadie have extended up to, and for a few miles beyond Truro; this district presents no engineering difficulties. The only important viaducts are at the crossings of the Shubenacadie and Stewiacke rivers; the first of these has been let, and is included in the last contract. It has three spans of one hundred feet each in the clear, and the road-way will be supported by iron girders on stone abutments and piers. The Stewiacke viaduct will be less expensive, but the plans for it have not yet been prepared. The excavations on these sections will be easily removed, the materials are well suited for the work, the construction

struction can go on rapidly, and the cost per mile will probably be less than the average of what has been already executed, or is in progress.

Explorations were carried beyond Truro before the end of the summer, at which period they were about thirty miles in advance of the works under construction, and as some time must elapse before this point could be reached it was considered prudent to stop operations there for the present, as in all probability a number of the stakes would be destroyed and necessitate an additional outlay in re-staking the line. It is seldom that a broken country admits of a course so direct, and at the same time, of a line so easily and cheaply constructed as the one selected,—the excess in distance over a straight line between Fletcher's and Truro, forty miles, is two miles, and the sharpest grade on this portion is but forty feet per mile.

**MAINTAINANCE OF WAY.**—The works on the completed portion of the road are in good repair, the wages paid on upholdence range from four and six pence to five shillings per day, and the cost per mile under this head is seventy-seven pounds. In England when wages are at sixteen shillings sterling or twenty shillings currency per week, the average cost is about one hundred and twenty pounds currency per mile; in the United States it is about £250. It is true the traffic has not been of a heavy description, and the upholdence should bear some proportion to the weight conveyed, but though every allowance be made on this account the result will be found most favourable. The embankments around the Basin are in excellent condition, and the expense necessary to keep them so will for the future be trifling—the traffic has in no instance been interrupted from imperfections in construction, and no indications of any want of solidity have been manifested.

The tests to which the girders in the Bedford viaduct were subjected before running the trains over it gave satisfactory results. This description of bridge is extremely well suited for railway purposes both for cheapness and durability, and whether it be compared with the expensive and massive stone erections found on English roads, or the wooden and less permanent ones in the United States, the result will be found in favor of the malleable iron girder as adopted in this instance, either in one or other of these respects, and generally as compared with those in the latter country, in both.

The rolling stock, consisting of:

- 3 locomotives
- 4 passenger carriages
- 4 horse and cattle boxes
- 2 goods vans
- 8 platform trucks
- 2 ballast waggon
- 52 sets of malleable iron carriage wheels and axles

is in good working order. Several pieces of machinery have been added during the year to the workshops at Richmond, and platform and other trucks are being constructed there.

In conclusion, I have to state that the Windsor branch and the main line so far as the Stewiacke valley, will in all probability be ready for use before the end of the ensuing summer; and connected with this result, and as a means of greatly promoting economy in working the road, I beg leave to suggest that the legislature authorize the board to provide and erect a telegraph to notify the departure and arrival of all the trains at the several stations. I feel the vast importance of employing this mode of communication, from the conviction that proper security, on a single line of road, is otherwise unattainable.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. B. FORMAN, engineer.

The honorable JOSEPH HOWE,  
chairman railway board, &c. &c.

Nova Scotia

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY OFFICE,  
Halifax, 4th February, 1857.

Statement of the working of the Nova Scotia Railway, for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

Miles open—Halifax to Bedford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Miles run,	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,271
Passengers carried,	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,844

RECEIPTS.	PASSENGERS.	FREIGHT.	TOTALS.
January,	£169 4 5	£28 18 2½	£198 2 7½
February,	104 13 7½	28 0 7½	132 14 3
March (accident)	59 5 7½	16 11 6	75 17 1½
April,	131 9 11½	22 15 1½	154 5 1
May,	187 9 9	37 15 3½	225 5 0½
June,	249 7 8	41 14 11	391 2 7
July,	280 18 10	51 9 11	332 8 9
August,	294 8 8½	54 2 6½	348 11 3
September,	289 0 4	70 17 10½	359 18 2½
October.	254 6 11	68 18 0	323 4 11
November,	187 7 8	67 8 7	254 16 3
December,	183 17 3½	54 7 11½	238 5 3
Extras,	9 9 10½	34 1 4	43 11 2½
	<u>£2401 0 8</u>	<u>577 1 10½</u>	<u>£2978 2 6½</u>
			For mail coaches,
			168 10 7
			Contractor's freight,
			822 0 11
			Conveyance of troops,
			25 0 0
			Locomotive work on No. 3,
			107 10 0
			Storage, &c.
			18 18 4
			<u>£4120 2 4½</u>

## CHARGES.

Locomotive charges,	£786 19 10
Accident at 3 mile house,	497 9 7½
Traffic charges,	254 16 9½
Repairs of stock,	355 7 8
Fuel,	325 11 6
Upholding,	618 14 5½
Miscellaneous,	173 6 10½
	<u>3012 6 9</u>
	Nett,
	<u>£1107 15 7½</u>

## FREIGHT CARRIED.

Horses and Waggons,	3166	
Single Horses,	134	
Mail Coaches,	743	
Do. Horses,	2655	
Hogsheads and Puncheons.	207	
Barrels,	4134	Boxes,

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Boxes,	1327
Bags,	3157
Bundles and Parcels,	1273
Baskets,	828
Bars Iron,	154
Fish, quintals,	219
Lumber, feet,	121,410
Chests Tea,	30
Tubs,	185
Oxen or Cows,	70
Sheep, Calves and Pigs,	199
Dogs,	203
Stoves,	83
Lumber, cubic feet,	548
Wood, cords,	13
Timber, pieces,	147
Shingles, bundles,	1002
Bricks,	10,650
Iron, cwt.	208
Bundles Iron,	12
Bundles Lathes,	290
Staves,	2250
Wheels,	122
Axles,	74
Waggon,	12
Hay, tons,	1 and a half.
Packages sundries,	749
Iron Rails,	11,391
Railway Chairs,	91,563
Casks Spikes,	16

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No. 4.

(See page 261.)

(Copy.)

No. 60.

*Downing street, 31st July, 1856.*

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration two acts passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, in the month of March, 1855, and transmitted to me in your despatch, noted in the margin.

These acts having been referred by the queen in council to the lords of the committee of privy council for trade and foreign plantations, that committee have reported to her majesty in council their opinion that the said acts should be left to their operation; and I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, an order of her majesty in council, dated the 28th July, approving that report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

At



*At the court at Osborne house, Isle of Wight, the 28th day of July, 1856*

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

&c.            &c.            &c.

Whereas the governor of her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, with the council and assembly of the said province. did, in the month of March, 1855, pass two acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3297. An act to alter and amend chapter 85 of the revised statutes, " Of the regulation and inspection of provisions, lumber, fuel, and other merchandize, so far as relates to the iuspection of fish."

No. 3328. An act in addition to chapter 87 of the revised statutes, " Of general provisions respecting corporations."

And whereas the said acts have been referred to the committee of the lords of her majesty's most honorable privy council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to trade and foreign plantations, and the said committee have reported, as their opinion to her majesty, that the said acts should be left to their operation ; her majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of her privy council, to approve the said report—whereof the governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief, for the time being, of her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

(Copy.)

No. 62.

*Downing street, 2nd August, 1856.*

SIR,—

I have had under my consideration the act passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, No. 3347, " to incorporate the transatlantic submarine telegraph company." The language of the 2nd section of this act, which empowers the company to lay down submarine telegraph wires from one or more points on the coasts of Great Britain or Ireland, or from any point on the continent of Europe, to some one or more points on the coasts or shores of the province, or its dependencies, and to erect all necessary piers, wharves, breakwaters, embankments, docks, stations and buildings, and which declares that in a certain event the company shall have the right and privileges of connecting submarine wires with the coasts and shores of the province and its dependencies for a period of fifty years, is extremely vague and indefinite ; and it would be desirable that the powers and privileges intended to be conferred on the company should be stated with more precision. It is further, in my opinion, very questionable whether the sanction of the crown should be given to any act conferring upon a telegraph company the power of laying down telegraph wires in any of her Majesty's colonies, without imposing upon the company conditions for securing to the government the right of taking temporary possession of the line in cases of public emergency, and for securing to the government and the public the use of the wires of the company upon terms similar to those which have been imposed on telegraph companies in this country by the acts or charters by which those companies are incorporated.

I enclose for your information a copy of the acts, in which the usual clauses for this purpose are contained.

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I have therefore to instruct you to bring this act again under the consideration of your council, with a view to its amendment, and I shall in the meantime defer submitting it for her majesty's decision.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.—Nova Scotia.

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No. 73.

*Downing street, 30th October, 1856.*

SIR—

I have received and had under my consideration 93 acts, passed by the legislature of Nova Scotia, in the months of March and April last, and transmitted to me in your despatch

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 the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.

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*At the court at Windsor, the 22d day of October, 1856.*

P R E S E N T :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

&c.            &c.            &c.

Whereas the governor of her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, with the council and assembly of the said province, did, in the months of March and April, 1856, pass 98 acts, which have been transmitted, entitled as follows, viz :

No. 3365. An act to continue and amend the laws imposing customs duties.

No. 3366. An act to alter and amend chapter 126 of the revised statutes, "of the supreme court and its officers."

No. 3367. An act to continue the law imposing light house duties.

No. 3368. An act to amend the new practice act.

No. 3369. An act to continue the laws to regulate distilleries.

No. 3370. An act to amend chapter 66 of revised statutes, "of the expenditure of monies on the roads."

No. 3371. An act to amend chapter 136 of the revised statutes, "of juries"

No. 3372. An act to alter and amend the laws relating to the customs.

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- No. 3373. An act to repeal chapter 59 of the revised statutes, "Of immigrants."
- No. 3374. An act for the regulation of railways.
- No. 3375. An act for the municipal government of townships.
- No. 3376. An act to amend the act for the municipal government of counties.
- No. 3377. An act to amend chapter one hundred and fifty-four of the revised statutes, "Of costs and fees."
- No. 3378. An act to establish and regulate the sale by weight of vegetables and coal.
- No. 3379. An act to amend the act seventeenth Victoria, chapter second, entitled, an act to authorise a loan for the construction of railways within this province.
- No. 3380. An act to facilitate the investment of trust and other funds.
- No. 3381. An act to authorise a provincial loan.
- No. 3382. An act to continue the license laws.
- No. 3383. An act to amend chapter 67 of the revised statutes, "Of the preservation of roads"
- No. 3384. An act to establish a more equal and just system of assessment.
- No. 3385. An act for the preservation of pheasants.
- No. 3386. An act to amend chapter 57 of the revised statutes, "Of regulations concerning the practice of physic and surgery."
- No. 3387. An act to amend the act 18th Victoria, chapter 16, relating to the inspection of fish.
- No. 3388. An act to amend chapter 141 of the revised statutes, "Of suits against absent or absconding debtors."
- No. 3389. An act to amend the jury law.
- No. 3390. An act for a further issue of treasury notes.
- No. 3391. An act to continue the laws relating to education.
- No. 3392. An act to amend chapter 92 of the revised statutes, "Of the preservation of useful birds and animals."
- No. 3393. An act to extend the provisions of chapter 61 of the revised statutes, "Of laying out certain great roads."
- No. 3394. An act to amend chapter 13 of the act 16th Victoria.
- No. 3395. An act to explain chapter 113 of the revised statutes, "Of the registry of deeds and incumbrances affecting lands."
- No. 3396. An act to amend chapter 111 of the revised statutes, "Of deeds by married women."
- No. 3397. An act to amend chapter 46 of the revised statutes, "Of county assessments."
- No. 3398. An act to enlarge the amount of deposits in the savings' bank.
- No. 3399. An act to amend chapter 63 of the revised statutes, "Of surveyors of highways, and highway labor, except in Halifax."
- No. 3400. An act to continue and amend the laws relating to the militia
- No. 3401. An act to amend the act concerning the registry of ships.
- No. 3402. An act for applying certain monies therein mentioned for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other purposes.
- No. 3403. An act to divide the county of Annapolis into two school districts.
- No. 3404. An act to constitute Argyle, in the county of Yarmouth, a separate district.
- No. 3405. An act to make certain records of the township of Onslow receivable in evidence.
- No. 3406. An act to enable the corporation of Halifax to procure a general survey of the city.
- No. 3407. An act to authorise the alteration of certain electoral districts in the county of Guysborough.
- No. 3408. An act for the repair and maintenance of streets in the city of Halifax.
- No. 3409. An act to provide for repairing a bridge at Bridgewater, in the county of Lunenburg.

No. 3410. An act for improving the road between Sable River and Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne.

No. 3411. An act for improving the harbor of Port Hood.

No. 3412. An act to enable the inhabitants of the towns of Pictou and New Glasgow to assess themselves for making and repairing streets and sewers.

No. 3413. An act to amend chapter 56, 18th Victoria, entitled, an act to authorise a loan for the erection of a court house in Pictou.

No. 3414. An act to enable the inhabitants of the town of Windsor to procure a fire engine.

No. 3415. An act to legalize the grand and petit juries for the counties of Cape Breton and Richmond.

No. 3416. An act to enable the inhabitants of Pugwash to procure a fire engine.

No. 3417. An act to enable the corporation of Halifax to make improved side-walks in the city.

No. 3418. An act to regulate the marking of logs in the county of Queens.

No. 3419. An act to provide for the improvement of the road from Maitland to the great eastern road.

No. 3420. An act to amend chapter 76 and 80 of the acts of 18 Victoria.

No. 3421. An act for improving the new road from Annapolis to Liverpool.

No. 3422. An act to set off an additional electoral districts within the county of Annapolis.

No. 3423. An act to alter the times of holding the sessions for the county of Lunenburg.

No. 3424. An act concerning the division of school districts in the county of Lunenburg.

No. 3425. An act to establish the township of Merristown, in the county of Sydney.

No. 3426. An act to provide for the rebuilding of Melford bridge over the West River of Pictou.

No. 3427. An act to divide the eastern school district of the county of Halifax

No. 3428. An act to assess the towship of Granville.

No. 3429. An act to amend the acts to provide for the erection of a court house in Halifax.

No. 3430. An act to alter the representation of Queen's county.

No. 3431. An act to provide for improving the road from New Glasgow to St. Mary's

No. 3432. An act relating to width of roads at Brier Island, in the county of Digby

No. 3433. An act to regulate the setting of nets in the harbor of Liverpool.

No. 3434. An act to alter the harbor master's fees in the harbor of Sydney.

No. 3435. An act to authorise the sale of the Cornwallis toll bridge.

No. 3436. An act to incorporate the Milton railroad company.

No. 3437. An act to incorporate the Halifax mechanics' library association.

No. 3438. An act to incorporate the union bank of Halifax.

No. 3439. An act to incorporate the new Caledonia lodge, Pictou.

No. 3440. An act to incorporate the trustees of the south Baptist meeting house at Wilmot.

No. 3441. An act to incorporate Saint George's charitable society in Halifax.

No. 3442. An act to incorporate the Hantsport cemetery company.

No. 3443. An act to incorporate the trustees of Saint Matthew's church at Wallace.

No. 3444. An act to increase the capital stock of the Nova-Scotia horticultural society.

No. 3445. An act to incorporate the college and academy board of the Free church of Nova-Scotia.

No. 3446. An act to incorporate the Newport brooklyn hall company.

No. 3447. An act to incorporate the Erasmus hall company.

No. 3448. An act to incorporate the Liverpool marine railway company.

No. 3449. An act to incorporate the trustees of McLean's Free church at Indian Rear, in the county of Inverness.

No. 3450. An act to incorporate the Ira Woodworth pier company at Cornwallis.

No. 3451. An act to incorporate the Union meeting house congregation at Mahone Bay.

No. 3452. An act to incorporate the Oak Point pier company at Cornwallis.

No. 3453. An act to amend the act to incorporate the trustees of Burns' Free church in the county of Sydney.

No. 3454. An act to incorporate the Centreville hall company.

No. 3455. An act for further increasing the capital stock of the Halifax water company.

No. 3456. An act to authorise the draining of a peat bog, near the town of Liverpool.

No. 3457. An act in addition to the act for incorporating the Margaretville pier company.

No. 3458. An act to amend the act to incorporate the Acadian iron and steel company.

No. 3459. An act to continue and further alter the act to incorporate the bank of Nova Scotia, and the acts in amendment thereof.

No. 3460. An act to authorise the sale of the old Presbyterian meeting house at Windsor.

No. 3461. An act relative to a town hall at Onslow.

No. 3462. An act to naturalize Andrew Craigie White, William Higgins Sargent, and William Green Armstrong.

And whereas the said acts have been referred to the committee of the lords of her majesty's most honorable privy council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to trade and foreign plantations, and the said committee have reported, as their opinion to her majesty, that the said acts should be left to their operation; her majesty was thereupon this day pleased, by and with the advice of her privy council, to approve the said report,—whereof the governor, lieutenant-governor, or commander in chief for the time being of her majesty's province of Nova-Scotia, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

WM. L. BATHURST.

No. 5.

(See page 261.)

*At a council held at the government house on the 14th day of August, 1856.*

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,  
&c. &c. &c.

The attention of the board having been called to the St. Peter's canal, and to executive steps necessary to be taken in relation thereto: Ordered, that the attorney general do confer with Mr. Talcott, the civil engineer who lately examined the inland navigation company canal, and invite him to come to Cape Breton in September next, and report on the works first above mentioned.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS.

*Halifax, August 30, 1856.*

SIR—

Having put into your hands, since your arrival, all the documents, papers, and information in the power of the government, on the subject of the Saint Peters canal, and

and furnished you with a letter of introduction to the commissioners at Arichat, and the views entertained by the government being familiar to you from my former letter, and the conversations I have had the pleasure of holding with you, I have merely to suggest to you, in general terms, that on arriving at Arichat you will communicate freely with the commissioners, and will inspect the original contract with Mr. McLeod, the plans or sections annexed thereto, and all other papers that may come into your hands. You will then, of course, proceed to Saint Peters, where I presume you will meet Mr. Folsom, the local engineer, and will take such steps as will enable you to complete a thorough and accurate survey of the locus, and to inform your own judgment as to the practicability and character of the undertaking—the nature and progress of the work done—the probable expense of completing it—the quantity of rock cutting, and the wisdom of pursuing the plans that are in progress, or of substituting other plans in their room. We have to invite your attention also to the relative heights of the water in the lake, and in the bay outside—the breakwaters or locks that are requisite for safety and the working of the canal when finished, and the power that can be best employed for working it. The provincial government, in fact, have employed you that this work may have the benefit of your professional skill and experience, and that the legislature may be assured of the public money being judiciously expended, and of a work in which large masses of the population are deeply interested, being prosecuted with due economy and with adequate skill. The three commissioners who will be with you, I trust, on the ground, and the local engineer, will afford you every facility in their power; and the government, who have given you their full confidence, will look anxiously for your report on a work which has excited large expectations, and is universally regarded as of great importance.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. YOUNG,

Atty. general.

W. H. TALCOTT, civil engineer.

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REPORT BY WILLIAM H. TALCOTT, ESQ., ON THE ST. PETERS CANAL.

*To his excellency the lieutenant-governor of the province of Nova-Scotia, and the members of the provincial government.*

GENTLEMEN—

Having received an invitation from your honorable body, communicated under date of the 11th of August last, by letter from the honorable W. Young, attorney general for the government, to examine the canal, now in course of construction at St. Peters, for opening a water communication for vessels through the Isthmus that separates the Bras d'Or lake from the Atlantic Ocean, and report upon the same, I made arrangements immediately, to comply with your wishes, and at an early day proceeded to Halifax, where, after the pleasure of a personal interview with the attorney general, in which were made known to me more fully the wishes of the government in relation to the object of my mission, he placed in my hands certain papers, reports and documents, pertaining to the St. Peters canal, and also a letter of instructions, under date of the 30th of August last.

I then proceeded immediately to St. Peters, where I was met by the canal commissioners, Thomas H. Fuller, Hugh Munro, and Henry Martell, esquires, and also by Mr. Charles W. Folsom, the resident engineer of the work; and I take great pleasure in saying

saying here, that the commissioners afforded me every facility in their power for obtaining a full understanding of all the facts connected with this work, and also, that I am much indebted to the resident engineer, and the very excellent and systematic manner in which everything connected with his department has been kept, for having obtained so much information in so short a time.

I have now given due attention to all the questions referred to in the above mentioned communications, and beg to submit herewith the result of my investigations, which may be done conveniently, under the following heads :

I. What effect will the opening of such a communication probably have on the country surrounding the Bras d'Or lake ?

II. Is a canal practicable ?

III. Is that the best method of opening such a communication ?

IV. Is the line as now located the best one for a canal ?

V. What will be the probable cost of completing a canal and its necessary fixtures, with 22 feet width canal bottom, and a lock 22 feet in the clear ?

VI. What additional cost will probably be required to make the canal 25 feet wide, and a lock 25 feet in the clear ?

VII. What length of time should it take to complete such a work ?

I. The probable effect on the country surrounding the Bras d'Or Lake :

My limited acquaintance with the features of the country bordering on this lake, will prevent my saying much under this head, and what is said must be in general terms, the applicability of which, to this particular location, must be judged of by those who are more intimately acquainted with the circumstances.

The general importance of Inland navigation has long been so evident, that it would seem to be almost a work of supererogation to dwell on this point.

The wants of mankind are various, and these wants increase with the advancement of civilization. At the present time the great facilities of inter-national communication, and of travel generally, have induced extensive immigration in all parts of the civilized world.

This immigration seeks a location, where, by proper exertions, not only the necessities of life, but also of the comforts which they have left behind, may soon be obtained. These cannot be obtained by clearing the forests and cultivating the soil, unless the product of such labour can be exchanged for money, or its equivalent ; consequently every such person, whose ambition looks beyond the lowest condition of existence, seeks a location for his future home where those higher attainments can be realized ; and just in proportion to the facilities offered for such exchange, will be the inducements for the settlement of any part of any country, by so desirable a class of inhabitants.

In the early settlement of a country articles of great weight and bulk, in proportion to their value, must be sent to market. These cannot bear the expense of much land transportation, nor of too great a distance by water.

These remarks indicate the general importance of Inland navigation, for promoting the internal prosperity of any country. Communication by water seems to be the most desirable to the early settlers ; it is the cheapest of all ways, and affords them an opportunity of exchanging their products, by means of their own labor, and with the least possible outlay of money on their part.

The above statements are advanced, not as founded upon mere theory, but from the actual experience of those countries which are now reaping the benefits of an lightened statesmanship, in securing to their citizens the advantages of extensive Inland navigation.

How far these general remarks apply to this particular case, your long and intimate acquaintance with the condition of that part of the province, will enable you the better to judge.

The lands which I saw on the southwesterly shore of the lake, for several miles from St. Peters, are capable of being highly cultivated, and of sustaining a dense population.

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The means for promoting such cultivation seems to be abundant, particularly lime, which is now so extensively used for agricultural purposes with great benefit.

The opening of a convenient navigation between the Bras d'Or Lake and St. Peters Bay, can hardly fail to invite to the shores of this lake a better class of citizens than could be expected without it. It must give additional value to *all* the land bordering on this vast inland sea. It will also invite the use of steam in navigating the lake, and also coastwise to Halifax, securing greater celerity and frequency of the mails, and thereby stimulate agriculture and trade, the effects of which will be felt at your largest commercial cities, and, by a reflex and reciprocal influence, benefit almost every part of the province.

Various other advantages, in a political point of view, will be felt, which I will not presume to mention, but will now proceed to discuss the other questions which are more directly connected with my profession.

## 2. Is a canal practicable ?

Under this head may be stated a description, in a few words, of the line as staked out, and the present condition of the work ; and also what has been done to ascertain the practicability of the work.

The distance from shore to shore is about 2400 feet, and the deepest cutting required to make a canal with 13 feet water, at ordinary low water in the Bras d'Or lake, is about 74 feet. The line is located on the westerly side of, and nearly parallel with, a steep and high hill, somewhat irregular in its outline, with a surface inclined at an angle of about 30 degrees, or say one foot vertical to two feet horizontal.

On the westerly side of the line, the ground rises gently for a distance of two to three hundred feet from the canal, and then falls off gently towards the west, thus forming a dividing ridge which turns the surface water away from the canal.

The excavation has been commenced along nearly the whole length of the canal, from shore to shore. At the Bras d'Or lake end it was commenced at fifteen feet above canal bottom, and continued in a regularly ascending grade, a distance of about 400 feet, where it reached a level of 30 feet above canal bottom. At this point the contractor was at work on a breast of about twelve feet, making the top of the ground, at the breastwork, 42 feet above canal bottom. From this point the excavation has been carried along, slightly ascending for a distance of several hundred feet, to near the middle of the Isthmus, where it reached about 50 feet above canal bottom ; thence toward St. Peters, the excavation has been wrought in a similar manner, gradually descending towards the Bay, with a breast of 12 feet perpendicular height, at a point about 700 feet from the shore. At the foot of this breast the surface is 30 feet above canal bottom, and the excavation has been carried thence about 300 feet toward the Bay, gradually descending to the natural surface of the ground, at about 18 feet above canal bottom. A portion of the side cuttings have been sloped—others are left nearly perpendicular.

For greater convenience, in the further description of the work, reference will be made to the accompanying map, which is a copy from the map made by the resident engineer, and used in staking out the work.

The excavations already made have been of a very uniform character, the materials being almost entirely a hard tenacious clay and gravel intermixed, with various sized stones, from the size of gravel up to a few scattering large boulders, of  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton weight.

The total amount of excavations made to September 1st, 1856, appears to have been as follows :

1. Under the commissioners, previous to the contract of John McLeod,	}	12,266 c. yds.
2. By John McLeod in 1855,		39,600 "
3. By John McLeod in 1856, to September 1st,		17,850 "
		69,716 c. yds.
	Total,	69,716 c. yds.

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These excavations have laid the rock bare in several places, and have also opened several springs of water. At K 2×35 links the rock appears at about 21 feet above canal bottom, extending from the centre line to the east side of the cutting, and rising one foot in five from west to east. Mr. G. T. Handley says there used to be a beautiful spring of water coming out at the top of the ground near the centre line at this point before the canal was commenced, and that it was the only spring that shewed itself north of the middle of the Isthmus. The ground was then 28 feet above canal bottom, where it discharged itself, and about 15 feet above the surface of the lake.

There is now a spring in the bottom of the excavation at K 4, about 30 feet east of the centre line, which comes out 25 feet above canal bottom. This is probably the same spring that discharged itself at K 2, before the excavations were made; it discharged one gallon in four minutes, boiling up in several small holes with such force as to move fine particles of sand at the mouth.

Water sweats out of the east side of the cutting from A to A×50 links, and gathers into a running stream, discharging one gallon in 8 minutes. It softens the earth and causes it to slough off, as the bank now stands nearly perpendicular. Several small springs appear at the foot of the excavations on the east side of the cut, from A 3 to B 2, which discharge altogether one gallon in 73 seconds. This is all the water, running towards the lake, that appeared in the excavations, amounting in the aggregate to only one gallon in 50 seconds.

At A 4 the rock appears at the bottom of the cutting, 41 feet above canal bottom, and at a point 26 feet east of the centre line. The rock ascends towards the east, at an angle of about 40 degrees, forming a part of the adjacent high hill.

Another point of rock juts out into the canal at B 1×30 links, to within 19 feet of the centre line, at 48 feet above canal bottom; this also rises towards the east, at the same angle, and runs into the same hill.

Water shows itself at only two places on the southerly or bay side of the Isthmus, one at the east side of the excavation, at D 1×50 links, where it runs out clear at 31 feet above canal bottom, and discharges one gallon in 42 seconds; the other, at the west side of the excavation, near D 3, which discharged only one gallon in 30 minutes. This last was the only indication of water coming into the cut from the westerly side of the canal.

It was next ascertained by test pits, dug outside of the present excavations, that the rock on the easterly side of the canal lies near the surface of the ground, for about two-thirds of the distance from shore to shore; other test pits, mentioned below, show, that in all probability, there is no rock within reach of the canal on the remaining one-third of the distance, and also that there is no rock near the line on the westerly side, except what extends across the canal at the middle of the Isthmus.

The examinations thus far strongly indicated the entire feasibility of the work; still, in order to place this question beyond any reasonable doubt, it was decided to excavate three test pits, near the centre line, at such points as would be likely to show whether any treacherous or doubtful materials would be encountered in carrying the excavations down to canal bottom. These excavations were made after I left, under the supervision of the resident engineer, whose report is copied nearly verbatim below:—

“ Test pit No. 1 is near the Bras d’Or Lake at K×70 links and 26 feet west of the centre of canal, surface of ground stood  $15\frac{1}{2}$  feet above bottom of canal. At  $4\frac{1}{2}$  feet above bottom, comes in a spring from the south running a gallon in 35 seconds. The spring comes in on the top of a decomposed rock, which projected into the pit some two feet; whether a boulder or rock in place, could not certainly be told, it is of the same character as the rock shown by the excavations in the middle of the canal. The spring ran in perfectly clear and as if out of a pipe, bringing no material or earth tinge with it; it was pure and delicious to drink. At  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet above bottom, the soil was mixed with a vein of clear gravel about six inches thick. At  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet above bottom discontinued the excavation as the water made it very inconvenient, sounded the remaining  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet

feet with the iron rod, and at the bottom of canal or 2 inches below it, struck something quite hard, I think a soft rock. The impression produced on my mind was, that we had come to the irregular and partially decomposed rock, which, as we see elsewhere, lies on the top of the solid rock. The soil throughout (with the exception of the layer of gravelly clay above mentioned) was precisely similar to the stony clay above in the excavations."

Pit No. 2, at K 5×60 links, and 7 west of the centre of canal. The surface of the ground as left by the contractor, stood 27.5 feet above the bottom of canal. At 5½ feet above bottom, a weak spring came in from the south, running a gallon in perhaps two or three minutes or more. At 4¾ feet above bottom, came to solid rock in irregular masses but covering the whole pit, say 8 feet by 5 feet, so that I think it may safely be considered the rock in place. Some little more water bubbled up from the crevices of the rock under foot, the spring above mentioned was so close to the rock that it did not bring in any earthy matter. "The soil from top to bottom was of precisely the same character as the stony clay in the excavations above, and was as "dry as a bone" until we struck the spring above mentioned. The surface of the rock, though irregular, might be considered about level."

"Pit No. 3 at D 2×65 links, and 10 feet west of the centre line of canal, surface as left by the contractor's excavation, stood 26 feet above bottom of canal. At 3 feet above bottom, struck a spring coming in from the north running a gallon in 45 seconds. This spring was of perfectly pure cold water, delicious for drinking, and was not at all discolored by any earthy matter. It spirted out several inches from the side of the pit, exactly as if from a gimlet hole in a cask. I carried the pit down one foot lower, or to two feet above bottom of canal, when (as Saturday night came on and there would have been considerable expense to get out the water, and commence digging again on Monday morning) there appearing to be no change whatever in the soil, I discontinued the excavation. The soil consisted throughout of the same hard clay, mixed with small stones, which appear in the excavations above, and the pit was as *dry as a flour barrel*, all the way down till we struck the above spring. The spring came out from the pure clay, and there was no appearance of rock at all, nor any indication that we were approaching it."

By referring to Captain Barry's report and diagrams, it will be seen that he bored at near E 3, considerably below canal bottom, and found nothing but pure clay.

It will be observed that pits No. 1 and 2 are on the lake side of the Isthmus, and that the springs came into both from the south, clearly indicating that the same were fed by the water that naturally follows down upon the surface of the rock that appears on the south-easterly side of the canal, consequently there need be no fears of encountering any great difficulty from water on any part of the work from the lake to C 3.

The other pit was located at a point which it was believed would show the worst feature on the remaining distance, particularly as regards the destructive effects of water coming in near the bottom of the excavations.

The results may therefore be considered as placing the practicability of making a canal from shore to shore beyond any reasonable doubt, and also as demonstrating clearly that it will be a permanent work, requiring but a trifling annual expense to keep it in perfect order.

In order to ascertain as far as possible the kind of materials to be excavated under water at each end, soundings were made with a sharp iron rod near the centre line of the canal. The rod was churned up and down by three men so long as it could be withdrawn. The following table shows the result in the lake :

Distance

Distance from shore.	Depth of water.		Depth below the water.		Remarks.
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	
40 feet.	2	0	5	8	Hard clay and gravel.
60 "	3	6	3	6	" "
80 "	3	10	6	9	Softer clay and gravel.
100 "	6	4	2	9	Sand & gravel, appeared to strike on rock.
100 " & 10 ft. east.	6	6	2	6	" " " "
120 "	7	10	4	4	Mud, clay & gravel, appeared to strike on [rock.
150 "	13	0	0	0	

Like soundings were made in the Bay, with the following results:—

Distance from shore.	Depth of water.		Depth below the water.		Remarks.
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	
30 feet.	2	0	4	0	Sand and gravel.
50 "	2	6	3	6	" "
80 "	4	0	4	0	" "
110 "	5	0	5	0	" "
150 "	6	0	6	6	Mud, sand and gravel.
200 "	8	0	7	0	" " "
300 "	15	0	0	0	" " "

These soundings were taken on the 5th day of September, at which time the resident engineer considered the water in the lake to be, at ordinary low water, and in the bay, 2 feet above ordinary low water. They indicate that some rock would be encountered in the underwater excavations in the lake on the line as now staked out; but the test-pit No. 1 shows clearly the limit of that rock, and as clearly points out the way to escape it. Test-pit No. 3, and the borings made by Capt. Barry, near the shore of the bay, are indications that no rock will be encountered at the underwater excavations in the bay; and this conclusion is strongly confirmed by the conformation of the surrounding grounds.

The material in both cases appears to have sufficient tenacity to retain its position after the channel shall have been excavated. This part, therefore, may be considered quite as practicable as making the canal from shore to shore.

The only mechanical structures required will be one lift-lock, one set of stop gates near the lake, and one road bridge. The foundation of the lock will be in clay, and the

the gate in rock—both of which are good foundations for such structures. There is plenty of good limestone near at hand for all the masonry that may be required.

The whole work is, therefore, every way practicable, and, I think, more than ordinarily free from the casualties that are usually encountered in such deep cuttings and underwater excavations.

3. Is a canal the best method of opening such a communication ?

The only other system that has been successfully used for passing water craft from one level to another, is that of inclined planes. I am perfectly familiar with the whole history of this system, and also with the cost of constructing and operating such planes, and do not hesitate to say that such a method would be *applicable* in this case, and *might* be successfully used. It would, however, have to be operated by steam power, and that would require an annual expense, which, with the expense of perpetuating the machinery, would far exceed the annual interest upon any saving of cost in the first construction of such a work, as compared with a canal. There cannot, therefore, be any doubt as to which method should have the preference in this case.

4. Is the line as now located the best one for a canal ?

The configuration of country at the Isthmus clearly points out two routes, and only two, as any way practicable : the one, as now located, and the other at the route referred to in captain Barry's report, and estimated upon by Mr. Fairbanks.

In some respects, the last mentioned route would have been likely, at first view, to strike one favorably, particularly the fact that it presented a lower summit, and little or no rock excavation. A mere cursory view convinced me, that however it may have been originally, it would now require *more* excavation than will be required to complete the canal on the route adopted. Its entrance into St. Peters Bay would certainly be more exposed, and consequently more expensive to make and maintain than the entrance of the other route.

A still more forbidding aspect, in reference to this route, appears in the broad ascending slope of the ground to the westward of it, and the very considerable distance of the line from the rock on the east side, clearly indicating that there would be a large amount of water to contend with in the lower excavations, and probably in a formation that could not resist the destructive effects of such a discharge of water, even during the construction of the canal.

It is therefore probable that the route selected is, all things considered, the best that could have been adopted. The only variation which I propose from the line as now staked out, may be seen by the dotted line on the accompanying map. This variation has been suggested by the borings, soundings, and test-pits already made, and it is not unlikely that some further variations may be required in prosecuting the work. The excavations should be made next to the rock first, so as to ascertain its precise location, and then the centre line may be so arranged as to give the best and most permanent structure, at the least expense. This can be done only by the superintending engineer as the work progresses.

5. The cost of the canal, within 22 feet with on bottom, and a lock 22 feet in the clear.

It is estimated that there will be required to complete such a canal, from shore to shore, 191,683 cubic yards of earth excavation ; also 28,5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 cubic yards of rock excavation. I estimate the average cost of the earth at (35c.) 1s. 9d. per yard, and of the rock at (100c ) 5s. per yard.

Assuming these prices to be relatively correct, I have placed on the map three cross sections of a cutting 60 feet deep, for the purpose of showing at a glance the comparative cost of rock and earth excavations for such a work. These sections are marked A, B, C,—A representing 25 feet of earth on top and 35 feet of rock in the bottom, being the most economical division of earth and rock ; B representing all earth, and C representing all rock.

In one foot length of canal prism, A would have—

73.29 c. yards earth, at 35c.	=	\$25.65
36.09 c. yards rock, at 100c.	=	36 09

		Making,	\$61.74
B would have—266.11 c. yards, at 35c.,	=	\$93.14	
C would have— 77.77 c. yards, at 100c.,	=	77.77	

This shows clearly the advantages in the first cost of having rock in the bottom wherever the cutting exceeds 25 feet in depth. A still stronger reason in its favour is found in the increased security of the work from the greater stability of the material.

It is proper to state that the estimate of the lock masonry is based on the plan of making the face-work of cut limestone, dressed to what is called one quarter inch joints—i. e., so that the mortar between the stones shall not exceed an average of one quarter of an inch thick over the whole surface, all to be laid in mortar, made of hydraulic cement, of a good quality. The backing to be good solid masonry, laid in mortar made of part lime and part hydraulic cement. All to be well bonded together by large stones reaching through the wall. The lock is estimated at 122 feet length of chamber between the joins. I have estimated the average cost of the lock walls at £1 15s. per cubic yard.

Bringing together the several items, we have—

191,683 c. yards earth excavation, at 1s. 9d.,	£16,772	5	3
28,533 c. yards rock “ at 5s.,	7,133	5	0
4,754 c. ys. under water “ at 5s.,	1,188	10	0
Lift-lock complete, with tide gates,	4,625	0	0
Guard gates,	500	0	0
Swing bridge,	250	0	0

	£30,469	0	3
Add for contingencies,	3,530	19	9

Total,	£34,000	0	0
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If there had been no rock excavation, the amount would have been swelled to 376,753 cubic yards, from shore to shore, which, at 1s. 9d. per yard, would be £32,965 12s. 9d. instead of £23,905 10s. 3d., as above stated.

6. Additional cost to make the canal bottom 25 feet wide, and the lock 25 feet in the clear.

I estimate this item as follows:—

11,601 c. yards of eath excavation, at 1s. 9d.,	£1,015	1	9
1,859 c. yards of rock “ at 5s.,	464	15	0
Widening lock,	112	10	0
ditto guard gates,	25	0	0
Lengthening swing bridge,	12	10	0
Contingencies, say	170	3	3

Making,	£1,800	0	0
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If the canal should be made with bottom 25 feet wide, and the lock 25 feet in the clear, the lock ought to be made 140 feet long in the chamber. This would add to the above £450, making the total amount under this head £2,250, and the total cost of the canal and fixtures complete, with 25 feet width of lock and of canal bottom, £36,250.

7. Length of time required to do the work.

I see no reason why the work may not be completed in two full years from the time of commencing it; and I do not think it can be done economically in less than two years.

General

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Some other facts were obtained which have more or less bearing upon the work in question, which are stated below.

1. Difference of high and lower water in the lake is 3 33—100 feet, as given by Mr. Folson, who obtained it by getting persons to show certain marks which they have preserved from memory, the high water being in time of wet weather with an easterly storm, and low water in time of extreme drouth with westerly winds.

2. Difference of high and low water in St. Peters Bay, obtained in the same way, was 8 93-100 feet.

3. Ordinary spring tides in the Bay, as obtained by actual observations made by Mr. Folson, being an average of several observations taken in August and September, 1855, showed a difference of 5 60-100 feet between high and low water mark.

4. The following soundings were made by George T. Handley, in the lake, on the ice, March 7, 1852, commencing at the shore at the canal, and extending to Campbell's Island :—

Station.	Distance.	Water depth.
1	100 feet.	3 feet.
2	100 "	15 "
3	100 "	26 "
4	100 "	35 "
5	100 "	44 "
6	100 "	39 "
7	100 "	32 "
8	100 "	16 "
9	100 "	11 "
10	80 "	
	980 ft from shore to shore.	

5. An account of the tides in the Bras d'Or lake, furnished by Mr. G. Handley, of Halifax, from a record, dated November and December, 1839, showing the highest and lowest in each 24 hours :—

1839. November.	High water.		Low water.		Difference.
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	
20	1	8½	1	4¾	3¾
21	1	6½	1	1¼	5¼
22	1	5½	0	11¾	5¾
23	1	5¾	0	10	2¾
24	0	5½	0	3½	2
25	0	4½	0	1	3½
26	0	9½	0	2½	7
27	0	8	0	2¾	5¼
28	0	7	0	3¼	3¾
29	0	6	0	3	3
30	0	7	0	5	2
December 1	0	7½	0	4	3½
2	0	8¾	0	6	2¾
3	0	8½	0	4	4½
4	0	7¼	0	4	3¼
5	0	9½	0	5¼	4¼
6	0	9	0	5¼	3¾
7	0	7½	0	4	3½
8	0	9½	0	6½	3
9	0	7	0	4	3
10	0	8	0	3½	4½
11	0	11	0	5½	5½
12	1	2	1	½	1½
13	1	3½	0	8¾	6¾
14	1	3¾	1	¼	3¼
15	1	6	1	1	5
16	1	5	1	4	1
17	2	2	1	11	3
18	1	9	1	3½	5½
19	1	3½	1	½	3
20	1	1½	0	10	3½
21	1	3¼	0	10¼	5
22	1	5	1	1	4

6. An account of the tides in St. Peters Bay, furnished by Mr. G. Handley, taken in the same manner as those in the Bras d'Or lake :—

1839.	High water.		Low water.		Difference.	
	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.	feet.	inches.
Novemb'r 20	8	4½	2	8½	5	8
21	6	11	0	10	6	1
22	6	4	0	6	5	10
23	5	6	0	5	5	1
24	5	½	0	5	4	11½
25	4	11	0	11¼	3	11¾
26	5	5	0	0	0	0
27	4	3½	1	2½	3	1
28	4	1	1	9	2	4
29	4	5½	1	7	2	10½
30	4	9½	1	10¼	2	11¼
December 1	3	6	1	3½	2	2½
2	4	11½	1	9½	3	2
3	0	0	1	3	0	0
4	0	0	1	3½	0	0
5	4	11	1	4¼	3	6¾
6	5	1	1	4	3	9
7	4	10½	1	3¼	3	7¼
8	5	2¼	1	4	3	10¼
9	4	11½	1	4½	3	7
10	5	1¼	1	7	3	6¼
11	5	2	1	11	3	3
12	5	2	0	0	0	0
13	5	6	2	5½	3	½
14	5	3½	1	7	3	8½
15	5	1½	1	9	3	4½
16	6	3	2	1¾	4	1¼
17	6	5	2	2½	4	2½
18	6	4	1	3½	5	1½
19	6	5¾	1	0¼	5	5½
20	5	8½	0	10	4	10½
21	6	½	0	10	5	2½
22	5	10	0	9	5	½



The following table of dimensions of coasters was obtained from the captains of the vessels in the harbor of Halifax, on the 10th of September, 1856:—

Name.	Kind of vessel.	Length of keel.	Breadth of beam.		Depth of water loaded.		Measurement.	Remarks.
			feet.	inch.	feet.	inch.		
Fanny, of Sydney,	Shallop.	52	19	0	9	0	41 old.	Ordinary size. Landing coal.
Catherine, of Sydney,	Schooner.	52	19	0	9	4	65 new.	Landing fish. Will carry 90 tons.
Quickstep, of Halifax,	Schooner.	75	22	6	10	0	85 "	Loading with fish for West Indies.
Mary Ann, do.	Brigantine.	72	23	2	11	6	125 old.	} Called a large sized collier, carries 140 chal- drons of Sydney coal; say 200 tons.
Rosalie, of Windsor,	Brigantine.	71	22	0	12	0	122 new.	Largest sized brigantine, carries 180 tons cargo.
Susan, of Halifax,	Schooner.	63	21	6	10	0	74 "	Small coaster, landing Syd. coal, carries 96 chals.
Eclipse, of Sydney,	Brig.	86	23	6	11	6	137 "	} Largest class of coasters, except French, land- ing Sydney coal—carries 160 chaldrons.
Dima, of Halifax,	Schooner.	73	24	0	10	6	110 "	} Largest class coasting schooner, landing Syd- ney coal—carries 130 chaldrons.
Ospray,	Steamer.	122	22	9	12	6	350 "	Runs between Halifax and Newfoundland.

It is evident from the last table, that a lock of 22 feet in the clear and 122 feet long will accommodate a large class of the coasters now in use ; still it ought to be borne in mind that already there are some that could not pass through such a lock ; also, that the tendency of the times is to increased burden of vessels, and particularly so in reference to those that are propelled by steam.

Very respectfully,

W. H. TALCOTT, C. E.

Jersey city, Nov. 17th, 1856.

PART 2.

Arichat, December 31st, 1856.

SIR—

We have the honor to acquaint you for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor and legislature :

That the work at Saint Peters canal commenced in January last, but owing to the state of the weather was obliged to stop, and in May resumed operations, and continued until the twenty-second day of September last ; we were compelled to give the contractor the notice under the contract, the work not progressing to our satisfaction. That under the said contract during the past season 20014 cubic yards have been excavated as per engineers certificate hereunto annexed.

That in the month of August a circular was received by us from the government, announcing that Mr. Talcott had been invited to make a further survey of Saint Peters canal, and on the fourth day of September to Saint Peters, where we met Mr. Talcott, and rendered him every assistance for the purpose of carrying out his instructions and views. Teste pits were dug at both sides of the canal in accordance with his directions ; the results of which will appear in his report when printed, and which will be found worthy the perusal and attention of the legislature.

That during the summer season the commissioners under Mr Folsom's superintendance, erected a small building for an office near the line of the canal, and which is now in the possession of the commissioners, and which will be found convenient should the government feel disposed to carry on the work.

The accounts of expenditure and vouchers as hereto annexed shows—

Amount paid for said excavation, 20014 yards at 1s. 1d.	£1084	1	10		
Less 60 per cent. reserved as per contract as a security for due performance of contract,	65	10	0	1019	1 0
Engineering teste pits, office building, removing obstructions, and other charges,	522	14	1		
Commission on £1541 15s. 1d. at 5 per cent.				77	1 9

Total amount expended,

£1618 16 10

The above sum of £65 0s. 10d. deducted, together with the sum of £128 15s. 3d. deducted last year, awaits the decision of the legislature.

THOMAS H. FULLER, }  
HENRY MARTELL, } Commissioners  
HUGH MUNRO, } of St. Peters  
canal.

To the honorable provincial secretary—Halifax.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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## SAINT PETERS CANAL.

## MONTHLY ESTIMATE—No. 14.

Amount of work done by John McLeod.

Excavation by previous estimates to August 31st, 1856,	57,450 cubic yards.
“ from Aug. 31st to Sept. 30th, 1856,	2,164 “ “
Total amount of excavation to Sept. 30th, 1856,	59,614 “ “
deduct, 1855,	39,600 20,014

There is due to John McLeod on a final settlement £1 5s. 0d. for clearing beyond the slopes by order of the engineer.

CHARLES W. FOLSOM, engineer.

St. Peters, Sept. 30th, 1856.

No. 6.

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL

SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,

*Knight, knight commander of the orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the third of Spain, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief in and over her majesty's province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c., and the honorable the members of her majesty's executive council of the province aforesaid.*

THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE INLAND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

SHEWETH:

That your memorialists have, during the past spring and present summer, made great progress towards the accomplishment of the important and useful work for the construction of which the above named company was incorporated. That some doubts having arisen as respected the amount requisite to finish the work, and your memorialists having been empowered by the stockholders at a special meeting of the company to engage the services of a competent engineer to inspect the work, and to examine the line and nature of the ground through which it was contemplated to carry the intended Inland water communication, and to estimate the expense thereof, they early this spring procured the services of William H. Talcott, esquire, one of the most practised and eminent civil engineers in the United States of America, the greatest part of whose life has been passed in the construction and management of works of this nature. That Mr. Talcott, having proceeded to make such inspection and examination, pronounced the work one of great importance to the trade of the province at large, and of incalculable advantage to the country through which it passes—commended the efficiency of those portions of the work then completed, and eulogised the ability and skill of the engineer under whose direction the same had been performed. And having ascertained the nature and extent of the work necessary to fully finish the whole line of water communication from the Basin of Minas to the harbour of Halifax, and made a careful estimate thereof in detail, and after allowing a very large margin for contingencies, Mr. Talcott computed the whole cost thereof at the sum of seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, in round numbers. That your memorialists have, since Mr. Talcott's estimate

was made, expended towards the actual construction of such work the sum of two thousand five hundred and fifty-six pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, and your memorialists feel satisfied from comparisons made between the estimates of Mr. Talcott at different points, and the actual expenditure since made to complete those points, that your memorialists can finish the whole work within the sum estimated by Mr. Talcott. That at a special meeting of the stockholders of the company, held on the second day of June last, the following resolution was passed :—

*Resolved*, That the president and directors be authorised to raise a sum sufficient to complete the proposed canal, or inland water communication, in any manner and upon the best terms that they can obtain the same.

That your memorialists endeavoured to raise such funds by sale of preferential stock, offering to take a considerable part thereof themselves, but could not succeed in disposing of the same.

That subsequently your memorialists offered to public competition to debentures or bonds of the company, secured by a mortgage of the whole property and works of the company, but were equally unsuccessful. That unless your excellency and your honorable board are willing to aid them in the prosecution of this work, which up to this time they have been enabled efficiently to carry on, they will be compelled most reluctantly to suspend their operations forthwith, which must prove most disastrous ; leaving exposed the unfinished work, jeopardising perhaps this great and important public undertaking, and greatly disappointing a large portion of the people, who are looking forward with the greatest anxiety to its completion.

That it will take, according to Mr. Talcott's estimate, the further sum of fifteen thousand pounds to complete the whole work. That if your excellency and your honorable board shall see fit to advance that sum to your memorialists by way of loan, holding the property and works of the company as security for the payment thereof, with interest, your memorialists feel confident that they will be enabled to finish the valuable work within a very short space of time, as also to repay the sum so loaned. That it only requires now the sum of four thousand pounds to complete the whole work at all the points, except the inclined planes at Marshall's and Dartmouth, which, if done, would render the navigation, even without the planes, most useful, and also ensure an immediate and increasing revenue to the company.

That your memorialists therefore humbly and urgently solicit the aid of your excellency and honorable board in the premises, and pray a loan for the above purposes.

And your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

JAMES F. AVERY, President.  
WILLIAM STAIRS, } Directors.  
JOHN GIBSON, }

Halifax, 8th August, 1856.

*At a council held at the government house, on the 14th day of August, 1856.*

P R E S E N T :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&c.                      &c.                      &c.

*Ordered*, in relation to the memorial of the president and directors of the inland navigation company, read at the board, and to the verbal report made by the committee appointed to confer with the memorialists, that the provincial secretary address a communication to the latter, informing them that, provided the company can raise, by the issue of preferential stock, or otherwise, half the sum required for completing the work to the Dartmouth lakes, including the inclined plane at Marshall's, the executive government

government will advance the other half to the extent of £5,000, it being understood that the interest on the company's bond to be given therefor, is to be first paid out of the net income to be derived from the works, and that the title to the property shall remain as it now is until such advance is repaid, and the whole work completed.

*August 14, 1856.*

GENTLEMEN—

Your memorial soliciting the executive government for a loan, in order to complete the inland navigation from the Basin of Minas to Halifax harbor, with the further explanation given to a committee of council at the meeting of yesterday, having been attentively considered, I am commanded by his excellency to assure you that there is the strongest disposition, on the part of himself and his council, to avert the diastrous consequences which would result from an immediate suspension of the work. You are aware, however, that it is a delicate matter for the executive government to assume the responsibility of making a loan, out of the public funds, without the sanction of parliament, and that nothing but some unforeseen emergency or urgent necessity could justify it. His excellency, therefore, is of opinion that the loan which you have asked of £15,000 to complete the work, cannot be granted. At the same time it must be admitted that Mr. Talcott's report, and the progress that has been made in the work since the late session, would probably induce all parties in the legislature to look upon it with favor; and the government believe they would be sustained in giving it such reasonable aid as would secure some at least of the great objects in view.

Assuming that the sum of £4,000 would complete the whole work, except the two inclined planes, and that a further sum of £5,000, or thereabouts, would complete the inclined plane at Marshall's, and open the whole canal to the head of the inclined plane at Dartmouth, his excellency conceives that it is indispensable for the right understanding and ultimate success of the work, that it should be finished at all events to the latter point, while it seems not unreasonable that the shareholders should themselves make a further effort before calling in the last resort on the executive government.

I am commanded, therefore, to acquaint you that, provided the company can raise by the issue of preferential stock, or otherwise, one half the amount requisite for completing the work to the Dartmouth lakes, including the inclined plane at Marshall's, the executive government will advance the other half, to the extent of £5000, it being understood that the interest on the company's bond to be given therefor is to be first paid out of the nett income to be derived from the works, and that the title to the property shall remain as it now is, until such advance is repaid, and the whole work completed.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

L. M. WILKINS.

The president and directors of the Inland navigation company.

*Halifax, 25th August, 1856.*

SIR—

I have been requested by the board of directors of the Inland navigation company to transmit to you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor and her majesty's executive council, the enclosed copy of a subscription list, the original of which is in their hands, whereby it will appear that the stockholders of such company have complied with the condition upon which her majesty's provincial government offered

offered to loan to the company the sum of five thousand pounds towards the completion of their works.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SAMUEL GRAY,

Secretary inland navigation company.

WILLIAM H. KEATING, esquire,

Acting provincial secretary, &c. &c. &c.

Her majesty's provincial government having agreed to advance to the inland navigation company to the extent of five thousand pounds, (provided the stockholders of such company raise other five thousand pounds,) in order to enable them to finish their works, immediately, from the Basin of Minas through to the inclined plane at Dartmouth, we, the subscribers hereby agree to loan to the said company, upon the bonds or debentures thereof, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent., chargeable upon the property and works of the company, the several sums set opposite our respective names, to be paid in by us, as required by the company's work.

(Signed)	JAMES F. AVERY, one thousand pounds,	£1,000	0	0
	WILLIAM STAIRS, one thousand pounds,	1,000	0	0
	W. A. BLACK, one thousand pounds,	1,000	0	0
	CHARLES COGSWELL, five hundred pounds,	500	0	0
	JAMES C. COGSWELL, five hundred pounds,	500	0	0
	JOHN EDW. STARR, two hundred and fifty pounds,	250	0	0
	JOHN GIBSON, two hundred and fifty pounds,	250	0	0
	GEORGE H. STARR, five hundred pounds,	500	0	0

Halifax, August 16, 1856.

*Know all men by these presents*, that the Inland navigation company, duly incorporated by act of the province of Nova Scotia, is held and firmly bound to our Sovereign lady Victoria, queen of the united kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in the full and just sum of ten thousand pounds, of lawful money of Nova Scotia, to be paid to our said lady the queen, her heirs or successors; for which payment, well and truly to be made, the said Inland navigation company binds itself, and the capital, joint stock, and funds thereof, firmly by these presents. Sealed with the seal of the said company, and dated this twenty-seventh day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

Whereas the said Inland navigation company have raised and expended a large sum of money upon the works now in progress, between the Basin of Minas and the harbor of Halifax, in the province of Nova Scotia, and having represented to the provincial government that the sum of ten thousand pounds would be sufficient to complete the said works to the head of the inclined plane at Dartmouth, and that without some aid from the government, the said works would be suspended, if not destroyed, the government thereupon agreed to lend to the said company the one half of the said sum, provided they could raise the other half thereof. And whereas the said company have succeeded in raising the sum of five thousand pounds, by a loan, and have communicated to the government a subscription list, with the names of seven persons who have agreed to advance the same, in certain proportions, upon the bonds or debentures of the company, bearing six per cent. interest, and have thereupon applied to the government for a loan of the like amount, it being understood and agreed that the real estate of the said company, held under a deed from the honorable James McNab, dated on or about the tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-

four, and the works thereon shall be charged with the sum so to be advanced by the government, and that the interest thereon, at six per cent., shall be first paid out of the nett income to be derived from the works, and that the title to the property shall remain as it now is, until such advances, to be made by the government, shall be repaid, with interest, and the whole work, from the Basin of Minas to the harbor of Halifax completed.

*Now, the condition of the above written bond or obligation is such, That if the said Inland navigation company do and shall well and truly pay and satisfy, or cause to be paid and satisfied to the receiver general of the said province, for the use of our said lady the queen, on demand, the full and just sum of five thousand pounds, of lawful money of Nova Scotia, with lawful interest, in each and every year, at the rate of six pounds per cent., to be paid on the thirty-first day of December, on the said sum of five thousand pounds, or on such proportion thereof as shall be then due; such interest to be computed from the respective days on which the advance from the provincial government, on account of the said sum, shall be made to the said company, then the said obligation shall be and become void, but otherwise shall remain in full force.*

Signed and delivered by the president and secretary  
of the said Inland navigation company, and  
sealed with the seal thereof, in presence of

SAMUEL C. WEST.

JAMES F. AVERY,  
President I. N. company.

SAMUEL GRAY,  
Secretary I. N. company.

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No. 55.

*Downing-street, July 15, 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 authorized 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.

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By an act 15th Vict. c. p. 2, passed in contemplation of the reciprocity treaty, but before its conclusion, the governor of Nova Scotia is authorized 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 shall 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 practical 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 had 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 to greatly 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.

The estimated loss in Nova Scotia would appear from the following statement to be about £606 per annum, arising almost exclusively from giving up the duties on fruit. On the aggregate amount of the customs duties, which in 1854 exceeded £100,000, this loss is not more than £6 per £1,000.

Articles imported.	United Kingdom and British colonies.	Foreign countries, excluding U. States.	Total.
Butter,		10 0 0	10 0 0
Wheat flour,		8 10 0	8 10 0
Fruit (about)	110 0 0	470 0 0	380 0 0
Pork,	7 10 0		7 10 0
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	£117 10 0	£488 10 0	£606 0 0

With regard to the most considerable item in the preceding statement, viz., that of dried and preserved fruits, it may be assumed that the terms of the treaty which admit these duty free only when the produce of the United States, do not in fact interfere with imports from other countries, or from the United Kingdom, of articles which are not exported to any great extent from the United States; but it seems probable, that since the treaty the imports of the other articles named from foreign countries, other than the United States, must have nearly ceased.

Her majesty's government, therefore, think that little inconvenience could arise from the opening, to all the world, the trade with Nova Scotia in the articles which are made free of duty when imported from and the produce of the United States. I have accordingly to request that you will consult your executive council on this subject, and report to



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to me your opinion upon the expediency of announcing to the provincial parliament the views entertained upon it by her majesty's government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c.—Nova-Scotia.

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*At a council held at the government house, on the 14th day of August, 1856.*

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&c.            &c.            &c.

Read a despatch from the secretary of State for the colonies to his excellency, referring to the trade of this province with other countries than the United States, in connexion with the reciprocity treaty, and submitting to his excellency and the council "that little inconvenience would arise from the opening to all the world the trade with Nova Scotia in the articles which are made free of duty when imported from, and the produce of, the United States."

The same is reserved for future consideration, and ordered that the matter be brought before the legislature in the ensuing session.

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(Copy.)

No. 84.—(Executive.)

*Government house, Halifax, September 2, 1856.*

SIR—

I have submitted to my executive council, your despatch of the 15th July last, No. 55, on the operation of the reciprocity treaty of 1854, and will take care that the views of her majesty's government, expressed therein, shall be brought before the legislature of this province in the next ensuing session.

The anomalies arising out of the treaty did not escape the attention of this government at the time it was concluded, and it would doubtless be desirable that they should be corrected.

At the same time, disinclination may exist to open the ports of this province to the articles enumerated in the treaty, duty free, from countries, which are not proposed to grant corresponding privileges to its productions.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right honorable HENRY LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

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No. 8.

(See page 261.)

(Copy.)

No. 67.

*Downing street, 5th September, 1856.*

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith the copy of a letter and enclosures, from the war department, on the subject of granting an allowance to the officers of her majesty's regiments stationed in Nova Scotia, as an equivalent for the duties on foreign wines, or of exempting from duty wines imported for the regimental messes of the officers. I request that you will bring this subject under the notice of the legislature of Nova Scotia, by whom I shall be very glad if it shall be favorably considered, and that you will report to me the results.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &amp;c. &amp;c.

*Halifax, Nova-Scotia. 30th July, 1856.*

MY LORD—

I have the honor to forward two letters from the officers commanding the 62nd and 63rd regiments at Halifax, requesting that an allowance of £25 per annum may be granted to each company of their respective corps, in order to assist in defraying the duties imposed on all wines that are imported into these colonies for the regimental messes.

The prices of all articles and provisions necessary for the comfort and position of an officer in these provinces, have risen to such an extraordinary extent, that at the end of each year the amount of messing, with every economy, is far greater than what is usually paid at home.

When, therefore, your lordship is pleased to take into consideration the extra expense incurred by the duties and transport on all wines imported for the use of officers, in which the legislature of this province refuse to afford the slightest assistance, I beg to recommend the enclosed applications to your lordship's favourable decision, being an advantage similar to that enjoyed by all regiments in home service.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT,

Major-general commanding.

The right honorable

the secretary of state for war, war department,  
&c. &c. &c.*Halifax, Nova Scotia, 19th July, 1856.*

SIR—

The legislature of this province having taken away the privilege formerly enjoyed by the officers of the army stationed here, of importing wines and spirits duty free, I have

have the honor to submit for your favorable consideration, that an allowance of twenty-five pounds per year for each company of a regiment be granted, as is the case in Great Britain and on certain stations.

I have, &c.

(Signed) E. RAWLEY HILL,

Colonel and lieut.-col. commanding 63rd regt.

The right honorable  
the secretary of state for war, &c. &c. &c.

*Halifax, July 29th, 1856.*

SIR—

In consequence of the annual allowance which was formerly granted by the legislature of this province as an equivalent for the duties paid by officers on the importation of wine having been stopped for some years past, the expense of wine which has been imported from England, is, after paying the freight, insurance and duty, as great as it is in England, which prevents many officers from drinking a moderate quantity daily. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request that should it meet with the major-general's approval, that application may be made to the secretary at war to grant the 62nd regiment the regent's allowance when serving in Nova Scotia.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. DAUBENEY,

Lieutenant-colonel commanding 62nd regt.

To the assistant military secretary, &c. &c., Halifax.

No. 86045—39.

*War department, 30th August, 1856.*

SIR—

I am directed by the secretary of state to acquaint you that a letter has been received from Sir J. Gaspard LeMarchant, commanding at Halifax, Nova Scotia, forwarding the enclosed applications from the officers commanding the 62nd and 63d foot, in which it is represented to his lordship that the provincial legislature of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, have discontinued for several years the allowance which was formerly granted to officers as an equivalent for the heavy duties on foreign wines imported from England for the use of regimental messes, and with reference to the communication from Earl Grey, dated the 19th October, 1850, forwarding a copy of a despatch from the governor of Canada, and an extract of an act passed by the provincial parliament in that colony, exempting from duty wines imported for use of officers' messes, and military clothing, provided such regulations as the governor in council shall make for the purpose of preventing fraud or abuse under pretext of such exemption from duty be complied with, and not otherwise.

I have to signify to you his lordship's request that the right honorable the secretary of state for the colonies will be pleased to urge upon the colonial legislature of Nova Scotia and its dependencies, the necessity of continuing the before mentioned allowance, or exempting from duty wines imported for the use of officers' messes within that command.

I have, &c.

G. C. MUNDY.

H. MERIVALE, esq. &c. &c.

No. 9.

(See page 261.)

(Copy.)

*Downing street, 18th July, 1856.*

SIR—

Lord Panmure has communicated to me your despatch of the 8th of May, enclosing the report of the commission appointed by his lordship to enquire into the state of the defences of Halifax. Instructions have been given to the inspector general of fortifications to specify the works which he would recommend to be undertaken progressively for the repair and improvement of the existing defences, so as to prevent the enemy from occupying the north side, and so bombarding the town and harbour,—together with the probable expense which such works would occasion. It therefore only remains for me to observe, that while her majesty's government are prepared to afford such naval protection as may be necessary, they look to the local government to contribute largely in constructing such defences on land as may be deemed requisite.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.—Nova Scotia.

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*At a council held at the government house, on the 14th day of August, 1856.*

PRESENT :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

&amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Read a despatch from the secretary of state for the colonies, dated 18th July last, to his excellency, stating the measures designed to be adopted by the imperial government to strengthen the fortifications of Halifax, and their intention to provide naval protection, but intimating that they look to the local authorities to contribute largely in constructing such defences on land as may be deemed requisite.

Ordered that the same be submitted to the legislature in the next session.

No. 83.—(Executive.)

*Government house, Halifax, 1st September, 1856.*

SIR—

Referring to your despatch, No. 57, of the 18th July last, apprising me of the instructions that had been given to the inspector general of fortifications, relative to specifying the best mode of repairing and improving the existing defences of Halifax, and to ascertaining the probable expense which such works would occasion,—communicating also the readiness of her majesty's government to afford such naval protection as may be necessary, as well as the expectation entertained by them that the local government will contribute largely in constructing such defences on land as seem to be required,—I have the honor to inform you that the despatch has been under my consideration in

in council, and that the particular attention of the legislature shall be called to the subject of it in the next ensuing session.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right hon. HENRY LABOUCHERE, &c. &c.

No. 96.—(Military.)

*Government house, Halifax, 29th Novr., 1856.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 15th Octr. last, transmitting for my information and guidance copy of a letter addressed to your department by desire of lord Panmure, enclosing extract of a report received from the lieutenant general commanding the troops in the British North American provinces, respecting the ordnance lands situated in New Brunswick, and instructing me to cause the necessary arrangements to be made with a view to the proposed enquiry, in accordance with the desire expressed in Mr. Peel's letter.

The duties of Mr. Ince, the commissioner appointed by me, with the sanction of lord Panmure, extend to New Brunswick as well as to Newfoundland, both of which provinces it will be necessary for him to visit personally.

New Brunswick will be the sphere of his inspection and investigation in the ensuing year, and I shall not fail to direct his particular attention to the subject thus brought to my notice; and it will of course be my duty to transmit his report to lord Panmure, with such observations upon it as it may suggest.

In the meantime I can assure his lordship that, although Sir William Eyre seems to have been under contrary impressions, there exists upon the part of the civil functionaries in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, a sincere desire to aid the military authorities in protecting ordnance property, and that the colonial legislatures in these provinces have ever evinced a perfect willingness to promote that object by legislative enactments.

The provisions already made will be found, if vigorously acted up to and enforced, to be sufficient for that purpose; but whether any instrumentality may be necessary more effectually to co-operate with the chief officer of the engineers in furtherance of that object, is a subject that I have now under consideration, and on which I will communicate with lord Panmure hereafter.

In cases where the ejectment of "squatters" from crown lands has hitherto failed to be maintained, it has arisen less from a deficiency in the law than from the failure on the part of the ordnance to shew proper title to the land.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a memorandum prepared by the attorney general on the subject of Mr. Peel's letter to Mr. Merivale, and I beg leave to add that I entirely concur in it.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right hon. H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c.

*Memorandum on Mr. Peel's letter to Mr. Merivale, of 7th October, 1856, enclosing an extract from lieutenant-general Sir W. Eyre, of 9th Sept., 1856.*

By an act of the legislature of Nova Scotia, passed in 1843, all such lands and tenements as had at various times been set apart for military defence, or which had at various

various times been purchased for the use of the ordnance department or military defence, or had been used or occupied for those services by whatever mode of conveyance the same should have been so purchased or taken, are vested in the principal officers of her majesty's ordnance in Great Britain for the time being, and their successors in the said office. A power of sale under certain conditions is recited in the act, and the second section extends the same principle to subsequent acquisitions.

Under this act the title to all the ordnance lands in this province passed to the principal officer in Great Britain, and no practical or legal difficulty has hitherto been felt in protecting or enforcing the title or in resisting encroachment.

If it be thought desirable to vest these lands in the minister of the war department, and his successors in office, as suggested by general Eyre for New Brunswick, I have no doubt that an act of this province could be obtained for that purpose.

The ungranted crown lands of Nova Scotia stand upon a wholly different footing; and by the civil list act of 1849, which continues in force till eighteen months after the demise of her present majesty, the net proceeds of all grants, sales, or leases, of such lands, after deducting the necessary expenses of managing the same, are paid into the provincial treasury.

In effect, the disposal, management and proceeds of such lands belong, under that act, to the government and legislature of the province, but the act in no way touches or affects the ordnance lands.

(Signed)

W. YOUNG,  
Atty. general.

To his excellency the lieut. governor, &c. &c.

Halifax, 10th Novr., 1856.

P. S.—I may add that if the principal officers of the ordnance in Great Britain are no longer recognized as a distinct body, but have merged in the war department, it seems very advisable to transfer the title of the ordnance lands by an act of our legislature.

I may also remark that our law gives ample powers for punishing and removing "squatters" on the crown lands, though such powers are seldom exercised.

W. Y.

No. 10.

(See page No. 261.)

(Copy.)

Downing street, September 1, 1855.

SIR—

With reference to those clauses of the merchant shipping amendment act of 1855, which provide for levying tolls for the erection and maintenance of light houses in the British possessions abroad, I have to request that you will furnish me with a report of the number and tonnage of vessels arriving at, or departing from, ports in the colony under your government, which, in the course of their voyages, pass near enough to Cape Race to derive benefit from the light to be there erected.

In making this return, it is desirable to distinguish between vessels which are proceeding to, or arriving from, ports in the united kingdom,—vessels proceeding to, or arriving from, ports in the British colonies,—and vessels proceeding to, or arriving from, ports in foreign countries.

It will also be desirable that you should supply any further information which may  
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throw light on the amount of revenue to be expected from this source. You will further report to me whether you apprehend any objection on the part of the colonial legislature to take such steps as are necessary, under the act, for the purpose of levying the tolls in the respective ports; and whether there are, in your opinion, any other objections or difficulties, and whether you have any suggestions to offer on the subject of the proposed mode of raising the necessary revenue.

I have, &c.

W. MOLESWORTH.

Lieutenant-governor Sir J. G. LE MARCHANT, &c. &c. &c., Nova Scotia.

No. 59.

*Downing street, 23rd July, 1856.*

SIR—

With reference to sir William Molesworth's circular despatch of the 1st 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 light house 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.

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia.

*Office of committee of privy council for trade,  
Whitehall, July 9, 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 enclosed copy of a draft order in council, imposing a toll upon certain ships that will derive benefit from the light house upon Cape Race, Newfoundland.

The toll is to be levied under the provisions of the merchant shipping amendment act, 1855, (18 and 19 Victoria, cap. 91,) which empowers her majesty in council to impose a toll in respect of any new light house 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 £5,160, 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 £1,500 a year, to be reduced as soon as the cost of erection is paid off. From returns which have been furnished in the country and by the colonial governments, it appears that the annual amount of the shipping that will pass or derive benefit from this light is about 5,500,000 tons, which, at the sixteenth of a penny

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 ; 2nd,—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 tolls 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, showing 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 amount 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 light houses. 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 light house on Cape Pine and the tolls for that light, should be placed upon the same footing as the light house 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 light house on Cape Race will soon be in a condition for exhibiting the light,

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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 third section of the act above mentioned.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES BOOTH.

Whereas, by the merchant shipping act amendment act, 1855, it is enacted that upon the erection of any new light house 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 light house 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 light house 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 light house, 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. 74.

*Downing street, 13th November, 1856.*

SIR—

With reference to my despatch, No. 59, of the 23rd 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 light house 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."

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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 Nova Scotia, either by means of an address to the crown or by some legislative act.

I have, &c.,

II. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia.

No. 11.

(See page 263.)

*General post office,*

*Halifax, February 2d, 1857.*

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit, for the information of the government and the legislature, the annual returns of the post office department of this province, for the year ended 30th September last, numbered from 1 to 8,—a reference to which will shew a steady and continued progress of this valuable and important branch of the public service.

The several changes, recommended by the post office committee of the last session, in the establishment of post and way offices, new mail contracts, and payment of extra allowances, have all been carried out.

Four new post, and thirty-one way offices, have been set up during the past year; and one post, and three way offices, removed to more convenient localities, making a total of 65 post, and 277 way offices.

The mail contracts now number 153,—16 having been added during the past year,—and 8 augmented beyond the sum originally provided in the contract, at a total cost of £8,056 14s. 10½d., less extra mail carriage £175.

On the 30th of September, 1855, the number of miles of established post route was 3,347, and of annual mail travel 543,622 miles.

During the past year 532 miles of post route were added to the already large amount of mail accommodation under this head, and a further increase in the rate of annual mail travel to the extent of 262,680 miles provided for,—making a total of established post route of 3,879 miles, and of annual mail travel of 806,302 miles.

The arrangement for the carriage of the correspondence to and from the United States, by “express,” from 1st of March to 1st of June twice a week,—from 1st of June to 30th of September three times a week,—and from the 1st of October to the end of December twice a week,—by “colonel Favors’ express,” (so called) from St. John to Boston, via Eastport and Portland, for the sum of £100 currency, for the season, as authorized by the legislature the last session, has been duly carried out. The amount of correspondence sent and received has fully realized my most sanguine expectations; and it is gratifying to know that the arrangement has proved a great public accommodation, and especially so to the mercantile community.

From a communication which I have received from colonel Favor on this subject, (copy enclosed) it will be seen, that he expects to receive a large sum for this service for the ensuing or current year, as the line had given so much satisfaction in the past year. I would, therefore, respectfully beg to recommend his application to the *favorable* consideration of the government.

The steamers plying between St. John and Windsor, under the control of the Messrs. Kings, have made their trips with tolerable regularity ;—complaints, however, have in  
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some instances, during the year been made, owing, it is said, to the machinery, &c., getting out of order, thereby causing delay, and consequent disappointment, to the travelling public;—doubtless, when the railroad reaches Windsor, a more efficient boat or boats will be put upon this line.

Complaints have also been made with respect to the boats which ply between St. John, Digby, and Annapolis;—the proprietors on some occasions failing to stop at Digby, whereby very great disappointment and inconvenience was felt by passengers and others; the reason assigned for the cause of these irregularities, was, in some cases, the weather, and in others, the fear of losing the tide;—these excuses, whether true or otherwise, caused much dissatisfaction at the time;—and I beg here again to remark, as I have on former occasions, that the proprietors of these boats, although they receive £1000—(£500 from each province)—for this service, are averse to carrying a regular mail by their boats, and decline to enter into any written agreement, whereby they would bind themselves to perform the service as the department would require.

I beg also to report, that arrangements have been made to carry out the views of the committee with respect to giving a further remuneration to way office keepers, in addition to their present salary of £2 0s. 0d. per annum, for every day they are employed in their offices between the hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.,—which arrangement, I am happy to say, has given very general satisfaction.

I have had prepared during the recess, for the information of the house and the committee on the post office, a voluminous return, showing, in detail, the amount of revenue collected at each post office in the province,—the number of offices with which each corresponds,—the number of mails received and despatched, &c. &c.,—together with the average number of letters and papers received at each office during the past year. This return, it is hoped, will enable the committee to adopt something like a fair and equitable scale, should it be decided to pay the postmaster by commission, instead of by stated salaries, as at present.

This return will be placed into the hands of the chairman of the post office committee when called for.

With respect to the revenue of the department, I am glad to be enabled to report an increase during the past year of £700 and upwards, over that of the previous year, as will be seen on reference to report No. 1, herewith transmitted.

The net revenue of the past year being	£9,606	1	7½
That of the previous year	8,871	17	3½
Difference	£734	4	4 C'y.

The expenditure of the department during the past year, viz:—£13,931 0 1—has been comparatively large—showing a deficiency of £6,251 15 9½—being an excess over that of the previous year of £1691 6 11. This increased expenditure is caused principally by the additional cost in establishing the several new mail routes, and providing for the 262,680 miles of additional annual mail travel,—also sums paid to mail contractors for extra services performed,—as will appear on reference to reports Nos. 5 and 7;—and further, by the salaries of the clerks of this office, the postmasters and way office keepers, having been augmented during the past year.

As a proof, however, of the steady and progressing annual increase in the revenue of this department, I need merely refer to the fact, that in the year 1852, the first year after the present uniform rate of provincial postage came into operation, the net revenue of the post office amounted to £5509 13s. 0½d. Last year it was £9606 1s. 7½d., shewing an increase in four years of £4096 8' 7½; and had the many new post roads, (which have been added each year, and now extend to the most remote sections of the province, though in many cases they do not pay), not been established, and the large number of way offices set up, I think the postmaster general would, at the present time, have been enabled to shew a nearly balanced sheet of revenue and expenditure.

The number of stamps sold during the past year amounts to £2536 15s. 9d. In the year 1855, £1656 14s. 3d. was disposed of, shewing an increase of over 50 per cent. in the year.

Since my report of last year a new postal convention has been concluded by the post-master general of England with France, whereby a considerable reduction has taken place in the rates of postage on letters passing between Nova Scotia and *France*, or *States of the continent*, forwarded *through France*.

Arrangements have also been made, commencing on the 1st of January last, between the postal authorities of Great Britain and this department, with a view to simplify the exchange of mails between Great Britain and Nova Scotia, viz: that the two offices, instead of accounting as formerly, letter by letter, for the postage due to each, upon the correspondence exchanged between them, should account to each other by the *ounce*, according to the weight in *bulk* of the letters comprised in each mail.

When the postage was charged by the letter, the imperial office was entitled, as its proportion of the 6d. stg. the  $\frac{1}{2}$ oz., to 5d. stg., and Nova Scotia to 1d. stg. According to the present arrangement, on all letters, the postage of which is collected in the colony, the Nova Scotia post office is to account to Great Britain at the rate of 1s. 4d. an oz.; and the imperial office to account to Nova Scotia at the rate of 3d. 1-5th an oz. upon all letters, the postage of which is collected in the United Kingdom.

On the 26th of January last, arrangements were made, with the consent of the railroad commissioners, to forward the eastern mails by rail to the Grand Lake, distance 22 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles—formerly by coach, *via Dartmouth*, 18 miles.

Mr. Hyde, according to the terms of his contract, making a deduction of £4 10s. for each mile shortened and saved, amounting to £81 in the year.

I have accordingly made an agreement with Mr. Veith to carry the mails twice every day, morning and evening, from the post office, Halifax, to the station at Richmond, and to accompany the mails to the Grand Lake by rail, at the rate of £40 per annum.

The commissioners have decided for the present not to make any charge for the carriage of these mails, till the subject is considered by the legislature, as to what amount should be paid for this particular service,—the arrangement therefor is merely temporary, and may be altered whenever considered expedient so to do.

I cannot conclude without expressing my warmest acknowledgements to the two senior and other officers of this department, who have, one and all, evinced an anxious and ready desire to carry out the several instructions I from time to time have issued,—also to the postmasters and way office keepers, as well as mail contractors, who, with one or two exceptions, have punctually and efficiently performed the many duties required of them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant,

A. WOODGATE,

P. M. G.

The honorable W. A. HENRY.

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**SCHEDULE.**

*Accompanying this report, are the following documents therein referred to.*

- No. 1.—Statement of the revenue and the expenditure of the post office department in Nova Scotia, for the year ended 30th September, 1856.
2. Report in detail, of all charges for salaries, for the said year.
3. Report in detail, of all payments made, for mail carriage, for the said year.
4. Detailed account of expenditure for ship letters, printing and advertising, &c. &c. for same year.
5. Report of new post and way offices, and of new post routes established during the year.
6. Report of post offices, &c. and post routes discontinued in the said year.
7. Allowance made to mail contractors, in Nova Scotia, beyond the sum originally stipulated in their respective contracts.
8. Report of all cases of the abstraction or loss of letters containing money sent through the post office in Nova Scotia, in said year.
9. Extract of letters from colonel Favor, relative to increased remuneration, for the carriage of the mails between Nova Scotia and the United States, via Eastport and Portland, by steamer.

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Report

## REPORT No. 2.

(A IN REPORT NO. 1.

*A report, in detail, of all charges for salaries, showing in each case the name of the office, the service or duty performed, and the amount paid, for the year ended 30th September, 1856.*

Name of officer.	Service or duty performed.	Amount for the year
A. Woodgate,	Postmaster general,	£600 0 0
C. H. Hamilton,	Chief clerk,	212 10 0
F. Passow,	Examiner account branch,	212 10 0
William Small,	Clerks in inland office,	138 8 9
John M. Ingis,		138 8 9
Hugh Kerr,		138 8 9
Henry Driscoll,		138 8 9
Godfrey M. Schwartz,	Messenger,	79 13 9
William Craig,	1st letter carrier,	106 5 0
Alexander Church,	2nd do.	85 0 0
George Craig,	3rd do.	85 0 0
		£1934 13 9

## RECAPITULATION.

Department at Halifax,	£1934 13 9
Postmasters,	1923 0 0
Way-office keepers,	544 16 8
	£4402 10 5

F. M. PASSOW,  
Examiner account branch.

A. WOODGATE,  
Postmaster general.

Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
Albion Mines,	Postmaster.	£25 0 0
Amherst,	“	107 10 0
Annapolis,	“	54 0 0
Antigonish,	“	61 0 0
Arichat,	“	40 0 0
Aylesford,	“	12 0 0
Baddeck,	“	37 10 0
Barrington,	“	30 0 0
Bridgetown,	“	41 0 0
Bringewater,	“	20 0 0
Canso,	“	15 0 0
Chester,	“	20 0 0
Clementsport,	“	8 0 0
Digby,	“	70 0 0
Durham,	“	17 10 0
Guysboro',	“	40 0 0
Hantsport,	“	12 10 0
Kentville,	“	100 0 0
Lawrencetown,	“	20 0 0
Liverpool,	“	62 10 0
Lock's Island,	“	12 10 0
Londonderry,	“	37 10 0
Lower Horton,	“	20 0 0
Lower Stewiacke,	“	14 0 0
Lunenburg,	“	40 0 0
Mahone Bay,	“	10 0 0
Maitland,	“	15 0 0
Margaree,	“	2 0 0
Middle Musquodoboit,	“	10 0 0
Mills Village,	“	15 0 0
McNair's Cove,	“	2 10 0
New Glasgow,	“	50 0 0
Newport,	“	30 0 0
North Sydney,	“	20 0 0
Parrsboro',	“	25 0 0
Pictou,	“	100 0 0
Plaister Cove,	“	45 0 0
Port Hood,	“	37 10 0
Port Medway,	“	10 0 0
Pugwash,	“	30 0 0
River John,	“	10 0 0
River Philip,	“	10 0 0
Shelburne,	“	35 0 0
Sherbrooke,	“	15 0 0
Shubenacadie,	“	11 0 0
St. Anns,	“	10 0 0
St. Margaret's Bay,	“	10 0 0
St. Peters,	“	12 10 0
Sydney,	“	87 10 0
Sydney Mines,	“	12 10 0

Name

Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
Tatamagouche,	Postmaster.	£15 0 0
Truro,	"	60 0 0
Upper Musquodoboit,	"	15 0 0
Upper Stewiacke,	"	2 0 0
Wallace,	"	35 0 0
Walton,	"	10 0 0
Westport,	"	15 0 0
West River,	"	20 0 0
Weymouth,	"	20 0 0
Whycocomah,	"	8 0 0
Wilmot,	"	10 0 0
Windsor,	"	75 0 0
Wolfville,	"	20 0 0
Yarmouth,	"	85 0 0
		£1923 0 0

## (B. IN REPORT NO. 1.)

Addington Forks,	Way-office keeper,	£0 10 0
Acadia Mines,	"	2 0 0
Advocate Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Alma, (Middle River,)	"	4 10 0
Apple River,	"	2 0 0
Argyle,	"	3 5 0
Arisaig,	"	2 5 0
Aspey Bay,	"	2 0 0
Bailey's Brook,	"	2 10 0
Barrington Passage,	"	2 0 0
Bedford Basin,	"	1 10 0
Barney's River,	"	3 5 0
Bay St. Lawrence,	"	2 0 0
Berwick,	"	2 0 0
Big Baddeck,	"	2 0 0
Big Bras d'Or,	"	2 0 0
Big Intervale,	"	2 0 0
Big Pond,	"	2 0 0
Bill Town,	"	2 0 0
Black Rock,	"	2 0 0
Blue Mountains,	"	2 0 0
Boulardrie,	"	2 15 0
Boisdale,	"	2 0 0
Bridgeport,	"	2 0 0
Boom,	"	2 0 0
Broad Cove,	"	2 0 0
Broad Cove Marsh,	"	2 0 0
Broad Cove, (Lunenburg,)	"	2 0 0
Brookfield, (Queens,)	"	2 0 0
Brookfield, (Col.)	"	2 5 0
		3 5 0
		Name.



Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
Brookfield, (C. B.)	Way-office keeper,	£ 2 0 0
Buckley's,	"	2 0 0
Bellivou's Cove,	"	0 10 0
Barrowsfield,	"	0 3 4
Canard,	"	2 0 0
Canning,	"	2 0 0
Cape George,	"	2 0 0
Cape Sable Island,	"	2 0 0
Catalone,	"	2 0 0
Caledonia Corner,	"	2 5 0
Chesley's Corner,	"	2 0 0
Cheticamp,	"	2 0 0
Cheverie,	"	2 0 0
Church Street,	"	2 0 0
Clare,	"	2 0 0
Clyde River,	"	3 5 0
Cornwallis, (East,)	"	2 0 0
Cornwallis, (West,)	"	2 0 0
Country Harbour,	"	2 5 0
Cow Bay,	"	2 0 0
Cross Roads,	"	2 0 0
Cross Roads, (St. Mary's,)	"	2 15 0
Crow Harbour,	"	2 10 0
Christmas Island,	"	1 10 0
Conquerall Bank,	"	2 0 0
Cape Negro,	"	2 0 0
Chester Basin,	"	2 0 0
Cross Roads, (Annapolis,)	"	0 10 0
Chute's Cove,	"	1 10 0
Churchville,	"	0 6 8
Dartmouth,	"	2 0 0
Diligent River,	"	2 0 0
Discouse,	"	2 0 0
Dublin Shore,	"	2 0 0
Earltown,	"	2 15 0
East Bay,	"	2 0 0
East Bay, North side,	"	2 0 0
East River, St. Mary's,	"	2 0 0
Economy,	"	2 0 0
Eastville,	"	0 10 0
English Town,	"	1 10 0
Economy, Upper,	"	0 10 0
Elmsdale,	"	0 6 8
Falmouth,	"	2 0 0
Falmouth, (Bridge)	"	2 0 0
Five Islands,	"	2 5 0
Fox Harbor,	"	2 0 0
Forrestalls,	"	4 10 0
Forks Margaree,	"	2 0 0
Fraser's mills,	"	2 0 0

Name.

Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
Gaberouse,	Way-office keeper,	£2 0 0
Garden of Eden,	"	2 0 0
Gaspereau,	"	2 0 0
Gay's River,	"	2 5 0
Glencelg,	"	2 5 0
Goose River,	"	3 5 0
Gorc,	"	2 10 0
Goshen,	"	2 0 0
Grand Narrows,	"	0 10 0
Grand River,	"	2 0 0
Grandville Ferry,	"	3 5 0
Great Village,	"	3 5 0
Gulf Shore,	"	2 0 0
Guysborough, (Intervale)	"	3 5 0
Hall's Harbor,	"	2 0 0
Half-way River,	"	2 15 0
Harbor Bouchet,	"	2 0 0
Head of Amherst,	"	2 0 0
Head of Wallace Bay,	"	2 5 0
Hebron,	"	2 0 0
Hillsborough, Cape Breton,	"	2 0 0
Hillsborough, New Glasgow,	"	3 0 0
Hopewell,	"	2 0 0
Hubbard's Cove,	"	3 5 0
Head of Lochabar Lake,	"	0 10 0
Head of Wallace Bay,	"	0 6 3
Indian Harbor,	"	2 0 0
Ingonish,	"	2 0 0
Isaac Harbor,	"	2 0 0
Joggins Mines,	"	0 6 8
Judique,	"	2 15 0
Kempt,	"	2 5 0
Kempt Town,	"	2 10 0
Kennetcook,	"	2 0 0
Kennetcook, Upper,	"	2 0 0
Kington Village,	"	2 0 0
Ketch Harbor,	"	2 0 0
LaHave,	"	2 0 0
Lake Ainslie	"	2 0 0
Lake Ainslie, East side,	"	2 5 0
L'Ardoise,	"	2 0 0
Lewis Head,	"	2 0 0
Lewis Bay,	"	2 0 0
Line Rock,	"	2 0 0
Lingan Mines,	"	2 0 0
Little Bras d'Or,	"	2 15 0
Little River,	"	2 0 0
Little Arichat,	"	2 0 0
Little Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Little Tracadie,	"	3 5 0

Name

Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
Lochabar,	Way-office keeper,	£2 0 0
Loch Lomond,	"	2 0 0
Long Island,	"	2 0 0
Long Point,	"	2 15 0
Louisburg,	"	2 0 0
Lower Ward,	"	2 0 0
Low Point,	"	2 15 0
Low Point Shore,	"	2 0 0
Lower Barney's River,	"	0 16 8
Lower Maccan,	"	0 6 8
Mabou Bridge,	"	2 0 0
Maccan,	"	2 15 0
Maccan Intervale,	"	2 10 0
Mainadieu,	"	2 0 0
Maitland (county Yarmouth),	"	3 5 0
Malagawatch,	"	2 0 0
Malagash,	"	2 0 0
Malignant Cove,	"	2 0 0
Manchester,	"	2 0 0
Maria Joseph,	"	2 0 0
Margaretville,	"	1 2 6
Margaree,	"	1 0 0
Marshall Town,	"	0 10 0
McLellan Mountain,	"	2 0 0
Melford,	"	1 17 6
Merigomish, 1st	"	1 0 0
Merigomish, 2nd,	"	2 0 0
Meteghan,	"	3 5 0
Middletown, (Guysboro'),	"	2 0 0
Middle Settlement,	"	2 0 0
Middle River, C. B.	"	2 0 0
Middle River, (Durham),	"	2 0 0
Middletown, (Annapolis),	"	3 5 0
Middlefield,	"	2 5 0
Miller's Creek,	"	2 0 0
Mill Brook,	"	2 0 0
Milton,	"	3 0 0
Minudie,	"	1 16 8
Molasses Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Moidart,	"	2 0 0
Morristown,	"	2 0 0
Musquodoboit Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Marshall's Cove,	"	2 0 0
Newport,	"	1 0 0
Morden,	"	0 10 0
New Tusket,	"	0 10 0
Nappan,	"	2 0 10
Necum Teuch,	"	2 0 0
New Annan,	"	2 0 0
New Larig,	"	2 0 0

Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
New Caledonia,	Way-office keeper.	£ 2 0 0
Newport Corner,	“	3 5 0
New Germany,	“	2 0 0
Newport Landing,	“	2 0 0
Nicholls' Corner,	“	2 0 0
Nictau Falls,	“	2 0 0
Nile Mile River,	“	2 0 0
North East Branch,	“	2 5 0
Noel,	“	2 10 0
Noel Shore,	“	2 0 0
North West Arm,	“	2 0 0
North Shore,	“	2 0 0
North River (Bridge)	“	2 0 0
North East Harbour,	“	2 0 0
New Harbour,	“	0 3 4
Ohio,	“	0 10 0
Old Barns,	“	2 0 0
Onslow,	“	2 15 0
Onslow, Upper,	“	2 15 0
Oyster Ponds,	“	2 0 0
Paradise Lane,	“	1 2 6
Peggy's Cove,	“	2 0 0
Petite Reviere,	“	3 5 0
Pleasant River,	“	2 0 0
Port Jolly,	“	0 10 0
Pollock's,	“	1 0 0
Port George,	“	0 10 0
Portapique,	“	2 0 0
Pomket Forks,	“	2 0 0
Port Matoon,	“	2 0 0
Porter's Lake,	“	2 0 0
Prospect,	“	2 0 0
Pubnico,	“	3 5 0
Port Latour,	“	2 0 0
Pero,	“	1 0 0
Ragged Islands,	“	0 10 0
Ragged Head,	“	2 0 0
Ratchford River,	“	2 0 0
Rawdon,	“	2 0 0
Rawdon, Upper	“	2 0 0
Rawdon, (South)	“	2 0 0
River Hebert,	“	2 0 0
River Inhabitants,	“	3 5 0
River Debert,	“	2 0 0
River John,	“	2 0 0
River Dennis,	“	2 5 0
Roger's Hill,	“	2 0 0
Round Hill,	“	3 5 0
Sackville (Road)	“	1 10 0
Sable River,	“	3 5 0

Name

Name of office.	Office.	Amount.
Salmon River, (county Halifax),	Way-office keeper,	£ 2 0 0
Salmon River, (county Guysboro'),	"	2 5 0
Sandy Cove,	"	2 15 0
Sand Point,	"	2 0 0
St. Ann's,	"	0 10 0
St. Andrew's,	"	2 0 0
St. Croix,	"	2 15 0
St. George's Channel,	"	2 0 0
St. Mary's Bay,	"	2 0 0
St. Patrick's Channel,	"	2 5 0
Scott's Bay,	"	2 0 0
Sheet Harbour,	"	2 0 0
Sheffield's Mills,	"	2 0 0
Sherbrooke, (county Lunenburg),	"	2 15 0
Ship Harbour,	"	3 5 0
Shubenacadie River,	"	2 0 0
South side French River,	"	2 0 0
South Gut, St. Ann's,	"	2 5 0
Spencer's,	"	2 0 0
Spring Hill Road,	"	2 0 0
Springville,	"	2 0 0
Steep Creek,	"	2 15 0
Stewiacke, Middle	"	2 0 0
Smith's Cove,	"	0 10 0
Stewiacke, Upper	"	1 10 0
Stewiacke,	"	2 0 0
Stoddart's,	"	2 15 0
Shag Harbour,	"	2 0 0
South Branch, (Colchester county),	"	2 0 0
Ship Harbour,	"	0 10 0
Sutherland's River,	"	0 10 0
Short Beach,	"	0 10 0
Shinemecas Bridge,	"	0 10 0
Tracadie,	"	3 5 0
Tusket,	"	3 5 0
Turns Bay,	"	0 10 0
Upper Settlement, South River,	"	2 0 0
Upper Settlement, West River,	"	2 0 0
Wallace River,	"	2 5 0
West Chester,	"	2 15 0
Willis Foster's,	"	2 5 0
Wood Harbor,	"	2 0 0
White Head,	"	0 10 0

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£544 16 8.

F. M. PASSOW,  
Examiner account branch.

A. WOODGATE,  
Postmaster general.

Report

Return of all payments made, and charges incurred for, mail carriage in Nova Scotia, during the year ended 30th September, 1856.

Name of route.	Mode of conveyance.	No. of miles going and returning.	Total amount per annum.
Albion Mines to New Glasgow,	Foot messenger.	8	£3 0 0
Amherst to Barrowsfield and River Hebert,	Horse and waggon.	50	37 10 0
Amherst to Parrsborough,	do	78	53 0 0
Annapolis to Digby, <i>via</i> Hillsborough and Bridgeport,	do	52	98 0 0
Antigonish to Cape George,	do	44	24 0 0
Antigonish to Lockabar, <i>via</i> Forks and Ohio,	do	30	2 13 9
Antigonish to Sherbrooke,	do	36	28 0 0
Arichat to Discouse,	do	7	10 0 0
Arichat to Grandance,	do	20	36 0 0
Arichat to Little Arichat,	do	8	15 0 0
Aylesford to Morden,	do	16	1 12 6
Aylesford to Willis Foster's and Pinco's, on Ward road,	do	34	22 0 0
Baddeck to English Town,	do	34	19 18 0
Baddeck to Plaister Cove,	do	56	92 10 0
Baddeck to Narrows,	do	89	47 0 0
Barrington to Port Latour, <i>via</i> the North West Creek,	do	30	17 5 0
Barrington to Wood Harbor and east side Pubnico Harbor,	do	60	70 7 6
Bill Town to Hall's harbor,	do	10	13 19 10
Bridgewater to Petite Reviere, <i>via</i> Dublin Shore,	do	40	32 0 0
Bridgewater to Middlefield,	do	50	15 0 0
Bridgetown to Granville Ferry, <i>via</i> Parker's Cove,	do	60	41 9 2
Bridgetown to Chute's, Marshall's Cove, &c. <i>via</i> Parker's Cove,	do	50	5 8 4
Bridgetown to Granville Ferry and Annapolis Gut,	do	50	24 0 0
Bridgetown to Lawrence Town, <i>via</i> south side of the river,	do	16	7 9 10
Brookfield to Pleasant River,	do	18	4 10 0

Buckley's to Canady Rock and Black Rock,	do	18	9 18 8
Canning to Pero,	do	12	8 0 0
Canning to Scott's Bay,	do	10	11 10 0
Cape North to Bay St. Lawrence,	Foot and horse.	10	7 0 0
Cape Sable Island round the Island,	do	18	3 4 10½
Catalone to Louisburg,	Horse or waggon.	14	12 0 0
Chester to Kentville, <i>via</i> Sherbrooke,	do	90	72 0 0
Clyde River to Gunning's Cove,	do	44	18 0 0
Clementsport to Hillsborough, <i>via</i> Shaw road and Hessian line,	do	18	11 10 0
Country Harbor to Fraser's Harbor,	do	24	13 10 0
Chute's Cove to Marshall's Cove,	do	12	6 13 4
Crow Harbor to Molasses Harbor,	do	30	11 12 6
Digby to Briar Island,	do	84	119 15 0
Cross Roads, Forks of St. Mary's, to Sherbrooke,	do	20	8 1 4½
Digby to Marshall Town,	Foot messenger.	8	1 5 0
Drysdale's to Turns Bay,	Horse and waggon.	14	2 0 0
Dunlop's to Locke's Island, and east side of Ragged Island,	do	42	50 0 0
Durham to New Larig and Lime Rock,	do	40	19 8 0
English Town to Ingonish, <i>via</i> North Shore,	do	64	25 0 0
Falmouth to Hantsport,	do	14	15 0 0
Forrestall's to McNair's Cove,	do	7	14 0 0
Forks to St. Margaret's Bay and Lower Ward,	do	24	25 6 8
Guysborough to Canso,	do	60	66 13 4
Grand River to Lock Lomond,	do	20	5 0 0
Guysborough to Cross Roads and Country Harbor,	do	80	27 1 8
Guysborough to New Harbor,	Foot messenger.	44	3 7 0
Halifax to Guysborough, <i>via</i> Great Eastern Road,	Horse and waggon.	298	33 6 5
Halifax to Kentville and Annapolis,	Coach and four horses.	254	499 0 0
Halifax to Liverpool and Yarmouth, including Bridgewater,	do	424	699 0 0
Halifax to Musquodoboit Harbor,	Waggon and pair horses.	60	45 17 0
Halifax to Pictou,	Coach and four horses.	200	570 0 0
Halifax to Prospect,	Horse and waggon.	50	21 0 0
Halifax to Sambro,	do	36	28 0 0
Hantsport to Lower Horton,	do	15	2 9 10½
Ingonish to Cape North,	Foot or horse.	40	25 0 0

Name of route.	Mode of conveyance.	No. of miles going and returning.	Total amount per annum.
Keeneteok to Cockmagan,	Foot or horse.	8	£5 0 0
Kentville to East Cornwallis,	Horse and waggon.	35	29 11 3
Kentville to West Cornwallis,	do	40	45 4 0
Lawrencetown to Lahave Bridge,	do	110	74 15 0
Liverpool to Annapolis,	do	176	100 0 0
Liverpool to Port Medway,	do	20	12 10 0
Liverpool to Milton,	do	6	9 0 0
Londonderry to Five Islands, <i>via</i> Portapique,	do	94	56 0 0
Londonderry to Pugwash, <i>via</i> Wallace River,	do	84	35 0 0
Lower Macan to Minudie and Joggins Mines,	do	36	6 9 2
Lunenburg to Gaberouse,	do	26	26 0 0
Lower Stewiacke to New Larig,	do	87	50 0 0
Lower Stewiacke to Philips' and Shubenacadie,	do	26	17 0 0
Lower Ward to Peggy's Cove,	do	15	7 10 0
Lunenburg to Cross Roads LaHave,	do	20	12 10 0
Mahone Bay to New Germany,	do	36	18 10 0
Maitland to the Gore,	do	25	38 18 0
Maitland to Shubenacadie,	do	36	4 7 0½
Margaree to Baddeck,	Horse or waggon.	45	40 0 0
Margaree to Cheticamp,	do	32	10 0 0
Melford to Guysboro',	do	64	55 15 0
Middleton to Port George,	do	14	1 17 6
Musquodoboit Harbor to Ship Harbour,	do	34	5 15 0
New Glasgow to Barry's River, Cape George, &c.	do	100	70 0 0
New Glasgow to East River Forks, Garden of Eden, &c.	do	90	41 13 4
New Glasgow to Glenelg, St. Mary's, via Blue Mountains,	do	44	5 6 8
New Glasgow to Hopewell,	do	28	2 3 2
New Glasgow to Churchville and Springville,	do	36	2 3 2
New Glasgow to Little Harbour,	do	16	5 19 0
Newport to the Gore, Douglas, &c.	do	40	48 0 0

Newport to Newport Landing,	do	14	22 7 6
Newport to South Rawdon,	do	20	7 8 8
Newport Corner to Walton,	Horse and waggon.	57	88 4 10
Sambro to Apple River, via Advocate Harbour,	Horse or waggon.	88	38 1 9
Parrsboro' to Black Rock,	do	12	9 15 0
Parrsboro' to Five Islands,	do	28	12 19 6
Pictou to Amherst,	Coach and four horses.	168	200 0 0
Pictou to Earltown,	Horse or waggon.	50	19 15 0
Pictou to New Glasgow,	do	14	33 10 10
Pollock's to Upper Musquodoboit and Sheet Harbour,	do	150	83 4 7
Plaister Cove to Port Hood,	do	56	84 7 6
Port Hood to Margaree,	do	90	55 0 0
Port Hood to Whycomah and Lake Ainslie,	do	70	28 3 6
River Inhabitants to Malagawatch,	do	56	15 0 0
River Denis to Strait of Barrow,	do	25	21 0 0
River Inhabitants to St. George's Channel,	do	36	15 0 0
Sheet Harbour to Maria Joseph,	Foot or horse.	30	40 0 0
Sherbrooke to Glenelg, St. Mary's,	do	20	2 3 2
Sherbrooke to Indian Harbour,	Horse or waggon.	25	10 0 0
Sherbrooke to Maria Joseph,	Foot or horse.	36	19 2 6
Sherbrooke, (county Lunenburg) to Stoddart's,	Horse or waggon.	52	36 15 0
Shubenacadie to Maitland, Noel, Gore, by Indian Road,	do	65	42 3 6
Shubenacadie to Belleveau and Gays' River,	do	35	11 3 9
Shubenacadie to Upper Musquodoboit,	do	27	35 0 0
Skinner's way office to Givan's wharf and Ogilvie's breakwater,	do	16	12 9 10
South Gut of St. Ann's to St. Ann's,	do	16	9 10 0
Spencer's to Acadia Mines,	do	4	9 19 6
St. Ann's to North River Bridge,	Foot.	10	4 4 4½
St. Andrew's to Lockabar, via Goshen,	Horse or waggon.	33	9 15 0
St. Peter's to L'Ardoise and Grand River,	do	20	12 10 0
Sydney to Cow Bay and Glaze Bay,	do	45	19 18 10
Sydney to Baddeck, via Boulardarie,	do	120	92 1 8
Sydney to Grand Miru,	do	50	13 8 11½
Sydney to North Sydney,	do	30	14 3 4
Sydney to North Sydney (packet)	Horse or ferry boat.	6	4 19 10

Name of route.	Mode of conveyance.	No. of miles going and returning.	Total amount per annum.
Sydney to Minudie,	Horse or waggon.	60	£38 0 0
Sydney to Lingan and Low Point,	do	33	15 0 0
Sydney to Sydney Mines,	Horse or ferry boat.	36	3 8 4
Sydney Mines to Baddeck, via Boulardavie,	Horse or waggon.	74	16 13 4
Tatamagouche to New Annan and Balfour mills,	do	23	15 0 0
Truro to Amherst,	do	132	369 0 0
Truro to Maitland and Philips',	do	36	22 0 0
Truro to Earltown,	do	40	25 5 0
Upper Musquodoboit to Sheet Harbour,	do	56	6 10 0
Upper Musquodoboit to Upper Stewiacke,	do	14	12 0 0
Upper Onslow to DeBert,	do	22	10 8 0
Upper Musquodoboit to Glenelg, St. Mary's,	do	110	53 8 4
Wallace to Malagash,	do	24	10 0 0
Wallace to Pugwash, via Gulf Shore,	do	30	11 2 6
Walton to Noel and Burncoat,	do	32	17 12 6
West River to P. Cove and Sydney, including Guysborough,	Horse and waggon.	376	1125 0 0
Weymouth to Sabears,	do	12	3 0 0
Whyocomah to Forks, Margaree, via Lake Ainslie,	Horse or waggon.	60	14 18 9
Wilnot to Lawrence town,	do	35	17 10 0
Willis Foster's to Nicholls' Corner and Bridgetown,	do	52	24 10 0
Wilnot to Margaretville,	do	15	2 9 11½
Windsor to Falmouth,	do	10	7 10 0
Wolfville to Gaspereau,	do	7	7 10 0
Yarmouth to Digby,	Horse and waggon.	140	226 0 0
Yarmouth to Kemptville,	Horse or waggon.	50	28 0 0
St. John to Annapolis and Digby, by packet,	By steam packet.		500 0 0
St. John to Boston, via Eastport and Portland,	do		41 13 4
Windsor to Parrsboro',	Sailing vessel.		75 0 0
Halifax to Truro, extra Canada mail,			52 10 0
Truro to Amherst,		134	52 10 0
Halifax, Windsor and St. John, extra Canada mail,	Horse or waggon.		70 0 0
			£8056 14 10½



## REPORT No. 1.

*Statement of the revenue and expenditure of the post office department of Nova Scotia, year ended 30th September, 1856.*

REVENUE.	AMOUNT.
Postage of towns in Nova Scotia, including Halifax,	£5413 0 3
Packet Postage collected at Halifax on unpaid letters from the United Kingdom, &c.	550 3 2½
Packet Postage collected at Halifax on paid letters for the United Kingdom, &c.	661 0 9
Packet Postage collected at Halifax on paid letters sent to, and on unpaid ditto received from Boston, Newfoundland, Bermuda, and the West India Islands,	570 14 9½
Way letter postage,	184 5 3½
Ship letter postage,	33 0 3½
Dead letters returned from country offices, &c.	3 19 11
Detained forward letters,	4 12 6
Private letter boxes at the Halifax office,	75 2 1
Local penny postage,	28 5 7
Postage stamps sold in the year,	2536 15 9
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	£10061 0 5
Missent and redirected, and dead letters,	454 18 9½
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Net revenue,	£9606 1 7½
Deduct British portion of packet postage,	1926 17 4
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Total revenue for the year,	£7679 4 3½
Deficiency,	6251 15 9½
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	£13931 0 1

EXPENDITURE.	VOUCHER.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL AMOUNT.
Salaries,	A & B.		£4402 10 5
Conveyance of mails,	C.		8056 14 10½
Ship letter gratuities,	D.	51 19 0	
Tradesmens' bills,	E.	80 7 0½	
Rent,	F.	200 0 0	
Law expenses,	G.	35 11 8	
Stationery, printing and advertising,	H.	275 6 3½	
Gas, coals, wood, &c.	I.	75 13 5½	
Buildings and repairs,	J.	5 6 9	
Miscellanies,	K.	96 7 1½	
Commission of 5 per cent. to post masters, } on sale of postage stamps in the year, }	L.	123 8 0	
Commission of 20 per cent. paid to way } office keepers, on revenue collected at } their respective offices in the year '55, }	M.	235 5 5½	
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Increase of salaries to officers of post department at Halifax, by order of the government, per letter from the hon. provincial secretary, 24th April, 1856,	145 0 0
J. E. Young, for conveying extra mails for 4 years and 4 months, between Digby and Yarmouth, granted last session,	127 10 0
S. Battersby, for long and faithful services as a courier,	20 0 0
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Expenditure,	£13931 0 1

For vouchers, see reports Nos. 2, 3 & 4.

A. WOODGATE, postmaster general.

F. M. PASSOW, examiner account branch.

## REPORT No. 5.

*Report of new post and way offices established in Nova Scotia during the year ended 30th September, 1856.*

Name of office.	Whether post or way office.	County.	Name of officer.	Duties commence.
English Town,	Post office,	Victoria,	William Ross,	1st July, 1856.
Margaree,	"	Inverness,	H. Taylor,	Do.
McNair's Cove,	"	Guyshoro',	C. J. Wylde,	Do.
Upper Stewiacke,	"	Colchester,	John Cox,	Do.
Bedford Basin,	Way office,	Halifax,	Judah Borden,	1st Jan'y, 1856.
Sackville, (Windsor Road),	"	"	John Hamilton,	Do.
Pero,	"	Kings,	Daniel Huntley,	1st April, 1856.
Meagher's Grant,	"	Halifax,	Miles Dickey,	Do.
Medford,	"	Kings,	W. H. Payzant,	Do.
Marshall Town,	"	Digby,	Edward Harris,	1st July, 1856.
Eastville,	"	Colchester,	Samuel Creelman,	"
Ship Harbour,	"	Halifax,	Daniel F. Curry,	"
Turn's Bay,	"	"	Charles Lordly,	"
Margaretville,	"	Annapolis,	David W. Landers,	"
Fort George or Gates' pier,	"	"	Robert Stone,	"
Ragged Islands,	"	Shelburne,	George Cruig,	"
Addington Forks,	"	Cape Breton,	Norman McDonald,	"
Ohio,	"	Sydney,	John McPherson,	"
Head of Lochabar Lake,	"	"	Donald McMillan,	"
White Head, or Doliver's Cove,	"	Guyshoro',	Francis Feltrualo,	"
Upper Economy,	"	Colchester,	John F. Creed,	"
Sutherland River,	"	Pictou,	R. Henderson,	"
Paradise Lane,	"	Annapolis,	Avord Linglay,	"
Short Beach,	"	Yarmouth,	Freeman Trunks,	"

Shinemicas bridge, Smith's Cove, Port Jolly, Morden, Churchville, Bellevous Cove, New Tusket, Joggins Mines, Head of Wallace Bay, north side, Elmsdale, New Harbor,	Way office, " " " " " " " " " " "	Cumberland, Digby, Queen's, Kings, Pictou, Digby, " Cumberland, " Hants, Guysboro',	John Moore, Edward W. Potter, Michael Robertson, Thomas Farnworth, Allan Wier, Nathan LeBlanc, Charlton Sabean, Bowman Boggs, Isaac Brown, James Fraser, David Kirby,	1st July, 1856. " " " " " " 1st August, 1856. " 1st Sept., 1856.
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*Report of new post routes established in the year ended 30th September, 1856.*

Name of Route		When established.	Number of trips per week.	Distance in miles.	Remarks.
From.	To.				
Brookfield,	Pleasant River,	1st April, 1856.	Once	9	Total cost of new mail routes established in the year, £269 Os. 1d.
St. John, New Brunswick,	Boston via Eastport and Portland,	1st May, 1856.	"	4	
Digby,	Marshall Town,	1st July, 1856.	Three	4	
Albion Mines,	New Glasgow,	"	Three	4	
Musquodoboit Harbour,	Ship Harbour,	"	Once	17	
Cape Sable Island,	Round the Island,	"	"	9	
Guysborough,	New Harbour,	"	Once a fortnight	22	
Hantsport,	Lower Horton,	"	Once	8	
Antigonish,	Lochubar, via Addington Forks,	"	"	15	
Wilnot,	Margaretville,	"	"	8	
Weymouth,	Sabeans,	"	"	6	
Middleton,	Port George,	"	"	7	
Maitland,	Shubenacadie,	"	"	18	
Aylesford,	Morden,	"	"	8	
Drysdale,	Turn's Bay,	"	"	7	
Wallace,	Pugwash via Gulf Shore,	"	"	15	

F. M. PASSOW, examiner, acct. branch.

A. WOODGATE, postmaster general.

REPORT No. 6.

*Report of new post and way offices, and post routes discontinued and closed within the year ended 30th September, 1856, shewing in the case of each office and post route discontinued or closed, the reason for the proceeding.*

Post and way office.		Name.	County.	When closed.	Reasons for closing.
Post office	Way office.				
St. Ann's,	Great Narrows, Margaree, McNair's Cove, English Town, U. Stewiacke, Napan, Barrowsfield,	John Munro, S. McPherson, H. Taylor, C. J. Wylde, Wm. Ross, John Cox, Daniel Pugsley, Charles Baker,	Victoria, Sydney, Inverneso Guysborough, Inverness, Colchester, Cumberland,	30th June, 1856, 30th Dec. 1855, 30th June, 1856, 30th June, 1856. 30th ditto 30th ditto 31st July, 1856, 30st ditto	Removed to English Town, the place being considered more convenient station. Removed to Christmas Island, Converted into post office. Removed to Lower Maccan. Removed to Minudie.

*Post routes discontinued within the year 30th September, 1856.*

Post route.		Distance in miles.	Service times per week.	Date of discont'ce.	Reasons for discontinuance.
From	To				
Amherst,	Minudie and Barrowsfield,		Once.	30th July.	It was deemed expedient instead of making Amherst the starting point as heretofore, to cause the courier to be despatched from that point where the road leading to Minudie from the Maccan road starts, an increase of mail accommodation would be accomplished for the same amount as was paid for a weekly mail.

A. WOODGATE, postmaster general.

F. M. Passow, examiner account branch.

## REPORT NO. 7.

Report of all allowances made to mail contractors in Nova Scotia beyond the sums originally stipulated in their respective contracts, during the year ended the 30th September, 1856, with the reasons for the same,—specifying the route—the name of the contractor—the original service provided by the contract—the original price—the date of commencement—additional sources and allowances: therefor.

Route.		Name of Contractor.	Original service provided by contract.	Original price.	Additional service required.	Date of commencement of additional service.	Additional allowance per annum.
From	To						
Halifax,	Sambro,	J. Neville,	To convey a weekly mail between Halifax and Sambro,	£26 0 0	For delivering personally the correspondence, there being only one way office established on this route.	1856	£ s. d. 4 0 0
Digby,	Yarmouth,	A. McCormack	To convey a semi-weekly mail between Digby and Yarmouth,	211 0 0	To convey an addition mail per week between Digby and Yarmouth,	1st April.	4 0 0
Windsor,	St. John,	James King & brothers,	Conveying a semi-weekly mail between Windsor and St. John,	500 0 0	For touching at Parrsboro, both going to and returning from St. John and Windsor, by steamer,	1st April.	30 0 0
Plaister Cove,	Port Hood,	E. Dulhenty,	To convey a semi-weekly mail between Plaister Cove and Port Hood,	75 0 0	To convey a tri-weekly mail between Plaister Cove and Port Hood,	1st July.	37 10 0
Port Hood,	Margaree,	"	To convey a weekly mail between Port Hood and Margaree,	44 0 0	To convey a semi weekly mail between Port Hood and Margaree,	"	44 0 0
Walton,	Noel,	J. O'Brien,	To convey a weekly mail from Walton to Noel,	16 0 0	Route extended from Noel to Burncoat,	"	6 10 0

Crow Harbor,	M. Harbor,	C. B. Marshall,	To convey a weekly mail from Crow Harbor to Mo-lasses Harbor,	10 0 0	Route extended to White Head,	"	6 10 0
Dunlap's,	Locke's Isl. and Lewis Head.	Ambrose Allan	To convey a weekly mail from Dunlap's, Sable River to Locke's Island,	48 10 0	Service extended from Lewis Head to east side of Ragged Islands,	"	6 0 0
Digby,	Yarmouth,	Messrs. Young and McCormick.	To convey a semi-weekly mail between Digby and Yarmouth,	211 0 0	For conveying an additional mail per week between Digby and Yarmouth for 4 years and 4 months, ended 31st March, 1856,	For extra services.	127 10 0
Halifax,	Windsor and St. John,	Messrs. King and brothers,	To convey daily mail from Halifax to Windsor and Kentville, and tri-weekly to Annapolis,	499 0 0	For conveying Canada extra mails from 1st August to 24th October, 1853, authorized by legislature, session 1856, from Halifax to Windsor and St. John, by steamer,	"	70 0 0
"	Truro,	H. Hyde,	Daily mail to Truro,	570 0 0	er, ditto	"	52 10 0
Truro,	Amherst,	C. B. Archibald	Tri-weekly mail to Amherst,	369 0 0	Ditto ditto	"	52 10 0

A. WOODGATE, postmaster general.

F. M. PASSOW, examiner account branch.

REPORT No. 8.

*A report of all cases occurring within the year ended 30th September, 1856, of the abstractions or loss of letters containing money, sent through the post office in Nova Scotia, shewing the particulars of each case, and stating the result of the proceedings instituted by the department.*

PARTICULARS OF EACH CASE.

By whom mailed.	Where mailed.	When mailed.	Stated contents of letter.	Address.		Evidence of loss or abstraction.	Result of the proceedings instituted in each case by the department.
				Name.	Place.		
Mr. Robert Brown, jr. Messrs. Brown & Moody	Yarmouth,	1856. 2nd June,	£ s d. 17 10 0	Thos. Newall,	Cape Sable Island.	Letter delivered, but only 16l. 10s. found therein.	{ Investigation instituted, but no proof of abstractions, whilst letter was in charge of post office, could be had.
Not stated,	Boston, U. S.	10th April,	1 5 0	Mr. W. Turner	Merigomisho.	Not delivered.	{ Letter traced to way office, Bar- ney's River. The keeper being called upon to make good the amount, resigned.
Messrs. Duffus & Tupper George Scarfe, Mrs. Stephen Boggs,	Halifax, Ditto Ditto	26th April, 10th June, Middle May,	Jewelry, 0 6 3 1 0 0	Wm. Duffus, G. W. Scarfe, Arthur Boggs,	{ Lower Horton.	{ Not received at destination.	{ Letter not having been registered, could not be traced. Ditto ditto ditto Ditto ditto ditto Some of the school boys had been in the habit of receiving letters from the postmaster, but there is no evidence to implicate either the boys—the Halifax or the Lower Horton offices.
Rev'd. Richard Unisacke,	Sydney,	24th July,	1 0 0	Wm. Gossip,	Halifax,	Not received.	No trace. Letter not registered.
Enos Patten,	Port LaTour,	22nd Sept.	5 0 0	H. Silsby,	Lunenburg	{ Let. rec'd. with- out contents.	{ Letter not having been registered, every enquiry unsuccessful.

F. M. PASSOW, examiner account branch.

A. WOODGATE, postmaster general.

[ Document No. 9. ]

(Copy.)

*On board the steamer Admiral, December 8th, 1856.*

DEAR SIR—

We shall discontinue our trips for this season, on the 22nd. inst. Your mails from that date of course will take the regular land route as heretofore, until we commence our trips again, say last of February, or 1st of March,—of which I shall give you due notice.

The amount of correspondence for your province, I find larger than I supposed it would be, when I contracted for the conveyance ;—I therefore beg leave to give notice that I apply for an increase of compensation, of which I trust you will approve.

I am, dear sir, &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Signed) H. S. FAVOR.

A. WOODGATE, Esq., postmaster general.

PART 2.

(Copy)

*Secretary's office, Toronto, 24th October, 1856.*

SIR—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Sept. last, respecting the expense of conveying the English and Canadian mails through Nova Scotia, and to inform you, in reply, that it has been transferred to the hon. the postmaster general, through whose department all matters connected with similar subjects are brought under the notice of his excellency the governor general.

I have, &amp;c.,

E. PARNEY, assistant secretary.

The honorable  
the provincial secretary—Halifax, Nova Scotia.

(Copy)

*Secretary's office, Fredericton, 10th Dec., 1856.*

SIR—

Your communication of the 25th September, relative to the conveyance of English mails from Halifax to this province, was referred by his excellency the lieutenant-governor to the postmaster general, for his report thereon, which has been made, and received the consideration of his excellency in council ; and I am directed to inform you that the present mail arrangements do not bear more hardly on Nova Scotia than they do on this province, inasmuch as the whole mail matter from Canada and the United States in transit to Nova Scotia and *vice versa* is carried by our couriers and the expense paid from our provincial funds, although this province is in no way interested in transmitting the same, further than to carry out the arrangement entered into between the provinces.

Without an entirely new interpostal arrangement, therefore, this province cannot consent to pay any extra charge for the conveyance of English mails from Halifax to New Brunswick.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed)

ROBT. D. WILMOT.

The honorable  
W. A. HENRY, provincial secretary—Halifax, N. S.



(Copy.)

*Provincial secretary's office, September 25th, 1856.*

SIR—

I have the honor to forward herewith an extract from a report of the post office committee of the house of assembly at the last session adopted by the legislature—and also copy of accounts of Messrs. Hyde, King & Brothers, and Archibald, mail contractors, for services performed in the conveyance through Nova Scotia of the English and Canadian mails, and copy of proposals made by Messrs. Hyde and Archibald for the conveyance of those mails in future. No provision having been made in the contract with these parties for conveying anything more than the inter-colonial mails, they objected last year to carry them without remuneration, but consented to do so, with an intimation that they would bring the matter before the legislature and claim compensation. This course produced the report of the committee of the house of assembly, which I have extracted for the information and guidance of your government.

The claims were admitted, and a portion has been in the meantime advanced by this government to the several contractors, and the accounts are now forwarded as a claim against your province. As this government is bound to give effect to the decision of the legislature, it is desirable that some arrangement be made with the contractors without much loss of time, it being considered unreasonable either to ask the contractors to perform the service without remuneration or to pay them out of the funds of this province without any corresponding benefit. This government will, however, lend its aid in effecting any arrangement that might be considered reasonable. I beg also to refer you to a correspondence which took place last year between the postmasters general of this province and Canada on this subject.

I have, &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Signed)

W. A. HENRY.

The honorable  
the provincial secretary—Canada.

(Copy)

*Provincial secretary's office, September 25th, 1856.*

SIR—

I have the honor to forward herewith an extract from a report of the post office committee of the house of assembly at the last session adopted by the legislature, and also copy of proposals made for the conveyance in future of the mails referred to.

The right to compensation for the services in question independently of the sum paid by this government for the conveyance of inter-colonial mails, has been admitted by the legislature, and I have respectfully to intimate that the government here cannot ask the legislature to provide for a service in which this province is not interested.

It is desirable therefore that provision be made by the government of New Brunswick (if not already arranged) with the contractors for the conveyance of the mails in question, and I beg to tender the aid of this government in effecting any arrangement that may be considered reasonable.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

W. A. HENRY.

The provincial secretary—New Brunswick.

Account

*Account of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia, (including Halifax), as per accompanying abstract of the monthly sheets, for the quarter ended 31st Decr. 1855.*

No. of inner voucher.	Post Towns.	Amount currency.
1	HALIFAX,	£403 9 11
2	Albion Mines,	14 6 7½
3	Amherst,	27 19 9
4	Annapolis,	15 1 10½
5	Antigonishe,	37 14 4½
6	Arichat,	39 19 1½
7	Baddeck,	16 17 2½
8	Barrington,	19 13 3½
9	Bridgetown,	19 14 4½
10	Bridgewater,	8 5 11½
11	Chester,	7 1 7
12	Digby,	20 8 1½
13	Durham,	12 11 4
14	Guysborough,	12 12 8
15	Kentville,	30 0 5½
16	Laurence Town,	7 2 7½
17	Liverpool,	32 11 0½
18	Londonderry,	23 9 0
19	Lower Horton,	9 15 4½
20	Lunenburg,	17 7 8
21	Lower Stewiacke,	6 8 9
22	Maitland,	6 8 4
23	Middle Musquodoboit,	4 9 5
24	New Glasgow,	24 17 7½
25	Newport,	15 6 19
26	North Sydney,	8 0 3
27	Parrsboro',	9 12 5½
28	Pictou,	52 4 8½
29	Plaister Cove,	13 8 8
30	Port Hood,	22 2 1
31	Pugwash,	13 13 5
32	St. Margaret's Bay,	5 10 8
33	Shelburne,	10 16 1½
34	Sherbrooke,	4 6 2
35	St. Peters,	7 13 1½
36	Sydney,	36 7 11
37	Sydney Mines,	8 2 2
38	Shabcaacadie,	4 6 8½
39	Tatamagouche,	9 9 6
40	Truro,	31 10 6½
41	Wallace,	11 17 0½
42	Weymouth,	12 10 10½
43	Windsor,	30 16 2
44	Wolfville,	13 16 5½
45	Yarmouth,	54 8 11
46	Aylesford,	3 18 5
47	Cape Canso,	6 9 6
48	Clementsport,	4 12 9½

Hantsport,

49	Hantsport,	£8	15	1½
50	Locke's Island,	8	10	5
51	Mahone Bay,	4	15	0
52	Mill Village,	3	4	5½
53	Port Medway,	3	13	10
54	River John,	8	11	5½
55	River Philip,	4	0	4
56	St. Ann's,	2	9	3
57	Upper Musquodoboit,	2	17	0½
58	Walton,	4	11	4½
59	Westport,	5	11	4½
60	West River,	3	16	3½
61	Whycocomagh,	2	17	4½
62	Wilmot,	5	14	9
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		£1269	15	3½

*Account of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia (including Halifax), as per accompanying abstract of the monthly sheets, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1856.*

No. of inner voucher.	Post Towns.	Amount currency.		
1	HALIFAX,	£544	8	4½
2	Albion Mines,	11	3	8½
3	Amherst,	25	0	4
4	Annapolis,	15	11	11½
5	Antigonishe,	33	2	4
6	Arichat,	27	1	3½
7	Baldeck,	12	14	10
8	Barrington,	18	3	2
9	Bridgetown,	19	11	9½
10	Bridgewater,	11	5	11
11	Chester,	9	6	11
12	Digby,	22	7	3½
13	Durham,	13	0	5½
14	Guysborough,	11	14	4
15	Kentville,	31	3	6
16	Laurence Town,	5	5	5
17	Liverpool.	44	12	1
18	Londonderry,	21	1	5½
19	Lower Horton,	12	11	10½
20	Lunenburg,	18	8	4½
21	Lower Stewiacke,	6	2	10½
22	Maitland,	6	18	6½
23	Middle Musquodoboit,	4	12	7
24	New Glasgow,	27	5	3
25	Newport,	20	10	5
26	North Sydney,	8	4	1
27	Parrsborough,	12	10	5½
28	Picton,	50	10	4½
29	Plaister Cove,	10	10	4½
30	Port Hood,	18	1	6

Pugwash,

31	Pugwash,	£13	18	11½
32	St. Margaret's Bay,	7	5	7
33	Shelburne,	13	15	7
34	Sherbrooke,	5	11	2½
35	St. Peters,	6	16	11½
36	Sydney,	36	15	1½
37	Sydney Mines,	9	19	4
38	Shubenacadie,	4	4	9
39	Tatamagouche,	10	16	0½
40	Truro,	28	11	2
41	Wallace,	12	7	2½
42	Weymouth,	11	13	3
43	Windsor,	38	5	9
44	Wolfville,	14	15	1
45	Yarmouth,	59	3	0
46	Aylesford,	4	15	2
47	Cape Canso,	6	1	11
48	Clementsport,	6	17	5½
49	Hantsport,	11	8	3½
50	Lock's Island,	8	5	4
51	Mahone Bay,	6	5	5
52	Mill Village,	3	8	3½
53	Port Medway,	5	10	9½
54	River John,	9	0	4
55	River Philip,	3	14	8½
56	St. Ann's,	5	8	3½
57	Upper Musquodoboit,	4	9	2
58	Walton,	6	2	10½
59	Westport,	6	9	1½
60	West River,	4	2	2
61	Whycocomagh,	3	6	2
62	Wilmot,	7	11	5
		£1449	17	9½

*Acc. unt of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia (including Halifax), as per accompanying abstract of the monthly sheets, for the quarter ended 30th June, 1856.*

No of inner voucher.	Post Towns.	Amount currency.
1	HALIFAX,	£455 1 7
2	Albion Mines,	8 12 7
3	Amherst,	27 14 1
4	Annapolis,	13 7 1
5	Antigonishe,	45 0 2
6	Arichat,	29 3 7
7	Baddeck,	13 3 3½
8	Barrington,	19 12 0
9	Bridgetown,	18 5 3½
10	Bridgewater,	9 11 6½
11	Chester,	7 16 6
12	Digby,	21 2 10½

Durham,

13	Durham,	£13	9	8
14	Guysboro',	12	16	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
15	Kentville,	31	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
16	Laurence Town,	4	13	3
17	Liverpool,	47	2	1
18	Londonderry,	15	9	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
19	Lower Horton,	10	8	11
20	Lunenburg,	15	5	0
21	Lower Stewiacke,	6	7	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
22	Maitland,	7	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
23	Middle Musquodoboit,	4	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
24	New Glasgow,	33	12	7
25	Newport,	17	4	7
26	North Sydney,	8	13	6
27	Parrsboro',	9	14	10
28	Pictou,	52	18	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
29	Plaister Cove,	14	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
30	Port Hood,	21	17	2
31	Pugwash,	14	12	5
32	St. Margaret's Bay,	5	3	7
33	Shelburne,	13	10	6
34	Sherbrooke,	5	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
35	St. Peters,	8	12	5
36	Sydney,	40	5	5
37	Sydney Mines,	9	15	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
38	Shubenacadie.	6	15	10
39	Tatamagouche,	10	15	11
40	Truro,	28	5	10
41	Wallace,	13	17	3
42	Weymouth,	12	13	0
43	Windsor,	34	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
44	Wolfville,	13	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
45	Yarmouth,	58	2	3
46	Aylesford,	4	11	1
47	Cape Canso,	4	16	4
48	Clementsport,	5	3	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
49	Hantsport,	7	10	11
50	Locke's Island,	7	3	0
51	Mahone Bay,	6	9	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
52	Mill Village,	3	7	7
53	Port Medway,	5	15	11
54	River John,	10	1	7
55	River Philip,	3	9	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
56	St. Anns,	3	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
57	Upper Musquodoboit,	3	8	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
58	Walton,	3	19	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
59	Westport,	5	2	7
60	West River,	4	18	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
61	Whycocomah,	4	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
62	Wilmot,	7	13	0
		£1360	9	7

*Account of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia, in the quarter ended the 30th September, 1856.*

No. of inner voucher.	Post Towns.	Amount currency.
1	HALIFAX,	£422 1 4
2	Albion Mines,	7 13 6
3	Amherst,	26 8 5½
4	Annapolis,	15 2 11
5	Antigonish,	40 6 1
6	Arichat,	28 12 10½
7	Aylesford,	4 18 3½
8	Baddeck,	12 17 5
9	Barrington,	15 15 4
10	Bridgetown,	18 12 7½
11	Bridgewater,	9 8 8
12	Cape Canso,	6 16 7½
13	Chester,	6 13 11½
14	Clementsport,	6 2 7
15	Digby,	19 2 11½
16	Durham,	12 9 3½
17	Guysborough,	13 8 0½
18	Hantsport,	6 6 5
19	Kentville,	29 18 10½
20	Lawrencetown,	5 1 0
21	Liverpool,	35 12 11½
22	Locke's Island,	6 7 1½
23	Londonderry,	17 8 5
24	Lower Horton,	8 19 11½
25	Lower Stewiacke,	3 4 3½
26	Lunenburg,	13 15 3½
27	Mahone Bay,	4 13 6
28	Maitland,	6 1 8
29	Margaree,	8 5 0
30	McNair's Cove,	7 6 1
31	Middle Musquodoboit,	4 0 0
32	Mill Village,	3 1 0
33	New Glasgow,	27 10 6
34	Newport,	15 16 5
35	North Sydney,	13 13 7½
36	Parrsboro',	10 15 7
37	Pictou,	59 7 2½
38	Plaister Cove,	13 10 2½
39	Port Hood,	18 9 8½
40	Port Medway,	4 7 5
41	Pugwash,	16 6 11
42	River John,	8 19 5
43	River Philip,	3 5 9½
44	Shelburne,	12 6 1
45	Sherbrooke,	7 1 9
46	Shubenacadie,	13 10 10½
47	St. Ann's,	4 7 9
48	St. Margaret's Bay,	4 18 4½

49	St. Peters,	£10	7	11
50	Sydney,	44	17	6½
51	Sydney Mines,	10	2	5½
52	Tatamagouche,	10	14	5
53	Truro,	29	6	7½
54	Upper Musquodoboit,	3	2	4½
55	Upper Stewiacke,	2	16	11½
56	Wallace,	13	4	9
57	Walton,	3	6	7½
58	Westport,	4	16	5
59	West River,	4	7	1½
60	Weymouth,	11	3	5
61	Wilmot,	7	9	9½
62	Windsor,	38	4	0½
63	Wolfville,	12	7	0½
64	Whycomagh,	5	11	5½
65	Yarmouth,	59	6	6½
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		£1332	5	8

*Postmaster general in account current with the province of Nova Scotia, quarter ended 31st December, 1855.*

Dr.

Charge.	Voucher.	Amt. C'y.
To balance from previous quarter,		£ 248 7 10½
Amount of postage stamps on hand,		1289 10 0
Amount of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia, including Halifax, (per abstract,)	1	1269 15 3½
Amount of unpaid postage upon British letters collected at Halifax, (per abstract,)	2	110 7 1
Amount of paid postage upon letters for England collected at Halifax, (per abstract,)	3	172 9 3½
Amount of postage upon colonial and foreign letters,	4	131 16 7
Amount of way letter postage,	5	44 8 8
Amount of sums received for ship letters,	6	8 14 9
Amount of letters returned to the dead letter office from offices in the interior, and delivered at Halifax, (per voucher,)	7	
Amount of fees collected upon letters addressed to towns in Nova Scotia, and delivered at Halifax,	8	1 15 0
Amount of fees collected for merchants' private boxes,	9	18 16 8
Amount of postage on letters posted in Halifax for city delivery, (per voucher,)	10	2 10 9½
Amount of "postage stamps" received from receiver general,		1244 0 0
Amount drawn from provincial chest, in payment of packet postage due the imperial office for March quarter, 1855, £397 16s. 1d. stg,		497 5 1
Amount drawn from provincial chest, in aid of post office communications, and other necessary expenses of the post office department,		1000 0 0
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		£5039 16 2
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Discharge.		Voucher.	Amt. C'y.	
By salaries of postmaster general, assistants, &c., and post- masters,	£922 2 6	A }	1040	2 6
Salaries of way office keepers,	118 0 0	B }		
Conveyance of mails,		C	1904	14 11
Ship letter gratuities,		D	12	9 3
Tradesmen's bills,		E	40	6 1
Rent,		F	50	0 0
Law expenses,			117	13 9½
Stationery, printing and advertising,		H		
Coals, gas, &c.,		I	11	16 4
Buildings and repairs,		J	5	6 9
Miscellanies,		K	20	13 9½
5 per cent. discount allowed to postmasters, merchants, &c., on postage stamps,		L	29	2 1
Postage stamps on hand unsold, viz :—				
Halifax office,	£808 12 7	M }	952	16 2½
Ditto Country offices,	144 3 7½			
Amount of dead, missent and re-directed letters,		N	108	11 0
Amount paid into military chest, being "packet postage" due the imperial post office, on the correspondence between Great Britain & Nova Scotia, March quarter, 1855,	£397 16s. 1d. sterling,	O	497	5 1
Amount paid to way office keepers, being commission on revenue collected above £8, in the year ended 31st December, 1855,		P	235	5 5½
By balance,			13	12 11
			£5039 16 2	
Letters remaining on hand—Halifax office,	£11 13 11			
Country offices,	37 0 8½			
	£48 14 7½			

*Postmaster general in account current with the province of Nova Scotia, quarter ended  
31st March, 1856.*

Dr.				
Charge.		Voucher.	Amt. C'y.	
To balance from previous quarter,			£ 13	12 11
Amount of postage stamps on hand,			952	16 2½
Amount of postage of towns in the province of Nova Sco- tia, including Halifax, (per abstract,)		1	1449	17 9½
Amount of unpaid postage upon British letters collected at Halifax, (per abstract,)		2	131	0 8½
Amount of paid postage upon letters for England collec- ted at Halifax, (per abstract,)		3	172	8 0½
Amount of postage upon colonial and foreign letters,		4	185	14 5½
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To amount of way letter postage,	5	£ 47 19 7
Amount of sums received for ship letters,	6	7 12 11
Amount of letters returned to the dead letter office from offices in the interior, and delivered at Halifax, (per voucher,)	7	
Amount of fees collected upon letters addressed to towns in Nova Scotia, and delivered at Halifax,	8	1 7 6
Amount of fees collected for merchants private boxes,	9	17 18 4
Amount of penny postage on letters posted in Halifax and country offices for delivery, (per voucher,)	10	18 2 5½
Amount of "postage stamps" received from receiver general,		3900 0 0
Amount drawn from the provincial chest in aid of post communications in Nova Scotia,		800 0 0
Amount drawn from provincial treasury, being "packet postage" due the imperial post office, London,		1342 8 8
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		£9040 19 7

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Discharge.	Voucher.	Amt. C'y.
By salaries of postmaster general, assistants, &c., and postmasters,		£922 2 6
Salaries of way office keepers,	A } B }	1042 12 6
Conveyance of mails,	C	1912 16 8
Ship letter gratuities,	D	8 13 0
Tradesmen's bills,	E	
Rent,	F	50 0 0
Law expenses,	G	
Stationery, printing and advertising,	H	54 10 0
Coals, gas, &c.,	I	14 6 6
Buildings and repairs,	J	
Miscellanies,	K	28 10 3½
5 per ct. discount allowed to postmasters, merchants, &c., on postage stamps,	L	32 16 8
Postage stamps on hand unsold, viz. :—		
Ditto Halifax office,	M } M }	£4026 8 1
Country offices,		182 15 10
Amount of sums paid to officers of post office department at Halifax, being increase of salaries, by order of the government, per letter from the hon'ble. the provincial secretary, dated 24th April, 1856,	M (a)	145 0 0
Amount of dead, missent and re-directed letters, (per statement,)	N	104 16 7½
Amount paid into the military chest at Halifax, being "packet postage" due the imperial office, London,	O	1342 8 8
By balance,		95 4 9
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		£9040. 19 7
Letters remaining on hand—Halifax office,		£11 19 1
Country offices,		41 11 5½
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		£53 10 6½

Postmaster

*Postmaster general in account current with the province of Nova Scotia, quarter ended 30th June, 1856.*

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Charge.	Voucher.	Amt. C'y.
To balance from previous quarter,		£ 95 4 9
Amount of postage stamps on hand,		4209 3 11
Amount of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia, including Halifax, (per abstract),	1	1360 9 7
Amount of unpaid postage upon British letters collected at Halifax, (per abstract),	2	142 7 7
Amount of paid postage upon letters for England collected at Halifax, (per abstract),	3	144 3 2
Amount of postage upon colonial and foreign letters,	4	132 10 4½
Amount of way letter postage,	5	48 17 10½
Amount of sums received for ship letters,	6	8 7 7½
Amount of letters returned to the dead letter office from offices in the interior, and delivered at Halifax (per voucher),	7	3 19 11
Amount of fees collected upon letters addressed to towns in Nova Scotia, and delivered at Halifax,	8	1 5 0
Amount of fees collected for merchants' private boxes,	9	18 0 0
Amount of postage on letters posted in Halifax and other towns in Nova Scotia, for delivery, (per voucher),	10	3 11 2
Amount of "postage stamps" received from receiver general,		
Errors on quarters ended 31st December, 1855, and 31st March, 1856,		0 10 11
Amount drawn from provincial chest in aid of post communication in Nova Scotia, and toward defraying the other necessary expenses of the post office department,		1200 0 0
To balance,		34 16 0
		£7403 7 10½

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Discharge.	Voucher.	Amt. C'y.
By salaries of postmaster general, assistants, &c., and postmasters,		£1003 9 4½
Salaries of way office keepers,		148 10 0
Conveyance of mails,	A } B }	1151 19 4½
Ship letter gratuities,	C	2129 0 9½
Tradesmen's bills,	D	18 10 10½
Rent,	E	26 8 5½
Law expenses,	F	50 0 0
Stationery, printing, and advertising,	G	
Coals, gas, &c.,	H	55 0 0
Buildings and repairs,	I	9 12 0
Miscellanies,	J	
5 per ct. discount allowed to postmasters, merchants, &c., on postage stamps,	K	40 3 1½
	L	29 0 11
		By

By postage stamps on hand unsold, viz. :—

	Halifax office,	£3444	3	1		
Ditto	Country offices,	193	16	1	M }	£3637 19 2
Amount paid to James E. Young, being extra allowance recommended by post office committee, for conveying H. M. mails between Digby & Yarmouth, one extra trip during the week, for the space of four years and three months, ended 31st March, 1856,						
					M(a)	127 10 0
Amount of dead, missent, and re-directed letters, (per statement,)						
					N	108 3 2
Amount paid to Thomas Battersby, granted by the house of assembly, on recommendation of the post office committee, as a bonus for long and faithful services as a mail contractor,						
					O	20 0 0
						£7403 7 10½
Letters remaining on hand—Halifax office, £16 3 1						
Country offices, 44 9 3½						
						£60 12 4½

*Postmaster general in account current with the province of Nova Scotia, quarter ended 30th September, 1856.*

DR.	Charge.	Voucher.	Amt. C'y.
To balance from previous quarter,			£3637 19 2
Amount of postage stamps on hand,			1332 5 8
Amount of postage of towns in the province of Nova Scotia, including Halifax, (per abstract,)	1		166 7 10
Amount of unpaid postage upon British letters collected at Halifax, (per abstract,)	2		172 0 3
Amount of paid postage upon letters for England collected at Halifax, (per abstract,)	3		121 13 4½
Amount of postage upon colonial and foreign letters,	4		42 19 2
Amount of way letter postage,	5		8 5 0
Amount of sums received for ship letters,	6		
Amount of letters returned to the dead letter office from offices in the interior, and delivered at Halifax, (per voucher,)	7		
Amount of fees collected upon letters addressed to towns in Nova Scotia, and delivered at Halifax,	8		0 5 0
Amount of fees collected for merchants' private boxes,	9		20 7 1
Amount of postage on letters posted in Halifax for city delivery, (per voucher,)	10		4 2 1
Amount of "postage stamps" received from receiver general,			3000 0 0
Errors on the quarter ended 30th June,			1 0 0
Amount drawn from provincial chest, in aid of post communication, and towards defraying the other necessary expenses of the post office department in Nova Scotia,			1000 0 0
Balance,			155 11 0
			£9661 15 7½
			Cr.

CR.		Voucher.	Amt. C'y.
Discharge.			
By balance from previous quarter,			£ 34 16 0
Salaries of postmaster general, assistants, &c., and postmasters,	1009 19 4½	A }	1167 16 0½
Ditto of way office keepers,	157 16 8	B }	
Conveyance of mails,		C	2110 2 6
Ship letter gratuities,		D	12 5 10½
Tradesmen's bills,		E	13 12 6
Rent,		F	50 0 0
Law expenses,		G	35 11 8
Stationery, printing, and advertising,		H	48 2 6
Coals, gas, &c.,		I	39 18 7½
Buildings and repairs,		J	
Miscellanies,		K	6 19 11
5 per cent. discount allowed to postmasters, merchants, &c., on postage stamps,		L	32 18 4
Postage stamps on hand unsold, viz. :—			
Halifax office,	5733 16 10	M	5975 3 8
Ditto do. country offices,	241 6 10		
Amount of dead, missent, and re-directed letters, (per statement)		N	133 8 0
Errors on the quarter ended 30th June, 1856—Salaries,			1 0 0
			£9661 15 7½
Letters remaining on hand	{ Halifax office, £13 15 9 Country offices, 40 5 4½		
	54 1 1½		

A. WOODGATE, postmaster general.

F. M. PASSOW, examiner account branch.

*Statement of errors in the post master general's account for the quarter ended 30th September, 1856.*

Charge No. 2, omitted,	0 5 0
“ 5, Truro, omitted,	0 16 0
Error, June quarter omitted,	1 0 0
	£2 1 0
Discharge B, way office, Gay's River, 10s., voucher for 15s.	0 5 0
Balance,	£1 16 0

The committee on the post office beg leave to report, as follows :

Your committee have considered several applications for the setting up of new rides, for changes in old ones, for the establishment of new way offices, and three for a change of way offices into post offices.

Your committee taking into consideration that numerous additions to the postal rides have been made within the past three years, and the greater number of the smaller settlements

settlements being thereby accommodated, and the large sum annually appropriated by the legislature to make up the deficiency in the department, amounting the past year to £6,251 15s. 9½d., and feeling that some restraint is necessary to prevent improper additions to this part of the service, have agreed to recommend to the house to make provision for setting up the following rides upon the conditions hereafter set forth, that is to say, that the postmaster general before setting up the rides shall get a sufficient bond from the parties interested, binding them to pay for two years a sum sufficient to make up the difference between one-half the sum paid to the courier and the amount of postages collected on the line. By this arrangement the provincial funds will be relieved of one-half the cost of the courier, but will contribute the deficiency, if any, of other half and the cost of the way offices on the line.

Your committee consider this restraint as necessary, and a refusal by the parties in any case to enter into such an arrangement would be pretty strong evidence that the ride was not required.

The following new rides are under the foregoing terms recommended :

From Middleton to Nictaux Falls once a week.

Windsor to Upper Falmouth, semi-weekly.

Mabou to Baddeck, semi-weekly. The rule to apply only to the second mail.

Baddeck post office to Upper Settlement bay.

Baddeck once a week.

Lower Stewiacke to St. Andrews, once a week.

Jordan River to the ferry, once a week.

East side Sable River to Great Port LaBear, once a week.

Antigonishe to Malignant Cove, once a week.

Pictou to River John, via Tony River, once a week.

Joseph E'Entremont's, to Carland's way office, head of Pubnico harbour, once a week.

Port George to Marshall's Cove, once a week.

Litche's Mountain to Parker's Cove, county Annapolis, once a week.

Smith's Cove by the shore road to Bear River bridge, once a week.

River Dennis to Washabuct, once a week.

St. Peters and the Points, via the rear lands, once a week.

St. Peter's to River Bourgeois.

River Dennis to Judique, once a week.

Post office, Mabou, down east side of the river to Broad Cove, once a week.

Pugwash up River Philip to Fillmore's, to return by Grey's road, Victoria settlement and Crawford road, once a week.

Lunenburg to Cross Roads, to be extended to Kingsbury.

Your committee recommend changes in the following rides not subject to the above rule :

The courier from Barrington to Wood's Harbour, and east side of Pubnico Harbour to take the western shore road from Wood's Harbour to Pubnico instead of the present route.

The present contract for the conveyance of mails in the township of Aylesford to be terminated, and the service to be divided as follows :

One courier to leave Aylesford post office, and proceed eastwardly on the main road and Ormsby road to back road, Dempsey corner ; thence on back road to Morden road to Thomas Welton's, there to exchange mails with the courier of the Morden settlement ; thence on the Morden road, Main road, Palmer road, passing Bishop's mills and the Ward road to Nichols' settlement, Pineo's way office ; thence on the road passing Easai's mills to H. Bent's, and on the Parker road to Main road and the Aylesford post office. The other courier to go westwardly from Aylesford by the Main road, Clermont road to Back road ; thence to way office at Foster's and by way of the Bishop road, Main road

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by Caton's mills to Kingston way office ; thence on the Ward road to Spinney road and Kerr's school house, and the Palmer road, and Main road to the Aylesford office.

The committee recommend that the post master general should be authorized to make an arrangement to send a mail twice a-week by the coach from Truro to Adam McNutt's on the Tatamagouche road, and to establish a way office there, provided the service can be had for a reasonable sum for the additional trouble of taking the mails.

Your committee recommend that the post master general be authorized to set up new rides under the same rule as that upon which the new rides are recommended in this report, where, in his judgment, the same are necessary.

Your committee recommend that the postmaster general be authorized to raise the salary of the postmaster at West River of Pictou, if necessary and proper in his opinion.

Your committee recommend that the post master general should establish suitable way offices for the new rides, recommended in this report, as well as in all other cases; and that way offices be established in the following places for which petitions were presented this session—that is to say : at South west Mabou; North Mountain, Cornwallis; Carlton, at Hugh McDonald's, near Wallace ; Kingsbury ; Lockartville ; Church Point, Township of Clare ; Upper Dyke Village, Cornwallis ; Upper Settlement, Baddeck ; Eel Brook, head of Jordan River ; Nathaniel Parker's, Milltown ; East Port Medway.

Your committee recommend that the way office at Broad Cove Marsh be changed to Donald McLeod's ; and that the way office at Middle River, county Pictou, be changed from Alexander Fraser's to George McLeod's, but do not recommend any change at Portapique as prayed for.

Your committee recommend that the post office at Tatamagouche be removed to the south side of the River, and a way office established at the north side instead of the post office ; but in case the postmaster will send the mails to the way office on the south side on the arrival of the mails from Halifax, your committee recommend that no change should be made.

Your committee do not recommend the petitions for a tri-weekly from Tracadie, via the new road to McNair's Cove—for the conversion of way office at Glenelg into a post office—for additional compensation to Edward May and Alexander McPherson, mail courier—of James B. Hadley, complaining he was not appointed post master at McNair's Cove, having been previously way office keeper there—for a tri-weekly mail Amherst to Parrsborough—for increased mail accommodation generally to Cape Breton—for a semi-weekly mail from St. Peter's to L'Ardoise and Grand River—from Thomas Battersby for further remuneration for past services as mail courier, and from Hector McNeil for extra remuneration for past services as mail carrier—for extra remuneration for two way office keepers—to the favorable consideration of the house.

Your committee recommend that the way office at North east Mabou, be converted into a post office, and that the mails for Whycomagh and Baddeck be made up at that office.

The petition of the way office keeper at Marie Joseph for increased allowance, your committee recommend to be disposed of by the post master general, pursuant to his report thereon, and make the allowance to the petitioner which he recommends.

Your committee recommend that the way offices at Canning and Boularderie be converted into post offices.

Your committee recommend the continuance of the grant of one hundred pounds to colonel Favor for the carriage of express mails by steamer from Canada and the United States by way of St. John.

Your committee have considered two petitions from Messrs. Hyde and Archibald, touching their claims for extra services in conveyance of English and Canadian mail matter, and the correspondence on that subject between this government and that of Canada, and recommend that the government give immediate notice to the government referred to, that those mails will not be forwarded after the first day of July next, unless satisfactory arrangements be made for the expense of their conveyance.

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Your committee regret that measures have not heretofore been taken for the establishment of the post office money order system in this province, and again recommend its immediate adoption in the post office of the shire towns of each county.

Your committee recommend the usual grant of £500 for the maintenance of steam communication for the conveyance of the mails from Windsor, Annapolis and Digby to St. John, and a continuance of the grant of seventy-five pounds to enable the post master general to continue arrangements for the steamers calling at Parrsboro' each way ; and should no person enter into a contract for the service between Digby, Annapolis and St. John by a steamer, the postmaster general to get the service done by sailing packets.

The committee recommend that ship mails be made up for the new line of steamers from Portland to Halifax, St. John's and Liverpool.

Your committee have spent much time and labour in endeavoring to form a scale upon proper principles by which the salaries of postmasters may be regulated from year to year by the postmaster general, without reference to the legislature, which is recommended to the favorable consideration of the house. Your committee experienced great difficulty in forming a scale that would not materially alter the present scale of salaries, which your committee consider pretty accurate for the service rendered by each officer, and the scale now recommended only partially secures that object.

By its adoption thirty officers will receive about £67 in the aggregate more than their present allowance, and thirty-two would be reduced about £300.

Your committee are, however, of opinion, that in a few years the scale will increase the emoluments of the latter officers, and that by degrees their salaries will reach the amount of their present allowances. In the meantime your committee recommend that the scale will not be made to apply to any salary where it would reduce it below that of the year 1856. Your committee do not recommend the scale as perfect, but have proposed its adoption as a fundamental improvement in the system, and after a trial such amendments as experience suggests as improvements, can easily be adopted. In the meantime no injustice will be done to the officers.

Scale for the payment of postmasters salaries, above referred to :—

On the first three pounds and under, collected by a postmaster in money as at present, and on letters prepaid by stamps in the first office mailed in each quarter, thirty-three and one-third per cent.

On the next six pounds, thirty-five per cent.

On the next twelve pounds, twenty-five per cent.

On all above twenty-one pounds, twenty per cent.

Five shillings for each courier received and despatched to or from a post office weekly, between six o'clock, a. m., and seven, p. m.

Fifteen shillings for each courier received and despatched between seven o'clock, p.m. and six, a. m.

For first class forwarding offices, to be decided by the postmaster general, ten shillings for each office they forward to.

For second class forwarding offices, five shillings for every office they forward to ; and in addition to the above five shillings for each office corresponded with, when the per centage and other payments under the scale amount to one pound five shillings a quarter, or more, above the salary of 1856, the amount of the latter to be paid with one-fourth of the excess by the scale over the salary of 1856.

New appointments to this class to be subject to the same rule.

In all cases where the salary of 1856 exceeds the new scale, postmasters to be paid their salaries as at present, until the new scale reaches the amount of salary now paid. All future appointments to be paid by the new scale.

The offices at Halifax and West River not to be affected by the new scale. Postmasters to receive 5 per cent. on sale of postage stamps.

The petition of Thomas S. Lindsay, praying for remuneration for conveyance of extra mails

mails from Antigonishe to the West River, Pictou, arising from detention in crossing the Gut of Canso, your committee have considered, and recommend that the matter be referred to the postmaster general, to make such compensation for their extra services as he may consider fair and reasonable.

Your committee recommend that the postmaster general be authorized to pay Jonathan Archibald for extra service performed by him since the commencement of his contract, for carrying the mails from the main road, Country Harbour, to the way office at Archibald's, and to make arrangements with him, if practicable, for the future conveyance of the mail from the main road to Archibald's office and to Isaac's Harbour, if necessary; and also to pay him thirty pounds, as compensation for loss sustained by the petitioner in the termination last year, by a notice from the postmaster general, of his contract to Upper Musquodoboit, which had then been recently set up, preparatory to the ride from Halifax to Guysborough being set up.

Your committee recommend that the postmaster general furnish next year, accounts current with the province since 5th July, 1851, shewing the amount then due the British government for postage, and since due—with amount and date of payments to the British government; also account of stamps received from receiver general, and dates of receipt, with amount sold and on hand at the different periods; also, amount of money received from receiver general, designating from what service received, and dates, with revenue and expenditure of the department. These accounts to be brought up to the 30th September, 1856, and next year's account to be made up in the same manner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.  
HENRY BAILEY,  
S. S. THORNE,\*  
CORNELIUS WHITE,  
WILLIAM ANNAND,  
EDW. L. BROWN,  
G. W. McLELAN.†

Committee room, 24th April, 1857.

\* With the exception of Windsor being included in the grant of £500 for the mail service across the Bay of Fundy to St. John.

† With the exception of the adoption of the money order system, believing it to be the duty of this house to frame the machinery for carrying it out.

NOTE.—88th page, 19th and 20th lines, should read thus:—From Baddeck post office to Upper Settlement, Big Baddeck, once a week.

No. 12.

(See page 263.)

*Aggregate list of articles purchased for the use of the Halifax Poors' Asylum, during the year 1856, with the balance due the bank of Nova Scotia.*

1856.			
Balance due the bank of Nova Scotia, 31st Decr. 1855, per acct.,		£1072	10 3
Barley, 44 cwt. 2 qrs. 20 lbs.,	£66	12	7
Beef, 27723 lbs.,	313	9	0
Butter, 1292 lbs.,	71	19	3
Bakery—			
Baker's salary and wood,	47	1	6
Coals, 85 chaldrons,	120	10	0
			619 12 4
			Contingencies



Contingencies—expended by the matron, whose account is audited monthly by the acting com- missioner,	217 0 0	
Clothing—blanke's, sheets, &c.,	188 18 7	
Chocolate, 1100 lbs.,	25 4 2	
Coffee, 113 lbs.,	4 14 2	
Cows and horse— Hay, bran, shoeing horse, harness, &c.,	64 7 10	500 4 9
Cottage field—Rent and mowing,	28 0 0	
Corn meal, 80 cwt. 3 qrs. 0 lbs.,	46 14 6	
Fish—4 bbls. herring and 66 qtls. dry,	37 7 9	
Flour, 404 bbls	822 4 0	
Gas company, for gas light,	26 9 0	
Ironmongery,	6 9 1	
Interest—Paid the bank for money advanced,	33 5 0	
Insurance—Paid Halifax insurance company for insurance on property,	10 0 0	
Lumber—for repairs to buildings, &c.,	15 8 9	
Leather—for shoes and repairing,	46 6 4	1072 4 5
Miscellaneous—expenses required for the establishment, articles not of ordinary consumption, purchased by the commissioners, which do not come under other heads,	67 19 5	
Molasses, 1344 gallons,	145 8 3	
Oatmeal, 29 cwt. 3 qrs. 24 lbs.,	23 17 6	
Old junk,	69 3 10	
Oil, 123 gallons,	20 14 1	
Pork, 2380 lbs.,	56 7 6	
Potatoes, 1499 bushels,	200 17 4	584 7 11
Peas and beans, 45 bushels,	13 10 0	
Removal of paupers,	35 8 6	
Repairs to buildings,	198 7 6	
Rice, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.,	9 3 9	
Straw, 165 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.,	25 2 6	
Salt, 10 hhd.,	5 14 6	
Soap, 112 lbs. hard, 234 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs. soft,	75 15 3	363 2 0
Salaries, including medicines and medical attendance, viz :		
Dr. Almon,	£120 0 0	
Matron,	50 0 0	
Keeper,	50 0 0	
Clerk,	60 0 0	
School mistress,	30 0 0	
	310 0 0	
Stationery and printing,	8 9 5	
Sugar, 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lbs.,	31 9 0	
Turnips, 81 bushels,	5 11 9	
Tinware and repairing,	24 9 11	
Tea, 1045 lbs.,	70 3 10	
Truckages,	19 2 8	
Vinegar, 78 gallons,	2 8 11	440 16 6
		Waterloo

Waterloo farm and hospital—		
Paid for seed,	£3	2 6
“ Ploughing,	4	0 0
“ Rent,	25	0 0
	<hr/>	32 2 6
Wool, 262 lbs.,		21 4 10
Water company, for water,		37 10 0
Wine for the sick, 114 gallons,		41 14 6
Wood, 120 cords,		95 14 0
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		228 5 10
		<hr/>
		£4912 13 0
Balance brought down as due the bank of Nova Scotia,		£1263 16 9

JNO. ESSON, }  
 J. H. ANDERSON, } Auditors.

Account

*Account of funds received for the use of the Halifax Asylum for the poor, during the year 1857, and from whence received.*

1856.	Commissioners.	Treasury tran- sient poor.	City and coun- ty treasurer.	Board of paupers, sale of hats, oakum, mats, &c. &c. Casual.	Total.
January,	William Lawson, esquire,		£300 0 0	£103 7 10	£403 7 10
February,	Hon. Hugh Bell,			25 0 4	25 0 4
March,	Charles Twining, esquire,	£500 0 0	200 0 0	144 1 6	844 1 6
April,	William M. Allan, esquire,			29 6 3	29 6 3
May,	Thomas S. Tobin, esquire,	572 10 3		27 18 6	600 8 9
June,	Hon. M. B. Almon,	500 0 0		67 10 4	567 10 4
July,	Hon. E. Kenny,			7 5 0	7 5 0
August,	A. M. Uniacke, esquire,			55 8 6	55 8 6
September,	John Esson, esquire,			37 15 9	37 15 9
October,	J. W. Nutting, esquire,	500 0 0		22 15 6	522 15 6
November,	J. H. Anderson, esquire,		500 0 0	35 10 0	535 10 0
December,	Henry Pryor, esquire,			20 6 6	20 6 6
	Balance due the bank,				1268 16 9
		£2072 10 3	£1000 0 0	£576 6 0	£4912 13 0

(Errors excepted.)

WM. LAWSON, chairman.

Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

Account

*Account of paupers remaining in the asylum for the poor on the first day of January, 1856, and admitted during the year ending 31st December.*

<i>Men—</i>	Halifax,	62	
	Transient,	386	448
<i>Women—</i>	Halifax,	42	
	Transient,	216	258
<i>Children—</i>	Halifax,	125	
	Transient,	52	177
			883 total.

*Deaths in the asylum during the year ended 31st December.*

Men,	39	
Women,	20	
Children,	11	
		70 total.

*Number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st December.*

Men,	157	—of which 27 are lunatic.
Women,	127	“ 37 “
Children,	64	“ 3 “
	348	67 total.

Number of paupers in the asylum on the 1st Feb'y. 1857, 360

Average number in the house per day, 326, at a cost of 7¼d. per day each.

No. 13.

(See page 263.)

*Office of board of works,  
Halifax, 5th February, 1857.*

SIR—

For the information of his excellency and the legislature, I beg leave to submit a report of the several departments under the supervision of the board of works.

#### PENITENTIARY.

The number of prisoners now in custody is 27, and the average number in the course of the year past has been about the same. The expences of the establishment have to some extent been increased, because of the necessity of adding to the number of keepers or overseers to take special charge of some prisoners who are violent, being somewhat deranged, but who cannot consistently with feelings of humanity be kept constantly confined and fettered. The keeping of stock of various kinds for the improve-  
ment

ment of the breed, in accordance with the well intentioned purposes of his excellency to benefit the province, and the increased price of provisions and labour, have also tended to make the expenditure for the last year greater than usual. The advanced price of stone, of which a large supply is necessary for completing the wall round the yard where the prisoners work, added largely to the expenditure. To lessen if possible this last charge, the board has been induced to undertake working some stone quarries owned by the province on the western side of the North-west Arm, opposite to the penitentiary. The trial is made, and will be continued one year, to ascertain whether a supply of stone cannot be got cheaper than the price paid during the last summer, which was much greater than heretofore. As our own quarries were lying derelict, and the prisoners could do the work, it was thought worth an effort to see whether a saving could not thus be made. It is hoped and expected that stone may thus be obtained at one half the price now paid. The dressing of stone for building the wall, and for finishing the interior of the prison, is almost the only work in which the prisoners can be employed, and even this must proceed very slowly, as the number of prisoners is not great, and not more than half of them are able to do much work. Manufactures of any kind cannot therefore be profitably undertaken. The establishment must consequently be sustained almost wholly by legislative grant. But this, permit me to say, is perhaps less, even in a pecuniary view, than the legal and other expenses of prosecuting and keeping several hundred, as is the case in other places of not much larger population than Nova Scotia.—The expenditure for the last year is £1907 9s. 4d. There will be required for the present year about the same amount.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

In the provincial building there have been alterations and improvements to a considerable extent, as directed by resolution of the legislature. The assembly room has been repaired and entirely refitted and repainted. Alterations deemed necessary in connection with it have been made. The hall of the building has also been painted. On the council chamber and other parts of the building there has also been some expenditure. To keep the building in good order an annual outlay is necessary and unavoidable. The work in all cases, except some trifling affair, is in this and every department done by contract, the lowest tender being taken without partiality or preference, on sufficient security being given for the proper performance of the work. In the sewerage and in the heating of the building, some improvements are desirable, and have been spoken of, but until some well digested and well understood plan is arranged, it would not seem advisable to undertake it. The late fire has, however, shewn the necessity of something being done for the safety of the building in such cases. The upper part of the roof, which is flat, is covered with tarred paper and gravel. Were it not that Mr. Chambers, our superintendant of the work at the asylum, was on the roof with some men, there was danger of the tar and paper igniting, the tar having melted by the heat. Mr. Chambers states that it ought to be covered with zinc or copper. The propriety of this opinion would seem apparent from the facts stated.

The expenditure on and for government house will be seen by the vouchers submitted. Some of the old stables are in a very delapidated state, and new ones in their place are required. The outhouses to the north of government house are also entirely decayed, and the erection of suitable buildings is necessary. These improvements will be made during the ensuing season, if the legislature so direct.

#### SABLE ISLAND.

The establishment at Sable Island is now under the superintendance of Mr. P. S. Dodd, who was placed in charge 31st August, 1855. The business of the establishment as stated by him in his correspondence, is proceeding according to the usual routine, and the expenses as to wages and supplies are as heretofore. There have been

two wrecks on the Island during the year past, the cargoes of which, and the people, were all saved. Arrangements are being made for building a new barn, timber for the frame of which, it is expected, will be found on the Island.—A cargo of 20 horses was in the past year brought here and sold at a rate rather beyond former shipments. Two horses have been sent there for the improvement of the breed, and attention will be directed to that object. The building of light houses on the Island has frequently been spoken of;—as opinions on this subject differ as to the advantages to be derived, nothing decisive has been done. The cost of building and the support, and how and by whom the expense is to be defrayed, are questions also which require consideration. The legislature will direct as may be deemed proper.

As a stimulus to ascertain in case of wrecks, a per centage on property saved has always been allowed to the superintendent, and also a small sum to each of the men employed at any wreck. The per centage was formerly  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , but has from a short time previous to the late superintendent leaving, been  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. But the auctioneer's commission, which used to be 5 per cent. is reduced to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , so that the owners of property are not injured, but rather benefited by the change. As to all other work on the Island I consider it a part of the ordinary duty, for which both superintendent and men are paid and supported, and for which no extra claim should be made. The bounty, in case of wrecks, is given as a stimulus to effort to save life and property.

### LIGHT HOUSES.

Only one light house has been built in the year past. Three were advertised for, one of which there was no tender, and for the other two, as there was but one tender for both, it was thought best to build only one, that on Flint Island, which was considered the most important and necessary. This is finished and has been in operation since the 1st of November last. It is a revolving light, and is understood to be very efficient and satisfactory. The other one that was advertised to be built on Scattarie will be proceeded with early in the ensuing season, unless it should appear more necessary or more for general usefulness and the commerce of the country, to choose some other site, in which case the place designated or permitted by the legislature will be adopted. Respecting some of the places which the legislature has named for lights to be erected, a difference of opinion as to the most suitable site has caused some delay. When a full and final decision is made, the lights will be constructed as speedily as practicable.

I beg leave respectfully to suggest that some general arrangement as regards the position and structure of light houses, and the salaries and qualifications of those who have charge of them, is very desirable. The extension of trade and the increased number of light houses make more apparent every year the propriety of some systematic organization in this branch of the public service. Only persons fully competent and duly qualified by regular training, can perform the duties satisfactorily and usefully. Respecting the salaries also, it would be well if some general arrangement could be made. Applications are constantly being made for increase of salary, and sometimes it would appear from those where it is least necessary. This I beg leave also to say should be regulated by system, and not by partiality or favouritism.

A number of respectable merchants engaged in navigation have requested that a light house should be erected on George's Island. Their memorial to that effect is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the legislature.

Mr. McKenna having visited during the last season all the light houses in the province, east and west, and given a journal of his proceedings, and a very particular description of the state of them respectively, it is herewith submitted.

### LUNATIC ASYLUM.

The work at the asylum or hospital for the insane has been pressed on as steadily and rapidly as practicable, and with as much regard to economy as could be effected. The amount

amount of work done cannot be understood by a survey of the exterior. Very much the greater part of the work is in the interior, where many partitions for separate apartments, and for flues for ventilation and other purposes, are necessary and have been constructed. Some idea of the extent of this may be imagined from the quantity of bricks already used, although only about one-third of the plan has been worked at, and is only partly constructed. The quantity is 855,000. We had hoped to have manufactured all the brick on our own premises, but the early part of last season was wet and unfavourable for brick making. To prevent the stoppage of the work it was necessary to import 158,900 from New Brunswick, which cost nearly double the price of those made in our own brickyard. The quantity manufactured on our own premises is 945,000, of which 65,000 are press brick, of 50 per cent. greater value than common brick. The amount of expenditure for the last year is £7,032 5s. 6d., and the whole amount is £12,510 18s. 2d., but this includes the purchase of site, construction of brickyard, and extra and incidental work of various kinds, and also the whole salary of the superintendant, though much of his time was employed in other public work, and much of the work done cannot fairly be charged to the building of the asylum.—Precisely to draw the line and assign to it only what strictly belongs to it, is not practicable—could it be done it would greatly lessen the apparent cost of the building. Nothing however has been done or undertaken but in connection with, and for the benefit of, the establishment. The brickyard it is expected will be advantageous as a source of income, and for employment of some of the patients of the labouring class, of which it is probable there will be the greater number. It is proposed in the ensuing season to build some outhouses indispensably necessary before the main building can be occupied, and to lay the foundation of the centre part designed for the occupation of the officers and attendants, preparatory to the completion of the plan when the funds for that purpose shall be provided. It is hoped that the legislature will direct the continued progression of the work. The site is most eligible in every respect for such an institution. For the recovery of the patients, and the comfort of all, even the incurable, beauty of prospect, healthfulness of situation, and seclusion from noisy interruption, are great advantages. Few places could anywhere be selected that have these advantages to a greater extent. The view from the building when finished will be what may be called splendid. The drainage may, from the declivity of the hill, be made perfect, thereby conducing to health. The forest in the rear secluding it from the public road secures to a considerable extent the retirement which is desirable, and when properly enclosed and ornamented with trees, it may be made a place beautiful in appearance and creditable to the province. It is hoped that this first effort of the province in this philanthropic movement will obtain the support which humanity and public spirit demand.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient, humble servant,

H. BELL, chairman board of works.

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No. 13.—PART 2.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE OF BOARD OF WORKS FOR 1856.

(See appendix E. to report of committee on public accounts, app. No. 47.)

## No. 14.

(See page 263.)

*A statement of the gross and nett receipts, income and profits, of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, for year ending Sept. 30th, 1856.*

DR.

1856.

Sept. 30.—Expenses of offices of the company throughout the province, Sept. 30, 1856,	£2695	4	7
Repairs of lines, and amount due for this account,	1023	16	5
Contingent expenses paid and payable,	321	8	0
Interest account: Paid bank British North America, on loan, and premium on drafts, &c.,	150	3	8
Extraordinary expenses: New submarine cable at Canso, new wire cable, and laying them,	435	4	7
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	£4625	17	3
To balance,	449	12	10
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	£5075	10	1

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1856.

Sept. 30.—By gross receipts of all the company's offices, Sept. 30, 1855, to date,	£6713	5	0
Proceeds carboys sold,	9	10	9
Account sales of materials at Canso,	67	6	8
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	6790	2	5
Less—Amount paid and payable to lines beyond Nova Scotia, deducted,	1714	12	4
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Total nett receipts,	£5075	10	1
By balance,	£449	12	10

(Errors and omissions excepted.)

Halifax, February, 1857.

The above account, taken from the books and vouchers of the company, to the best of my knowledge is correct.

WM. H. WISWELL,  
Sec'y. N. S. El. Tel. Co.



No. 15.

*(See page 264.)*TO THE HONORABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF  
NOVA SCOTIA.THE HUMBLE MEMORIAL OF THE UNDERSIGNED WILLIAM WYLDE, C.B., MAJOR GENERAL IN  
HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.*Sheweth .*

That your memorialist is the chairman of the electric and international telegraph company.

That the electric telegraph company was incorporated by an act of parliament made and passed in a session of parliament holden in the ninth and tenth years of the reign of her present majesty.

That by virtue of such act, and divers other acts of parliament relating to such company, the same company have constructed telegraphs and established telegraphic communications throughout every part of the United Kingdom.

That by virtue of such acts of parliament, and also by virtue of powers for that purpose granted by the government of his majesty the king of the Netherlands, the said company have constructed a telegraphic communication, by submarine wires, between the coasts of England and Holland, and by means of such submarine telegraph they are in communication with all parts of the continent of Europe in which telegraphic wires have been laid.

That your memorialist is advised that a telegraphic communication can be established between the United Kingdom and British North America by means of a submarine telegraph from the coast of the United Kingdom to the coast of Nova Scotia.

That it would be of great public advantage to the United Kingdom and her majesty's dominions in North America, and more especially to the province of Nova Scotia, if telegraphic communications were so carried between the shores of the two countries.

That the electric telegraphic company are empowered by their said acts to employ their funds in laying down such submarine telegraph, and in establishing telegraphic communications within all parts of her majesty's colonies.

That the funds of the company unexpended, and not required for other purposes, are amply sufficient for the completion of such submarine telegraph.

That your memorialist is prepared either by the exercise of the said powers of the electric telegraph company, or by means of a new and independent joint stock company to be formed for that purpose, upon the government of Nova Scotia granting to him the requisite powers and securing to him the exclusive right, to construct and maintain telegraphic communications to the shores of the said province for the period of fifty years, or such shorter period as will insure a reasonable return upon the capital which will be expended in such undertaking, or such other privilege in relation to the subject matter of this memorial as may be deemed proper to concede.

Your memorialist therefore humbly prays your honorable house that the requisite powers and privileges may be granted to and conferred on your memorialist, on such terms and subject to such conditions as to your honorable house may seem meet and proper for effecting the objects of the above memorial.

W. WYLDE, major general.

## No. 16.

QUARTERLY ACCOUNTS OF THE EXPENDITURES AND LIABILITIES INCURRED  
BY THE RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

(See appendix G. to report of committee on public accounts, app. 47.)

## No. 17.

(See page 272.)

The provincial railway in account current (to 31st Decr., 1856), with the receiver general.

## DR.

1856.			
Jan'y. 1st.	To cash paid interest to this date on bonds issued in Nova Scotia,	£405 0 0	
	Cash paid interest to the bishop on bonds issued in London, to date,	318 15 0	
31.	To cash paid interest to bank of Nova Scotia, to date,	241 7 8	
			965 2 8
March 31.	To cash paid the commissioners from 1st Jan'y. to 31st March, 1856, inclusive,	22000 0 0	
June 30.	To cash paid the commissioners from 1st April to 30th June, 1856, inclusive,	35000 0 0	
Sept. 30.	To cash paid the commissioners from 1st July to 30th Sept. 1856, inclusive,	71500 0 0	
Decr. 31.	To cash paid the commissioners from 1st Oct. to 31st Dec., 1856, inclusive,	76000 0 0	
			204500 0 0
	Cash paid the commissioners by transfer from Baring, Brothers & Co.,		41911 17 6
Jan'y. 4.	To cash paid salary of five commissioners, due 31st December, 1855,	250 0 0	
Decr. 31.	To cash paid salary to five commissioners, from 1st Jany. to 31st Decr. 1856,	1000 0 0	
	Cash paid salary to chief engineer, from 1st Jan'y. to 31st Dec'r. 1856,	937 10 0	
	Cash paid the chairman of the board—salary from 1st January to 31st December, 1856,	700 0 0	
			2887 10 0
June 20.	To cash paid the province, this sum received by Baring, brothers & Co., for emigrants wrecked at Pictou,	242 16 7	
Sept. 18.	To cash paid ditto, for this sum received from ditto, for ship Arcadia,	749 5 11	
			992 2 6
			June

June 30.	To cash paid Baring, brothers & Co., for postages, &c.,				3 7 11
July 1.	To cash paid interest on bonds to this date,	963 15 0			
	Cash paid interest due the bishop,	318 15 0			
	Cash paid Baring, brothers, & Co. interest to date,	5362 10 0			
					<u>6645 0 0</u>
March 22.	To cash paid sundry expenses,	41 10 11			
Aug't. 25.	To cash paid for blank bills of exchange,	4 0 10			
					<u>45 11 9</u>
					<u>£257,950 12 4</u>
CR.					
1856.					
January 1.	By cash on hand this date,				£27149 16 0
Feb'y. 7.	By cash from commissioners of railway, for profits on the road to 31st December, 1855,				901 18 3
March 5.	By cash for interest on bonds sold the governors of Dalhousie college,				100 0 0
Sept'r. 6.	By cash from the provincial funds in payment of interest,				6445 0 0
Dec'r. 31.	By cash rec'd. from debenture bonds issued in Nova Scotia, 31 bonds, £500,	15500 0 0			
	44 " 100,	4400 0 0			
					<u>£19900 0 0</u>
	Exchange $\frac{1}{4}$ th,	4975 0 0			
					<u>24875 0 0</u>
	By cash rec'd. for premium on the above bonds issued in Nova Scotia,				641 5 0
	Cash from Baring, brothers & Co., for bills drawn on them on account of bonds sold,	81586 13 9			
	Cash from ditto in amount transferred to comm'rs. of railway, per contra,	41911 17 6			
	Cash from ditto in payment for copper coin,	1771 12 7			
	Cash from ditto in payment of interest to July, 1856,	5362 10 0			
	Cash from ditto in postages, &c.,	3 7 11			
					<u>130636 1 9</u>
	Cash received for premium over 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on bills sold,				239 0 6
Nov'r. 4.	Cash received from hon'ble. M. B. Almon,				16500 0 0
11.	Cash received from Messrs. T. & E. Kenny,				5000 0 0
Dec'r. 31.	Cash received from the bank of Nova Scotia to date,				45262 10 10
					<u>£257,950 12 4</u>

JAMES McNAB, receiver general.

Receiver general's office, Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

Provincial

*Provincial railroad, balance to the 31st December, 1856.*

DR.

Folio.				
1.	Rail road, (to commissioners)	No. 1.	£455,375	5 2
36.	Baring, Brothers & Co.,	2.	5,896	10 3
40.	Interest account,	3.	8,874	16 11
41.	Expense account,	4.	278	8 6
			<u>£470,425</u>	<u>0 10</u>

CR.

16.	Bank of Nova Scotia,		£45,262	10 10
24.	Provincial revenue,	A.	106,645	0 0
34.	Debenture bonds, (Nova Scotia),	B.	41,625	0 0
35.	Debenture bonds, (London),	C.	250,625	0 0
42.	Premium account,	D.	3,865	11 9
43.	Working account,	E.	901	18 3
46.	M. B. Almon,		16,500	0 0
46.	T. & E. Kenny,		5000	0 0
			<u>£470,425</u>	<u>0 10</u>

Receiver general's office, Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

*Provincial railroad to 31st December, 1856.*

DR.

1855.				
December 31.	—To amount due this date,		£206075	17 8
1856.				
December 31.	—To cash paid the commissioners from 1st January to 31st Decr. 1856,	204500	0 0	
	To cash paid Baring, brothers & Co. per transfer,	41911	17 6	
			<u>246411</u>	<u>17 6</u>
	To cash paid salary five commissioners,	1250	0 0	
	To cash paid chief engineer, to date,	937	10 0	
	To cash paid chairman of the board, to date,	700	0 0	
			<u>2887</u>	<u>10 0</u>
			<u>£455375</u>	<u>5 2</u>
31st December, 1856.				

DR.

*Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co. (to 31st December, 1856).  
In account with the receiver general.*

CR.

1855.				
Dec. 31.	To balance due this date,	£68,376	8 2	
1856.				
Jan'y 1.	To interest on account to 31st Dec., 1855.	1185	0 1	
	By postages, &c.			1 0 5
28.	cash transferred to Cr. of Railway,			10661 17 6
				Feb.

Feb. 28.	To amount transferred to ditto,		£6250	0	0
June 20.	To cash received from colonial land society for advances made to emigrants wrecked at Pictou,	242	16	7	
July 1.	By interest on bonds to date,		5362	10	0
Aug. 14.	transfer to railway commissioners, expense account for advertizing,		25000	0	0
				2	7
Sept. 18.	To cash received from the lords of the treasury for advances to passengers, wrecked per Acadia,	749	5	11	
Dec. 13.	By invoice of copper coin,		1771	12	7
31.	To sales of debenture bonds, from 1st July to date, £50,500 st'g.	63125	0	0	
	premium received on ditto, after deduc- tion of all expenses,	2854	1	3	
	By cash for bills drawn from 1st Jan., 1856, to date,		81586	13	9
	Balance carried down,		5896	10	3
		<u>£136,532</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>136,532 12 0</u>
1856.					
Dec. 31.	To balance brought down, 31st December, 1856.	£5896	10	3	.

DR.	<i>Interest account with railroad, to 31st December, 1856</i>	CR.
1855.		
Dec. 31.	To balance due this date,	£2549 14 4
1856.		
Jan'y 1.	By this amount from Baring, Brothers & Co., for interest on account, to 31st of December, 1855,	1185 0 1
2.	To cash paid the bishop, for interest due 1st instant,	318 15 0
14.	Cash paid interest to bondholders in Halifax, to 1st January, 1856.	405 0 0
31.	To cash paid interest to bank of Nova Scotia to this date,	241 7 8
March 5.	By cash for interest on bonds sold governors of Dalhousie college,	100 0 0
July 1.	To interest to Baring, Brothers & Co., to this date,	5362 10 0
	To interest paid bondholders in Halifax to this date,	963 15 0
	To cash paid the bishop for interest due him to date,	318 15 0
	Balance carried down,	8874 16 11
		<u>£10,159 17 0</u> <u>£10,159 17 0</u>
1856.		
Dec. 31.	To balance brought down, Halifax, 31st December, 1856.	£8874 16 11

*DR.—Expense account, provincial railway, to 31st December, 1856.—CR.*

1855.			
Dec. 31.	To balance due this date,	£229	8 10
1856.			
Jan'y 1.	To cash paid Baring, Brothers & Co., postage to date,	1	0 5
March 22.	To cash paid Bowes & Son, printing bonds,	33	0 0
	To cash paid sundry advertizements,	8	10 11
Augt. 25.	To cash paid Baring, Brothers & Co., for advertizing, &c.,	2	7 6
	To cash paid for blank bills of exchange,	4	0 10
		<u>£278</u>	<u>8 6</u>

Halifax, 31st Dec., 1856.

*DR.—Provincial railroad, to provincial revenue.—CR.*

1855.			
Dec. 31.	By balance due this date,	100,000	0 0
1856.			
Sept. 6.	By cash received on account of interest due to 1st July, 1856,	6645	0 0
		<u>£106,645</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

*Debenture bonds issued in Nova Scotia, to 31st December, 1856.*

1855.			
Decr. 31.	By 19 bonds, of £100 stg.	9500	0 0
	39 do. 100	3900	0 0
		<u>£13400</u>	<u>0 0</u>
			16750 0 0
1856.			
Decr. 31.	By 31 bonds, of £500 stg.	1550	0 0
	44 do. 100	4400	0 0
		<u>19900</u>	<u>0 0</u>
	Exchange 1-4th	4975	0 0
			24875 0 0
			<u>£41625</u> 0 0

Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

*Provincial railway bonds sold in London, by Baring, brothers & Co., to 31st Decr. 1856.*

1855.			
Decr. 31.—	By bonds sold to Baring, brothers & Co.,	150000	0 0
	Exchange $\frac{1}{4}$ th,	37500	0 0
		<u>187500</u>	<u>0 0</u>

1856.

1856.			
Decr. 31.—By bonds sold by Baring, brothers & Co.			
in 1856 to date,	50500	0	0
Exchange $\frac{1}{4}$ th,	12625	0	0
	<hr/>		63125 0 0
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			£250,625 0 0

Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

*Statement of premium received on railway account, to 31st December, 1856.*

1855.			
Decr. 31. By balance this date,			131 5 0
1856.			
Decr. 31. To cash received for premium on bonds, sold in Nova Scotia, between 1st Jan'y and 31st Decr. 1856,			641 5 0
To cash received for premium over 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on bills sold to 31st Dec 1856,			239 0 6
To cash from Baring, Brothers & Co., for premium on £50,500, bonds sold in London, after deducting all expenses to 31st Decr., 1856,			2854 1 3
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			£3865 11 9

Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

*DR.—Provincial railroad, to amount due to working account, to 31st December, 1855.*

1856.			
Feb'y 7.—For cash received from the commissioners, for profits in working the road to 31st Decr. 1855,			901 18 3
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Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

No. 18.

(See page 273.)

(Copy.)

No. 35.

Downing street, 4th April, 1856.

SIR—

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the repayment by the provinces of Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, of the advances made by her majesty's government on account of the exploration survey for a trunk line of railway from Halifax to Quebec, and especially to Lord Grey's despatch of the 14th Aug., 1848, calling upon the respective provinces for the repayment of the expenditure on account of this service up to the end of the year 1847, I now enclose abstracts of the further expenditure incurred in 1848 on the same service.

It

It having been arranged that New Brunswick should defray one-third of the whole of the expense of the survey, leaving the remaining two-thirds to be borne by Canada and Nova Scotia, in certain given proportions, it follows that the sum payable by New Brunswick would be £4862 4s. 8d. ; but, £3950 Os. 7d. having been paid by that province, there remains due from it only £912 4s. 1d. ; and to make up the further sum of one thousand four hundred and forty-nine pounds seventeen shillings and four pence still owing to the imperial treasury from Canada and Nova Scotia, five hundred and thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and three pence will have to be refunded by those provinces on the proportions agreed upon between them as explained in Sir John Harvey's despatch and enclosures of the 19th June, 1848, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information.

I request you will communicate with the governor of Canada respecting the division of the sum of five hundred and thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and three pence, and cause the amount due by the province under your government to be paid into the commissariat chest on the station, and report to me the date on which such payment is made.

I have addressed similar despatches to this by the present mail to the governor of Canada and lieutenant governor of New Brunswick, for their guidance.

I have, &c.,

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant governor Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &c. &c.

*Statement of sums due to her majesty's government on account of the advances for the railway survey of British North America.*

Expenditure for railway survey,		£14605 17 10
Deduct received sale of old stores,		19 3 10
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Net expenditure,		14586 14 0
Deduct—repaid by Canada, June, 1852,	£6464 19 5	
New Brunswick, July, 1848,	3950 0 7	
Nova Scotia, November, 1848,	2721 16 8	13136 16 8
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Balance due from the three provinces,,		£1449 18 4
One third of net expenditure,	14586 14 0	
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Payable by New Brunswick,	4862 4 8	
Deduct repaid,	3950 0 7	
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Due from New Brunswick,		912 4 1
Due from Canada and Nova Scotia, being remainder of the above balance,		537 13 3
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		£1449 17 4



No. 19.

*(See page 274.)*

(Copy.)

No. 60.—(Executive.)

*Government house, Halifax, 22nd May, 1856.*

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a resolution which was passed by the house of assembly in the last session, referring to your circular despatch of the 21st of December last, and to inform you that the same was concurred in by the legislative council.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right honorable H. LABOUCHERE, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 52.

*Downing street, 5th July, 1856.*

SIR—

Having referred your despatch No. 60, of the 22nd of May, with the resolution of the house of assembly of Nova Scotia, to the lords of the committee of privy council for trade, their lordships have informed me that it is their intention to communicate with the poor law commissioners, with the view of being informed of any cases of colonial seamen being thrown upon a parish for relief; and should the occasion arise, their lordships will submit for my consideration such measures as they may think necessary to be adopted for sending the seamen home, and for the re-payment, by the colony to which they belong, of the expenses incurred in so doing.

I have, &amp;c.

H. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor

Sir. J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

No. 20.

*(See page 275.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of Arichat, praying for a grant to Jairus Hart, beg leave to report as follows, viz :

Your committee have ascertained that the said Jairus Hart sustained a considerable loss in the erection of a stone bridge at Little Arichat, in the county of Richmond; and it appears that a considerable addition was made to the length and breadth of the bridge beyond the dimensions contemplated when the contract was entered into. While your committee feel that the petition presents strong claims in favor of Mr. Hart, still they are of opinion that no such case has been made out as would authorize them to place the service on a different footing from the road and bridge service throughout the province; and they therefore recommend the petition to the favorable consideration of the members for the county of Richmond.

All which is humbly reported.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS.  
JOHN TOBIN.  
THOMAS F. MORRISON.

Committee room, March, 1857.

## No. 21.

(See page 250.)

DR. *The province of Nova Scotia in account current with the receiver general, from the 1st January to 31st December, inclusive, 1856.*

To cash paid advances, per abstract,	£5413	13	6
Chairman board of works, do.	27000	0	0
Criminal prosecutions, do.	254	13	0
Coroners' inquests, do.	327	10	0
Drawback of duties, do.	3059	19	8
Erection of oat mills, do.			
General education, do.	17049	9	0
Judiciary expenses, do.	365	3	4
Legislative expenses, do.	10196	13	9
Miscellaneous expenses, do.	5890	12	8
Militia expenses, do.	442	19	7
Piers and breakwaters, do.	3157	19	3
Post communication, do.	7912	0	2
Poor asylum, do.	2072	10	3
Provincial railway, do.	6645	0	0
Public printing, do.	1468	12	9
Revenue expenses, do.	9422	12	11
Rations to troops, do.	66	13	6
Support of Indians, do.	423	11	9
Support of agriculture, do.	2175	16	8
Support of transient poor, do.	441	6	2
Support of packets, steam boats and ferries, do	1333	10	0
Salaries to officers of government, do.	15680	0	0
Copy right,	147	10	0
Interest,	3911	11	6
Casual revenue,	1905	14	11
St. Peters canal,	1550	0	0
Wrecks,	21	19	4
Copper coin,	1771	12	7
	<u>£130108</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>

*Road service.*

To paid for road advances,	£1179	4	1
Road compensation,	899	5	1
Old road votes,	2007	17	8
Annapolis,	2049	5	2
Colchester,	2414	8	4
Cumberland,	2463	8	10
Cape Breton,	2280	13	10
Digby,	2077	12	2
Guysborough,	1897	3	6
Halifax,	3328	0	1
Hants,	2351	11	5
Inverness,	2476	1	4
Kings,	2167	5	8
Lunenburg,	2421	6	2
Pictou,	2921	18	9
Queen's,	1856	19	6
Richmond,	1693	16	5
			To

To paid for Sydney,	£1939 14 0	
Shelburne,	1930 17 11	
Victoria,	1935 11 1	
Yarmouth,	1696 12 7	
		43990 13 7
To balance,		22384 9 3
		£196483 19 1
		Cr.
By balance at this date,		£23730 3 10
Cash received for colonial duties, viz :		
From Halifax,	91950 2 3	
Annapolis,	642 8 0	
Amherst,	1051 5 9	
Antigonishe,	260 12 6	
Argyle, (Tusket,)	162 6 3	
Arichat,	562 18 2	
Advocate Harbour,	15 0 0	
Barrington,	192 8 4	
Beaver River,	39 17 3	
Bridgetown,	406 2 11	
Cornwallis,	589 8 11	
Cape Canso,	13 13 1	
Canada Creek,	320 0 8	
Clements Port,	205 17 1	
Church Point, Clare,	287 5 6	
Digby,	1219 16 0	
Guysborough,	92 6 5	
Givan's Wharf,		
Great Bras d'Or,	157 13 9	
Horton,	230 0 0	
Hantsport,	107 18 5	
Harbour Buchie,	9 0 0	
Joggins,	149 16 4	
Lunenburg,	34 10 3	
Liverpool,	1005 0 6	
Londonderry,	434 5 6	
LaHave,	160 16 9	
Maitland,	200 19 5	
McNair's Cove,	98 14 0	
Margaree,	10 6 8	
Pictou,	4041 11 7	
Pugwash,	405 15 11	
Port Hood,	9 7 11	
Parrsborough,	63 10 0	
Pubnico,	69 4 10	
Ragged Islands,	314 1 9	
Sydney, C. B.,	275 0 0	
Shelburne,	83 12 1	
St. Mary's River,	50 3 0	
Ship Harbour,	77 8 6	
Sheet Harbour,	10 7 6	
Sandy Cove,	22 7 6	
St. Ann's,	10 19 4	
Truro,	388 10 10	

By

## By cash received from

	Tatamagouche,	£98	11	10		
	Thorne's Cove,	100	13	1		
	Windsor,	1421	1	1		
	Westport,	196	0	0		
	Weymouth,	79	19	11		
	Wilmot,	470	0	0		
	Wallace,	42	1	0		
	Walton,	49	12	10		
	Yarmouth,	3419	1	11		
	French Cross,	117	5	2		
	Bear River,	122	4	9		
Light duty, Strait of Canso, McKeen,		£232	0	3		
Do. do. Bigelow,		107	12	0		
Do. Halifax,		1891	2	10		
Do. Strait of Canso, Purcell,		985	19	9		
					3215	16 10
						115765 17 10
By cash received from Canada, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses,						680 14 1
Do. New Brunswick, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's, Scattarie, and Briar Island light houses,						549 10 10
Do. Prince Edward Island, for their proportion of expense of St. Paul's and Scattarie light houses,						40 16 10
Do. Distilleries, for license granted,					7000	0 0
Do. Casual revenue,		8929	14	7		
Do. Crown land department, for land sold,		3910	0	0		
Do. For fees from the secretary's office,		897	12	5		
					13737	7 0
Do. From savings bank,					14000	0 0
Do. The lords of the treasury, towards support of Sable Island,					502	4 5
Do. Sable Island,					854	8 7
Do. Fines and forfeitures,					360	0 0
Do. Treasury notes,					15000	0 0
Do. Miscellaneous expenses,					619	14 2
Do. Wreck money,					44	9 1
Do. Copper coinage,					1000	0 0
Do. Advances,					1112	17 6
Do. Copyright,					19	15 3
Do. Interest,					137	3 0
Do. Passenger head money,					31	11 9
Do. Prothonotaries,					43	14 5
Do. North Sydney,					1109	10 6

By

By cash received from Port Medway,	£70 0 0
Do. Lingan,	74 0 0
	£196,483 19 1
December 31.—By balance brought down,	£22,384 9 3

Receiver general's office,  
Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

JAMES McNAB, receiver general.

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

No. 22.

(See page 256.)

### GENERAL STATEMENT

*Of the amounts certified by the financial secretary for payment on account of the different public services of the province for the year ended 31st December, 1856.*

To whom paid.	Service.	Amount.	Total curr'y.
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#### CIVIL LIST.

His excellency Sir J. G. LeMarchant—Salary as lieutenant governor, for one year, ended 30th September, 1856.	£3750 0 0
B. Haliburton—Salary as chief justice, ditto, ditto,	1250 0 0
W. B. Bliss—Salary as assistant judge, ditto, ditto,	812 10 0
E. M. Dodd—Ditto, ditto,	700 0 0
W. F. Desbarres—Ditto, ditto,	700 0 0
T. C. Halliburton—Ditto, ditto, for 10½ months, ended 15th August, 1856,	612 10 0
L. M. Wilkins—Ditto, ditto, for 1½ month, ended 30th September, 1856,	87 10 0
Ditto—Salary as provincial secretary for 10½ months, ended 15th August, 1856,	612 10 0
William A. Henry—Ditto, ditto, for 1½ months, ended 30th September, 1856,	87 10 0
James McNab—Salary as receiver general for one year, do.	600 0 0
S. Creelman—Ditto as financial secretary for 6 months, ended 31st March, 1856,	300 0 0
S. Chipman—Ditto, ditto, ditto, ended 30th Sept., 1856,	300 0 0
William Young—Salary as attorney general for one year, ditto,	500 0 0
W. A. Henry—Ditto as solicitor general, for 10½ months, ended 15th August, 1856,	109 7 6
A. G. Archibald—Ditto, ditto, for 1½ months, ended 30th September, 1856,	15 12 6
J. B. Uniacke—Salary as commissioner of crown lands, one year, ditto,	500 0 0

Provincial

Provincial secretary—Salaries of clerks in his office, for one year, ditto,	£575	0	0
Ditto—For contingencies of office, for one year, ditto,	125	0	0
Edward Duckett—Salary as clerk to receiver general, for one year, ditto,	337	10	0
J. Blanchard—Ditto, ditto, to financial secretary, for one year, ditto,	275	0	0
Commissioner of crown lands—Salaries of clerks in his office, ditto,	630	0	0
H. Bullock—Salary as private secretary to lieutenant governor, ditto,	312	10	0
J. W. Nutting—Salary as clerk of the crown for 15 mos., ended 30th Sept., 1856,	125	0	0
James Venables—Salary as keeper of the provincial building for one year, ditto,	60	0	0
Joseph Skallish—Salary as messenger of the governor and council, ditto,	40	0	0
Sir R. D. George—Pension as late provincial secretary, for 6 months, ended 31st March, 1856,	250	0	0
Ditto—Pension as late registrar of deeds, ditto,	100	0	0
— Stewart—Pension as late master of the rolls for one year, ended 30th September, 1856,	400	0	0
W. Q. Sawers—Pension as late judge of court of common pleas, ditto,	360	0	0
J. G. Marshall—Ditto ditto ditto,	300	0	0
John S. Morris—Pension as late commissioner of crown lands, ditto,	300	0	0
H. W. Crawley—Ditto ditto ditto	300	0	0
N. W. White—Pension as late registrar of the court of chancery, ditto,	125	0	0
Miss Cox—Pension for 18 months, year ended 30th Sept. 1856,	187	10	0
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## ADVANCES.

Rev. A. McSween—For Indians, Pictou county,	10	0	0
Provincial secretary—For Indians, Queen's county,	18	5	10
Do.—For passage of eleven wrecked seamen from Halifax to Quebec, and board in Halifax,	59	0	10
Do.—To pay N. Fowler for Alderney cattle,	505	18	4
Do.—To pay expense of keeping do. previous to sale,	38	14	9
Do.—To pay S. Cunard for seed potatoes imported,	23	17	6
Do.—To pay expense of conveying prisoners accused of murder from Newfoundland to Sydney,	23	10	6
R. Hugonin—For purchase of sheep,	400	0	0
R. McLearn—Passage & board of 4 wrecked seamen from Fortune Bay to Halifax,	10	17	6
J. R. Forman—On account of expenses incurred in examining harbors of Ingonish, Aspy Bay, Chetticamp, Mabou and Port Hood,	72	16	3
John McMillan—For Barnaby mill breakwater,	100	0	0
Commissioners—For the purchase of Cornwallis bridge, as per act passed 1856,	400	0	0

Attorney

Attorney general—Expenses of witnesses in crown suit at Shelburne,	19	12	0
Rev. C. E. Cossman—Expenses incurred in attendance upon executive council, on the subject of immigration,	8	0	0
Inland navigation company—On account of loan agreed to be made by government,	3500	0	0
John Northup—Expenses to St John's, Newfoundland, to purchase stock,	28	0	0
Gammell & Tupper—For mowing machine sent to Annapolis,	32	10	0
Jos. Milward and J. Wilson—Reward for apprehending George Izatt,	50	0	0
Richard Nugent—Balance of account for publishing Dawson's work on agriculture,	112	10	0
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## AGRICULTURE.

Pres'dt. & Sec'ty.—Central board of agriculture, Halifax,	200	0	0
“ grant of 1856,			
“ Merigomishe society, Pictou county,	12	10	0
“ grant of 1855,			
“ Pictou, do. do. grant of 1856,	15	0	0
“ Hopewell, do. do. do.	12	10	0
“ Springville, do. do. do.	10	0	0
“ Lake Ainslie, do. Inverness co'ty. do.	25	0	0
“ Margaree, do. do. do.	25	0	0
“ St. Mary's, do. Guysboro co'ty. do.	25	0	0
“ Guysboro, do. do. do.	25	0	0
“ Dartmouth, do. Halifax co'ty. do.	13	6	8
“ Musq'doboit, do. do. do.	13	6	8
“ L. Musq'bt. do. do. do.	10	0	0
“ Halifax, do. do. do.	13	6	8
“ Barrington, do. Shelburne c'ty. do.	25	0	0
“ Shelburne, do. do. do.	25	0	0
“ Cornwallis, do. King's co'ty. do.	12	10	0
“ W. Cornwallis, do. do. do.	10	0	0
“ Aylesford, do. do. do.	12	10	0
“ Lower Horton, do. do. do.	15	0	0
“ Central, do. Sydney co'ty. do.	50	0	0
“ Bridgetown, do. Annapolis c'ty. do.	16	13	4
“ Wilmot, do. do. do.	16	13	4
“ Annapolis, do. do. do.	16	13	4
“ Caledonia & Kempt society, Queens county, grant of 1856,	25	0	0
“ Clare society, Digby county, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Digby society, do. ditto,	12	10	0
“ Salmon River society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Weymouth society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Lower Stewiacke society, Colchester county, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Upper Stewiacke society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0

Pres'dt. & Sec'ty.—Truro society, grant of 1856,	£12	10	0
“ Parrsboro society, Cumberland county, ditto,	16	13	4
“ Amherst society, ditto, ditto,	16	13	4
“ Yarmouth society, Yarmouth county, ditto,	25	0	0
“ Argyle society, ditto, ditto,	25	0	0
“ Newport society, Hants county, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Windsor society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Douglas society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ East Rawdon society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Middle River society, Victoria co., ditto,	50	0	0
“ Sydney society, Cape Breton co., ditto,	25	0	0
“ North Sydney society, ditto, ditto,	25	0	0
“ Chester society, Lunenburg co., ditto,	12	10	0
“ New Germany society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Mahone Bay society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
“ Lunenburg society, ditto, ditto,	12	10	0
Hon R. McHefley—For purchase of sheep, grant of 1856,	1180	0	0
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## BOARD OF WORKS.

The chairman—On account of current expenditure for 1856, including grant for balances due on account of different services in 1855,	27000	0	0
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## CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

John Creighton—Costs of conducting criminal prosecutions in supreme court, Yarmouth, May, 1856,	7	10	0
“ Ditto, Queen's county, April, 1856,	7	10	0
“ Ditto, Lunenburg county, ditto,	14	10	0
“ Ditto, Queen's county, Octr., 1856,	7	7	6
“ Ditto, Shelburne county, ditto,	14	15	8
C. W. H. Harris—Ditto, Hants county, June, 1856,	18	0	6
“ Ditto, Annapolis county, ditto,	6	15	6
“ Ditto, Kings county, ditto,	11	5	0
“ Ditto, Digby county, ditto,	22	14	8
“ Ditto, ditto, Septr. 1856,	14	13	6
“ Ditto, Annapolis county, ditto,	11	3	4
“ Ditto, Kings county, ditto,	6	1	8
Charles Twining—Ditto, Colchester county, June, 1856,	7	9	6
J. W. Johnston—Ditto, ditto ditto,	22	10	0
J. McKeagney—Ditto, Sydney county, ditto,	7	10	0
“ Ditto, Victoria county, ditto,	7	10	0
C. B. Owen—Ditto, Yarmouth county, Septr. 1856,	3	19	10
“ Ditto, Shelburne county, ditto,	14	8	10
Hon. W. Henry—Ditto, Sydney county, Novr. 1856,	7	10	0
“ Ditto, Richmond county, Octr. 1856,	7	10	0
“ Ditto, Cape Breton county, ditto,	7	10	0
“ Ditto, Inverness county, ditto,	7	10	0
Isaiah Killam & al.—Witnesses' fees in criminal prosecution in supreme court, Halifax co.,	2	0	0



John McCabe & al.—Witnesses' fees in criminal prosecutions in supreme court, Halifax county,	2	13	0	
Barney McNutt— Ditto, ditto, Colchester county,	1	15	0	
Ebenezer Hoar— Ditto, ditto, ditto,	1	6	0	
Robert Hall— Ditto, ditto, ditto,	1	6	0	
William Work— Ditto, ditto, ditto,	1	13	0	
James McCabe— Ditto, ditto, ditto,	1	6	0	
David Shiels & al.—Ditto, ditto, Guysboro' county,	5	18	6	
John Casey— Ditto, ditto, ditto,	1	0	0	
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## CASUAL AND TERRITORIAL REVENUE.

Northup & McHefhey—Grant of 1856, being amount paid by them into crown land office,	820	6	3	
Do. Interest on ditto, and expenses,	164	16	4	
J. C. Allison—Amount deposited in crown land office, with interest returned,	920	12	4	
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## COPYRIGHT ACCOUNT.

Provincial secretary—For amount received,	147	10	0
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## COPPER COIN.

Baring, brothers & Co.—For £2500 in copper coin imported,	1771	12	7
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## DRAWBACKS.

E. Albro & Co. & al.—For return of duties paid at Halifax, allowed by board of revenue,	2841	18	11
Francis Bourneuf—Ditto Clare ditto,	29	4	8
J. & J. Carmichael—Ditto Pictou ditto,	3	9	9
Heustis & Moulton—Grant of 1855, for return of duties paid on machinery,	9	7	6
Thamas Killam—Ditto, ditto paid on rigging saved from wrecked ship,	12	10	0
Samuel Archibald—Ditto, ditto paid on machinery,	2	19	4
William Currie—Grant of 1856, return of duties paid on machinery,	23	8	9
W. A. Penney—Ditto ditto,	10	10	0
John Lockhart—Ditto ditto,	10	0	0
Firewardens, New Glasgow—Ditto, ditto paid on fire engine,	16	2	6
Charles Jamieson—Ditto, ditto paid on machinery,	2	16	0
Heman Crowell—Ditto ditto ditto,	7	14	3
James H. Thorne—Ditto, ditto paid on a shingle machine,	1	17	6
Eaton & Rockwell—Ditto, ditto paid on goods afterwards destroyed by fire,	28	2	1
John L. Brown—Ditto, ditto paid on molasses,	14	14	9
A. J. Ritchie—Ditto, ditto paid on printing paper,	1	15	11
R. H. Willoughby—Ditto ditto,	3	12	3
Wm. Annand—Ditto ditto,	4	17	0
W. A. Penney—Ditto ditto,	7	6	4

J. H. Crosskill—For return of duties paid on printing paper,	4	6	5
English & Blackadar—Ditto ditto,	1	15	0
Richard Nugent—Ditto ditto,	6	17	5
James Bowes & Son—Ditto ditto,	2	8	3
James Barnes—Ditto ditto,	2	16	0
Proprietor of Christian Messenger—Ditto ditto,	2	15	6
Wm. Gossip—Ditto ditto,	1	8	5
Proprietor of Wesleyan,	5	5	2
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## EDUCATION.

Commissioners of normal school—Grant of 1856, to meet outstanding liabilities, including a balance of £25 14s. 3d. due them,	200	0	0
Ditto * On account of grant of 1856, for erection of model schools,	275	0	0
Sup'dt. of education—Balance of first half year's salary to assistant teachers of normal school, grant of 1855,	100	0	0
“ Balance of grant of 1855 to school libraries,	23	12	3
“ On account of grant of 1856 for purchase of school books, &c.,	575	0	0
“ Balance due for travelling expenses as per report of committee,	35	10	0
“ Grant of 1856, for ditto,	100	0	0
“ Grant of 1856, for philosophical apparatus for normal school,	200	0	0
“ Grant for fuel, books, &c., for the normal school,	100	0	0
Rev. Dr. Forrester—Salary as principal of the normal school, for 13 months, to 31st Octr.,	325	0	0
Charles Randall—Salary as teacher in ditto for twelve months, ditto,	150	0	0
Wm. Mulholland—Salary as teacher in ditto, ditto,	150	0	0
Trustees—Grant of 1856 to training and model school, Halifax,	50	0	0
“ Grant of 1855 to school at Pine Woods settlement, Cornwallis,	10	0	0
“ On account of grant of 1856 to combined grammar and female school, Antigonishe,	25	0	0
The managers—Grant of 1856 to Amherst female seminary,	50	0	0
“ Grant of 1856 to infant school, Halifax,	50	0	0
Joseph R. Hea—Grant of 1856 in aid of institution under his care,	50	0	0
The governors—Grant to Kings college for one year, ended 30th Sepr. 1856,	250	0	0
The trustees—Grant to Halifax grammar school, ditto,	150	0	0
“ Grant to Free church academy, ditto,	250	0	0
“ Grant to St. Mary's college, ditto,	250	0	0
“ Grant to Acadia college, ditto,	250	0	0
“ Grant to St. Francis Xavier college, ditto,	250	0	0
“ Grant to Pictou academy,	250	0	0
“ Sackville academy for 15 months, ditto,	312	10	0

The commissioners—City of Halifax, for common schools for one year, to 31st Octr. 1856,	700	0	0
“ Halifax county, west. district, ditto,	389	0	0
“ Ditto for grammar schools, ditto,	50	0	0
“ Halifax county, eastern district, for common schools, ditto,	389	0	0
“ Ditto for grammar schools, ditto,	37	10	0
“ Annapolis county, eastern district, for common schools, ditto,	338	0	0
“ Ditto for grammar school, ditto,	25	0	0
The trustees—Annapolis county, eastern district, for grammar school, Bridgetown, to 1st May, 1856,	12	10	0
Wm. Shipley—Do. do. for do., from undrawn grammar school monies, grant of 1856,	25	0	0
The commissioners—Do. western district, for common schools for one year, to 31st October, 1856,	311	0	0
Ditto do. for grammar schools, do.	25	0	0
H. W. Johnston—Do for grammar school, Annapolis, from undrawn grammar school monies, grant of 1856,	12	10	0
The commissioners—Colchester county, South district, for common schools, for one year, to 31st October, 1856,	479	0	0
The trustees—Do. academy, do. for nine months,	75	0	0
The commissioners—Do. North district, for common schools, for one year, to 31st October, 1856,	142	0	0
Ditto—Comberland county, East district, for do. do.	432	0	0
Ditto—Ditto do. for grammar schools, do.	75	0	0
Ditto—Ditto West district, for common schools, do.	108	0	0
Donald McKay—Ditto from undrawn grammar school monies, grant of 1856,	18	15	0
The Commissioners—Cape Breton county, for common schools, for one year, to 31st October, 1856,	630	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	33	6	8
Ditto—Digby county, Digby district, for common schools, do.	342	0	0
Ditto do. for grammar schools,	66	13	4
Ditto—Ditto. Clare district, for common schools, do.	171	0	0
Ditto—Guysboro' county, Guysboro' district, do.	302	0	0
Ditto—Ditto St. Mary's district, do.	120	0	0
Ditto—Hants county, Windsor district, do.	387	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	66	13	4
Ditto—Rawdon district for common schools, do.	232	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	21	3	1
Ditto—Inverness county, North district, for common schools, do.	259	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	16	13	4
Ditto—Ditto South district, for common schools, do.	518	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	46	1	4
Ditto—Kings county, for common schools, do.	600	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	100	0	0
Ditto—Lunenburg county, for common schools for six months to 30th April, 1856,	326	0	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools,	50	0	0
Ditto—Lunenburg and New Dublin, for common schools, do., to 31st October, 1856,	244	10	0
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	37	10	0

The commissioners—Chester district, for common schools, for six months, to 31st October, 1856,	81	10	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	12	10	0		
Ditto—Pictou do., North district, for common schools for one year, do.	531	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	16	13	4		
Ditto—Ditto, South district for common schools, do.	561	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	57	14	0		
Ditto—Queen's county, for common schools, do.	390	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto, for grammar schools, do.	50	0	0		
Ditto—Richmond county, for common schools, do.	433	0	0		
The trustees—Ditto for academy, do.	100	0	0		
The commissioners---Shelburne county, Shelburne dis- trict, for common schools, do.	195	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, for six months,	25	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto Barrington district, for common schools for one year,	195	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	50	0	0		
Ditto—Sydney county, for common schools, do.	600	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools, do.	100	0	0		
Ditto—Victoria county, for common schools, do.	400	0	0		
Ditto—Yarmouth county, Yarmouth district, for do. do.	294	0	0		
Ditto—Ditto for grammar schools. do.	66	13	4		
Ditto—Ditto, Argyle district, for common schools, do.	215	0	0		
William H. Waddell—Grant of 1856, in full of claims from the common school money of the county of Pictou	30	0	0		
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## STEAMBOATS PACKETS &amp; FERRIES.

James Hall—Grants of 1854 & 1855, to ferry between Lingan and Bridgeport,	10	0	0		
Angus McDonald—Grant of 1855, to ferry Mire Gut, and to aid in procuring boat,	7	10	0		
William Morrill—Grants of 1855, to ferry at Grand Pas- sage, Digby county,	10	0	0		
Samuel Outhouse—Grant of 1853, to ferry, Petite Pas- sage, Digby county, west side,	2	10	0		
do. & J. Blackford—Grants of 1855, to do.	10	0	0		
William Morrill—Grant of 1853, to ferry at Grand Passage, do.	5	0	0		
D. Sullivan & Widow Devous—Grant of 1855, to ferry between Westport and Montegan, Digby county,	25	0	0		
Charles Winchester—Ditto to ferry at Bear River,	5	0	0		
Joseph Pernette—Ditto to ferry over LaHave River,	10	0	0		
Charles Pernette—Ditto do. do.	10	0	0		
Bazil Amero—Ditto from Weymouth to Sandy Cove,	20	0	0		
John Leary—Ditto—Basin Gut, Sambro,	5	0	0		
Joseph Pursall—Ditto across North West Arm,	10	0	0		
David Low—Ditto Sheet Harbor,	10	0	0		
Charles Smith—Ditto Necum Teuch,	7	10	0		
Mrs. E. Smith---Ditto between Douglas and Londonderry,	20	0	0		
Samuel Nelson---Grant of 1856, do.	20	0	0		

Mrs. E. Smith---Grant of 1855, do. at the mouth of Shubenacadie, Hants side,	10	0	0
Job Dart---Ditto do. Colchester side,	10	0	0
Cornelius Craig---Ditto do. at the entrance of Sable River, Shelburne county,	10	0	0
William McDonald---Ditto do. at Port L'Hebert,	10	0	0
John McDonald---Grants of 1854 & 1855, do.	20	0	0
J. R. Morrison---Grant of 1855, do. Jordan River, west side,	5	0	0
Alexander Walsh do. to ferry at Pugwash,	5	0	0
Eliphalet Read do. do. between Amherst and Minudie,	15	0	0
W. Cunningham do. do. between Cape Sable and the Main,	15	0	0
James O'Brien do. do. Ship Harbor,	8	0	0
Margaret Pye do. do. across Liscomb Harbor, west side,	5	0	0
A. Lang do. do. do. east side,	5	0	0
John McNair do. do. between Milford and Ship Harbor,	10	0	0
John McPherson, do. do. between his landing and John Carter's, Strait of Canso,	10	0	0
A. McGuire do. do. do.	10	0	0
E Forrestall do. do. between McMillan's Point and Auld's Cove,	30	0	0
Malcolm McDonald do. do. do.	15	0	0
Duncan McPhee do. do. between Low Point and Sydney Mines,	10	0	0
Kenneth McLennan do. do. Sydney River, Cape Breton,	5	0	0
Neil McIntosh do. do. between North Bar and Town of Sydney,	5	0	0
Peter D. Fraser do. do. Granddique, N. side,	10	0	0
Mary Ann Wood do. do. do. South side,	10	0	0
J. Ross & K. Matheson do. do. at Big Bras d'Or Lake, Victoria county,	20	0	0
John McNeil do. do. at entrance of do.	7	10	0
Godfrey Hines do. do. at Ingonishe, do.	7	10	0
Donald McLean do. do. across St. Ann's Harbor, do.	5	0	0
A. & M. McNeil do. do. Grand Narrows,	8	0	0
Patrick Howley do. do. Little Bras d'Or,	10	0	0
James Thompson do. do. at Margaree,	5	0	0
S. Cunard & Co. do. to steamer between Halifax and Newfoundland,	375	0	0
Sydney steam boat company do. from Sydney to Baddeck,	150	0	0
Thomas Condon do. to packet between Guysboro' and Arichat,	50	0	0
L. P. W. Desbrisay do. to steamer between Pictou and P. E. Island,	200	0	0
William Chappell do. to packet at Bay Verte,	25	0	0
William Stewart---Grant of 1854, to packet between Windsor and Parrsboro',	25	0	0
Daniel Coffill---Grant of 1855, to packet between do. do.	25	0	0

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## CORONERS' INQUESTS.

Hon. W. Grigor—Fees on inquisitions held in county of Halifax, in 1856,			£105	0	0
John Leslie—Fees	do.	do.	2	10	0
Dr. Harrison,	do.	do.	2	10	0
Martin Meagher,	do.	Guysboro',	2	10	0
William A. McKeen,	do.	do.	2	10	0
William G. Scott,	do.	do.	2	10	0
Stewart Campbell,	do.	do.	2	10	0
Spinney Whitman,	do.	do.	5	0	0
George Bingay,	do.	Yarmouth,	7	10	0
Matthew Jeffry,	do.	do.	2	10	0
Thomas D. Chipman,	do.	do.	2	10	0
John Kennedy,	do.	Annapolis,	2	10	0
Peter Bonnett,	do.	do.	2	10	0
Wm. Dennison,	do.	Hants,	10	0	0
John Jenkins,	do.	do.	5	0	0
A. V. Buskirk,	do.	King's co'ty.	10	0	0
C. C. Hamilton,	do.	do.	7	10	0
John Fisher,	do.	do.	2	10	0
C. J. Campbell,	do.	Victoria,	2	10	0
Wm. Kidston,	do.	do.	2	10	0
Wm Ross,	do.	do.	2	10	0
John Morse,	do.	Cumberland,	7	10	0
Thomas Page,	do.	do.	15	0	0
D. N. McQueen,	do.	Cape Breton,	5	0	0
Lauchlin Robertson,	do.	do.	12	10	0
J. D. Tremain,	do.	Inverness	2	10	0
Daniel Dimock,	do.	Lunenburg	2	10	0
Aaron Morse,	do.	do.	10	0	0
John Creighton,	do.	do.	2	10	0
John Heckman,	do.	do.	2	10	0
H. S. Jost,	do.	do.	2	10	0
W. J. Bell,	do.	Shelburne,	10	0	0
R. Currie,	do.	do.	5	0	0
Edward Roach,	do.	Pictou,	7	10	0
D. Matheson,	do.	do.	12	10	0
John McKay,	do.	do.	5	0	0
W. H. Harris,	do.	do.	15	0	0
Geo. E. Jean,	do.	Richmond,	7	10	0
Wm. Currie,	do.	Sydney	7	10	0
John B. Dickey,	do.	Colchester,	2	10	0
Charles Jones,	do.	Digby,	7	10	0
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## INDIAN GRANT.

Charles Gallagher—Grant of 1855, for medical aid to Indians,	1	0	0
Francis Paul—Ditto to aid in purchase of a horse,	4	19	0
W. J. Fuller—Ditto for supplies to Indians,	9	4	4

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Capt. Chearnley—Grant of 1856, for amount of his account,	62	S	7		
Tolson & Eastwood—Ditto, for blankets to captain Chearnley,	67	10	0		
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Dr. Slayter & al.—From grant of 1856 for medical attendance,	27	19	0		
Rev. A. McSween—Ditto, for Indians, Pictou county,	30	0	0		
A. Whitman—Ditto ditto Annapolis county,	20	0	0		
Provincial secretary—Ditto ditto Cumberland county,	10	0	0		
John McKinnon—Ditto ditto Sydney county,	30	0	0		
James McKeagney—Ditto ditto Cape Breton county,	20	0	0		
Stewart Campbell—Ditto ditto McNair's Cove,	10	0	0		
John C. Wade—Ditto ditto Bear River,	10	0	0		
John Creighton—Ditto ditto Lunenburg county,	10	0	0		
Rev. Mr. Kennedy—Ditto ditto Queens county,	15	0	0		
Rev. Mr. Cordeaux—Ditto ditto Richmond county,	20	0	0		
Provincial secretary—Ditto ditto, Shubenacadie,	4	2	6		
Do. From grant of 1856, to pay expenses of Indians from New Brunswick,	5	0	0		
Rev. Mr. Hannan—Ditto for Mrs. Morris,	7	10	0		
Newel Jeddore—Ditto for Indian lame and blind,	3	0	0		
Stephen D'Entremont—Ditto for expenses of a sick Indian,	3	0	0		
Doctor Forbes—Ditto for medical services, Queens county,	9	9	5		
Doctor Elmsley—Ditto ditto Baddeck,	3	17	6		
John McKinnon—Ditto ditto North Sydney,	3	0	0		
Doctor Wilson—Ditto ditto Barrington,	2	10	6		
Doctor Shaw—Ditto ditto Kings county,	1	16	10		
Doctor Croker—Ditto ditto Queens county,	1	12	10		
Doctor Slayter—Ditto ditto Prospect and Dartmouth,	6	15	0		
George McKenzie—Ditto to purchase blankets for Indians, New Glasgow,	20	16	3		
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## INTEREST.

Cashier of savings' bank—For six mos. interest on £92,000 to 30th June, 1856, at 4 p. c.,	1840	0	0		
“ For interest to 31st Decr. 1856,	2071	11	6		
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## JUDICIARY EXPENSES.

Judge Biiss—For travelling fees on western circuit, spring, 1856,	26	16	8		
“ Ditto on eastern circuit, autumn, 1856,	38	10	0		
Judge Halliburton—Ditto on western shore circuit, spring, 1856,	42	0	0		
Judge Dodd—Ditto on eastern circuit, spring, 1856,	47	16	8		
“ Ditto on Cape Breton circuit, autumn, 1856,	59	10	0		
Judge DesBarres—Ditto on ditto, spring, 1856,	70	0	0		
“ Ditto on western shore circuit, autumn, 1856,	38	10	0		
Judge Wilkins—Ditto on ditto, autumn, 1856,	42	0	0		
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## LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

President & al—Pay and travelling allowance as members of legislative council, 1856,	1719	10	0
J. Haliburton—Grant for contingencies of ditto,	979	0	5
Postmaster general—For postage of members of ditto,	232	3	10
The speaker & al.—Pay and travelling allowance of members of assembly, session 1856,	4692	15	0
S. Campbell—Salary as speaker of house of assembly, session 1856,	200	0	0
J. C. Wade—Ditto ditto pro. tem. ditto,	50	0	0
Alexr. James—Grant for contingencies of house of assembly, including £68 12s. for hon. J. McLeod's funeral,	341	7	4
Ditto Salary as clerk of assembly, session 1856,	300	0	0
James G. Tobin—Salary as clerk assistant, ditto,	200	0	0
H. C. D. Twining—Salary as clerk on bills, ditto,	200	0	0
George R. Grassie—Salary as sergeant at arms, ditto,	88	0	0
Edward Joyce—Salary as assistant ditto, ditto,	45	0	0
J. Fitzgerald—Salary as messenger, ditto,	40	0	0
Rev. Dr. Twining—Salary as chaplain, ditto,	25	0	0
S. S. Thorne—Salary as chairman of committee, ditto,	20	0	0
J. Dimock—Ditto ditto ditto ditto,	20	0	0
Postmaster general—For postage of members of assembly, session 1856,	398	13	10
A. & W. Mackinlay—Grant of 1856, for stationery & binding for ditto, session 1856,	230	3	4
Speaker of assembly—Grant of 1854, to purchase books,	15	0	0
Richard Nugent—Vote of credit for reporting and publishing debates of assembly, session 1856,	400	0	0
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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Samuel Betts—Salary as warden of river fisheries, Cumberland county, for 1855,	25	0	C
D. Dimock—Ditto ditto Lunenburg, ditto,	25	0	0
M. McLean—Ditto ditto Guysborough, ditto,	25	0	0
Wm. McDonald—Ditto ditto Inverness, ditto,	25	0	0
Charles Stalker—Ditto ditto Shelburne, ditto,	25	0	0
R. Gibbons, jr.—Ditto ditto Cape Breton, ditto,	25	0	0
S. Chipman—Ditto ditto Kings county, ditto,	25	0	0
P. Gough—Ditto ditto Queens county, ditto,	25	0	0
J. K. Veits—Ditto ditto Digby, ditto.	25	0	0
James Sangster—Ditto ditto Hants, ditto,	25	0	0
James Murdock—Ditto ditto Pictou, ditto,	25	0	0
Henry Martell—Ditto ditto Richmond, ditto,	25	0	0
Capt. Chearnley—Ditto ditto Halifax, ditto,	25	0	0
H. McDonald—Ditto ditto Sydney, ditto,	25	0	0
Joseph Shaw—Ditto ditto Yarmouth, ditto,	25	0	0
Thomas W. Chesley—Ditto ditto Annapolis, ditto,	25	0	0
John Munro—Ditto ditto Victoria, ditto,	25	0	0
W. C. Eaton—Ditto ditto Colchester, ditto,	10	0	0



Capt. Chearnley—From grant of 1854, per report of commissioners on river fisheries, for 1855,	25	0	0
John Esson—Grant of 1856, to colored population, Halifax county, ditto,	169	0	0
A. Whitman—Ditto ditto Annapolis, ditto,	10	0	0
Hon. J. M. Wilkins—Ditto ditto, Hants county, ditto,	10	0	0
Hon. S. Chipman—Ditto ditto Kings county,	10	0	0
Stewart Campbell—Ditto ditto Guysborough,	10	0	0
Doctor Tupper—Ditto ditto Cumberland,	10	0	0
J. C. Wade—Ditto ditto Digby,	10	0	0
John Campbell—Ditto Queen's county,	10	0	0
Hon. W. A. Henry—Ditto ditto Sydney county,	10	0	0
Charles Blanchard—Sheriff, Colchester county, for return of one member to assembly,	1	10	0
Henry P. Hill—Ditto Sydney county, ditto,	1	10	0
J. W. Caldwell—Ditto Kings county, ditto,	1	10	0
J. K. Veits---Ditto Digby county, ditto of three members, do.	4	10	0
J. G. McLeod---Ditto Victoria county, ditto of two ditto,	3	0	0
Alexander James---Balance of grant of 1855, to him as law reporter,	25	0	0
Joseph Skallish- -For attendance on offices of receiver general and financial secretary, for one year,	10	0	0
do. For fuel for ditto ditto,	8	1	2
William & Noah Goodwin---Grant of 1855, as residents on Mud Islands,	20	0	0
H. K. Smith---Ditto to colored population, Cumberland county,	10	0	0
Commissioners---For signing province notes, $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on £50,000,	250	0	0
A. & W. McKinlay---For stationery for receiver general's office,	21	14	10
Ditto ditto for financial secretary's office,	5	4	4
Samuel Archibald- -Grant of 1856, for surveying,	9	4	6
Edward Kent---Ditto to repay expenses of suit brought against him in his official capacity of constable,	7	10	0
Wheeler Minard---Ditto to repay expenses of suit in connexion with crown land department,	40	0	0
Drs. Weeks & Dennison---Ditto for medical services to men on railway,	50	0	0
Ambrose Bourneuf --Ditto to repay him for duties lost,	97	5	6
E. G. Fuller---Ditto balance of account due him for books,	156	11	2
Ditto for implements imported for industrial exhibition,	92	14	0
Doctor Griger---Ditto to Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0
Nicholas H. Martin---Ditto for expenses incurred during trial and imprisonment,	32	10	0
Richard Logue---Ditto for expenses incurred on trial, &c. of N. H. Martin,	41	10	0
Richard Gibbons---Ditto for ditto,	6	18	9
Hon. Joseph Howe---Ditto as a public acknowledgement of his services,	625	0	0
Andrew & John Flake---Ditto for saving crew of schooner Isabella of Guysboro', wrecked at St. Mary's, December, 1855,	10	0	0
Prov. secretary—Ditto to pay for pheasants imported for propagation,	60	0	0

Oliver Brennan---Grant of 1856, for services to the poor as a bone setter,	29	0	0
Joseph McNaught---Ditto in addition to his contract for building Normal school house, Truro,	25	0	0
Michael Cody---Ditto for services as mail courier, and for injuries sustained while in performance of his duty,	50	0	0
The commissioners---Ditto for preparing bankruptcy act,	50	0	0
Attorney general---Ditto to commissioners who prepared the bill for the abolition of the court of chancery,	100	0	0
George Merry---Ditto for keeping house of entertainment on the road from Brookfield to Albany,	15	0	0
Jane Boyle---Ditto for boarding and lodging sick seamen,	7	0	0
Benjamin K. Dodge---Ditto for vaccinating poor Indians,	10	0	0
H. Thurston---Ditto for expenses incurred in relieving shipwrecked passengers per ship States Right,	10	10	0
John Gally---Ditto as per report of committee on deaf, dumb and blind,	25	0	0
John Barnaby---Ditto do. do. do.	25	0	0
Susan Kelly---Ditto do. do. do.	25	0	0
Donald Ross---Ditto do. do. do.	30	0	0
Inland navigation company---Ditto as per resolutions of assembly,	2000	0	0
John Nelson---Ditto for keeping house of entertainment between Musquodoboit and St Mary's, and to aid in erecting do.	40	0	0
John Murphy---Ditto for surveying and reporting,	22	18	6
Donald Urquhart---Ditto for services in exploring line of railroad between Onslow and Folly Lake,	4	0	0
William Anderson---Ditto for surveying between Ship Harbor and Sheet Harbor,	76	10	0
F. W. McKenzie---Ditto for surveying from Plaister Cove to Wyeocomah,	59	13	6
The managers---Ditto to house of refuge,	50	0	0
Patrick Christopher---Ditto as per report of committee,	10	0	0
Alexander Munro---Ditto for 150 copies of his work on New Brunswick,	39	0	0
Alexander Corner---Ditto for money paid by him for crown land previously granted,	7	10	9
James Campbell---Ditto pursuant to report of committee on his petition,	10	0	0
Mark Curry---Ditto do. do. do.	10	0	0
Murdoch McLean, shll., Guysboro'---Ditto for expenses incurred in keeping William and Lewis Snow in jail,	36	13	8
County treasurer, Guysboro'---Ditto do. do. do.	62	7	3
Edmund Crowell---Ditto to establishment at Seal Islands,	30	0	0
William & Noah Goodwin---Ditto as residents on Mud Islands,	20	0	0
Governors and trustees---Ditto to Halifax visiting dispensary,	100	0	0
Richard Nugent---Grant of 1855 for publishing Dawson's work on agriculture,	159	0	0

Hon. W. A. Henry---From grant of 1856, for travelling expenses in attending council,	16	0	0
Hon. John Locke---Ditto do. do.	20	0	0
Commissioners---On account of grant of 1856, for build-court house, Halifax,	100	0	0
S. Cunard & Co.---For wharfage and truckage of imported copper coin,	1	17	0
James Kerr---For truckage, do.	1	2	3
John King & al. --Expenses of keeping imported sheep previous to distributing	29	2	6
J. W. Nutting---Balance of salary as prothonotary, payable from treasury,	23	3	0
Ditto---For two quarters salary previously withheld,	50	0	0
T. & L. Piers---For damages sustained by railway, as per resolution of assembly,	250	0	0
Samuel Rodney---Bounty for killing a wolf, Cranberry head, Yarmouth,	5	0	0
John Davison---Ditto for killing two wolves, Upper Stewiacke,	10	0	0
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## MILITIA.

James Black---Grant for services as quarter master general of militia, for 1855,	40	0	0
Edward Wallace---Ditto as adjutant general, do. do.	80	0	0
Henry Pryor---Ditto as adjutant 2nd Halifax regt., do.	10	0	0
J. H. Crosskill---Ditto do. 3rd. do., for 1855 & 1856,	20	0	0
Thomas Jamieson---Ditto do. 5th do., for 1855,	10	0	0
J. W. Johnston, jr.---Ditto do. 6th do., do.	10	0	0
W. C. Eaton---Ditto do. 1st batt. Colchester do., do.	10	0	0
Joseph Dickson---Ditto do. 3rd do., do.	10	0	0
Horatio G. Enslow---Ditto do. 1st Shelburne do., for 1854,	10	0	0
George T. Solomon---Ditto do. 1st Lunenburg do., do.	6	0	0
Henry Ernst---Ditto do. 2nd do., do.	6	0	0
Joseph P. Miller---Ditto do. 3rd do., for 1854 & 1855,	20	0	0
Joshua Huestis---Ditto do. 2nd Cumberland do, for 1855,	10	0	0
James Sangster---Ditto 1st Hants do., for 1854 & 1855,	20	0	0
W. H. Harris---Ditto do. 1st batt. 1st regt. Pictou county, for 1855,	10	0	0
James R. McDonald---Ditto do. 2nd do., for 1854,	10	0	0
O. Murray---Ditto do. 2nd batt., 2nd regt., for 1855,	10	0	0
Michael Kilfoyle---Ditto do. 1st batt., Guysboro' regt., do.	10	0	0
Robert Stone---Ditto do. 2nd batt., East Annapolis, do., do.	10	0	0
D. Pellier---Ditto do. 2nd batt., 2nd regt., Cape Breton, do.	10	0	0
George Taylor---Ditto do. 2nd batt., Digby county, for 1854 & 1855,	16	0	0
James Black---Rent of store for arms at Halifax for one year, to 21st April, 1856,	20	15	4
Hon. S. Chipman---For storing and cleaning arms, 1st batt. Kings county regt., for 1855 & 1856,	15	6	0
Charles Randall---Ditto do. 2nd batt., do.	3	5	0
Horatio G. Enslow---Ditto do. 1st batt., Shelburne regt.	3	8	0
Samuel O. Doane---Ditto do. 2nd batt., do.	4	11	0

E. P. Archbold—For storing and cleaning arms 1st batt. 1st regt., Cape Breton,	5	0	0
James Studd—Ditto do. do. do.	15	11	9
Joseph Dickson—Ditto do. 2nd batt., Colchester regt.	5	1	0
John Marshall—Ditto 1st batt. 2nd regt. Pictou county,	8	6	6
William Rudolf—Ditto 1st batt. Lunenburg regt ,	4	2	6
John Burk—Ditto 2nd batt. ditto,	2	2	6
Robert Stoddart—Ditto 2nd batt. East Annapolis regt.,	7	10	6
Edward O'Brien—Ditto Hants county militia,	9	19	6
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## NAVIGATION SECURITIES.

Wm. & Amos Baxter—From grant of 1855 to Baxter harbor breakwater, Kings county,	76	7	0
C. V. Rawding & al.—Grants of 1852 & 1853 to Canada Creek breakwater, ditto,	63	6	11
E. Burbridge and M. Kinsman—From grant of 1856 to ditto, ditto,	40	3	1
C. W. Berteaux & al.—Ditto to Givan wharf ditto, ditto,	192	6	8
Edwd. P. Borden—Grant of 1855 to breakwater at mouth of Windsor River, Kings county,	25	0	0
Frederick Bellivous—Balance of grant of 1851 to breakwater at Whale Cove, Digby county,	70	0	0
J. Dovey and Jos. Banks—Grant of 1855 to breakwater at Trout Cove, ditto,	104	5	0
William Therriau—Grant of 1856 to breakwater at Bellivous Cove, ditto,	165	0	0
J. C. Wade & E. R. Oaks—Grant of 1856 to public slip, Digby, ditto,	17	6	8
Anthony Dousett—Grant of 1856 to Cape Cove breakwater, ditto,	100	0	0
Fred'k. Bellivous—Grant of 1856 to Church Point breakwater, ditto,	130	0	0
Augustin Melanson—Grant of 1856 to Grosecoque breakwater, ditto,	150	0	0
Maximin Comeau—Grant of 1856 to Montegan breakwater, ditto,	150	0	0
Jacob Chute—Grant of 1856 to Chute's Cove breakwater, Annapolis county,	75	0	0
J. Lockwood—Grant of 1856 to aid in clearing out Allen's River, ditto,	20	0	0
R. Stronach—Grant of 1856 to Margaretville pier, ditto,	200	0	0
Isaac McLeod—Grant of 1856 to breakwater at Margaree Island, Inverness county,	50	0	0
P. Smyth and N. Murphy—Grant of 1856 to Port Hood harbor, ditto,	75	0	0
H. Blanchard & al.—From grant of 1856 for erecting pier at ditto,	57	18	9
A. McDonald and A. Smith—Grant of 1856 to Arisaig pier, Sydney county,	200	0	0
P. Dillon and A. Boudrot—From grant of 1855 for opening channel from Whitehead Harbour to Molasses Harbour,	20	0	0

John Burgess—Grant of 1856 to breakwater, Chivarie, Hants county,	59	0	0	
William Ryer—Grant of 1856 to aid in clearing out Rose- way River, Shelburne county,	30	10	0	
John S. Smith—Ditto ditto Jordan River, ditto,	20	0	0	
Lewis Sponagle & al —Ditto to breakwater at Liverpool, Queen's county,	236	0	0	
Edward Leonard—Ditto for making signals at Digby,	5	0	0	
The commissioners—From grant of 1856, for deepening East River, Pictou county,	870	13	4	
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## POST COMMUNICATION.

Postmaster general—For postage of public departments for the year ended 30th Sept. 1856, viz. :				
For postage of his excellency the lieu- tenant governor,	77	3	6	
Provincial secretary,	195	17	10	
Receiver general,	205	5	2	
Financial secretary,	89	10	8	
Do. For payment of mail contractors for one year to 31st Decr. 1856,	4500	0	0	
Do. For postage due United Kingdom to 30th September, 1856,	2814	3	0	
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## POOR ASYLUM.

The commissioners—Grant of 1856 for over-expenditure of 1856,	572	10	3	
“ On account of grant of 1855,	1500	0	0	
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## PUBLIC PRINTING.

Queen's printer—From vote of credit for this service for 1856,	350	0	0	
W. A. Penney—Ditto ditto ditto,	200	0	0	
Queen's printer—Grant of 1856 for amount due for this service, 31st December, 1855,	336	13	1	
E. M. McDonald— Ditto ditto ditto,	6	17	6	
A. Grant— Ditto ditto ditto,	44	15	0	
Athenaeum— Ditto ditto ditto,	2	12	3	
Thomas Annand— Ditto ditto ditto,	49	3	9	
W. A. Penney— Ditto ditto ditto,	34	10	0	
J. H. Croskill— Ditto ditto ditto,	49	15	8	
J. & W. Compton— Ditto ditto ditto,	32	12	1	
Richard Nugent— Ditto ditto ditto,	95	19	1	
English & Blackadar—Ditto ditto ditto,	21	6	10	
James Bowes & Son— Ditto ditto ditto,	206	10	3	
James Barnes— Ditto ditto ditto,	1	11	0	
Gazette office— Ditto ditto ditto,	0	15	0	
A. Lawson— Ditto ditto ditto,	10	3	9	

Ch. Messenger office—Grants of 1855 & 1856, for ditto,	8	6	0	
Wm. Gossip—Grant of 1856, for ditto,	1	2	0	
Preprietor of Wesleyan—Ditto ditto,	3	5	4	
S. J. M. Allen—Ditto ditto,	12	13	9	
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## PROVINCIAL RAILWAY.

Prov. railway—To meet interest due on debentures 30th June, 1856,				6645 0 0
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## REVENUE EXPENSES.

B. B. Oxley—Salary as clerk to the board of revenue for one year, to 30th Sept., 1856,	110	0	0	
Joseph Austen—Salary as gauger and proof officer, ditto,	150	0	0	
Wm. Condon—Ditto ditto ditto,	150	0	0	
Edwd. Binney—Salary as acting collector, Halifax, ditto,	250	0	0	
H. B. Paulin—Salary as comptroller, &c., ditto, ditto,	250	0	0	
W. G. Fife—Salary as warehouse keeper, ditto, ditto,	250	0	0	
John U. Ross—Salary as landing waiter, ditto, ditto,	262	10	0	
J. M. Tidmarsh—Ditto ditto ditto,	197	10	0	
P. Donaldson—Salary as clerk to warehouse keeper, ditto,	175	0	0	
J. Fitzgerald—Salary as clerk to controller, ditto,	169	0	0	
J. R. Wallace—Salary as clerk in excise office, ditto,	162	10	0	
T. P. Ryan—Ditto ditto ditto,	140	0	0	
H. B. Paulin—Commissions on light duty collected to 31st December, 1855,	87	4	2	
Edw. Binney—Pay of shipping officers, Halifax, for one year, to 30th Sept., 1856,	411	15	0	
“ Pay of warehouse lockers, ditto ditto,	1162	18	9	
“ Pay of tide waiters and boatmen, do. do.,	1978	12	6	
“ Pay of messenger & truckman, ditto ditto,	74	6	3	
“ Incidental expenses of excise office, 1855.	127	9	4	
Edw. Mudge—Collector, Margaree, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0	
B. H. Ruggles—Collector, Westport, ditto ditto,	20	0	0	
C. E. Leonard—Collector, Sydney, salary as comptroller and registrar for ½ year, to 30th June, 1855,	25	0	0	
Ditto. Collector, ditto, grant of 1855 to revenue boat,	40	0	0	
J. B. Davison—Collector, Wallace, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0	
Commissions on duties collected to 30th September, 1856,	3	6	0	
D. McCulloch—Collector, Pictou, salary for one year to 30th September, 1856,	250	0	0	
Pictou, salary of G. Hattie, clerk, for one year, to ditto,	80	0	0	
Wages of boatmen, ditto, ditto,	107	10	0	
Expenses of revenue boat,	11	11	2	
David Rogers—Collector, Peggwash, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0	
Commissions on duties collected to 30th September, 1856,	35	8	8	

A. D. Morrison—Collector, Londonderry, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 31st December, 1855,	46	18	2
Thos. McColl—Collector, Guysboro', salary for one year June, 1856,	50	0	0
George Norris—Collector, Cape Canso, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0
S. D'Entremont—Collector, Pubnico, ditto ditto,	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 31st December, 1855,	6	8	2
R. G. Troop—Collector, Bridgetown, salary as seizing officer for 1855,	15	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 30th September, 1856,	40	1	6
H. M. Moyle—Collector, Lunenburg, salary for 9 months to 30th September, 1856,	75	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 30th September, 1856,	0	17	2
R. McCully—Collector, Amherst, salary for 1855, as comptroller,	20	0	0
A. B. Thorne—Collector, Thorne's Cove, ditto ditto,	20	0	0
Commissions on excise duties to 31st December, 1855,	6	19	0
Alex. McDonell—Collector, Antigonishe, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0
G. F. Ditmars—Collector, Clementsport, salary as comptroller, for 1855.	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 30th Sept., 1856,	18	15	3
C. R. Allison—Ditto, Walton, salary as comptroller, for 1855,	20	0	0
T. C. Tobias—Ditto, Annapolis, do. do.	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 30th Sept., 1856,	61	7	8
T. S. Bown—Ditto, North Sydney, salary as comptroller, &c., to do.	50	0	0
Wages of boatmen, to 30th Sept., 1856.	80	0	0
Expenses of revenue boat,	12	0	0
James Whidden—Ditto, LaHave, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0
H. D. Ruggles—Ditto, Weymouth, do. do.	20	0	0
James Muir—Ditto, Shelburne, do. do.	20	0	0
Commissions to 31st December, 1855,	2	3	10
Edward Corbet—Ditto, Harbor au Bouche, salary as seizing officer for 1855,	15	0	0
T. E. Moberly—Ditto, Yarmouth, salary for one year, to 30th September, 1856,	200	0	0
Commissions on light duty, do.	13	13	0
Charges for appraisement, &c.	3	16	4
C. Huntington—Warehouse-keeper, do., salary for one year, to 30th September, 1856,	80	0	0
S. Durkee—Surveyor, &c., do. do.	100	0	0
D. Power—Collector, McNair's Cove, salary as seizing officer, for 1855,	15	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to 31st Dec., 1855,	3	11	5

Jno. Orpin—Collector, French Cross, salary as comptroller • for ½ year to do.	10	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to do.	6	7	6
E. M. Dodd, junr.—Acting ditto, Bridgeport, salary as comptroller, 4½ months, to do.	7	10	0
R. B. Porter—Collector, Windsor, salary as do. for 15 months, to 30th Sept., 1856,	62	10	0
Commissions on duties collected, to do.	131	3	8
William Campbell—Ditto, Tatamagouche, salary as comp- troller, for 1855,	20	0	0
Hiram Blanchard—Ditto, Port Hood, do. do.	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, do.	4	1	0
William Stalker—Ditto, Ragged Islands, salary as comp- troller, do.	20	0	0
Commissions on excise duties, to 30th June, 1856,	26	9	3
J. W. Homer—Ditto, Barrington, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0
Commissions on excise duties, to 30th Sept., 1856,	25	13	8
J. H. Freeman—Collector, Liverpool, salary for one year, to 30th September, 1856,	75	0	0
Commissions on excise duties, to do.	82	15	5
William Bryden—Surveyor, &c., do, salary for one year, to do.	80	0	0
H. G. Sellon—Collector, St. Ann's, salary as seizing officer, for 1855,	15	0	0
C. V. Rawding—Ditto, Canada Creek, salary as comp- troller, for do.	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to 30th Sept, 1856,	30	0	3
James Annand—Ditto, Digby, salary for one year, to 30th June, 1856,	50	0	0
Commissions on duties collected to 30th Sept., 1856,	119	8	0
Adam Roy—Ditto, Maitland, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0
Abram Lent—Ditto, Tusket, do. do.	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to 31st December, 1855,	25	3	2
Whitman Foster—Ditto, Port Medway, salary as comp- troller for 1854 & 1855,	40	0	0
Alexander Munro—Ditto, Great Bras d'Or, do. do., for 1855,	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to 31st Dec., 1855,	26	18	5
R. B. Boggs—Ditto, Joggins, salary of comptroller, for 1855,	20	0	0
A. Bourneuff—Ditto, Church Point, do. do.	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to 31st Dec., 1856,	22	11	10
N. C. McKeen—Ditto, Margaree Island, salary as seizing officer for 4 months, to do.	5	0	0
Edward Lockwood—Ditto, Cornwallis, salary as comp- troller, for 1855,	20	0	0
William S. Raymond—Ditto, Bear River, do. do	20	0	0
Commissions on duties collected, to 31st Dec., 1855,	3	7	8
N. T. Harris—Ditto, Hantsport, salary as comptroller, for 1855,	20	0	0
Commissions on excise duties, to 31st March, 1856,	5	17	9



P. J. Brouard—Ditto, Ship Harbor, salary as comptroller for 1855,	20	0	0	
Commissions on duties collected, do.	4	2	3	
Joseph Browner—Ditto, Sheet Harbor, salary as comptroller, do.	20	0	0	
Simon Donovan—Ditto, Arichat, salary as comptroller, &c. for one year, to 31st March, 1856,	50	0	0	
G. E. Jean—Ditto do. do. for 3 months, to 31st March, 1855,	12	10	0	
Alexander McDonald—Comptroller, St. Mary's, salary for 1855,	20	0	0	
Timothy Brooks—Seizing officer, Parker's Cove, salary for 1855,	10	0	0	
S. Rooke—Ditto, Little Arichat, salary to 8th Aug., 1855,	15	0	0	
David Lantz—Ditto LaHave, salary for 1855,	15	0	0	
Nathan Snow—Ditto, Port LaFour, do.	15	0	0	
W. Nickerson—Ditto, Cape Sable Island, do.	15	0	0	
John Burr—Ditto, Bear River, do.	15	0	0	
W. H. Lovett—Ditto, Canada Creek, do.	10	0	0	
James Lent—Ditto, Argyle, do.	15	0	0	
J. McLarren & al.—Ditto, do. do.	15	0	0	
John L. Rice—Ditto, Annapolis, $\frac{1}{2}$ year do.	7	10	0	
John Hearn—Ditto, Arichat, do.	12	10	0	
John Clarke—Ditto, Margaretville Pier for 1 year, to 30th June, 1856,	15	0	0	
William Geldert—Ditto, Lunenburg, salary for 1855,	15	0	0	
Joseph Banks—Ditto, Barrington, do.	15	0	0	
Donald McKinnon—Ditto Great Bras d'Or, do.	10	0	0	
Angus Morrison—Ditto, do. do.	10	0	0	
James McPherson—Ditto, South Pictou, for 1 year, to 31st May, 1856,	15	0	0	
James Smith & Thomas Hennessey—For services on board Lady Vivian while in Strait of Canso,	67	14	0	
Hon. S. Chipman—Expenses incurred in visiting LaHave,	4	5	8	
William Hill—For furnishing a list of the shipping of the port of Halifax, to 31st December, 1855,	15	0	0	
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## RATIONS TO TROOPS.

Deputy quarter-master general—For marching and lodging of troops,				66 13 6
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## ST. PETERS CANAL.

The commissioners—On account of expenditure for this service during the year 1856,	1450	0	0	
W. H. Talbot—For survey of canal,	100	0	0	
	<u>          </u>			1550 0 0

## TRANSIENT PAUPERS.

Overseers of poor—Grant for expenses of transient paupers, township of Falmouth, for 1854,	2	1	3
Ditto do. do. Clare, 1855,	67	10	10
Ditto do. do. Liverpool, do.	30	17	7
Ditto do. do. Barrington, do.	7	0	0
Ditto do. do. Pictou, 1st sec. do.	48	18	5
Ditto do. do. do. 2d. “ do.	18	18	0
Ditto do. do. Egerton 1st “ do.	9	13	5
Ditto do. do. Annapolis, No. 1, do.	20	3	10
Ditto do. do. Windsor, do.	51	7	3
Ditto do. do. Granville, do.	9	0	0
Ditto do. do. Annapolis, No. 2, do.	7	17	11
Ditto do. do. Horton, do.	11	10	0
Ditto do. do. Shelburne, do.	3	6	7
Ditto do. do. Clements, do.	15	1	10
Ditto do. do. Aylesford, do.	15	16	3
Ditto do. do. St Andrews, Sydney county, do.	9	5	0
Dr. Johnston, Pictou—Grant of 1856 for attendance on Peter Kelly,	11	0	0
A. McKinnon, Arichat—Ditto do.	15	0	0
E. B. Nicols, Liverpool—Ditto do.	2	5	0
Mary McIsaac—Ditto do.	17	3	0
Wm. Payson, Weymouth—Ditto do.	7	10	0
Thomas Cullen, Sydney—Ditto do.	5	15	0
Thomas Welsh, N: Sydney—Ditto do.	30	0	0
Doctor Jeans—Ditto do.	24	5	0
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	441	6	2

## WRECKS.

Black & Brothers—Proceeds of hull and materials of schooner Primrose, wrecked at Sable Island,	21	19	4
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## ROAD COMPENSATION.

Silas Corbet—Grant of 1853 on alteration of road at R. Corbet's, Colchester county,	2	13	0
R. Harris—Ditto ditto at Harris's, ditto,	6	0	0
Kenneth Finlayson—Grant of 1855 on alteration of road from Inverness county line to Middle River, Vic- toria county,	3	0	0
John McLean—Ditto ditto Boulardrie ditto,	3	10	0
Choan Stewart—Ditto ditto ditto,	7	10	0
Widow McDonald—Ditto ditto from Ross's ferry to Fra- ser's mill, ditto,	1	14	0
Roderick McLean—Ditto ditto Boulardrie ditto,	1	10	0
Alexr. Taylor—Ditto for removing a barn, ditto,	17	10	0
Malcolm Fraser—Ditto on alteration of road, Colchester line to Gut of Canso, Pictou county,	1	0	0

John Sutherland—Grant of 1856, ditto Marshy Hope road, ditto,	49	0	0
Francis Lowe—Ditto ditto ditto,	7	10	0
Widow Grant—Ditto ditto ditto,	15	0	0
Neil McLarne—Ditto ditto ditto,	12	0	0
Daniel McQueen—Ditto ditto ditto,	16	10	0
Wm. Smith & al.—Grant of 1856, appraisalment & report Marshy Hope road, Pictou county,	3	5	0
G. W. Lowden—Ditto for plan ditto, ditto,	2	0	6
Donald McKay—Ditto, vide appraisalment act, ditto,	5	0	0
Widow Douglas—Ditto ditto ditto,	7	0	0
Duncan Balfour—Ditto ditto ditto,	20	4	0
Nicholas Balfour—Ditto ditto ditto,	2	0	0
John McLeod—Ditto ditto ditto,	22	0	0
Widow McDonald & al.—Ditto ditto ditto,	0	14	0
Donald McLeod—Ditto ditto ditto,	21	14	0
Edmund Dillon—Ditto ditto, Guysborough county,	5	18	0
Alexr. Fraser—Ditto ditto ditto,	3	2	6
James Smith—Ditto on alteration of road, ditto,	14	15	3
S. Camminger—Ditto for appraising, ditto,	1	0	0
Angus Kirk & al.—Ditto for appraising and plan, ditto,	2	10	0
Ann Conners—Ditto, vide appropriation act, Halifax county,	5	0	0
Margaret Moody—Ditto on Faulkner road, Digby county,	31	10	0
Joseph Roberts—Ditto ditto ditto,	3	6	9
Charles Jones—Ditto ditto ditto,	11	3	3
Alexr. D. Hoyt—Ditto ditto ditto,	16	3	6
H. J. Sorinson—Ditto ditto ditto,	15	19	9
George Grant—Ditto ditto ditto,	15	17	6
James E. Payson—Ditto ditto ditto,	13	16	9
Alpheus Jones—Ditto ditto ditto,	3	0	0
R. Hankinson—Ditto ditto ditto,	17	11	9
Mrs. Causman & al.—Ditto ditto ditto,	15	9	6
Robert Marshall—Ditto ditto ditto,	15	12	6
C. P. Jones—Ditto ditto ditto,	12	10	0
Rich'd. Jones—Ditto ditto ditto,	11	10	0
T. & J. Kelly—Ditto ditto ditto,	15	4	0
Frederick Jedre—Ditto ditto Weymouth, ditto,	1	3	0
Jesse Kenney—Ditto ditto ditto,	4	16	0
Luke White—Ditto ditto ditto,	12	2	9
John Dakin & al.—Ditto appraising ditto,	4	0	0
Do. Ditto ditto ditto,	3	0	0
Nathaniel Churchill—Ditto on alteration of road, Yarmouth,	30	10	0
Thomas Crowell—Ditto ditto ditto,	10	0	0
J. G. McKeen—Ditto ditto Inverness,	15	0	0
Mary Ann Lavin—Ditto ditto ditto,	12	2	6
Flora McDonald—Ditto ditto Richmond,	15	0	0
Mary Ann Woods—Ditto ditto ditto,	12	0	0
D. B. McNab—Ditto ditto ditto,	6	10	0
John Scott—Ditto ditto ditto,	5	0	0
John J. Jean & al.—Ditto appraising and report, ditto,	3	5	0
Chas. McNab & al.—Ditto ditto ditto,	3	5	0
Christopher Chisholm—Grant of 1855 on alteration of road, Sydney county,	27	7	6
Hugh McDonald—Ditto ditto ditto,	36	15	0
Joseph Smith—Ditto ditto ditto,	9	5	0

A. D. Harrington & al.—Grant of 1856 for survey, plans, &c., ditto,	18	0	0
Amiable Chute—Ditto on alteration of road, ditto,	20	5	0
Angus McDonald—Ditto ditto ditto,	6	11	0
Wm. Chisholm—Ditto ditto ditto,	5	0	0
Donald Chisholm—Ditto ditto ditto,	14	0	0
Alexr. McLellan—Ditto ditto ditto,	2	10	0
Valentine Chisholm—Ditto ditto ditto,	7	0	0
John O'Brien—Ditto ditto ditto,	9	19	0
Donald McGilvery—Ditto ditto ditto,	4	0	0
Archibald McEachern—Ditto ditto ditto,	3	0	0
Wm. Thompson—Ditto ditto ditto,	7	0	0
Wm. E. Holmes—Ditto ditto Cumberland county,	21	19	2
Jesse Lewis—Ditto ditto ditto,	40	10	6
G. D. Fullarton—Grant of 1854, ditto, ditto,	4	10	0
Do. Grant of 1856, ditto, ditto,	18	10	9
John Hannah—Ditto ditto ditto,	20	13	6
Jesse W. Fullarton—Ditto for survey, &c., ditto,	2	3	0
John Fleming—Ditto on alteration of road, Cape Breton county,	16	16	4
Norman McDonald—Ditto ditto ditto,	5	17	9
Stephen Currie & al.—Ditto ditto ditto,	1	4	0
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	899	5	1

## ROAD ADVANCES.

## ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

David Hall—For bridge on main road near Delancy's farm,	8	0	0
John Rice—For Bloody Creek bridge,	10	0	0
Obediah Neily—For repairs of Oaks' bridge,	12	13	4
John Pearce—For over-expenditure on No. 52,	3	1	0
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	33	14	4

## HALIFAX COUNTY.

Joseph Quinn—For main post road from Halifax to Lunenburg,	22	1	0
Wm. Anderson—For road from Dartmouth to Ship Harbor,	21	11	0
Wm. Dowling—For road from Dartmouth to Hyde's stables,	46	0	9
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	89	12	9

## SYDNEY COUNTY.

Wm. Faulkner—For surveying between Tracadie and Strait of Canso,	35	3	10
Adam McKenzie—For surveying between Big Tracadie bridge and McNair's Cove,	7	18	3
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	43	2	1

## HANTS COUNTY.

Wm. Dowling—For road from Hyde's stables to Parker's bridge,	24	14	0
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Edmd. Taylor—For repairs on the Avon bridge,	118	5	9	
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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Francis Carroll—Balance of acct. for building Parrsboro' bridge,	66	13	4	
Joseph Hoeg—For repairing 3 bridges on road to Parrsboro',	1	0	0	
Richard Black—For bridge over Nappan river,	70	9	9	
Wellwood McNab—For repairing bridge over Dewar's river, (one half,)	22	7	2	
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## COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Wellwood McNab—For repairing bridge over Dewar's river, (one half,)	22	7	1	
Peter Wetherbe & al.—Over-expenditure on bridge over Henderson's creek,	54	6	2	
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## PICTOU COUNTY.

Wm. McLean—For repairing Melford bridge,	8	8	0	
Malcolm Sillers—On main road from Pictou to River John,	10	0	0	
John Grant—Ditto ditto,	15	0	0	
James Reid—From Colchester county line to Ten-mile house,	42	16	2	
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## LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Aron Morse—For building bridge at Bridgewater,	25	4	10	
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## GUYSBORO' COUNTY.

David Archibald—For road between Archibald's and Sherbrooke,	19	19	3	
Wm. Grant—For road from Goose River bridge to King's creek,	10	0	0	
S. Campbell & al.—For relief of destitute in Guysboro' county,	300	0	0	
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## RICHMOND COUNTY.

James McKenzie—For bridge over River Inhabitants,	21	8	6	
R. Gillis—From Widow McPherson's to River Tear bridge,	10	13	0	
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## DIGBY COUNTY.

G. H. Dunbar & al —Over-expenditure on No. 16,	8	8	1	
Wm. Benson—Ditto on Bear River Bridge,	140	13	10	
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## VICTORIA COUNTY.

John Munro—For engineering,	20	0	0			
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## ROADS &amp; BRIDGES.

Annapolis county—Paid on account of this service from grants of 1856,				2049	5	2
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 30th Dec., 1855,	143	15	6			
Cape Breton county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2280	13	10
Ditto—do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	32	10	0			
Colchester county--Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2414	8	4
Ditto-- do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	32	9	10			
Cumberland county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2465	8	10
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	80	8	7			
Digby county-- Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2077	12	2
Ditto—do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	114	15	6			
Guysboro' county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				1897	3	6
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	82	10	0			
Halifax county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				3328	0	1
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	4	3	9			
Hants county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2351	11	5
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	144	13	4			
Inverness county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2476	1	4
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	338	4	6			
Kings county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2167	5	8
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	303	7	3			
Lunenburg county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2421	6	2
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	310	0	0			
Pictou county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,				2921	18	9
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	84	0	6			

Queens

Queens county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,		1856	19	6			
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	32	10	0				
Richmond county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,		1693	16	5			
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	24	0	0				
Sydney county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,		1939	14	0			
Shelburne county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,		1930	17	11			
Victoria county---Ditto ditto ditto,		1935	11	1			
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	280	8	11				
Yarmouth county---Ditto of this service from grants of 1856,		1696	12	7			
Ditto---do. of old road votes undrawn 31st Dec., 1855,	30	0	0				
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SAMUEL CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February, 1857.





General abstract of the returns of impost and excise duties collected at the different ports of this province during the year ended 31st December, 1856.

PORTS.	Brandy.	Bacon, hams and tongues.	Cordials.	Cheese.		Candles.		Coffee.		Chocolate.
				1d.	8	1d.	3l.	1d.	2d.	
Halifax,	27263 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 3 11	75 9-10	34 1 8	15939	7057	137338	5835	1335	
Amherst,	300				1163		274	274	30	
Antigonishe,					120		160	60		
Arichat,					425		863	145	100	
Advocate Harbor,					1247	41	358	140		
Annapolis,					770		110			
Barrington,					120		125		40	
Beaver River,					1763		164	366		
Bridgetown,					120					
Bridgeport,				0 3 0	665		87			
Bear River,					146					
Canada Creek,					129		351			
Church Point,					550		168		35	
Clementsport,					1080		120			
Cornwallis,					2114		90	60	214	
Cape Causo,	31	.					1377			
Digby,										
French Cross,										
Great Bras d'Or,	30				120		100	60		
Guysboro',								470		
Harbor au Bouche,								180		
Horton,	32			3 0 0	212		50			
Hantsport,										
Joggins Mines,										

Liverpool,	207				1630		2488	1217	49
Lunenburg,					158			60	
Londonderry,				0 3 14	347		1285	40	
LaHave,							111		
Little River,									
Margaree,					228		20	120	
Maibland,					240		25		
McNair's Cove,	32				400	132	50		
North Sydney,	106 $\frac{3}{4}$		19		1240		1569	865	
Pictou,					95		60	60	
Parrsboro',									
Pugwash,					30				
Port Hood,					80				
Pubnico,									
Port Medway,							100		
Ragged Islands,					160		693	60	
Sydney, C. B.,					120		80	460	36
Shelburne,									
Ship Harbor,									
Sherbrooke,									
Sheet Harbor,									
St. Ann's,									
Sandy Cove,	5				360				
Tatamagouche,	138				2070	33		708	
Truro,									
Tusket,									
Thorne's Cove,					360				
Walton,					184			474	
Wilmot,					310		315		
Windsor,					258		25		
Wallace,					30				
Wesport,					360		100		
Weymouth,					2070				
Yarmouth,					460		120		49
					110				
					8261	20	5666	3846	392
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## GENERAL ABSTRACT—continued.

PORTS.	Crackers.			Geneva.		Leather.		Lard.	Molasses.		Onions.		Pork.		Raisins.	
	271	2	23	31757	9-10	1d.	2d.		159	0	9	5971	123922	12	21	5971
Halifax,	12	2	21	115		3044	73		5264		100	1712			100	1712
Amherst,	0	3	5			602			913			62				62
Antigonishe,	1	0	0	110					214			136				136
Arichat,	9	3	14			880			6889			333				333
Advocate Harbour,	1	0	22			395			2308			159				159
Annapolis,	3	3	16			50			390			398				398
Barrington,	0	2	0			2250			1424			49				49
Beaver River,	5	1	0	10		150			3750			511				511
Bridgetown,	3	2	0			716			5184			155				155
Bridgeport,	14	2	25			760			2594			272				272
Bear River,	0	1	7			567			2888			798				798
Canada Creek,	0	3	0			1720			3867							
Church Point,	0	3	0			255			70							
Clementsport,	3	0	10			1201	7		10978							
Cornwallis,	2	2	0			1534			82							
Cape Canso,	0	1	7			240			240							
Digby,	0	1	7	36		1484			1484							75
French Cross,	0	3	0			77			26							60
Great Bras d'Or,	3	0	10			783			835							1013
Guysboro',	2	2	0			95			2272							200
Harbor au Bouche,																
Horton,																
Hantsport,																
Joggins Mines,																
Liverpool,																
Lunenburg,																
Londonderry,																

LaHave,	0	1	0														
Little River,	0	2	14			67			138								12
Margaree,						509			1692								78
Maitland,						120		1	223	2	17						
McNair's Cove,	16	0	18			7109			5905								314
North Sydney,	1	3	4			492	65		552								156
Pictou,	4	0	4			415			1800								
Parrsboro',						52			226								
Pugwash,						50			400								
Port Hood,									700								
Pubnico,									19444								14
Port Medway,																	
Ragged Islands,	1	0	20			605			135								30
Sydney, C. B.,	1	1	24						25								
Shelburne,																	
Ship Harbor,																	
Sherbrooke,																	
Sheet Harbor,																	
St. Ann's,																	
Sandy Cove,																	
Tatamagouche,																	
Truro,	3	1	6			787			491								130
Tusket,						238			2151								324
Thorne's Cove,									889								75
Walton,									316								
Wilmot,	0	3	16						10044								60
Windsor,	19	1	8			2053			858								455
Wallace,																	
Wesport,						597	89		5180								38
Weymouth,	36	2	25			6886	400		1100								
Yarmouth,									29810								
	417	2	2	33482	7-10	138035	694	1	1199563	167	0	9	26	7071	135355		

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## GENERAL ABSTRACT—continued.

PORTS.	Rum.	Shrub.	Sugar.			Tea.		Tobacco.	Whiskey.							
			7s.	10s.	14s.	2d.	4d.									
Halifax,	24120	54	25895	0	21	2008	0	4	40	3	3	865175	1248	331715	3424	2-5
Amherst,	226		283	0	25	16	3	22				8441		4086		39
Antigonishe,						2	2	17				3479		109		
Arichat,			12	2	22	1	3	0				155		2782		
Advocate Harbour,			54	2	15	3	0	0				3012		2128		
Annapolis,			11	3	27	0	3	26				842		1275		
Barrington,			61	2	8	1	3	7				87		203		
Beaver River,												1995		1855		
Bridgetown,												80		96		
Bridgeport,			49	2	4							1272		580		
Bear River,			22	0	0							1931		1298		
Canada Creek,	206		49	0	0							946		1250		
Church Point,			13	3	8	0	2	0				2101		1256		
Clementsport,	521		84	1	10							2099		1086		
Cornwallis,			3	2	0							552		639		
Cape Canso,	36		183	1	14	22	0	20				6013		2504		
Digby,	221		2	0	0							521		276		
French Cross,	116		17	0	7							5951		565		
Great Bras d'Or,			4	0	0							1104	6	750		
Guysboro',																
Harbor au Bouche,	102		41	3	24							1814		396		
Horton,												303		170		
Hantsport,			43	0	0							983		847		
Joggins Mines,			65	1	16	30	0	24				3821		5496		
Liverpool,	3											123		120		
Lunenburg,			93	1	20	1	0	0				7326		3725		
Londonderry,																

LaHave,			2	1	14							600		738			
Little River,												318					
Margaree,			2	0	15							1012		736			
Maitland,			5	0	7							3112		1624			
McNair's Cove,			244	1	13							1135		1438			
North Sydney,			79	3	10	31	1	0				72484		2515		115	
Pictou,			71	0	17							1047		528			
Pursboro',						1	3	12				5194		808			
Pugwash,			2	0	0							167		118			
Port Hood,												412		377			
Pubnico,			18	0	0												
Port Medway,			37	3	24							466		60			
Ragged Islands,			458	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	8	687		327			
Sydney, C. B.,	109											2065		1211			
Shelburne,												1430					
Ship Harbor,																	
Sherbrooke,																	
Sheet Harbor,																	
St. Ann's,			1	0	0							148		118			
Sandy Cove,												823					
Tatamagouche,			4	0	25							4587		4533			
Truro,			14	2	27							2831		1735			
Tusket,			2	0	14	0	1	0				1037		708			
Thorne's Cove,			5	3	13							111					
Walton,			60	2	17							5821		1640			
Wilmot,			41	1	25	41	2	24				7580		2452			
Windsor,																	
Wallace,			7	3	0							3265		725			
Westport,			10	0	0							352		385			
Weymouth,			491	3	13	43	0	26				21640	251	15760			
Yarmouth,																	
	25663	54	28552	0	25	2209	1	14	42	0	11	1059272	1511	402401		3578	2-5

General

GENERAL ABSTRACT—continued.

PORTS.	Wine.			Value of Goods.				Amt. sterling.	
	ls. 3d.	2s. 6d.		3s.	2½ per cent.	6¼ per cent.	10 per cent.		20 per cent.
		7264½	78						
Halifax,	15556½			80916 19 6	403023 4 10	18828 18 6	665 14 4	73459 15 9	
Amherst,				606 13 5	8009 15 7	502 19 9	33 12 3	946 3 3	
Antigonishe,				1 11 8	1534 13 8	192 4 8	18 19 3	129 15 4	
Arichat,	86			935 19 10	2169 8 4	817 6 4	18 15 0	335 13 6	
Advocate Harbor,				90 0 0				6 2 8	
Annapolis,				605 11 3	5002 6 5	328 17 7		505 17 5	
Barrington,				36 3 6	907.11 3	71 15 1	19 2 0	118 3 9	
Beaver River,				609 16 6	60 14 3	28 1 0	2 10 0	29 15 10	
Bridgetown,				308 10 5	3015 3 5	263 18 11	25 10 0	315 2 1	
Bridgeport,								1 15 4	
Bear River,				370 7 2	983 18 3	34 12 6	1 9 10	149 6 0	
Canada Creek,				16 0 0	1227 12 0	123 10 0	2 2 6	196 4 5	
Church Point,				2061 17 11	1192 6 3	100 17 9	3 0 0	203 13 9	
Clementsport,				414 4 8	1239 18 3	62 18 9		161 2 5	
Cornwallis,				566 0 0	3964 3 2	248 13 0	3 15 0	437 2 6	
Cape Canso,				443 0 0	82 11 2	53 7 2		37 13 1	
Digby,				551 13 6	7195 0 0	669 18 0	3 0 0	817 16 7	
French Cross,					324 5 0			59 11 8	
Great Bras d'Or,				63 2 3	604 10 5	49 7 3	31 6 4	134 12 4	
Guysboro',					391 0 0	167 0 0	10 0 0	65 18 3	
Harbor au Bouche,				1 5 0				0 7 0	
Horton,		18		9 7 0	2068 0 0	209 7 11	46 6 11	231 7 10	
Hantsport,				459 18 8	745 0 0	135 0 0		77 19 1	
Joggins Mines,				139 10 0	550 0 0	18 0 0		77 1 11	
Liverpool,				1100 11 2	3994 0 0	470 13 0	32 15 11	530 13 9	
Lunenburg,					418 0 0			27 17 1	
Londonderry,				435 15 0	2866 0 0	209 15 0		387 16 10	
LaHave,				200 13 3	313 14 0		12 18 6	44 16 5	

Little River,				21 0 0	47 2 0	77 18 9	3 12 9	6 11 7
Margaree,					179 0 0	122 6 2	12 9 4	12 12 3
Maitland,				1407 9 6	1024 0 0	140 0 0	33 0 0	140 10 7
McNair's Cove,		25		896 0 0	2741 0 0	1706 7 2	162 0 7	85 15 11
North Sydney,		2½		8303 8 4	21563 0 0	47 7 6	0 8 9	407 10 5
Pictou,	59	96		53 6 0	382 0 0	235 16 4		2852 4 0
Parrsboro',	30	324		3173 19 5	1138 19 11	43 10 0	2 5 0	89 11 1
Pugwash,					444 0 0	12 0 0	4 8 9	226 6 4
Port Hood,				18 17 0	242 19 9			38 2 2
Pubnico,					53 10 0			28 7 5
Port Medway,					33 0 0	57 9 3		17 7 0
Ragged Islands,					507 2 0	24 16 9	24 9 3	226 10 0
Sydney, C. B.,		3		39 5 4	166 0 0	34 16 6	8 6 0	222 0 7
Shelburne,				114 8 0	192 0 0	35 9 2	4 17 4	30 5 9
Ship Harbor,				455 11 3	263 0 0			47 3 3
Sherbrooke,								39 14 5
Sheet Harbor,								
St. Ann's,								
Sandy Cove,				18 0 0	101 4 0			12 16 11
Tatamagouche,				1232 16 0	547 0 0			73 6 9
Truro,				769 2 10	4694 0 0	470 1 7	31 19 0	447 19 2
Tuskot,				4 10 0	335 4 3	1 0 0	1 5 0	87 16 6
Thorne's Cove,				163 19 4	234 2 0	20 15 0	0 8 4	45 14 10
Walton,						16 10 0		8 0 11
Wilmot,				307 16 0	3359 1 1	141 8 0	15 3 0	419 14 8
Windsor,				5322 18 8	9244 0 5	576 0 5		958 2 9
Wallace,		66		854 13 1	290 2 4			39 9 11
Wesport,				242 8 3	731 0 0	83 3 0		154 7 2
Weymouth,					844 0 0			73 9 3
Yarmouth,				9767 8 9	18564 0 0	911 14 10	138 3 5	2436 14 10
Received from distilleries,								5600 0 0
	15758½	7846½	1566½	£124121 9 5	£520277 4 0	£28345 12 7	1373 14 4	£94317 12 3

Financial secretary's office, 1857.

SAM'L. CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

## No. 24.

(See page 257.)

*Abstract of articles imported into this province on which duty was collected in the year 1856.*

Brandy, 29,102 gallons, 2s. 8d. per gallon,		£3,880	5	4		
Bacon, cwts. 1 3 11, 9s.		0	16	7		
Cordials, 94 9-10th gallons, 2s. 8d.		12	13	0		
Cheese, cwts. 38 3 22, 5s.		9	14	8		
Candles, 44,308 lbs. 1d.		184	12	4		
Ditto, 7283 lbs. 3d.		91	0	8		
Coffee, 154,228 lbs. 1d.		642	12	4		
Ditto, 15,500 lbs. 2d.		129	3	4		
Chocolate, lbs. 2,280, 1d.		9	10	0		
Crackers, cwt. 417 2 2, 3s 4d.		69	11	9		
Geneva, 33,482 7-10th gallons, 2s. 8d.		4,464	7	2		
Leather, 138,035 lbs. 1d.		575	2	11		
Ditto, 694 lbs. 2d.		5	15	8		
Lard, cwts. 1 2 17, 8s.		0	13	3		
Molasses, 1,199,563 gallons, 2½d.		12,495	8	11		
Onions, cwts. 167 0 9, 2s. 6d.		20	17	8		
Pork, 26 bbls. 4s.		5	4	0		
Raisins, 7,071 lbs. ¼d.		7	7	3		
Ditto, 135,355 lbs. ½d.		281	19	9		
Rum, 25,663 galls. 1s. 6d.		1,924	14	6		
Shrub, 54 galls. 1s. 4d.		3	12	0		
Sugar, cwts. 28,552 0 25, 7s.		9993	5	6		
Sugar, cwts. 2,209 1 14, 10s.		1,104	13	9		
Sugar, cwts. 42 0 11, 14s.		29	9	4		
Tea, 1,059,272 lbs. 2d.		8,826	5	4		
Ditto, 1,511 lbs. 4d.		25	3	8		
Tobacco, 402,401 lbs. 1½d.		2,515	0	1		
Whiskey, 3,578 2-5 gallons, 2s. 8d.		477	2	5		
Wine, 15,758 4-5 gallons, 1s. 3d.		984	18	6		
Wine, 7,846 4-5 gallons, 2s. 6d.		980	17	0		
Wine, 1,566 4-5 gallons, 3s.		235	0	4		
Value of goods at 2½ per cent.	£124,121	9	5	3,103	0	8
Ditto 6¼ do.	520,277	4	0	32,517	6	6
Ditto 10 do.	28,345	12	7	2,834	11	3
Ditto 20 do.	1,372	14	4	274	14	10
Add amount received from distilleries,				5,600	0	0
<b>Total sterling</b>				<b>£94,317</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>

SAMUEL CHIPMAN,  
Financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February 9, 1856.



(See page 257.)

Comparative statement, exhibiting the increase and decrease of the amount of excise duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the yrs 1855 and 1856.

PORTS.	Duties, 1855.	Duties, 1856.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net Decrease.
Halifax,	71526 15 7	73459 15 9	1933 0 2		
Amherst,	934 19 3	946 3 3	11 4 0	22 1 7	
Antigonishe,	151 16 11	129 15 4		228 0 9	
Arichat,	563 14 3	335 13 6		8 1 10	
Advocate Harbor,	14 4 6	6 2 8		37 8 10	
Annapolis,	543 6 3	505 17 5		19 5 6	
Barrington,	137 9 3	118 3 9	4 7 6		
Beaver River,	25 8 4	29 15 10		50 9 2	
Bridgetown,	305 11 3	315 2 1	1 15 4		
Bridgeport,		1 15 4	149 6 0		
Bear River,		149 6 0		146 2 2	
Canada Creek,	342 6 7	196 4 5			
Church Point,	168 19 5	203 13 9	34 14 4		
Clementsport,	126 17 3	161 2 5	34 5 2		
Cornwallis,	451 17 2	437 2 6		14 14 8	
Cape Canso,	55 6 9	37 13 1		17 13 8	
Digby,	1020 14 9	817 16 7		202 18 2	
French Cross,	128 3 4	59 11 8		68 11 8	
Great Bras d'Or,	211 6 7	134 12 4		76 14 3	
Guysborough,	1 16 3	65 18 3	64 2 0		
Harbor au Bouche,	3 7 2	0 7 0		3 0 2	
Horton,	395 1 5	231 7 10		163 13 7	
Hantsport,	45 5 8	77 19 1	32 13 5		
Joggins Mines,	114 14 3	77 1 11		37 12 4	
Liverpool,	919 16 6	530 13 9		389 2 9	
Lunenburg,	64 5 9	27 17 1		36 8 8	
Londonderry,	364 3 6	387 16 10	23 13 4		
LaHave,	225 18 2	44 16 5		181 1 9	

Little River,	6 11 7	6 11 7			
Margaree,	12 12 3	11 15 1			
Maitland,	140 10 7			44 12 3	
McNair's Cove,	85 15 11	58 6 7			
North Sydney,	407 10 5	2 18 7			
Pictou,	2852 4 0			170 19 11	
Parrsborough,	89 11 1	9 2 9			
Pugwash,	226 6 4	107 3 10			
Port Hood,	38 2 2	5 10 1			
Pubnico,	28 7 5			7 4 9	
Port Medway,	17 7 0			17 14 2	
Ragged Islands,	226 10 0			17 13 9	
Sydney, C. B.	222 0 7			219 7 3	
Shelburne,	30 5 9			29 14 3	
Ship Harbor,	47 3 3	18 11 6			
Sherbrooke, St. Mary's,	59 14 5	39 14 5			
Sheet Harbor,				1 8 9	
St. Ann's,	12 16 11			0 13 3	
Sandy Cove,	73 6 9				
Tatamagouche,	447 19 2	71 5 3			
Truro,	87 16 6			18 9 10	
Tusket,	45 14 10			102 1 10	
Thorne's Cove,	8 0 11			9 15 11	
Walton,	419 14 8			2 13 0	
Wilnot,	958 2 9	37 19 4			
Windsor,	39 9 11	107 15 6			
Wallace,	154 7 2	29 5 7			
Westport,	73 9 3	7 6 10			
Weymouth,	51 1 2	22 8 1			
Yarmouth,	2436 14 10			680 2 1	
Received from distilleries,	5620 0 0			20 0 0	
	94317 12 3	2824 16 3		3045 12 6	220 16 3
	£94538 8 6				

SAMUEL S. CHIPMAN, Financial secretary.

No. 26.  
(See page 257.)

Comparative statement of articles imported into this province, and the amount of excise duties collected thereon, for the years 1855—56.

ARTICLES.	Imports, 1855.	Imports, 1856.	Increase.	Decrease.
Brandy, gals.	23347½	29102	5754½	
Bacon, Hams, &c. cwt.	7 3 22	1 3 11		6 0 11
Cordials, gals.	467	948	481	
Cheese, cwt.	26 2 23	38 3 22	12 0 27	
Candles, (tallow) lbs.	34047	44308	10261	
Do. (other kinds) lbs.	6900	7283	383	
Coffee, (green) lbs.	178794	154228	5416	24566
Do. (roasted) lbs.	10084	15500		119
Chocolate, lbs.	2399	2280		261
Crackers, cwt.	257 2 19	417 2 2	159 3 11	32
Clocks, (under 20s. each)	261			
Flour, bbls.	32			
Geneva, gals.	25547½	33482½	7935	
Leather, (sole) lbs. <sup>1</sup>	295919	138035		157884
Do. (upper) lbs.	6764	694		6070
Lard, cwt.		1 2 17	1 2 17	
Molasses, gals.	1306011	1199563		106448
Onions, cwt.	267 3 25	167 0 9		100 3 16
Pork, bbls.	2	26	24	
Raisins, (boxes) lb.	166957	135355		31602
Do. (other packages) lb.	41913	7071		34842
Rum, gals.	27517	25663		1854
Shrub, gals.	54	54		
Sugar, (Muscovado) cwt.	30591 0 1	28552 0 25		2038 3 4
Do. (crushed) cwt.	2284 1 18	2209 1 14		75 0 4
Do. (refined) cwt.	81 1 10	42 0 11		39 0 27
Tea, (black) lb.	1023356	1059272	35916	

Tea, (green) lb.	2526	1511		1015
Tobacco, lb.	386197	402401	16204	
Whiskey, gals.	3235	35788	3453	
Wine, 1s. 3d. gals.	18680½	15758½		2022
Wine, 2s. 6d. gals.	5927½	7846½	1919	
Wine, 3s. gals.	880½	1556½	686	
Goods at 2½ per cent.	94844 10 3	124121 9 5	29276 19 2	6064 2 2
Goods at 6½ per cent.	515390 0 8	520277 4 0	4887 3 4	812 12 2
Goods at 10 per cent.	84409 14 9	28345 12 7		
Goods at 20 per cent.	2186 6 6	1373 14 4		
				Comparative



## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT—continued.

Articles.	Duties 1855,	Duties 1856.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net decrease.
Brandy, galls,	3113 0 0	3880 5 4	767 5 4		
Bacon, hams, &c., cwt.,	3 11 6	0 16 7		2 14 11	
Cardinals, galls,	6 4 6	12 13 0	6 8 6		
Cheese, cwt.,	6 13 6	9 14 8	3 1 2		
Candles, (tallow,) lbs.,	141 17 3	184 12 4	42 15 1		
Do. (other kinds), lbs.,	86 5 0	91 0 8	4 15 8		
Coffee, (green) lbs.,	744 19 6	642 12 4	45 2 8	102 7 2	
Do. (roasted) lbs.,	84 0 8	129 3 4	45 2 8		
Chocolate, lbs.,	9 19 11	9 10 0	26 12 10	0 9 11	
Crackers, cwts.,	42 8 11	69 11 9		65 5 0	
Clocks (under 20s. each),	65 5 0			1 12 0	
Flour, bbls.,	1 12 0			57 17 0	
Geneva, galls,	3406 6 0	4464 7 2	1058 1 2	50 11 8	
Leather, (sole,) lbs.,	1232 19 11	575 2 11		1108 16 8	
Do. (upper,) lbs.,	56 7 4	5 15 8	0 13 3	12 12 10	
Lard, cwts.,	13604 5 7	12495 8 11			
Molasses, galls,	33 10 6	20 17 8	4 16 0		
Onions, cwts.,	0 8 0	5 4 0		65 16 10	
Pork, bbls.,	347 16 7	281 19 9		36 5 11	
Raisins, (boxes,) lbs.,	43 13 2	7 7 3		139 1 0	
Do. (other packages), lbs.,	2063 15 6	1924 14 6			
Rum, galls,		3 12 0	3 12 0		
Shrub, galls,	10706 17 0	9993 5 6		713 11 6	
Sugar, (Muscovado,) cwts.,	1142 4 5	1104 13 9		37 10 8	
Do. (crushed,) do.	56 18 9	29 9 4		27 9 5	
Do. (refined), do.	8527 19 4	8827 5 4	299 6 0		
Tea, (black,) lbs.,	42 2 0			16 18 4	
Do. (green,) lbs.,					

Tobacco, lbs.,	2413 14 7	2515 0 1	101 5 6		
Whiskey, galls,	431 6 8	477 2 5	45 15 9		
Wine, at 1s. 3d., galls.,	1167 11 8	984 18 6		182 12 6	
Do. at 2s. 6d., galls.,	740 18 0	980 17 0	239 19 0		
Do. at 3s., galls.,	132 1 9	235 0 4	102 18 7		
Goods at 2½ per cent.,	2371 2 3	3103 0 8	731 18 5		
Do. at 6¼ do.	32211 17 7	32517 6 6	305 8 11		
Do. at 10 do.	3440 19 6	2834 11 3		606 8 3	
Do. at 20 do.	437 5 4	274 14 10		162 10 6	
Amount received from distilleries,	5620 0 0	5600 0 0		20 0 0	
	94538 8 6	94317 12 3	3789 15 10	4010 12 1	220 16 3

Financial secretary's office, February 9, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

Comparative

(See page 257.)

*Comparative statement of the gross amount of light duties collected at the different ports of this province, for the years 1855—56.*

PORTS.	Duties, 1855.	Duties, 1856.	Increase.	Decrease.	Net Increase.
Halifax,	1791 19 6	1969 4 6	177 5 0		
Amherst,	19 13 6	10 3 6		0 7 0	
Antigonishe,	35 16 3	20 6 0		15 10 3	
Arichat,	247 9 0	282 12 6	35 3 6		
Advocate Harbor,	1 19 0	4 10 0	2 11 0		
Annapolis,	58 3 6	59 17 6	1 14 0		
Barrington,	55 11 6	50 0 3		5 11 3	
Beaver River,	4 4 6	11 4 0	6 19 6		
Bridgetown,					
Bridgeport,	16 15 0	82 17 6	66 2 6		
Bear River,		73 1 9	73 1 9		
Canada Creek,	29 12 9	37 1 6			
Church Point,	29 8 6	37 10 0	7 8 9		
Clementsport,	19 0 6	18 18 3	8 1 6		
Cornwallis,	32 12 6	36 1 0		0 2 3	
Cape Canso, (Norris)	4 1 6	0 7 0		3 14 6	
Ditto	345 14 0	425 2 0	79 8 0		
Sanso Strait,	795 11 0	1304 6 0	508 15 0		
Digby,	60 4 6	50 0 6		10 4 0	
French Cross,	9 6 0	12 10 6	3 4 6		
Great Bras d'Or,	10 3 6	16 4 6	6 1 0		
Guysboro',	14 1 6	19 4 0	5 2 6		
Harbor au Bouche,	11 4 6	11 3 6		0 1 0	
Horton,	24 1 3	16 11 6		7 9 9	
Hantsport,	72 6 6	50 18 9		21 7 9	
Joggins Mines,	30 15 6	22 2 0		8 13 6	
Liverpool,	174 12 6	176 18 3			
Lunenburg,	38 5 9	27 7 6	2 5 9		
Londonderry,	28 1 0	23 2 0		10 18 3	
LaHave,	25 16 9	23 1 6		4 19 0	
				2 15 3	

Little River,	7 18 6	9 3 6	1 5 0		
Margaree,		0 11 0	0 11 0		
Margaree Island,	71 16 9	61 3 0		20 13 9	
Maitland,	2 15 6	1 18 0		0 17 6	
McNair's Cove,	543 8 9	589 18 0	46 9 3		
North Sydney,	577 11 9	547 4 3		30 7 6	
Pictou,	50 18 9	56 14 0	5 15 3		
Parrsboro',	20 12 9	128 3 6	107 11 6		
Pugwash,	3 14 6	6 1 0	2 6 6		
Port Hood,	39 3 0	44 11 3	5 8 3		
Pubnico,	39 12 6	26 19 6		12 13 0	
Port Medway,	43 0 9	27 5 0		15 15 9	
Ragged Islands,	16 17 0	13 10 0		3 7 0	
Sydney, C. B.,	24 16 6	36 16 0		1 15 6	
Shelburne,	10 18 0	9 2 6		1 14 6	
Ship Harbor,	22 10 6	20 16 0		1 5 6	
St. Mary's River,	10 18 6	9 13 0		12 9 6	
Sheet Harbor,	9 15 0	13 1 0	3 6 0	6 18 6	
St. Ann's,	23 11 0	11 1 6		1 7 0	
Sandy Cove,	20 16 0	13 17 6		5 15 9	
Tatamagouche,		2 0 6	2 0 6	6 14 6	
Truro,	28 10 6	27 3 6		120 1 3	
Tusket,	39 2 0	45 13 6	6 11 6	10 7 6	
Thorne's Cove,	45 15 3	39 19 6		6 7 9	
Walton,	30 18 0	24 3 6		29 1 3	
Wilmot,	331 6 6	211 5 3			
Windsor,	28 8 6	18 1 0			
Wallace,	45 17 0	39 9 6			
Westport,	68 17 9	39 16 6			
Weymouth,	205 16 0	302 13 0	96 17 0		
Yarmouth,					
Currency,	£6351 15 6	7249 3 0	1276 14 0	379 6 6	897 7 6

Financial secretary's office, February, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, Financial secretary.

No. 28.

(See page 257.)

*Estimate of the expenses of the civil government of the province for the year 1857.*

Salary of his excellency the lieutenant governor,	£3750	0	0	
Ditto—Private secretary to ditto,	312	10	0	
				4062 10 0

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Salary of the chief justice,	1250	0	0	
Ditto—Judge Bliss,	812	10	0	
Ditto—other assistant judges,	2100	0	0	
Ditto—Attorney general,	500	0	0	
Ditto—Solicitor general,	125	0	0	
Ditto—Clerk of the crown,	100	0	0	
Ditto—Judges' travelling fees,	365	0	0	
Costs of criminal prosecutions,	270	0	0	
Coroners' inquests,	350	0	0	
				5872 10 0

## PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Salary of provincial secretary,	£700	0	0	
Salaries of clerks to ditto,	575	0	0	
Contingencies of office,	125	0	0	
				1400 0 0

## RECEIVER GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Salary of the receiver general,	600	0	0	
Do. clerk to ditto,	300	0	0	
Contingencies of office,	17	12	0	
				917 10 0

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Salary of the financial secretary,	600	0	0	
Do. clerk to ditto,	250	0	0	
Contingencies of office,	17	10	0	
				867 10 0

## PENSIONS.

Miss Cox,	125	0	0	
Judges of common pleas,	600	0	0	
Master of the rolls,	400	0	0	
J. S. Morris, (commissioner of crown lands,)	300	0	0	
H. W. Crawley, do. do. Cape Breton,	300	0	0	
N. W. White, registrar of court of chancery,	125	0	0	
				1850 0 0

Revenue.

## REVENUE.

Salaries of officers of excise department, Halifax,	1385	0	0
Ditto Gaugers and proof officers,	300	0	0
Clerk to board of revenue,	100	0	0
Lockers and extra lockers of warehouse department, and extra and temporary waiters,	3600	0	0
Comptrollers of customs and registrars of shipping,	1800	0	0
Seizing officers,	200	0	0
Drawbacks,			
Revenue boats,			

## LEGISLATIVE.

Pay and travelling expense of members of legislative council, and other expenses,	2900	0	0
Pay and travelling expenses of members of assembly, and other expenses,	7250	0	0
		10150	0 0

## INTEREST.

To pay interest on provincial debentures and on depo- sits in savings' bank,		35000	0 0
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## EDUCATION.

For support of normal schools,	700	0	0
Do. colleges and academies,	1900	0	0
Do. grammar and common schools,	13145	0	0
For purchase of books, &c.,	1255	0	0
		17000	0 0

## MILITIA.

Adjutant general and quarter master general,	120	0	0
Adjutants,	300	0	0
Cleaning and storing arms,	120	0	0
Billeting troops,	100	0	0
		640	0 0

## MISCELLANEOUS.

For support of light houses,	7000	0	0
Do. Sable Island,	400	0	0
In aid of post communication, Steamboats, packets and ferries,			
Poor asylum, Halifax,	2000	0	0
Provincial penitentiary,	1000	0	0
Service of roads and bridges, Casualties to ditto,			
Commissioners for Indians, Public buildings,			
Halifax dispensary,	50	0	0

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, February 5th, 1857.

## No. 29.

*(See page 277.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James B. Hadley, of the county of Guysborough, asking compensation for labor and expenses incurred by him in apprehending criminals who had escaped from gaol, beg leave to report as follows :

That upon due enquiry into the merits of petitioner's claim, your committee have ascertained that the whole matter was investigated and reported upon by a committee of this house during the last session, upon whose report the government have acted, and the petitioner paid eight pounds for his personal services, and twenty-five pounds for expenses. Your committee cannot recommend further compensation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.  
W. A. HENRY.  
NATHAN MOSES.

Committee room, March, 1857.

## No. 30.

*(See page 277.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Alpheus Jones, principal deputy surveyor for the county of Digby, have agreed to report, and do report, as follows :

That satisfactory evidence having been adduced to your committee that petitioner did actually deposit in the post office at Weymouth the amount of the several sums received by him for lands laid off under orders of survey from the crown land department, and petitioner never having been instructed by the department to register his money letters, the committee would recommend that the several grants enumerated by petitioner, and for which the money was paid, be issued to the parties therein named, and the deputy surveyors be instructed for the future to register their money letters.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.  
JOHN LOCKE,  
THOMAS KILLAM.

Committee room, March, 1857.

## No. 31.

*(See page 280.)*

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of James Murdoch and Patrick Gough, wardens of the river fisheries for the counties of Pictou and Queen's, beg leave to report—

That the wardens in the discharge of their duty, sued before magistrates in their several counties, parties who were guilty of violations of the law, and fines were imposed upon them,—that an appeal was made from such decision to the supreme court. On the several trials of such appeal, technical difficulties arose, and the judgments of the magistrates were set aside, and the petitioners ordered to pay the costs. In view of all the facts detailed in the petitions, your committee recommend that the sum of £14 7s. 10d. be granted and paid to James Murdoch, and £12 4s. be granted and paid to Patrick Gough, to reimburse them for the expenses thus incurred.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN TOBIN, chairman.  
JOHN RYDER.  
JOHN C. WADE.

Committee room, 11th March, 1857.

## No. 32.

*(See page 280.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Raymond and other inhabitants of Milton Hill, in the Township of Yarmouth, praying for the repeal of a bye-law or ordinance of the municipal council of that township, beg leave to report—

That the township of Yarmouth having adopted the municipal incorporation act, your committee are of opinion that the municipal council are the proper tribunal to establish and define the boundary line of the town proper; and your committee recommend that such bye-law remain as now established by the municipal council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RYDER, chairman.  
ROBERT ROBERTSON.  
GEORGE McKENZIE.

Committee room, March, 1857.

## No. 33.

*(See page 281.)*

*Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, 12th March, 1857.*

*Abstract of returns of sheriff's fees herewith laid before the house of assembly in conformity with the resolution of the house, passed March 17, 1856.*

COUNTY.	SHERIFF.	AMOUNT FEES.
Annapolis,	Peter Bonnett,	£53 16 6
Cape Breton,	Richard Gibbons,	101 6 6
Colchester,	Charles Blanchard,	158 7 5
Cumberland,	Roderick McLean,	161 18 2
Digby,	Jno. K. Veits,	70 0 6
Guysboro',	M. McLean,	100 13 1
Halifax,	John J. Sawyer,	240 15 8
Hants,	Joseph Allison,	106 2 2
Inverness,	Geo. C. Lawrence,	105 7 0
Kings county,	Jno. M. Caldwell,	40 13 6
Lunenburg,	Henry Kaulback,	170 18 9
Pictou,	John W. Harris,	164 17 0
Queens county,	John W. Scott,	Vide letter.
Richmond,	John F. Fuller,	39 1 9
Shelburne,	Andrew Barclay,	50 16 8
Sydney,	Henry Hill,	No return.
Victoria,	Jacob Ingraham,	30 10 7
Yarmouth,	Joseph Shaw,	75 6 6

## No. 34.

*(See page 283.)**Return of the superintendent of the penitentiary, for labour, &c., during the year 1856.*

## Labour performed in stone cutting and masonry.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	186	August 31,	290
February 29,	34	September 30,	280
March 31,		October 31,	240
April 30,	62	November 30,	254
May 31,	135	December 31,	230
June 30,	216		
July 31,	214	Total,	2141

Labour performed in prison, such as cleaning, washing, mending, and cooking for the establishment.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	41	August 31,	110
February 29,	99	September 30,	120
March 31,	159	October 31,	110
April 30,	110	November 30,	49
May 31,	81	December 31,	52
June 30,	72		
July 31,	108	Total,	1111

## Labour performed in picking oakum.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	88	August 31,	
February 29,	150	September 30,	50
March 31,	75	October 31,	
April 30,		November 30,	
May 31,		December 31,	30
June 30,			
July 31,		Total,	393

## Labour performed in blacksmith forge.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	27	August 31,	26
February 29,	23	September 30,	27
March 31,	25	October 31,	28
April 30,	25	November 30,	20
May 31,	27	December 31,	25
June 30,	26		
July 31,	27		306

## Labour performed in shoemaker's shop.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	55	August 31,	19
February 29,	50	September 30,	26
March 31,	33	October 31,	25
April 30,	17	November 30,	10
May 31,	12	December 31,	22
June 30,	17		—
July 31,	21	Total,	307

## Labour performed on farm, clearing land, making dry wall, and blasting stone.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	73	August 31,	159
February 29,	51	September 30,	135
March 31,	140	October 31,	120
April 30,	89	November 30,	136
May 31,	194	December 31,	130
June 30,	162		—
July 31,	142	Total,	1551

## Labour performed in tailor's shop.

July 19. No. of days—19.

## Labour performed in women's department.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,	73	August 31,	
February 29,	61	September 30,	25
March 31,	25	October 31,	40
April 30,	11	November 30,	42
May 31,		December 31,	60
June 30,			—
July 31,	21	Totals,	358

## Labour performed in attending sick in hospital.

	No. of days.		No. of days.
January 31,		May 31,	54
February 29,	14	June 30,	8
March 31,	54		—
April 30,	50	Total,	180

## No. of sick.

January 31,	14	August 31,	46
February 29,	24	September 30,	40
March 31,	41	October 31,	50
April 30,	32	November 30,	18
May 31,	79	December 31,	30
June 30,	62		—
July 31,	48	Total,	504



## Clothing issued to convicts.

Pairs drawers,	40	Pairs mittens,	28
“ Trowsers,	55	“ Comforters 18, caps 18,	36
“ Socks,	67	“ Jackets,	16
“ Shoes,	68	“ Shoes soled and heeled,	43
“ Cotton and woolen shirts,	55		

## Clothing on hand December 31st, 1856.

Pairs socks,	12	15 yards white flannel,	
“ Mittens,	17	7 do. American homespun,	
“ Cotton shirts,	6	5 comforters, 3 rugs,	22
“ Woolen do.	3	Pairs new shoes,	21
“ Women's jackets,	2	“ soled and heel'd,	11
“ Trowsers,	3	“ uppers cut out,	
“ Jackets,	1	6 bed sackings,	
3 sacks, 2 pillow ticks,		1 door mat,	

## Produce raised on farm.

36½ bushels potatoes,		2 dozen pumpkins,
5 dozen cabbages,		20 quarts gooseberries,
30 cwt. hay,		20 bunches rhubarb.
6 dozen corn,		

## On hand December 31st, 1856.

35 chaldrons coal, 37s. 6d.,		65 tons granite,
Truckage of coal, 52s. 6d.		30 do. cut granite.
18 cords of wood,		664 lbs. oakum.
140 bushels potatoes,		56 lbs. steel.
Truckage 17s. 6d.		944 shin bones, 3s. 6d.
5 hogsheads lime, 200s.		500 lbs. hoofs, supposed 3s. 6d.
396 bushels sand, 99s.		2 galls. neats foot oil.

Prisoners received 19 ; Prisoners discharged, 17.

On hand December 31st, 1856 :—Males 22, females 5—27 in all.

WILLIAM FISH, superintendent.

Approved—  
H. BELL, C. B. W.

## No. 35.

*(See page 283)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of the township of Barrington, praying for a grant to Thomas Boyd, in consequence of injury he sustained from the blasting of a rock while in the employment of the road commissioners for that township, beg leave to report, that in consideration of the very serious injury done to the said Thomas Boyd, and which will probably result in the loss of the use of one of his arms, your committee recommend a grant to him of the sum of fifteen pounds.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LOCKE.  
JOHN RYDER.  
E. D. DAVIDSON.

Committee room, March, 1857.

## No. 36.

*(See page 283.)*

The committee appointed to consider the petitions of George Merry, on the road leading from Liverpool to Nictaux,—and Valentine Munroc, on the new road from Liverpool to Annapolis, signed by a number of the inhabitants of those two counties, asking aid to assist in sustaining houses of entertainment in those remote situations, beg leave to report as follows :

Your committee recommend that the sum of fifteen pounds be granted and paid to George Merry, to enable him to keep a half-way house between Liverpool and Nictaux ; the sum of fifteen pounds to Valentine Munro, to enable him to keep a half-way house between Liverpool and Annapolis ; and a further sum of fifteen pounds to John Nelson, to enable him to keep a half-way house between Upper Musquodoboit and St. Mary's, in the county of Guysborough.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. S. THORNE, chairman.  
ROB'T. ROBERTSON.  
E. D. DAVIDSON.

Committee room, 12th March, 1857.

## No. 37.

*(See page 284.)*

The committee to whom were referred certain petitions asking reimbursement for expenses incurred in the support of sailors wrecked on the coast of the Island of Cape Breton, and others, report as follows :

They recommend a grant of £2 10s. to Thomas Pass, for keeping four seamen wrecked on Cape North, from the British ship Britannia.

Also a grant of £2 10s. to Walter Bowlan, for keeping other four seamen wrecked from the same ship.

Also a grant of £3 8s. 9d. to John Thomson, for keeping four seamen wrecked from the schr. Hope, at Cow Bay, near Sydney, C. B. Thom

They cannot recommend any grant to Richard McLearn, of Halifax, because the seamen brought in his vessel from Newfoundland were not wrecked on the coasts of Nova Scotia—were not Novascotians, nor in any way connected with this province, but were merely passengers in Mr. McLearn's vessel, and touched at Halifax on their way to England.

They cannot recommend any grant to Dr. Madden of Arichat, for attendance on sick seamen—first, because the claim is unsupported by any evidence that the parties so relieved were not residents of Arichat; and secondly, because the services were rendered more than seven years ago.

EDW'D. L. BROWN.  
JOHN TOBIN.  
GEORGE GILDERD.

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PART 2.—(See page 351.)

The committee on sick immigrants make the following supplementary report on the petition of John Comeford, for boading and lodging four sailors of the British ship Britannia, wrecked on the coast of Cape Breton, near Cape North, on the 24th of September last.

They recommend the sum of two pounds be paid to the petitioner in full of his claim.

EDW. L. BROWN.

House of assembly, April 24, 1857.

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No. 38.

(See page 285.)

Mr. Wade presented to the house several petitions for aid to roads in the county of Guysborough, viz :

- A petition of Francis Cook, and others.
- A petition of Angus McInnis and others, of Salmon River.
- A petition of William R. McDonald and others.

Mr. Marshall presented to the house several petitions praying for aid to roads in the county of Guysborough, viz. :

- A petition of Joseph C. Fenton and others, of Goshen and Stormont.
- A petition of John Murray and others, of Goshen.
- A petition of Michael O'Brien and others, of Ragged Head.
- A petition of Mathew Archibald and others, of Saint Mary's and Indian Harbor.
- A petition of David Mitchell and others, of Marie Joseph and Ecum Secum.
- A petition of William Sinclair and others, of Goshen.
- A petition of W. O. Heffernan and others, of Milford, Manchester, and Guysborough districts.
- A petition of John Hattie and others, of St. Mary's, and the eastern portion of the county of Halifax.
- A petition of Charles Pelrain and others, of Larry's River
- A petition of Richard Dismal and others.
- A petition of Michael Walkins and others, of Black Point.
- A petition of Philip Webber and others, of New Harbor and Torbay.
- A petition of Andrew Flick and others, of Holland's Harbor.
- A petition of Andrew Sangster and others.

A petition of James Drummond and others, of White Haven.

A petition of Angus Cameron and others, of East River, St. Mary's.

A petition of Alexander Fraser and others, of Tracadie.

Mr. Henry presented to the house the petition of John McQuarrie and others, for aid to a road from Auld's Cove to Cape Porcupine, in the county of Sydney.

No. 39.

(See page 286.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of inhabitants of Louisburg, praying for a grant to ten persons residing at Louisburg, as a reward for their gallant conduct in rescuing the crew of the brigantine Speed, of Halifax, from the wreck while on the rocks at Louisburg, beg leave to report as follows :

That those who performed such acts of humanity are justly entitled to, and will doubtless receive in every case of this nature, the approval and thanks of their fellow men. But similar acts of humanity are so customary among our people, and claims similar to that under consideration are becoming so numerous, that the treasury cannot compensate all ; and however desirous the committee may be to give a stimulus to such acts of humanity, they consider it proper that pecuniary rewards should be given only in very extraordinary cases. No evidence has been adduced before the committee that this case is one of that nature, and therefore they feel bound not to recommend the prayer of the petitioners.

JOHN ESSON.  
NATHAN MOSES.  
G. W. McLELAN.

Committee room, March 19th, 1857.

No. 40.

(See page 287.)

*Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, 20th March, 1857.*

REPORTS OF SUPERVISORS OF MAIN ROADS FOR 1856.

*To the honorable provincial secretary :*

SIR—

As supervisor of the road from Halifax to Windsor, I beg leave to state for his excellency's information, that I have expended the money granted by the legislature of last sitting, and had to make considerable of an over expenditure in both counties, owing chiefly to the great freshet on the 24th December last, which tore up the road in many places, and I had to make immediate repairs without reporting the same ; the abutment of bridge near Pierce's mill has given way, and I made temporary repairs on the same to answer until spring, and then to be built permanent ; there were several holes and gulshes which I have repaired in the best manner possible for the time of the year ; and the road towards Windsor was torn up in several places, and small bridges carried away, which caused a considerable of an over-expenditure in Hants county ; the heavy traffic over the road in drawing railway iron from Sackville to Windsor, to the different sections during the season, broke up many bridges when the road was soft, which otherwise might have stood for another year with ordinary traffic ; but I have had a watchful eye over the whole line during the year, and did the very best that

I could with the money expended ; and I understand the heaviest part of the railway material will be drawn this winter, so the roads will not likely be so much torn up in the spring as they would otherwise.

I beg to suggest that the following sums will be appropriated for the present year :

Halifax county, from three mile house to Sackville, including bridge at Pierce's mill,	37	10	0
Sackville to Springfield,	145	0	0
Springfield to county line,	112	10	0
	£295	0	0

#### HANTS COUNTY.

From Halifax county line to Mount Uniacke gate,	35	0	0
Mount Uniacke gate to Rawdon road,	65	0	0
Rawdon road to Martin's,	40	0	0
Martin's to St. Croix,	30	0	0
St. Croix to Sharps',	20	0	0
Sharps' to Windsor,	50	0	0
Windsor to Avon bridge,	20	0	0
	£260	0	0

The new road from near Sharps' to Windsor that I surveyed and reported last year, I think should not be lost sight of when the railway is finished, for the crossings are very dangerous as well as obstructive ; and if this line was carried into Windsor by the route I surveyed to cross where the bridge is built across the railroad on the Wentworth road—it would be a great thing for the western travel, likewise Eastern Hants going to the chief place of business in the county.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN L. SWEET, supervisor.

Windsor road, 28th January, 1857.

*Barney's River, 2nd February, 1857.*

SIR—

Pursuant to instructions, I now beg leave to report for the information of the government, my doings as supervisor on the main post road, from Colchester county line to the Gut of Canso, during the past season ; also to propose an estimate of the probable sum required for the ensuing year.

The over-expenditure of five hundred and forty-two pounds expended in 1855, in the county of Pictou, as stated in my report of last year, was provided for and paid, except fifty four pounds and seven shillings, which owing, I presume, to some oversight, was not provided for, and consequently not yet paid. This large over-expenditure of that year having absorbed all the money appropriated for the line of road from Colchester county line to Sydney county line, for 1856, there was none available to make the contemplated alteration at Barney's river, build a new bridge over the west river at the ten mile house, and make such other repairs as were required on the road during the season ; but on informing the county members as to the bad state of the old road

road at Barney's river, and the dangerous condition of the old bridge over the West River—they authorized me to build a new bridge over said river, and make the alteration at Barney's River, and that they would provide for it at the next meeting of the legislature, accordingly I have made these improvements, which, with other repairs necessary, in order to keep the road in a passable state, caused an over-expenditure this year; also of two hundred and sixty-six pounds on the road to the westward of New Glasgow, and three hundred and eighty-nine pounds and fourteen shillings to the eastward of New Glasgow.

The alteration of roads in progress in this county for the last few years being now nearly completed, we will not be under the necessity of making such large over-expenditures in future, except in cases of building large bridges, &c.

As a great part of the road, especially for several miles east and west of New Glasgow are of a wet and clayey nature, and consequently deep and muddy, during spring and fall requiring deep drains and better materials for the road, which will have to be taken long distances; the probable sum required for the ensuing year to keep it in a passable state from Colchester county line to Sydney county line would be at least four hundred pounds.

I beg to bring to the notice of the government that the large bridge at New Glasgow, is in a decayed state, and becoming dangerous, and that steps should be taken to have a new one erected next summer, at all events the materials should be provided for; this bridge would cost a large sum of money which would likely have to be borrowed on the credit of the county.

The over-expenditure made in 1855 from Pictou county line to the Gut of Canso, in the county of Sydney, was paid last spring; and the balance of the grant for this road laid out, making general repairs on the whole line, and an alteration of a section of the old road near the Gut. This was all paid as required, and an account of the work forwarded.

The late great freshet carried away the old bridge at the west end of the village of Antigonishe; and I am now at work erecting a new one, which will be completed in a few weeks.

There is about four miles of the new line of road west of the village, yet to be opened, and is much required, as part of the old road is rough and hilly; a new bridge must be built next summer, at the east end of the village, as the old one is in a very decayed state, and probably a change in the road will take place, as the old road is subject to be overflowed at the time of large freshets. These improvements, together with others much required at Little Tracadie, would require more money than can be expected; but at least from six to seven hundred pounds is particularly required from Pictou county line to the Gut of Canso, next season.

I also beg to state that there are a great number of large bridges on the post road in this county requiring large sums of money to keep them up—so that improvements and important alterations in contemplation to be made upon the road, cannot be done for many years, for want of means, unless a larger share of the money for the great roads be granted for this county than has formerly been given.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ADAM MACKENZIE, supervisor.

To the honorable W. A. Henry, provincial secretary—Halifax.

Pursuant to instructions I now beg leave to report for the information of the executive, my doings as supervisor on the main post road in the county of Richmond during the past season—also the state, condition and requirements of the same

About fifty pounds of over-expenditure made during the preceding autumn and winter, was paid out of the amount granted, and the balance has been expended early in the season in making repairs of the road and small bridges, and in erecting the following large

large bridges, viz: one at St. Peters, two at Soldier's Cove, one at Donald Campbell's, Red Island, and two between Mr. Cashes and Irish Cove, one called McMillan's bridge, and the other Gillies' bridge. The bridge across the River Inhabitant has been repaired late in the season by an advance from the government at the request of the county member—a small over-expenditure has likewise been made in making general repairs along the line in order to keep the road in a fit state for the travelling.

All the bridges on the line are now replaced by new ones excepting, the one across Tillia River, which is in a bad state, and would require to be repaired early in the season. The number of bridges which have been erected during the last three years have taken the most of the money granted every year, and the road in consequence is in a very bad condition—and the sum of seven hundred pounds would be required for it next season.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MCKENZIE.

County of Richmond, 3rd February, 1857.

No. 41.

(See page 291.)

The committee to whom was referred the subject of reporting and publishing the debates, report in part as follows :

That your committee on the 18th February last, by their preliminary report, directed the reporter to fulfil the conditions of his contract by furnishing for the remainder of the session twenty-one columns per week of the debates, with a daily summary, to be published in the *Colonist*, *Chronicle* and *Sun* newspapers ; and that the speeches be published in the order in which they were delivered. Your committee having been directed by a resolution of this house to enquire into and ascertain whether such directions had been faithfully carried out, proceeded to examine the different newspapers which were required to perform the service ; and also, having been attended by the reporters and publishers, ascertained that the requirements of such preliminary report had been departed from, inasmuch as the daily summary for some time past has been entirely discontinued.

The committee are therefore of opinion that such a deviation from the report of this committee and the terms of the contract should not for one moment be entertained by this house, and that the daily summary should not be interfered with upon any ground, and for the future strongly recommend that the instructions contained in their preliminary report be strictly adhered to, and any deviation therefrom should work a forfeiture of the remuneration to be provided by this house.

JOHN C. WADE.  
JNO. ESSON.  
THOMAS KILLAM.  
ALFRED WHITMAN.

Halifax, 23rd March, 1857.

PART 2.—See page 363.)

The committee on reporting beg to report finally as follows :

That it appears by the return of the reporter herewith, that 230 columns of debates of the contract size have been prepared and published to this date, giving an average publication of 20 columns per week, which have appeared regularly as they were furnished, in the *Chronicle* and *Colonist*, and entitle the proprietors of those papers to the sum of £75 each, pursuant to the contract.

That

That the *Sun* commenced the publication of the debates on the 20th day of March, beginning at the 13th of February, and has regularly continued them since that time, entitling the proprietor of that paper to the sum of £50, pursuant to the first report of your committee. These three sums to be granted and paid when the publication of the debates shall have been completed in the respective papers, agreeably to the contract.

Your committee further report, that although much difficulty and delay have occurred in the reporting of this session, rendering a literal compliance with the contract impossible, the work, upon the whole, has been creditably and faithfully done by the reporter and his assistants, and therefore they recommend that upon the debates being completed and published in the three papers and in pamphlet form, the balance of £325 be granted and paid.

As regards the future, three of your committee who first signed the report are of opinion that upon Mr. Weeks procuring the services of two competent assistants, (one of whom to be substituted for the reporter who has died,) the present contract should be in all respects continued. By a clause in the agreement, it is subject at any time to the action of the house—a check which is at once wholesome and efficient. The extra allowance of £50 in your committee's first report, they do not consider as extending beyond the present session.

WM. YOUNG. chairman.  
JOHN C. WADE.  
JOHN ESSON.  
THOMAS KILLAM.  
ALFRED WHITMAN.

Halifax, 28th April, 1857.

No. 42.

(See page 294.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,  
HALIFAX, 1856.

The central board of agriculture, in presenting their annual report to the honourable the legislature, refer with pleasure to the annexed reports of the local societies receiving the legislative grant and corresponding with the board. These reports furnish satisfactory evidence that our provincial agriculture is steadily improving, and that the bounty of the legislature is duly appreciated and rightly applied. The accounts of receipts and expenditures of these societies which accompany the reports, exhibit a happy combination of patriotism, zeal and integrity which constitute the best guarantee for permanent success. The collective evidence of these reports also prove that a propitious season has been crowned with a bountiful harvest, and that every variety of agricultural produce is in brisk demand at highly remunerative prices, while the supply is inadequate to the demand. Animated by these cheering prospects, our farmers are beginning to realize the importance of their calling. This spirit manifests itself in the growing desire to acquire a correct knowledge of their profession—the general adoption of improved implements of husbandry, genuine seeds, and a higher grade of cattle. The extension of green crop husbandry, which is the prelude to an improving system of agriculture, is also a promising feature in these reports. While our agriculture is still suffering to a certain extent from the ravages of the wheat fly, and the all pervading “potatce blight,” yet the modified form in which these evils now appear, encourage hopes that the prolific exercise of human skill may discover means of escape from  
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their calamitous effects. During the nine years which these desolating scourges have afflicted the vegetable kingdom, our farmers, instead of yielding to overwhelming despondency, have studied the peculiarities and marked the tendencies of these devastating agents, and have learned enough of their characteristics to successfully combat their withering influence. It is a fact worthy of record, that while many parts of the world, reputed thoroughly as agricultural, have nearly abandoned potatoe culture as hopeless, and adopted numerous substances as auxiliary food, Nova Scotia has exported vast quantities of prime potatoes at prices which has enabled farmers to extend their agricultural operations to an extent hardly creditable. The light sandy soils of the salurian system, embracing the new red sandstone districts of Horton and Cornwallis, are comparatively safe lands for potatoe culture, especially if the use of recent or stimulating manures are avoided. The great natural drainage of this description of soil prevents superabundant moisture, and the employment of well decomposed manures prevent undue luxuriance in the crop : hence its comparative safety from disease ; for it is now a well ascertained fact that superfluous moisture, whether in the soil or system of the plant, are predisposing causes of "blight." Human sagacity, while discovering these important facts relative to potatoe culture and its connection with "blight," has also unravelled a means of avoiding, to a certain extent, the ravages of the "wheat fly." The preventitive remedy is simply to deprive this insidious insect of a nursery bed for the propagation of its progeny. The chaff scales of the wheat is the favourite repository of the wheat midge ;—here it deposits its eggs, in calm, summer evenings. The grub, when hatched, creeps inward, and feeds on the milky juice of the ear, finally consuming the whole kernals, so that the crop consists of straw and chaff only. Late sowing of early varieties of wheat have been adopted with complete success. It is certainly ascertained that the golden straw and black sea varieties, sown about the first of June, usually ripens well—is not liable to rust in the straw, and escapes the fly. It was for some years apprehended that the habits of the insect would alter to suit the lateness of the grain. These fears have happily not been realized, and good crops of wheat are now secured by a steady adherence to these simple maxims. It is, however, very probable that a more frequent importation of these early varieties of bearded wheats would insure more uniform success.

The special objects to which the central board have this year directed their attention and devoted the small contingent fund at their disposal, were the aiding of a general agricultural fair and industrial exhibition at New Glasgow, and the importation of a mowing machine, of superior model and effective action ; also, an improved hay press, and a highly approved machine for cutting down growing timber. The board being desirous that these labour saving machines should be fairly tried and generally introduced into the province, had the merits of the mowing machine tested under their own inspection, both in Dartmouth and upon the peninsula of Halifax. From this circumstance they are enabled to recommend it as a thoroughly efficient machine, worthy of general adoption. This machine, with the hay press and wood cutter, will be exposed for sale at public auction, in front of the provincial building, during the ensuing spring.

The agricultural fair and general industrial exhibition, undertaken by the Pictou agricultural society, in conjunction with the other agricultural societies of the county, and held at New Glasgow on the 15th and 16th of October last, proved a very successful and creditable undertaking, in which the population of the eastern parts of the province evinced much interest, notwithstanding the unfortunate state of the weather during the first day of the exhibition. The concourse of people upon the ground was very numerous, and highly respectable. Live stock exhibited presented some specimens of pure blood, and cattle of much excellence.

The specimens of field and garden produce exhibited were numerous and well grown. The fruit department in particular presented a large assortment of apples, pears and plums, embracing a good variety of well formed, highly flavoured fruit. The plums were particularly large, and of fine pulp. Dairy produce, chiefly butter, was largely exhibited

exhibited and uniformly superior in quality. Domestic manufactures were largely exhibited : the articles were of very superior manufacture and elegant patterns, exhibiting in the most prominent light the artistic skill and persevering industry of the rural population. The agricultural implement department, though containing some articles of merit, was not so well sustained as the other departments. The general arrangements, planned and carried out by the executive committee, were very complete in every respect, and the awards of the judges gave general satisfaction. At the close of the first day's proceedings, the united societies entertained their guests at a sumptuous dinner in one of the inns of New Glasgow. The hon. Joseph Howe, who attended the exhibition, enlivened the festive board by a speech replete with interesting information, respecting the early settlement of the county of Pictou, and its progress in information up to the present time. The amount of premiums awarded was £102. Of this sum £50 was contributed by the central board out of the contingent fund—the balance £52 was contributed by the joint societies. The central board on this occasion sent their secretary to superintend the arrangements on their behalf. His excellency the lieutenant-governor on this, as on every occasion when an opportunity presents itself, manifested his zeal in the cause of agriculture by generously contributing from his private purse the sum of £6 as two prizes on thorough bred stock.

The institution of general agricultural fairs, and exhibitions of domestic manufactures, have ever been a favourite object with the central board. It is needless to enumerate the important and varied advantages to be derived from such exhibitions. What they have done for other countries they will eventually do for Nova Scotia ; they will be the grand means of exciting throughout the province a spirit of honorable emulation which it is the object of the bounty of the legislature to propagate and sustain, and the duty of the central board to cherish.

The agriculture of Nova Scotia, in comparison with those of many other countries, appears a small concern. To her it is of the utmost importance. It must eventually constitute the right arm of her power, and the permanent source of provincial wealth. Our infant agricultural institutions, though numerous and highly respectable, claim no superiority over kindred organizations elsewhere ;—their merit rather consists in the endeavour to emulate the practice of older and wealthier countries. The success of these efforts are more visible in every section of the province ; and the board entertain a sanguine hope that the time is near at hand when the claims of the agriculturist will be universally acknowledged, and its profession honoured as its importance demands. In Nova Scotia, agriculture is the great vital interest ;—it involves the certain elements of prosperity, embracing the physical, social, and moral condition of the great bulk of the population. In honest, enlightened, and well directed industry, there are to be found means of wealth, an instrument of power, a source of comfort, a security to morals, and a ground of independence which cannot be derived from any other source.

It is true agriculture is a complicated art, requiring for its successful prosecution the union of science with practical judgment and discriminating observation. To proceed steadily and understandingly in the profession of agriculture, the student requires a system of education expressly adapted to its varied wants and necessities. The education of a farmer embraces nothing short of a thorough training of the whole faculty of body and mind. If it is true that of all human institutions agriculture is the sheet anchor, and that nine-tenths of the capital of the whole world is invested in this occupation, then it cannot be doubted that it is worthy of a system of education suitable to its requirements : hence the utility of experimental farms, when all the floating and detached items of information can be brought into compactness and system. Impressed with these considerations, the central board beg to recommend our agricultural institutions to the care of the honorable the legislature, confidently trusting that the wise policy which dictated the agricultural grant may still be continued.

The central board have cause to mourn the death of James N. Shannon, esquire, who was for many years a highly intelligent and useful member of the board, and whose devotion

devotion to the cause of agriculture, combined with punctual and correct business habits, qualified him in an eminent degree for the office of treasurer of the board, which office he held till the second day of January last, when ill health caused him to resign his appointment at the board. The board subsequently appointed Joseph Jennings, esquire, one of their members, to act as treasurer, giving him authority to take charge of the books and papers of the board, which the late Mr. Shannon directed to be delivered over to his successor in office.

The treasurer's account, herewith submitted, will exhibit a due regard to economy in all the board's expenditures. In all their appropriations, the board have endeavored to effect the greatest amount of good at the smallest cost. They now humbly trust that their honest endeavours may meet the approbation of the honorable the legislature.

The board on a former occasion recommended that legislative encouragement should be given to the manufacture of bone dust in the vicinity of Halifax, where the raw material is plentiful. The recommendation was favourably entertained, and the legislature voted £50 to the object. The central board could not make suitable arrangements with any competent person to carry out the object, consequently the grant remains undrawn. An effort is now being made by a competent person to manufacture bone dust and superphosphate of lime, at Sackville. If the attempt succeed, the board recommend that the grant formerly made should be renewed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS,  
President.  
ALEX. FARQUHARSON,  
Vice president.  
ANDREW SHIELS.  
JOHN KING.  
J. JENNINGS, treasurer.

JAMES IRONS, secretary.

No. 43.

(See page 296.)

The committee on the penitentiary beg leave to report as follows:—

That they have examined that establishment and find it in good order and well conducted. That your committee have examined the report of the chairman of the board of works, by which it appears that the expenses of the past year amounted to the sum of one thousand nine hundred and seven pounds nine shillings and four pence, and it is estimated that the sum of one thousand nine hundred pounds will be required to support the establishment for the present year, which sum your committee recommend to be granted. During the past year nineteen persons were received and seventeen were discharged; there has been one death; and on the thirty-first day of December last there were twenty-six prisoners in the establishment.

Your committee would again call the attention of this house to the necessity of having the line wall of the establishment finished by public contract.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, chairman.  
JOHN RYDER,  
WILLIAM CHAMBERS,  
EZRA CHURCHILL,  
THOMAS F. MORRISON.

Committee-room, March 27, 1857.

*Part 2—See page 296.*

The committee on the penitentiary beg leave further to report the following particulars of expenditures connected with the establishment during the past year.

Salaries—Mr. Fish,	£150	0	0	
Matron,	25	0	0	
Under-keeper,	65	10	0	
ditto,	50	0	0	
ditto,	27	19	5	
Chaplain,	25	0	0	
Dr. Black,	50	0	0	
				£393 9 5
Building—Masonry,	92	18	9	
Blacksmith,	86	15	0	
Granite,	262	3	7	
Lumber,	22	2	2	
Pump,	4	15	0	
Lime, sand and cement,	38	18	0	
Iron, steel and hardware,	57	1	7½	
Advertizing,	6	10	1½	
				£571 5 1
Provisions, clothing, &c.—94 cwt. oat meal,	117	15	2	
61 cwt. bread,	104	0	0	
1342 loaves bread,	18	13	6	
7 bbls. do.	4	7	6	
206 bushels potatoes,	23	11	3	
336 do. bran,	18	0	0	
Ox heads and feet,	71	15	9	
Pork,	5	0	6	
353 gallons molasses,	44	7	6	
29 bbls. meal,	29	4	10	
58 bushels barley,	13	1	0	
3 bbls. peas,	10	16	0	
81 lbs. tea,	8	1	0	
579 lbs. soap,	9	3	5½	
11 qtls. codfish,	10	2	6	
2 bbls. herring,	2	8	9	
Clothing,	114	14	6	
Leather, lasts, &c.,	38	1	10	
Straw,	17	2	6	
Tobacco.	4	16	10½	
74 chaldrons coals,	147	8	8	
65 cords wood,	63	18	8	
1 stove,	7	12	6	
1 boat,	6	10	0	
Tin ware,	9	6	8	
Truckage,	4	19	9	
Sundries,	37	14	2	
				942 14 10
				£1907 9 4

Of

Of this amount £73 8s. 6d. has been expended in feeding an improved breed of pigs which are kept at the establishment for propagation and distribution; thirty-three of which have been distributed in different parts of the province during the past year, and 18 remain on hand.

Deduct from the above amount for this service,	£73	8	6	
Expended on building and improvements as above,	571	5	1	
				644 13 7
				£1362 15 9

Leaving a balance of £1362 15s. 9d.

There remained on hand at the penitentiary at the close of the year, 35 chaldrons of coals; 18 cords of wood; 140 bushels of potatoes; 5 hhds. of lime; 396 bushels of sand; 95 tons of granite, and other articles. The committee also find that the stock of clothing for the prisoners is about the same as at the close of 1855.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, chairman.  
JOHN RYDER,  
THOMAS F. MORRISON,  
EZRA CHURCHILL,  
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

Committee-room, 14th April, 1857.

No. 44.

(See page 298.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Hill and others, praying for the repeal of an act relating to the Chesley aboteau, also the petition of Thomas W. Chesley and others, praying that the act be not repealed, beg leave to report. That on a careful perusal of the several petitions laid before us, and obtaining all the local knowledge with our reach; and whereas, a committee of this house, on the two previous sessions having reported on the same subject, and no new matter having come to our knowledge, your committee do not find reasons sufficiently strong to warrant them to recommend to the house that the act should be repealed; we are also of opinion that no serious disadvantage can accrue to the complainants from the act being left to its operation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN RYDER,  
W. W. BENT,  
C. R. BILL.

Committee-room, April 2nd, 1857.

No. 45.

(See page 298.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John McLeod, contractor on the St. Peters canal, asking for reimbursement for heavy loss sustained in the performance of his contract, beg to report as follows:

Your committee have examined Mr. McLeod's statement of expenditure, by which it would appear that he has expended more than £7000, and he has received £3035 6s. 11d., which is in fact all he is entitled to by his written agreement, in which he engages

engages to make the excavations at the rate of 1s. 1d. per cubic yard, payable in sums of £500 as the work proceeded; 6 per cent. being always retained as security for the fulfilment of the contract—thus making, if these statements are correct, a loss of over £4000.

Your committee are not disposed to enter into the question as to whether the contractor made or lost money by a bargain entered into by public tender; but they have examined McLeod in person, who states that a large number of laborers employed by him are yet unpaid,—that a sum of several hundred pounds is still due them, for the payment of which he has no funds, and they would therefore recommend that the sum of £193 14s. 11d. being the 6 per cent. so reserved, with the exception of £25, sufficient to pay the contractor's expenses home, be placed in the hands of the commissioners, who shall be instructed to make an equitable pro rata distribution of the same among the said laborers.

EDWARD L. BROWN.  
A. G. ARCHIBALD.  
GEORGE McKENZIE.  
GEORGE GILDERT.  
JOHN McKINNON.

House of assembly, 31st March, 1857.

No. 46.

(See page 299.)

The committee to whom were referred the two bills for the establishment of telegraphic communication across the atlantic, and the petition of major-general Wyld on that subject, having been attended by the agent of the New York, Newfoundland and London telegraph company, and by a committee from the directors of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, and having considered the documents and proofs submitted to them, have agreed to report:

That if it be wise to grant exclusive privileges to any telegraph company whatever, the New York, Newfoundland and London company having embarked their capital in the undertaking, and actually laid down the line from Newfoundland to this province, seems to be entitled to a preference.

That the committee have had some hesitation in recommending to the house to grant an exclusive privilege, which is open to serious objection, but which in this case they think may be conceded for the period and on the conditions in the bill No. 20 as they have amended it. They have reduced the period from fifty to twenty-five years as in the act passed by the State of Maine, and have added a proviso that the act shall be void if the company shall at any time during that period, use, open or establish any telegraphic line or communication from Newfoundland to any part of America other than this province. Should the company then find it their interest to lay telegraphic cables from Newfoundland to Prince Edward Island, Canada, New Brunswick or the United States direct, their exclusive privilege under our act would cease.

The committee have been induced also to recommend the grant by the consideration that, if withheld, the company might be tempted to lay other lines passing by this province, which they would not otherwise do

Finally, they think it right to grant some legislative encouragement to so novel and so arduous an enterprise, whose successful accomplishment would be a triumph of modern science, and productive of many advantages to the whole of this continent.

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The interests of the Nova Scotia telegraph company they consider as sufficiently guarded by the bill.

WILLIAM YOUNG,  
W. A. HENRY,  
A. G. ARCHIBALD,  
JOHN LOCKE,  
JOHN ESSON.

Halifax, April, 1857.

No. 47.

(See page 300.)

The joint committee appointed by the council and house of assembly to investigate the public accounts, beg to report to the house that they have carefully examined the same, and the vouchers connected therewith, and they find the same correct.

Your committee observe that the revenue arising from excise duties, including distilleries, is £94,317 12s. 3d. sterling, as against £94,538 8s. 6d. sterling for the year 1855, shewing a decrease of £220 16s. 3d. on these branches of the revenue, taking them in the aggregate. There is, however, a considerable variation from last year in certain branches of these duties. The greatest increase has taken place on brandy, wines, gin, and the advalorem duties of two and a half per cent. and six and a quarter per cent.; the aggregate excess on these items amounts to £3201 10s. 5d. sterling, while the principal decrease has been on molasses, sugar, leather, and ten per cent. advalorem duties, amounting in the whole to £3086 10s. 5d. While the revenue has been increasing in the capital, it has been decreasing at the outports. Halifax has paid into the treasury during the past year £73,459 15s. 9d. sterling, while during the previous year it contributed only £71,526 15s. 7d. sterling, shewing an increase of £1,933 0s. 2d. sterling. The outports on the other hand shew a decrease of £2,153 16s. 5d. sterling.

The light duties collected during the past year amount to £7,249 3s. 0d. currency. By the returns of the previous year, there had been collected to 31st December, 1855, £5,767 2s. 0d.; and there remained unpaid of duties in the hands of the collector at Canso, but which was paid before the house rose, a sum which your committee estimated at about £500 sterling, but which turned out to be £584 13s. 6d. currency; which, being added to the amount returned in last year's report, makes £6,351 15s. 6d. There is therefore an increase in light duties of £897 7s. 6d. currency during the year 1856.

The committee further observe that the receiver general reports in his account a credit to the late collector at the Strait of Canso, on the balance of 232l. 10s. 3d., being the amount of cash in his hands; and also states that the collector has handed over notes and orders to the amount of 185l. 19s. 0d., which, however, your committee consider not available for any amount.

Your committee also observe that a balance of considerable amount remains due from the collector at Parrsborough, but they are glad to learn that such amount is in the way of being adjusted, and will probably be paid into the treasury soon after the rise of the house.

In the receiver general's account for 1855, the balance stated by him to be in his hands was 23,730l. 3s. 10d. The balance at the close of the year 1856 was 22,384l. 9s. 3d., shewing a decrease in the amount in hand of 1,345l. 14s. 7d.

Your committee annex hereto a statement of the amounts due from the collectors of impost, excise, and light duties, to the 31st December, 1856, by which it appears that there was due at that date 5,343l. 16s. 7d., which has been reduced to 766l. 7s. 9d., by payments received, to the amount of 4,597 8s. 10d.

(For statement, see appendix A.)

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This statement your committee are disposed to consider satisfactory. They consider it a matter of great importance that the officers charged with the collection of the colonial revenues should punctually pay into the treasury the amounts collected and in their hands; and it is gratifying to observe that out of a revenue of £140,000 or thereabouts, no larger a sum than £750 remains unpaid.

The proceeds from the casual and territorial revenue which have been paid into the treasury, are exhibited in *appendix B*.

The gross proceeds of the lands sold and applied for during 1856 amount to	£5247 0 0
The monies returned to applicants, and charges, amount to	2501 4 4½
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	2745 15 7½
Add to this the balance in hand 31st December, 1855,	1218 15 0
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	3964 10 7½
Of which there has been paid into the treasury,	3910 0 0
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Leaving in the hands of the commissioner,	£ 54 10 7½

In this department there appears to be a falling off from the year 1855 to the amount of £4,937 3s. 6d

The whole revenue for 1856 may be stated as follows :

(*See appendix C.*)

The whole revenue for 1855 may be stated as follows :

(*See appendix D*)

The expenditures by the different departments under the control of the board of public works, were, in 1856, as detailed in their statement hereto annexed.

(*See appendix E.*)

By this statement it appears that during the past year they have disbursed 22,656*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*, which, added to 5,084*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* due them of the previous year's account, as per report of your committee, makes in all 28,460*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*, leaving a balance of 45*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* due the board up to the 31st December last. They have received from the treasury during the year 1856 the amount of the balance due for the previous year, and in addition 21,195*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.*, and from other sources 1,419*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.* There are still due and remaining unpaid for several services connected with this department, 4,153*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

Your committee in the report of last year strongly recommended the necessity of the most rigid economy in the board of works; but your committee regret their further duty of calling the attention of the house to an account of disbursements of that department in the celebration of the ninth of June last, on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the lunatic asylum, amounting to 313*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* Your committee again feel themselves called upon to recommend the most rigid economy in this department of the public service.

Up to the 31st December, 1855, the expenditure on the St. Peters canal amounted to

£4149 12 8½

During the year 1856 there was expended

1618 16 10½

Making the whole sum expended on that service

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£5768 9 7



The commissioners have drawn from the receiver general during 1856, 1450*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.* There was in their hands, as reported last year, a balance of 448*l.* 7*s.* 3½*d.*; and their account of expenditure and receipts during the past year shews a balance in their hands of 279*l.* 10*s.* 5½*d.*, which balance stands to their credit in the bank of Nova Scotia.

For the particulars of this account—

(See appendix F.)

The railway expenditure during the year 1856 was		£249875	18	2½
Up to the 31st December, 1855, the sum expended was		216876	5	2½
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Making in all,		466752	3	5
There has been paid to the commissioners by the receiver general to 31st December, 1856,		455375	5	2
There is a balance due by the commissioners on				
sundry accounts, of	12231	8	5	
They have cash in hand,	854	10	2	
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		11376	18	3
		<hr/>		
		466752	3	5
Of the sum paid by the receiver general on account of the railway, there has been supplied, (as reported last year,) from the new issue of notes,	45000	0	0	
From the savings' bank,	42000	0	0	
From the general revenue,	13000	0	0	
And from the general revenue for 1856,	6645	0	0	
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		106645	0	0
		348730	5	2
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The remaining sum of		£455375	5	2
has been provided for by the sale of debentures in Nova Scotia and London; from monies borrowed from the bank of Nova Scotia and from other sources in the following proportions, viz. :—				
From debentures sold in England,		250625	0	0
From debentures sold in Nova Scotia,		41625	0	0
Borrowed from the bank of Nova Scotia,		45262	10	10
Borrowed from other sources,		21500	0	0
Premium and working account,		4767	10	0
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		363780	0	10
From which deduct the amount due by Baring and brothers, as per account to 31st Decr., 1856,	5896	10	3	
Interest and premium account,	9153	5	5	
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		15049	15	8
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Making as shewn before,		348730	5	2

Your committee subjoin a balance sheet, shewing the state of the commissioner's book to 31st December, 1856.

(See appendix G.)

The monies granted last year for the relief of the colored population have been drawn, with the exception of Yarmouth and Shelburne, and amount to £190. Your committee again have to observe that there are no vouchers for the expenditure, except from Halifax.

(See appendix H.)

Your

Your committee report a list of undrawn monies, exclusive of road grants, to 31st December, 1856.

(See appendix I.)

Your committee report a list of undrawn monies for roads.

(See appendix J.)

Your committee also report a list of undrawn grammar school monies.

(See appendix K)

The sum of six thousand pounds in torn and defaced province notes has been handed to your committee, who have destroyed them.

During the past year 15,00*l.* have been added to the issue of province notes, making the whole of the new issue 60,000*l.*; the old issue is 59,682*l.* There are, therefore, afloat in all, 119,682*l.* of province notes.

During the past year the sum of 14,000*l.* has been borrowed from the savings' bank, which, added to the sum of 42,000*l.* borrowed from that source under the acts of 1854 and 1855, makes 56,000*l.*; to which is to be added other 50,000*l.*, being amount of funded debt, deposits in the savings' bank under previous acts; and thus the whole provincial liability to the savings bank amounts to the sum of 106,000*l.*

The whole amount of the provincial indebtedness therefore may be shewn in the following statement :

DR.				
Amount of province notes, old issue,		£59682	0	0
Amount of do. do. new issue,		60000	0	0
Savings' bank,		106000	0	0
Undrawn for roads and bridges,		2217	0	10
Undrawn for other services,		20339	5	2
Due board of works,		41	5	10
				£248279 11 10
Contra.—CR.				
Balaance in hands of receiver general,	22384 9 3			
Due from collectors of colonial duties,	5343 16 7			
Due from casual revenue,	9044 13 0			
Due from Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island,	1324 5 0			
Due from Dalhousie college,	5000 0 0			
Due from inland navigation company,	3500 0 0			
Advance to railway,	106645 0 0			
Due from counties for advance for road service,	1298 4 0			
				154540 7 10
				£93739 4 0

There is due by the railway to the ordinary funds of the province, as charged above :—

Saving's bank and province notes,	87060	0	0
General revenue,	19645	0	0
	106645	0	0

Your committee annex the annual abstract of the savings' bank for the year 1856, shewing a balance in the hands of the cashier of £200 15 8.

(See appendix L.)

You

Your committee are happy to report that the claim on the Prussian treasury, reported last year, for advances to Prussian passengers shipwrecked at Sable Island, amounting to £749 5 11, has been refunded.

Your committee report the estimate, furnished by the financial secretary, of the probable assets and expenditure of the province for the present year.

(See appendix M.)

Your committee are happy to perceive from the last mentioned document, that after the new tariff goes into operation, there will be a sum available for the road and bridge service equal to about £43,000, after making due allowance for the usual grants, and adding the sum required for the payment of the interest on the rail road debentures for the present year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. FAIRBANKS, chairman. }  
T. D. ARCHIBALD. } Legislative council.  
H. G. PINEO. }

JOHN ESSON, chairman. }  
THOMAS KILLAM, }  
CORNELIUS WHITE, } House of assembly.  
A. C. McDONALD, }  
W. B. WEBSTER, }

A.

LIGHT, IMPOST AND EXCISE.

Since paid.	Balances due by collectors 31st December, 1856.		
£10 4 7			£10 4 7
	Halifax,		
	Halifax light,		26 6 5
20 0 0	Antigonishe,		217 2 10
69 10 0	Arichat,		21 2 6
12 1 3	Advocate Harbor,		240 14 7
240 15 7	Annapolis,		52 15 6
52 15 6	Barrington,		
	Ditto Late collector,	24 16 10	
21 4 4	Beaver River,		21 4 4
132 15 0	Bridgetown,		132 15 0
7 0 0	Bridgeport,		7 10 2
68 12 9	Bear River,		68 12 9
57 14 9	Canada Creek,		57 14 10
113 5 1	Church Point,		113 5 1
74 10 4	Clementsport,		74 10 4
143 2 6	Cornwallis,		142 1 6
29 11 4	Cape Canso,		29 11 4
253 14 7	Ditto (Bigelow)		253 14 7
41 13 4	Canso Strait,		41 13 4
	Ditto (Hadley) old bal.	46 1 5	
345 16 10	Digby,		345 16 10
33 5 0	French Cross,		33 3 11
31 0 2	Great Bras d'Or,		33 4 0
	Guysborough,		0 2 0
	Ditto Late collector,	5 7 2	
			Since

Since paid.	Balances due by collectors 31st December, 1856.		
£13 0 7	Harbor au Bouche,		£13 0 7
100 0 0	Horton,		208 0 6
61 16 8	Hantsport,		61 7 6
57 8 2	Joggins Mines,		57 8 2
7 8 0	Little River,		7 8 0
	Lunenburg,		0 12 4
242 18 1	Londonderry,		242 18 1
1 10 4	La Have,		18 15 7
250 7 3	Liverpool,		250 7 3
	Ditto (J. Newton) old bal.	40 1 9	
12 11 0	Margaree,		12 11 0
118 15 11	Maitland,		118 15 11
30 16 1	McNair's Cove,		30 16 1
167 6 8	North Sydney,		174 6 7
158 12 5	Pictou,		158 11 4
5 0 0	Parrsborough,		277 18 6
122 2 6	Pugwash,		122 2 6
53 7 9	Port Hood,		53 7 9
	Pubnico,		17 8 1
	Port Medway,		85 6 2
	Ditto Late collector,	2 16 7	
2 4 11	Ragged Islands,		2 4 11
65 0 0	Sydney, C. B.		74 14 11
16 13 0	Shelburne,		16 13 0
	Ship Harbor,		7 1 7
	St. Mary's,		20 5 9
	Sheet Harbor,		9 13 0
1 13 3	St. Ann's,		3 9 9
8 0 0	Sandy Cove,		8 17 11
8 3 8	Tatamagouche,		8 3 8
283 4 5	Truro,		283 6 0
	Ditto Late collector,	6 3 8	
38 0 0	Tusket,		38 1 2
19 1 5	Thorne's Cove,		19 1 5
3 0 6	Walton,		3 0 7
285 15 7	Wilmot,		285 6 10
38 2 10	Wallace,		38 19 1
43 0 0	Westport,		48 15 11
81 13 9	Weymouth,		99 10 10
51 11 1	Yarmouth,		51 11 0
490 10 1	Amherst,		490 10 11
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£4597 8 10			£5343 16 7

## B.

*Abstract of monies received on account of the casual revenue between 1st January and 31st December, 1856.*

Jan'y 18.—From commissioner of crown lands,	£1000 0 0
April 4. Ditto	1000 0 0
July 3. Ditto	310 0 0
Augt. 19. Ditto	600 0 0
Decr. 30. Ditto	1000 0 0
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	3910 0 0
	January

Jan'y 19.—From secretary's office (fees)	£297	12	5	
April 1. Ditto	200	0	0	
July 15. Ditto	150	0	0	
Nov. 4. Ditto	100	0	0	
Decr. 18. Ditto	150	0	0	
				897 12 5
Jan'y 21.—From mining association,	1875	0	0	
March 4. Ditto	5178	9	7	
Augt. 1. Ditto	1876	5	0	
				8929 14 7
				£13737 7 0

Receiver general's office, Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

## C.

*Statement of the provincial revenue for the year 1856.*

Impost and excise duties, including licences to distilleries,	117897	0	3
Light duties,	7249	3	0
Due from provincial secretary's office, for fees,	897	8	1
Crown land department,	2745	15	8
Mining association,	9870	6	0
			£138659 13 0

## D.

*Statement of the provincial revenue for the year 1855.*

Impost and excise, including licences to distilleries,	118173	0	7
Light duties,	5767	2	0
Due from provincial secretary's office, for fees,	858	12	5
Due crown land department,	6687	4	9
Mining association as reported,	12466	15	0
			£143952 14 9

## E.

1856. *The province of Nova Scotia, in account with the board of works.*

DR.

1855.				
Decr. 31.—To balance due this date,				£5804 6 7
Hospital for insane,	6248	14	8	
Penitentiary,	1673	6	8½	
Sable Island,	1439	13	6	
Acadienne,	1028	11	6	
Lady Vivian,	87	5	2	
Light house service including St.				
Paul's and Scattarie,	7881	1	9½	
Public buildings,	2172	16	10	
Celebration, 9th June,	309	5	4	
Board of works, salaries and charges,	619	9	5	

December

December 31.—To amount paid over to receiver genl. for light houses, Sable Island, Acadienne, &c.,	896 15 2	
Amount from New Brunswick for Brier and Seal Island, for 1855,	299 10 10	22656 10 11
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		£28460 17 6

1856.  
Decr. 31.—To balance brought down,

	41 5 10
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CR.		
By cash from receiver general, for 1855,		5804 6 7
ditto ditto, 1856,		21195 13 5
Penitentiary,	5 8 9	
Sable Island, exclusive of Acadienne's freights,	650 1 6	
Daring,	115 12 6	
Acadienne,	181 0 0	
Light houses,	139 5 5	
Public buildings,	28 12 8	
New Brunswick, for Brier and Seal Island, for 1855,	299 10 10	
	<hr/>	1419 11 8
Balance carried down,		41 5 10
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		£28460 17 6

H. BELL, C. B. W.

Office of board of works, Halifax, 31st Decr., 1856.

F.

*The province of Nova Scotia in account current with commissioners of St. Peters canal.*

DR.

1856. Dec. 31.—To paid John McLeod for removing obstruction under bridge crossing canal route,	1	£10 0 0
John McLeod, excavating 20014 yards at 1s. 1d. £1084 1 10	2	1019 1 0
Less 6 per cent. 65 10 0		
John McLeod for extra work,		1 5 0
C. W. Folsom, engineer's accounts,	3	375 0 2½
C. W. Folsom's accounts, building office, &c.	4	39 3 3
C. W. Folsom's accounts, teste pits, &c.	5	48 12 7½
Archibald McPherson's account,	6	6 12 6
David Landry, ferryman,	7	9 10 0
John Ballum's account,	8	2 0 0
James Wood's account,	9	5 3 0
E. McDonald, for advertising,	10	0 10 0
Late J. H. Crosskill's for advertising,	11	1 0 0
Henry Martell's account,	12	2 0 0
Thomas H. Fuller's account,	13	7 10 0

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Dec. 31.—To paid Hugh Munro's account,	14	£12	0	0
Richard Nugent, for advertising,	15	2	7	6
Commission on £1541 15 1 at 5 per cent.		77	1	9
Balance remaining in bank of Nova Scotia to credit of commissioners,		279	10	5½
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		£1898	7	3½
1857.		<hr/>		
January.—To paid James McKenzie's bill,		16	1	0
CR.				
1856.				
December 31.—By balance remaining in bank of Nova Scotia to credit of commissioners this day,		448	7	3½
Amounts placed to our credit with bank of Nova Scotia, by receiver general,		1450	0	0
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		£1898	7	3½
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1856.				
December 31.—By balance remaining in bank of Nova Scotia to credit of commissioners this day,		279	10	5½

(Errors and omissions excepted.)

Arichat, December 31, 1856.

THOMAS FULLER,	} Commissioners of St Peters canal.
HENRY MARTELL,	
HUGH MUNRO,	

G.

DR.	<i>Balance sheet, December, 1856.</i>	
1. Cash,		£121 4 9
9. Bank,		733 5 5
49. W. J. Wiswell,		500 1 5
57. Johnson & Blackie,		10236 2 4
72. Sleepers,		4469 10 5
87. J. & E. Fisher,		50 4 8
90. Materials,		355 13 4
97. Iron rails,		69699 4 8
105. Office furniture,		187 3 2
110. J. H. Gibbs,		52 0 0
115. Firewood,		138 9 9
123. Station,		1847 3 10
124. Spikes,		3358 1 7½
127. Iron chairs,		25856 17 10
133. Permanent way,		63927 18 5½
140. Switches and crossings,		1501 7 8½
141. Keys,		2585 15 2
142. Wharf,		854 17 3½
161. Rolling stock,		14606 18 3½
167. Wm. McCully, Liverpool,		62 10 0
175. War department,		20 2 6
		176.

176.	Omnibusses,	£260	10	6
192.	Blacksmith's shop,	214	10	0½
197.	Timothy Lorrie,	24	10	0
199.	Thomas Shey,	53	10	0
213.	Wheels and axles p. Plantagenet,	0	0	0
215.	Brick working machine,	0	0	0
222.	Black, McDonald & Irons, contract 5,	41820	17	8½
225.	Station at Sackville,	763	15	4
230.	Survey into Halifax,	32	15	6
231.	Air apparatus,	0	0	0
233.	Property at African village,	193	16	3
234.	Executive government,	0	0	0
235.	Conlon & Keating,	15	0	0
237.	Blacksmith's shop, Grand Lake,	3	12	2½
240.	Scows,	52	10	0
243.	Herbert Harriss,	406	5	0
244.	King & Brothers,	46	9	4½
248.	Lumber and timber,	702	19	5
251.	T. & L. Piers,	500	12	2½
256.	Thomas Foot,	32	13	6½
261.	Machine shop,	1786	14	11½
269.	House at terminus,	437	11	5½
268.	McDonald & Simpson, contractors	940	3	9½
270.	Uniform, guards,	19	19	0
278.	Contract No. 4, trunk line,	247	2	2
288.	Express waggons,	61	2	2½
294.	Blacksmith's shop at Sackville,	44	15	2
301.	Johnson & Blackie, contract No 3,	2467	0	0
303.	Bridge at Sackville,	7472	7	6
306.	Cameron, Cameron & McDonald, contract No. 4, W. B.,	34088	0	0
314.	Big Bog Brook bridge,	2217	16	4
338.	Cameron, Cameron & McDonald, contract No. 3, W. B.,	14007	0	0
341.	Bridge at St. Croix,	1326	19	5
342.	McDonald & Simpson, contract No. 5, Windsor branch,	21673	0	0
346.	Contract No. 3,	21995	18	1½
347.	Johnson & Blackie, contract No. 1, W. B.,	4534	0	0
352.	Bridge at Fletcher's,	917	10	6½
362.	Cameron, Cameron & McDonald, contract No. 1, W. B.,	14554	0	0
370.	New engine house,	372	4	8
376.	McDonald & Simpson, contract No. 2,	16707	0	0
380.	Donald Fraser,	14695	1	2
382.	A. Moir,	62	15	7
381.	County of Halifax,	0	0	0
388.	Freight of iron up the road,	860	10	3
399.	Gas machine,	77	12	5
405.	Cordwood on the line,	310	8	9
409.	S. Sutherland & Co.,	21252	11	1
417.	Johnson & Blackie, contract No. 8, M. L.,	23256	0	0
418.	Land at terminus, Marshall's,	175	18	6
419.	Chairs p. Onward,	20	16	4
428.	Contract No. 1, Windsor branch,	25	0	0
432.	Plant account,	372	6	0
433.	Contract No. 8, main line,	18	0	0
434.	Platform cars,	595	7	4



435.	Bridge at Shubenacadie,	£1362	18	11
436.	S. Sutherland & Sons, railroad station,	1618	5	9
438.	Extra work on contract No. 3,	115	2	9
439.	Wharf and property at Windsor,	2695	9	1
440.	Expenses on rails, chairs and spikes, Windsor,	171	19	7½
442.	Johnson, O'Brien, and John Croighton,	725	9	0
443.	Deputy quarter-master general,	11	5	0
445.	Conveyance of troops,	25	0	0
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		£467606	13	7

## Cr.

21.	Receiver general,	£455375	5	2
26.	Premium and discount,	77	15	0
38.	Baring, Brothers & Co.,	10618	5	0½
59.	A. Murphy,	76	15	0
93.	Ward,	2	2	6
95.	Post office,	11	14	2
98.	J. R. Morse,	112	10	0
103.	R. Marshall,	46	17	6
163.	Railway tickets,			
174.	Thomas Hanwright,	13	9	0
188.	Interest account,	49	9	0½
198.	Governor's farm,	39	3	2
252.	Revenue,	1107	15	7½
291.	William Davies,	21	14	1
378.	P. M. Cunningham,	14	3	3½
410.	Young & West,	3	15	0
444.	C. E. Hewitt,	36	0	0
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		£467606	13	7

(Errors and omissions excepted.)

JOHN MORROW.

Halifax, December 31st, 1856.

Examined and found correct.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Office financial secretary.

## II.

*Granted to colored population and drawn in 1856.*

Ants county,	£10	0	0
Queen's county,	10	0	0
Guysborough county,	10	0	0
Annapolis county,	10	0	0
Sydney county,	10	0	0
Digby county,	10	0	0
King's county,	10	0	0
Cumberland county, 1855 & 1856,	20	0	0
Halifax county,	100	0	0
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		£190	0 0

Undrawn

## I.

*Undrawn monies, December 31st, 1856.*

Steamboats, packets and ferries,	£1373	10	0
Bahama grant,	17	7	5
Salaries,	3792	10	0
Education,	1500	0	0
Revenue expenses,	3678	9	10
Agriculture,	116	13	4
Navigation securities,	4567	13	3
Post communication,	120	12	1
Lunatic asylum,	3664	11	7
River fisheries,	450	0	0
Road compensation,	102	0	0
Drawbacks,	27	2	8
Public printing,	0	15	0
Poor asylum,	525	0	0
Miscellaneous,	403	0	0
	£20339	5	2

## J.

## UNDRAWN ROAD MONIES—31st DECEMBER, 1856.

*Annapolis.*

130	Harris Ward,	1855,	£5	0	0
132	Thomas Moody,	“	5	0	0
140	Benjamin Brown,	“	5	19	3
0		“	15	10	10
16	John Ramson,	1856,	0	0	6
28	Thomas Brown,	“	10	0	0
	Unappropriated,	“	17	0	0
154	Benajah Morse,	“	0	7	6
155	Ditto	“	12	6	5
157	Jacob Kempton,	“	0	5	6
174	William Crosscap,	“	7	18	9
177	Enoch Dodge,	“	25	0	0
	Unappropriated,	“	11	19	10
				116	8 7

*Colchester.*

32, 80, 207, 189, 104,	1853,	0	14	4
123 James Seaton,	1854,	3	0	0
47 James Dismore,	1855,	3	0	0
50 Robert Askan,	“	3	0	0
73 Simpson,	“	3	0	0
92 Joshua Corbet,	“	4	0	0
96 Ferguson McNutt,	“	0	0	2
122	“	6	0	0
4 William McCallum,	1856,	0	0	6
35 Gilbert Matheson,	“	0	1	6

59	John Annand,	1856.	£12	10	0	
83		"	3	0	0	
93	Charles Faulkner,	"	4	0	0	
100	Daniel Christie,	"	3	0	0	
105	Thomas Morrison,	"	3	0	0	
110	Samuel Morrison,	"	4	0	0	
113	William Gray,	"	6	0	0	
119	J. N. Spencer,	"	3	0	0	
135		"	5	0	0	
191		"	16	17	6	
194		"	0	5	6	
203		"	8	0	0	
206	Faulkner and Miller,	"	333	6	8	
						424 6 2

*Cumberland.*

349			1	13	3	
34	Gabriel S. Purdy,	1856,	8	0	0	
46	Philip McKeen,	"	3	11	3	
49	Neil McIver,	"	0	3	4	
85	Wm. Donkin,	"	0	8	9	
91	Cyrus Black,	"	4	18	9	
104	Joshua Chandler,	"	0	5	0	
160	Josiah Ruscoe,	"	5	0	0	
165	George Smith,	"	30	0	0	
180		"	19	12	5	
						73 12 9

*Cape Breton.*

2		1855,	10	0	0	
78	Malcom Johnston,	"	5	0	0	
88		"	0	9	7	
104		"	0	0	9	
109		"	15	0	0	
83		1856,	84	10	0	
9	Ryan and Carroll,	"	7	10	0	
58	John Ryan,	"	5	0	0	
78	John Ferguson,	"	4	0	0	
79		"	2	0	5	
123	Layman and Morrison,	"	20	0	0	
0		"	4	2	1	
142	Unappropriated,	"	38	3	8	
						195 13 6

*Digby.*

43	Maurice Melanson,	1855,	10	0	0	
108	January Mallet,	"	9	0	0	
10	Daniel Rice,	"	5	0	0	
7	George Sonia,	1856,	0	7	6	
8	Archangel Devouse,	"	0	10	0	
18		"	27	1	4	
20	Jacob Roop,	"	9	0	0	
24	Daniel Rice,	"	6	0	0	
						34

34	1856,	12	0	0
35	"	18	0	0
39	"	8	0	0
46	Carter Bell,	10	0	0
67	"	18	0	0
69	"	9	0	0
84	"	10	0	0
113	"	8	0	0
131	"	7	0	0
164	"	12	0	0
				178 18 10

*Guysboro'.*

2 & 5	1856,	0	1	1
17	Henry Tory, senr.,	0	0	6½
33	John Carr,	9	3	9
52	"	0	10	0½
57	John B. McDonald,	58	0	0
78	Hugh McNeil,	12	10	0
81	"	0	0	0½
				80 5 5

*Halifax.*

26	Richard Roach,	1856,	4	0	0
29	William Shea,	"	0	5	6
44	Contingencies,	"	3	15	7
70	William Anderson,	"	18	10	0
80	Alex Fraser,	"	15	0	0
81	Ditto,	"	10	0	0
100	James McCurdy,	"	0	3	4
104	Wilson & McHeffey,	"	1	0	0
109	John Annand, senr.,	"	5	0	0
122	"	"	7	15	10
125	"	"	0	6	10
129	"	"	5	0	0
130	"	"	3	3	9
				74 0 10	

*Hants.*

72	Dougald McDonald,	1852,	5	0	0
40	5s. ; 71, 2s. 6d. ; 94, 2s. 9d. ; 98, 3s. ; 105, 1s. 6d.,				
	124, 1s.,	1854,	0	15	9
12	William McKay,	1855,	5	0	0
20	William Reynolds,	"	2	10	0
142	Edward Stoddart,	"	10	0	0
4		1856,	3	13	11
6		"	0	0	3
8	Joel Harvie,	"	0	2	9
17	Isaac Sandford,	"	0	7	6
00	William McDougall,	"	19	14	0
197	George Smith,	"	0	1	0
				102	

102	Duncan McDougall,	1856.	£5	0	0
122	Richard Deale,	"	15	0	0
134	John Redin,	"	12	0	0
135	Peter Dawson,	"	7	0	0
146	John Nickwire,	"	0	14	7
148	G. Swinehammer,	"	9	2	0
150	Lockhart Sweet,	"	24	1	4
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			111	3	1

*Inverness.*

134	Campbell & Miller,	1852,	1	0	0
148	P. Godet,	"	3	0	0
156	McDonald & McKeen,	"	7	10	0
157	John McGregor,	"	7	0	0
123	Malcom McKay,	1853,	4	16	0
	Sundries,	"	0	16	10
78	Donald Campbell,	1854,	7	0	0
	Sundries,	"	0	10	11
55	John Murray, esquire,	1855,	15	0	0
92	Angus Campbell,	"	10	0	0
112	J. McFarlane,	"	7	0	0
	Sundries,	"	0	8	7
146	Reserved,	"	14	9	0
5	D. McEachern,	1856,	10	0	0
7	John McMillen,	"	7	0	0
37	Malcom McKay,	"	30	0	0
51	John Murray, esquire,	"	15	0	0
55	Rev. A. McDonald,	"	25	0	0
59	Archibald Campbell,	"	10	0	0
65	Angus Beaton,	"	10	0	0
78	G. C. Lawrence,	"	10	0	0
94	Angus Beaton,	"	10	0	0
95	John Wright,	"	10	0	0
107	M. McMillan,	"	0	2	6
132	Rev. H. J. Chenal,	"	10	0	0
134	John McLean,	"	10	0	0
136	Arch'd. McIsaac,	"	10	0	0
	Reserved,	"	28	16	2
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			274	10	0

*Kings.*

185		1853,	5	0	0
	Balance from No. 95, 193, and 199, 1853,		1	12	9
18	Nathan Flint,	1854,	1	0	0
23	A. Beckwith,	"	6	0	0
60	Jos. Kinsman,	"	5	0	0
66	William Thomas,	"	10	0	0
94	William A. Frost,	"	4	0	0
118		"	0	10	0
168	George Harvey,	"	10	0	0
200	Unappropriated,	"	0	1	6
22,	2s. ; 130, 4s.,	"	0	6	0
68	Josiah Shaw,	"	5	0	0

147	Unappropriated,	1854,	£0	2	8	
152	Wm. McKittrick,	"	0	10	0	
187	Wm. Patterson,	"	0	1	9	
16	John Clark,	1856,	5	0	0	
18	John McMullen,	"	5	0	0	
35	Charles Burbridge,	"	5	0	0	
36	Hains Newcomb,	"	7	0	0	
58	William Baxter,	"	5	0	0	
59	Ephraim Kinsman,	"	4	10	0	
65	Joseph Lyons,	"	5	0	0	
78	Philip Weaver,	"	6	0	0	
95	Thomas H. Blemns,	"	2	7	0	
100	Charles Katen,	"	5	0	0	
102	Adolphus West,	"	4	0	0	
110	Timothy Barnaby,	"	15	0	0	
115	George Munro,	"	10	0	0	
183	Grandison Eagles,	"	7	10	0	
191	William Reid,	"	0	2	10	
203	William Thomas,	"	5	0	0	
210	E. Hamilton,	"	3	4	0	
215	S. Sharp,	"	50	0	0	
						193 18 6

*Lunenburg.*

42		1854,	1	10	0	
1	James Starritt,	1856,	12	8	6	
110	Casper Miller,	"	15	0	0	
119	George Corkum,	"	0	3	3	
134	John Fanning,	"	0	11	4	
0		"	7	0	0	
0		"	10	0	0	
182	Christian Vogler.	"	0	1	3	
184	Abraham Hebb,	"	5	0	0	
	Unappropriated,	"	8	15	6	
						60 9 10

*Pictou.*

55	Samuel Cameron,	1856,	22	10	0	
59	John McLean,	"	0	1	3	
69	Robert McNaughton,	"	40	0	0	
78	John McP. Fraser,	"	17	10	0	
83 and 119,		"	1	2	4	
						81 3 7

*Queen's.*

4	Lewis Gardiner,	1856,		1	2	6
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*Richmond.*

	Sundries,	1853,	0	7	6	
15		1854,	0	2	0	
	Murdoch Smith,	"	0	8	11	
20		"	0	12	6	

31	Donald Campbell,	1856,	8	0	0				
57		1854,	0	8	3				
49		1856,	10	0	0				
52		"	10	0	0				
58	Donald Ferguson,	"	0	1	0				
113		"	32	0	0				
114	Simon Martell,	"	10	0	0				
	Unappropriated,	"	6	12	7				
118	Norman McDonald,	"	50	0	0				
121		"	32	14	9				
			<hr/>				161	7	6
<i>Sydney.</i>									
	Fraser & McKenzie,	1851,	2	12	0				
	Sundries,	1853,	0	7	6				
48		1854,	3	7	4				
102	John Brown,	"	5	0	0				
	Sundries,	"	2	5	2				
21	Angus McDonald,	1855,	4	0	0				
42	William McDonald,	"	5	0	0				
		"	0	0	6				
39		1856,	1	6	0				
70	George Lavendier,	"	5	0	0				
73	Angus McNeil,	"	5	0	0				
91	Robert N. Henry,	"	5	0	0				
107	Samuel McDonald,	"	5	0	0				
			<hr/>				43	18	6
<i>Shelburne.</i>									
9	Rufus Brown,	1856,	0	0	6				
60	Gordon D. Bill,	"	40	0	0				
75	Josiah Snow, senr.,	"	0	0	3				
78	Thomas Coffin, senr.,	"	6	0	0				
92	Robert Stoddart,	"	8	0	0				
94	Solomon Adams,	"	0	0	8				
117	John Martin,	"	0	17	9				
120	James Boyd,	"	0	2	3				
			<hr/>				55	1	5
<i>Victoria.</i>									
14		1853,	2	5	0				
33		1856,	20	0	0				
34		"	7	10	0				
42	John Young,	"	10	0	0				
54	Neil McCaskill,	"	10	0	0				
			<hr/>				49	15	0
<i>Yarmouth.</i>									
6	Stilman Larkin,	1856,	0	5	0				
27		"	5	0	0				
45		"	34	13	11				
59	Municipality,	"	1	0	11				
			<hr/>				40	19	10
							<hr/>		
							£2217	0	6
							Undrawn		

## K.

*Undrawn grammar school monies, 1856.*

Halifax, (rural district)		£12	10	0	
Victoria,		50	0	0	
Guysborough,		100	0	0	
Cumberland, (Western district)		25	0	0	
Digby, (Clare district)		33	6	8	
Yarmouth, (Argyle district)		33	6	8	
Shelburne, (Shelburne district)		25	0	0	
Inverness, (South district)		20	12	0	
Annapolis, (Eastern district)	12	10	0		
Annapolis, (Western district)	25	0	0		
			37	10	0
Hants, (Rawdon district)			12	3	7
Pictou, (North district)	16	13	4		
Pictou, (South district)	8	19	4		
			25	12	8
Cape Breton,			33	6	8
			£408	8	3

## L.

*Annual abstract of the accounts of the Halifax savings' bank for the year 1856.*

1855.							
December 31.—To balance,			£364	14	2		
1856.							
	This sum received from depositors between the						
	1st January and 31st December,		47170	6	0		
	One year's interest on £9200 at 4 per cent. to						
	31st December,		3680	0	0		
	Interest on £14000, paid between the 5th Feb.						
	and 31st December, on broken periods,		231	11	6		
					£51446	11	8
1856.							
December 31.—By this sum repaid depositors between 1st Janu-			36937	15	5		
ary and date,			293	1	7		
Interest paid thereon,							
This sum paid into the treasury between the 5th			14000	0	0		
February and this date, under various acts,			14	19	0		
This sum paid for expences of management,					51245	16	0
					200	15	8
Balance in hand of cashier,					£51446	11	8

Saving's bank office,  
Halifax, 31st December, 1856.

E. DUCKETT, cashier.



## M.

*Statement of the probable assets of the province of Nova Scotia, for the year 1857.*

Balance in the hands of the receiver general, 31st Dec , 1856,	£22384	9	3
Due from collectors of colonial duties,	5343	16	7
Casual revenue,	9044	13	0
Canada; New Brunswick and P. E. Island, for lights,	1324	5	0
Counties for advances for road service,	1298	4	0
	<u>£39495</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

## PROBATE RECEIPTS.

From collector of excise at Halifax,	111000	0	0	
Collectors at outports,	28000	0	0	
Collectors of light duty,	6000	0	0	
Casual revenue,	10000	0	0	
Distilleries,	7000	0	0	162000 0 0
				<u>201395 7 10</u>
Deduct undrawn monies for roads and bridges,	2217	0	10	
Ditto other services,	20339	5	2	
Interest due 31st December,	9500	14	2	
Balance due board of works,	41	5	10	32098 6 0
				<u>£169297 1 10</u>
Deduct ordinary and legislative appropriations, viz :				
Salaries of lieut. governor and public officers,	15170	0	0	
Legislative expenses,	10000	0	0	
Revenue department, Halifax,	6000	0	0	
Salaries to outport collectors and commissions,	3500	0	0	
General education,	17000	0	0	
Interest on funded debt,	4240	0	0	
do. to be provided for railway bonds,	33000	0	0	
Support of light houses,	8000	0	0	
do. Sable Island,	400	0	0	
Provincial penitentiary, £800 ; public build- ings, £1000,	1800	0	0	
Rations to troops, £50 ; poor asylum, £2000,	2050	0	0	
Transient paupers,	250	0	0	
Immigrant expenses,	250	0	0	
Halifax dispensary, £50 ; Indians, £300,	350	0	0	
Post communication,	8000	0	0	
Packets and ferries,	1300	0	0	
Road compensation, £1000 ; casualties, £1000,	2000	0	0	
Drawbacks, £3,500 ; river fisheries, £450,	3950	0	0	
Miscellaneous,	8500	0	0	125760 0 0
				<u>£43537 1 10</u>

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(See page 301.)

*To his excellency major general Sir JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT, knight, lieutenant governor and commander-in-chief in and over the province of Nova Scotia, and its dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

As required by law, I beg to lay before your excellency the following report of my proceedings during the past year, as well as to offer a few suggestions, calculated, in my opinion, to promote the general cause of education throughout the province.

And first of all, allow me to solicit your excellency's attention to the present condition and future prospects of the normal school.

This institution, as is well known, has already completed two terms and well nigh a third. The attendance during the first term, including the paying pupils, amounted to sixty-seven. Of these, at its termination, four obtained first class and thirteen second class certificates. The attendance during the second term was eighty-one; and of these, twelve gained first class certificates—eighteen second class, first division; and eleven second class, second division. The attendance at the present term is seventy-one.

The studies prosecuted by the pupil-teachers have been, as far as practicable, in accordance with the syllabus sketched in the pamphlet I published in the summer of 1855. In the English and mathematical departments, the first six weeks of the session have been devoted to a thorough review of the more elementary branches of knowledge, such as reading, writing, English grammar, geography, mental and slate arithmetic. The second six weeks to those branches which may be considered as an expansion of the above or collateral thereto, and the remainder of the time to still higher departments in literature, mathematics and philosophy. During each of these terms, I have, as principal of the school, been mainly employed in delivering lectures on chemistry, vegetable and animal physiology, as well as on the science and practice of school-teaching, &c. Instruction in the principles and practice of vocal music has been continued during the past and present term under the auspices of Mr. Fitch, and, in my opinion, with the greatest possible advantage to the institution and to the general cause of education. Though no provision has been made by the legislature last session for the remuneration of that gentlemen, by the permission of the commissioners of the institution and of the government, I was allowed to admit ten additional paying pupils, whose fees have been sufficient to defray all the expenses connected with this department.

The progress and conduct of the pupil-teachers have been such as to merit my highest approbation. One of the greatest disadvantages under which the institution labours is the slender attainments of not a few who enrol in the elementary branches of education. This, as will be readily perceived, prevents them giving so much of their time as would be desirable to those branches that more directly appertain to the profession and business of school teaching. This hindrance is, however, gradually disappearing. Already are the attainments of those who enter, on the whole, of a higher grade than at the commencement; and it is peculiarly encouraging to state that there is the strongest desire manifested by all the pupils to attend two lessons, and that even by those whose scholarship and professional attainment have already entitled them to the highest honors of the institution. The £100 granted by the legislature of 1855 to be awarded in the shape of scholarships to victorious students, have been all expended, fifteen students having received £5 a-piece, and six having each received £4 3s. 4d. These scholarships have been distributed in strict accordance with the regulations of the commissioners.

Considerable

Considerable apprehension seems to be entertained by some that the engagement or promissory declaration of the pupil-teachers on their admission, whereby they bind themselves to teach for three years in the province by way of compensation for their gratuitous education received at the normal school, is not sufficiently stringent for the accomplishment of the object contemplated. These apprehensions I am happy to say, are, so far at least, satisfactorily dissipated. With one exception, and that a case of sickness, all who have obtained first class certificates are now engaged in teaching in different parts of the province, as well as all who have obtained second class certificates, and whose circumstances did not admit of returning another term. Not one has betaken himself to any other pursuit, or transferred his labors as a teacher to any other province or country.

The next matter to which I would briefly advert is the teachers' institutes, held in the course of the season in different parts of the province. In my last report I endeavored to show that something more than the training of the normal school was required to elevate the standard of teaching qualification, and to bring about a uniformity in the mode and style of education, even the holding of teachers' institutes; and stated it to be my design, so far as my duties in the normal school would admit, to hold a series of such institutes within the bounds of each board of school commissioners. This design I have been enabled, in some measure, to carry into effect. With one exception, I have visited all the boards of Nova Scotia proper, and held institutes in each for the benefit of its teachers. On these occasions I have never met altogether with upwards of 300 teachers, which, considering the distance of many from the place of meeting, and the difficulties connected with travelling, as well as the ignorance of not a few regarding the nature and object of these meetings, was a very fair proportion of the districts visited, and a pretty sure index that there is a respectable number of teachers in the province desirous of improvement, were the means placed within their reach. At these meetings I have generally spent five or six hours in friendly intercourse with the teachers—they expressing the result of their experience in the different branches of education, the organization and management of schools, &c., and I in turn setting forth my views on the various topics discussed. I have been much gratified with the intelligence and educational enthusiasm of a few—the desire of professional improvement by others, and the attention and respect paid to any observations I might have offered. These meetings I hold to be of essential service to the promotion of the general cause of education throughout the province. By bringing together the teachers of a district, in this way, a brotherly feeling is cherished, and the professional bond strengthened. The more intelligent and practised benefit their more youthful and less experienced brethren. The improvements made in any one branch of education become the common property of the district, and thus a mighty impulse is imparted to all the teachers of the neighborhood to aspire after higher proficiency in the science and practice of their calling. In these circumstances, it is my intention to continue these institutes during the course of the ensuing season, and to devote the greater proportion of my time to a thorough visitation of the Island of Cape Breton. In connection with these institutes, I generally embrace the opportunity of convening public meetings in the various localities, and addressing them on some branch of education. Last summer I addressed public meetings at the following places, viz. :—Truro, Tatamagouche, Pictou, New Glasgow, Amherst, Antigonishe, Sherbrooke, Guysboro', Rawdon, Windsor, Berwick, Nictaux, Annapolis, Digby, Weymouth, Clare, Yarmouth, Tuskent, Barrington, Clyde River, Shelburne, Liverpool, Mill Village, Lunenburg, Halifax, Dartmouth, Musquodoboit, Middle and Upper, and Middle Stewiacke. Wherever these meetings were properly advertized, they have been numerous attended, and I trust that much educational knowledge diffused.

Such is a brief outline of my operations during the past year, and, from this, it will be seen that all my efforts have been directed to the elevation of the standard of teaching qualification. This has been the aim of all my labours in the normal school, in the teachers'

teachers' institutes, and in the public addresses ; and this I am persuaded is the first step towards the improvement and advancement of education in this or any country. However important may be the matter of the quantity of education, that of the quality is vastly more so. And how is the proper quality to be secured and perpetuated ? In no other way than by spreading throughout the length and breadth of any country a class of thoroughly qualified male and female teachers ; and this, too, in my opinion, is the direct course for arousing any people to a sense of their duty and privilege in providing an adequate remuneration for those who are devoting their time and energies to the education of the rising generation, and who are, in reality, *the benefactors* of the community in which they live. If any evidence of the soundness of this position were needed, we know none more satisfactory than what is furnished by the fact that all who have attended the normal school, and who hold its certificate, are now receiving from the people at least 25 per cent. and some of them even 50 per cent. more than they ever did in this arduous yet honorable employment.

I may be allowed to offer a few observations on the future of the normal school movement, and what appears to me yet necessary to be done to complete that movement.

I have more than once given publicity to my views on model schools, as constituting not merely an appendage to, but an integral part of, a normal school institution. The legislature of last session homologated these views in voting the sum of £600 towards the erection of suitable buildings for this purpose, on condition that the inhabitants of Truro and neighbourhood raised £200. That condition was very speedily and cordially fulfilled. The model schools were forthwith contracted for, and are now in such a state of progress, that it is hoped they will be ready to be opened about the beginning of May next. These schools are constructed on the most approved principles, and will, when finished, be equal to any model schools that I have seen on this continent. The secretary of the commissioners has I presume already laid on the table of the legislature a statement of the expenditure connected with these schools, so that it is unnecessary for me to say a word on the subject, as the mode of education in these schools will be, as far as practicable, in accordance with the training system ; provision has been made in the original contract for the erection of two large galleries. This will considerably lessen the expenditure connected with the furniture and the fittings of the several apartments, insomuch that not more than £125 will be required for these purposes. Nothing has as yet been done for the erection of outhouses for the whole of this educational establishment—a circumstance, this, which has subjected both teacher and pupils to no ordinary inconvenience. It is indispensably necessary that these offices be erected this spring ; indeed it is altogether out of the question to think of commencing operations in these schools without these buildings. I have prepared a sketch of the whole grounds, buildings, outhouses, fencing, play-grounds, &c., necessary in my opinion to complete the whole, and which is herewith submitted for your inspection. On the lowest computation what yet remains to be done, will cost at the very least £200 ; and as this will, in all probability, be the last demand made for the exterior equipment of this educational establishment, it is hoped the legislature will see meet to grant that sum. As indicated in former reports, the closest connection must subsist between the pupil teachers' seminary and the model schools. This will render the erection of a bell on the premises indispensably necessary. Provision has been made for this object by the belfry in the model schools ; and I am glad to be able to state that the inhabitants of Truro have already raised between £30 and £40 for the purchase of a suitable bell.

And now as to the permanent maintenance of these model schools. It will be observed that there are four apartments under the same roof. Three of these are to be occupied as distinct school rooms, and to be called the initiatory, the juvenile, and the high ; and the fourth to be appropriated to general recitation purposes. The initiatory, it is intended, shall be taught by a thoroughly trained female, who shall be assisted by another female in charge of the industrial department. The other two shall be taught by males, and the range of study in their respective departments shall embrace all, from the

the most elementary branches up to the most advanced in English and classical literature, mathematics, &c., so as to furnish the best example and means of practice in preparing teachers, not only for the common but for the grammar schools of the country,—the latter being, in every respect, as much needed as the former. The emoluments of these teachers should, in my opinion, arise partly from endowment and partly from the fees of the scholars. The head master ought, I think, to receive in the shape of endowment £100 per annum; the second £75, and the third, with her assistant, £50; to be raised proportionally by the school fees, till they respectively reach £200; £150 and £100, and the overplus, should there be any, to be devoted to the general improvement of the institution, and of which an annual account shall be rendered to the legislature. The endowment referred to may be raised in the following manner: the £100 now paid the academy at Truro out of the public funds, to be transferred to the highest department in the model schools, there being then no longer any need for that institution. The other two schools, the initiatory and juvenile, being recognized by the board of school commissioners as the schools of the district, will be entitled to the allowance usually granted by the board to schools of that description; and this will in all probability amount to between 30 and £40 per annum. There will thus be only the deficiency of about £100 to be supplied by the legislature which will be all the additional sum required for the current expenses and the permanent maintenance of these model schools. Should these views meet the appropriation of the legislature, an enactment supplementary to the normal school bill, and placing the model school on the same footing, will require to be passed, if possible, during the present session.

There is yet another subject of vast importance, lying in fact at the very foundation of the whole of this educational movement, which I would beg leave to submit to your excellency's notice. I refer to the propriety of making some permanent provision, whereby more effectual encouragement may be given to promising young men and women to attend the normal school; I have already stated that the sum of £100 placed in my hands by the legislature of 1855, to be awarded in the shape of scholarships to meritorious students, is now all expended. That sum, though small when spread over a period of three terms, has operated most beneficially in enabling some to attend a second term whose circumstances would not otherwise have admitted of their doing so, and in encouraging others to prosecute their studies with greater assiduity. The attendance at the normal school has far surpassed my highest expectation; yet I believe there are many teachers male and female in Cape Breton and in other parts of the province, most desirous to qualify themselves for a more efficient discharge of their duties, but whose circumstances do not admit of their spending even one sum at the normal school—their remuneration as teachers scarcely furnishing an adequate support for themselves or families. It appears to me then that the time has now arrived for something being done with the view of giving encouragement to such, and thereby enabling them to avail themselves of the provision made by this province for their professional benefit. In almost all countries where normal schools have been established, such an encouragement has been held out. At the commencement of the normal school in Toronto, Upper Canada, the sum of 10s. per week was granted to each regularly enrolled pupil-teacher; and though this sum has been reduced to 5s. per week—the remuneration of the teacher has within the last eight years been nearly doubled; it has in fact kept pace with the gradually extending usefulness of that institution. Every graduate of the normal school of Toronto costs the province of Upper Canada between 70 and 80 dollars; whilst in this, it only costs between 25 & 30, and that though I believe the standard of attainment is as high in the one case as in the other. The students attending the normal school in New Brunswick receive 10s. per week from the province; and if they succeed in obtaining a certificate, their endowment as teacher is about a third more than that of those who hold no such certificate; whereas in Nova Scotia, there is neither an allowance to the pupil-teacher in attendance; nor do they possess, when they obtain

the normal school diploma, the slightest advantage as teachers over those who have never expended one farthing in qualifying themselves for the profession of teaching.

In these circumstances, it is hoped that the legislature will, during this session, take the whole of this matter into consideration, and devise and enact such measures as will induce promising and talented young men and women who intend to devote their energies to the education of the young, to avail themselves of the provision made by the province for their benefit. Perhaps the best and the simplest way of accomplishing this object, would be to empower the different boards of school commissioners to grant out of the sum placed at their disposal to the amount of 5 per cent. to any promising young men or women within their bounds, who shall be found by the principal of the normal school to be possessed of the usual admission qualifications; and to prevent abuse in the bestowment of this boon, to make the proviso, that no individual be allowed to receive more than £7 10s. during the course of one term, which will defray about one-half the expense connected therewith. Some such arrangement would I am persuaded meet the approbation of many of the most intelligent and active-minded commissioners in the province. Indeed some of them have more than once pressed these or similar views upon my attention.

The only other subject to which I would advert is the experimental garden and farm. Nothing has as yet been done for bringing in and stocking the ground purchased for this express purpose; and it appears to me that the opening of the model schools furnished a befitting occasion for some decided steps being taken with a view to the furtherance of this object. If the model schools are intended to reduce to practice the principles inculcated in the teachers' seminary, so will the experimental garden and farm embody and illustrate the instruction imparted on vegetable and animal physiology and agricultural chemistry; and they furnish a powerful stimulus to the promotion of a scientific and skilful style of farming. In the draft accompanying this report, I have sketched a plan of these grounds. The front of the buildings it is proposed to devote to the cultivation of a collection of all the native plants, shrubs and trees, &c., that the resources of the province, in so far as the vegetable kingdom is concerned, may be at once perceived. Immediately behind the building an acre may be appropriated to an experimental garden; and the remaining 5 acres that is within the line of the proposed railroad, may be devoted into five or six sections for the purpose of showing the advantage arising from a regular alternation of cropping. I think that about £100 per annum for three or four years, until the ground, are regularly brought in and stocked, would be sufficient for the purpose. Therefore the whole of this department might be rendered self-sustaining, and not only so, but also for the means of disseminating throughout the province new sorts of seeds and roots. As however the interests of agriculture would be more directly subserved by this movement, it might be fairer and more advantageous to lay this sum to the charge of the agricultural than of the educational department.

Appended to this report will be found a tabular view of the general condition of education throughout the province. Though there are two returns wanting, and though very few returns of grammar schools and academies have been forwarded to me at all, yet there are several circumstances connected with this statement as contrasted with the one presented last year calculated to encourage. There is, for example, a very decided increase in the number of children attending school. There is also a much larger sum raised by the people for the support of education—about £3000 more than during the preceding year. As far, too, as can be gathered from these returns, there seems to be a general and decided improvement in school accommodation, furniture, fitting up &c. I regret that, owing to the onerous duties connected with the opening and setting agoing of the normal school, I have not been able to give the subject of educational statistics that measure of attention which its importance demands; I hope, however, that during the course of this season I shall be able to give this matter a greater share of my time.

Expenditure.

## EXPENDITURE.

1.—The £600 appropriated by the legislature for the purchase of school books, apparatus, maps, &c., have been expended. I mentioned in my report last year the great desirableness of introducing into the schools of the province a uniform series of books, and, for reasons then assigned, intimated my adoption of the Irish national series. It would, however, be extremely inconvenient and injudicious to introduce this or any other series all at once; and so last year I only ordered as many of this series as would furnish specimens to the different boards. Next year, in furtherance of this plan, it appears to me advisable to expend about half the amount allowed on these books; and the following year, when the old books shall have been pretty well exhausted, to expend the whole amount. It may also here be stated, that in compliance with the request of a number of individuals interested in the cause of education in Clare and Argyle, I ordered a number of the French school books, sanctioned by the superintendant of education for Lower Canada; and these, having received the approval of the Roman catholic clergy of these districts, are now, I believe, in use in the schools in these localities.

2. The sum of £200, voted by the legislature last session for the purchase of a natural philosophy and chemical apparatus, has been expended in the following manner:—

Griffin's bill for chemical and natural philosophy apparatus,	£85	17	1
School apparatus,	18	0	0
Paid Crawford, for quadrant,	7	0	0
Plate for electric machine,	1	10	0
Paid Crawford for theodolyte,	15	0	0
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	£127	7	1
Paid Fraser for chemical apparatus,	18	0	0
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	£145	7	1
Leaving balance,	54	12	11
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Vouchers handed in when all expended,	£200	0	0

3 The sum of £150 voted by the legislature of 1855 for the printing of tracts, &c. in connection with the normal school, as well as providing scholarships for meritorious pupils at normal school, has been expended in the following manner:—

1. Pamphlet on the object, benefit and history of normal schools,	£26	7	6
2. Pamphlet on inaugural services of the normal school,	10	0	0
3. Advertisements, circulars, &c.,	3	0	0
4. Meetings, local advertisements, &c.,	10	12	6
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	£50	0	0

The following is a list of the male and female pupil-teachers who obtained scholarships, 15 of whom received £5 a-piece, and 6 received £4 3s. 4d. :—

Messrs. Willoughby,	Halifax county.
Waddel,	Pictou, &c.
Parker,	Halifax.
Webster,	Kings.
Calkins,	Do.
McCaulay,	Victoria,
Forbes,	Guysborough.

Messrs.

Messrs. McEwen,	Annapolis,
Taylor,	Guysboro',
Colquhoun,	Inverness, C. B.
Richard,	Yarmouth.
Irwine,	Shelburne.
Morse,	Lunenburg.
Misses Kelly,	Colchester.
Betsy Tupper,	Do.
Rachael Tupper,	Do.
O'Brien,	Hants.
Ross,	Colchester.
Stevens,	Do.
McCurdy,	Pictou.
Parker,	Halifax.
In all,	£100 0 0
Pamphlets, &c.,	50 0 0
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	£150 0 0

4.—£100 allowed by normal school bill, for defraying current expenses :—	
Paid men for taking charge of building, grounds, &c., during term of 1856,	£18 0 0
Paid men for term 1856-57,	20 0 0
Fuel, &c.,	12 10 0
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	50 10 0
Mr. Mackinlay's account, for stationery, books, &c.,	80 3 7½
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	130 13 7½
Balance due,	30 13 7½
5.—Postage,	9 15 0
Average for current expenses of 1855 & '56,	36 6 6
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	£46 1 6

I have the honor to remain,  
Your excellency's most obt. servt.,

ALEX'R. FORRESTER.



TABLE I.

Number of schools and districts.—Support of schools.

	No. of Schols.		No. of Districts.	Support from district.			Support from province.			TOTAL.					
	W.	S.		WINTER.	SUMMER.	TOTAL.	WINTER.	SUMMER.	TOTAL.						
1. Halifax, East,	16	21	15	270	7	10	302	4	8	572	12	6	726	12	6
2. Halifax, West,	21	13	33	665	2	6	441	0	0	1106	2	6	279	8	8½
3. Halifax, West,	27	38		541	12	0	756	6	11	1297	18	11	382	18	2
4. Halifax Shore,		13					188	11	0	188	11	0	83	13	0
5. Lunenburg,		17	22				152	7	10	152	7	10	87	13	6
6. Chester.		27	30	462	13	5	481	3	10	943	17	3	195	0	0
7. Queen's,	20	29		245	6	4½	222	5	9	467	12	14½	97	17	0
8. Shelburne,	29	21	28	223	16	6	262	19	0	486	15	6	109	16	3
9. Barrington,	18	14	27	179	12	3	163	9	7	343	1	10	115	5	0
10. Argyle,	17	14	37	694	13	1	589	4	2	1283	17	3	161	19	8
11. Yarmouth,	27	33	18	83	16	10	185	15	5	269	12	3	79	7	6
12. Clare,	10	18		621	19	9	792	8	5	1414	8	2	204	7	8
13. Digby,	27	45	30				385	4	11	385	4	11	159	10	0
14. Annapolis, West,		28													

15. Annapolis, East,	32	39	28	469	13	0	507	5	10	976	18	10	184	0	0	361	18	0
16. Kings, West,	53	66		1163	15	0½	1402	14	1	2566	9	14	265	8	4	559	12	0
17. Hants, West,	33	33		785	10	4	738	17	4	1584	7	8	215	4	10	429	9	8
18. Hants, East,	19	21	37	506	4	5	509	2	10	895	7	3	182	13	4	253	3	1
19. Colchester,	41	45	71	694	12	10	768	5	7	1462	18	5	239	10	0	483	6	7
20. Stirling,	14	17	18	190	0	4	211	9	6	381	9	10	71	0	0	142	0	0
21. Pictou, North,	47	58	60	758	10	0	847	10	0	1606	0	0	267	3	4	547	13	4
22. Pictou, South,	49	48	63	672	0	0	650	1	6	1,222	1	6	252	9	2	521	10	3
23. Sydney,	57	53		849	6	0	782	6	2½	1631	12	24	341	17	6	679	14	6
24. St. Mary's,	6	12	18	83	2	0	135	16	6	218	18	6	48	15	0	105	15	0
25. Cumberland,	46	55	63	766	16	7	979	8	2	1746	4	9	233	1	10	475	15	0
26. Inverness, North,	26	36	28	269	14	6	211	0	10	480	18	4	122	16	3	245	9	0
27. Inverness, South,	49	36		512	17	6½	322	12	8	855	10	34	265	17	9	558	17	1
28. Victoria,	29	27		362	19	0	367	8	4	730	7	4	288	5	0	517	5	0
29. Cape Breton,	44	42		538	13	14	583	5	8	1120	18	94	325	8	11½	658	12	5½
30. Richmond,	27	30	34	259	14	5½	178	19	5	483	13	10½	200	9	4	404	19	5½
5. Lunenburg, late	787	919	670	12732	6	84	14179	11	11½	26011	18	8	5153	12	74	10588	14	94
				519	0	11	429	13	8	948	14	7	298	10	0	514	8	14
	787	919	670	13251	7	74	14507	5	74	27840	15	3	5452	2	74	11103	3	34

TABLE II.  
Number, age, and sex of scholars.—Number of children.

	Paid pupils.		Free pupils.		Total.		Age of pupils.				Sex of pupils.				Persons from 4 to 15 years of age.
							under 8.		over 8.		Male.		Female.		
	w.	s.	w.	s.	w.	s.	w.	s.	w.	s.	w.	s.	w.	s.	
Halifax city,	770	809	618	806	1388	1655	283	361	1095	1231	737	842	651	793	420
Halifax, East,	723	570	65	8	788	578	169	136	619	415	423	317	365	262	1681
Halifax, West,	1147	1535	102	117	1249	1712	276	461	975	1221	698	968	533	744	280
Halifax Shore, Lunenburg,		282		42	324	324	123	190	190	190		173	152	296	
Chester,		422		73	495	495	215	269	269	269	474	271	324	214	
Queen's,	703	628	95	106	798	734	190	210	607	524	474	396	324	338	
Sheburne,	452	439	58	85	510	524	79	163	431	361	298	244	212	280	
Barrington,	477	427	75	77	562	504	72	192	480	312	400	268	152	236	
Argyle,	315	453	71	120	386	573	31	126	326	187	227	280	142	552	
Yarmouth,	972	988	186	231	1158	1219	91	378	1067	841	874	232	284	660	
Clare,	208	400	52	108	260	508	54	104	206	404	144	232	116	276	
Digby,	802	1683	113	198	915	1281	153	335	762	946	640	632	275	649	

Annapolis, West,	529	137	105	145	1072	1191	219	295	653	861	688	278	384	261
Annapolis, East,	967	1046	165	145	1072	1191	219	295	653	861	688	278	384	261
Kings,	1650	1961	200	359	1850	2320	211	650	1639	1070	1270	1059	580	662
Hants, West,	1957	1071	127	135	1184	1205	245	315	485	903	699	575	485	630
Hants, East,	696	769	24	30	712	799	145	209	592	580	414	366	294	430
Colchester,	1491	1539	71	106	1562	1640	279	442	289	1198	905	825	657	815
Stirling,	548	627	19	38	567	665	89	138	478	527	330	362	228	303
Pictou, North,	1820	2209	117	146	1987	2355	391	610	1546	1745	1040	1234	897	1121
Pictou, South,	2265	2253	122	116	2387	2369	592	610	1575	1759	1302	1251	1085	1118
Sydney,	1701	1648	181	178	1883	1826	227	301	1655	1525	1132	995	750	881
St. Mary's,	159	270	16	62	175	331	28	116	147	217	93	178	80	153
Cumberland,	1478	1580	197	246	1657	1826	302	450	1373	1376	975	947	700	879
Inverness, North	689	526	89	61	776	587	107	98	671	489	507	356	271	281
Inverness, South	930	813	162	131	1092	947	128	178	964	769	703	565	384	382
Victoria,	847	847	82	87	929	934	86	149	843	785	505	344	549	385
Cape Breton,	1286	1367	131	183	1477	1540	527	377	1160	1663	329	899	588	641
Richmond,	513	630	214	281	727	911	167	212	560	699	404	407	323	444
Lunenburg, late,	24666	22441	3292	4405	27949	32219	4851	7964	21358	22517	16309	16463	11309	15762
	1306	824	196	120	1502	944					854	455	648	489
	25972	23265	3458	4525	29451	33163	4851	7964	21358	22517	17154	17118	11957	16251
														25162

TABLE III.

Duration of schools—Sex of teachers—Character of schools—School-houses.

	Schools in weeks.		Sex of teachers.				Common schools teaching classes	Schools not teach. in gram. org. or reg.	Registers kept.	School houses.			Library books.		School books.		Apparatus.		
	W.	S.	Male.	Female	W.	S.				W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	W.	S.	Globes.	Maps.
1. Halifax city,	23	22	8	7	8	7	none	all	5	12	1	11	9	4	4	4	60	8	2
2. Halifax, East,		24	15	6	10	3	6	1	4	4	2	13	10	9	5	3	188	11	
3. Halifax, West,	22	23	19	8	24	14	5	4	4	23	3	18	23	19	17	1	133	14	
4. Halifax shore,		20			9	4	none	4	2	2	7	4	4	9	9	1	100	3	2
5. Lunenburg,		21				6	none	2	2	12	4	7	7	13	13	23	6		
6. Chester,	22.2	23.1	18	11	10	17	3	4	1	10		10	10	7	5	2	50	11	
7. Queens,	19.2	21.6	12	17	12	17	2	10	4	10		2	5	7	6	1	6	6	
8. Shelburne,	20	22.2	13	5	3	18	5	all	all	all		8	5	8	2	29	13	1	
9. Barrington,	14.4	19.8	12	5	6	18	14	none	none	all		4	2	10	7	4	17	1	
10. Argyle,	18.9	22.9	21	6	3	30	2	7	14	26	7	15	10	16	12	3	75	52	2
11. Yarmouth,																			

12. Clare,	10.1	20.9	4	5	3	15	17	4	4	15											
13. Digby,	23	23.7	21	6	17	28	5	6	6	17											
14. Annapolis, West,	22.2	22.2	25	7	15	18	8	9	8	19											
15. Annapolis, East,	28.1	22.1	88	14	28	39	none	8	5	42											
16. Kings, West,	23	23	21	11	20	13	all	22	22	19											
17. Hants, West,	22.9	24.7	14	5	11	9	all	5	3	18											
18. Hants, East,	22	18	14	10	22	23	none	3	9	14											
19. Colchester,	18	19.1	31	10	11	6	9	2	2	14											
20. Stirling,	23	23	10	3	11	6	3	2	3	11											
21. Pictou, North,	25	21.7	32	15	15	15	none	3	3	34											
22. Pictou, South,	20.5	21	39	10	32	16	10	4	4	45											
23. Sydney,	22.3	20	48	18	39	15	18	none	44	39											
24. St. Mary's,	19	20	6	5	5	7	6	1	8	4											
25. Cumberland,	22.9	21.3	32	14	32	23	14	3	3	8											
26. Inverness, North,	21.2	22.5	25	16	16	2	4	11	9	8											
27. Inverness, South,	23.3	22.2	40	31	31	4	4	4	4	24											
28. Victoria,	19.4	20.5	28	1	26	1	4	8	5	27											
29. Cape Breton,	24.3	23	33	11	29	13	2	7	26	20											
30. Richmond,	22.1	24.4	18	9	20	10	4	3	18	4											
	531.8	632.9	578	453	504	341	103	192	141	265	124	484	136	232	234	292	270	491	784	460	14

## No. 49.

(See page 301.)

The committee on trade and manufactures having duly examined and considered the petitions of the following persons, viz:—

L. J. Walker, praying for return of duty paid on machinery imported.

D. W. Faulkner, ditto ditto

A. P. Ross, ditto ditto

Donald McDonald, ditto ditto

J. Primrose and W. H. Davis, ditto ditto

E. Bigelow, ditto ditto

Liverpool marine railway company, ditto ditto

Peters, Blaiklock & Peters, ditto ditto

Trotter & Murphy, for aid in rebuilding mills destroyed by fire.

Caldwell & Chase, for return of duty on hay imported.

J. W. Homer, for increase of salary.

E. W. Foster, for ditto ditto

P. Bonnett & others, praying that Annapolis may be made a port of registry.

John Murphy, for return of duty on hair.

B. Sheffield, for return of duty on ploughs.

Fire wardens of New Glasgow, for return of duty on engine hose.

E. Bigelow and others, for aid to a steam factory.

James Hewson, for aid to a salt manufactory.

Peter Bonnett and others, asking aid for a manufactory of apple and cider barrels.

George Meddlemas and others, for aid to a manufactory.

Beg leave to report—That they do not recommend the prayers of those several petitions to the favorable consideration of the house. The committee on trade and manufactures of last session decided unanimously in recommending the house not to consider the claims of parties for return duties on any description of machinery that might thereafter be imported, and they see no reason now why that conclusion then arrived at should be departed from.

The committee would beg to remark—That the petition of Messrs. Trotter & Murphy, when considering their very severe losses owing to a calamitous fire, is calculated to excite much sympathy in their favour; but your committee, whilst admitting this, do not feel themselves justified in recommending a grant from the public treasury for their assistance.

The committee in considering the petitions of E. W. Foster and J. W. Homer, asking for an increase of salary, and of Moses Shaw and others, praying that Annapolis may be made a port of registry, are of opinion that such applications should be made to the government whose means of ascertaining the facts bearing upon those claims are more easily obtained, and who can judge of their merits correctly, whilst your committee without such information cannot be expected to do so.

The committee recommend that four pounds (£4) be paid to Joseph Clark to reimburse him for province notes lost, also that £9 6s. 0d. be repaid C. B. Dewolf for duty paid by him on goods which were afterwards lost; on his producing a certificate from the collector of excise at Pictou, that said amount was received by him as duty on the said goods. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. WIER, chairman.  
THOMAS KILLAM,  
MATTHEW McCLEARN,  
C. J. CAMPBELL,  
GEORGE McKENZIE.

## No. 50.

*(See page 301.)*

The committee on the petitions of James Harding, of Ragged Islands, in the county of Shelburne, and Jacob S. Ingraham, high sheriff of the county of Victoria, beg leave to report as follows :

It appears from the petition of James Harding that he and his son were apprehended in the month of April, 1855, by the sheriff of the county of Shelburne, under a warrant from a justice of the peace for the county of Guysborough, on a charge of felony; and in consequence of such arrest, petitioner and his son were obliged to proceed to Guysborough. That the charges preferred against petitioner and his son were, on investigation, found to be without foundation, as appears from the certificate of the magistrate by whom such warrant was issued; and as the petitioner and his son not only lost their seasons fishing but also were put to heavy expense in consequence of such charge, and as petitioner was obliged to attend at Guysboro' in 1856, as witness under subpoena on the same matter, your committee recommend that the sum of thirty-five pounds be granted to the petitioner under the peculiar state of facts as set forth in the petition above referred to.

With reference to the petition of Jacob S. Ingraham, claiming compensation for services rendered by him as sheriff of the county of Victoria, your committee, after a careful examination of the statements contained in his petition, do not feel justified in recommending any grant from this house, as they believe that such payment should form a county charge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EZRA CHURCHILL,  
JOHN RYDER,  
THOMAS KILLAM.

Committee-room, March, 1857.

## No. 51.

*(See page 304.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James Grant, praying to be relieved from certain liabilities incurred by him in the purchase of materials to be used in the completion of a contract entered into with the railway commissioners by one William Grant, beg leave to report that after a thorough investigation of the facts and accounts, your committee cannot recommend to the house to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. R. PARKER,  
JOHN RYDER,  
EZRA CHURCHILL.

Committee-room, March, 1857.

## No. 52.

*(See page 305.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the commissioners for deepening the East River of Pictou, beg to report as follows :

They have had under their notice and consideration the report of said commissioners submitted to the house, and from it and from the information obtained by them from persons acquainted with the locality and the nature of the service carried on, your committee are convinced that this operation is one of the greatest importance to the trade of the eastern part of this province, and deserving of the farther aid and encouragement of this house.

The commissioners have expended the sum of £632 17s. 10½d. in the purchase and construction of machinery and horses, which, under the terms of last year's appropriation, now belong to the province; the farther sum of £237 15s. 5½d. in actual expense of deepening and incidental expenses—leaving a balance of £129 6s. 8d. in their hands for future operations.

The operations so far appear to have been very successfully conducted and to be highly beneficial; three fords at different points, amounting together to the length of 500 yards, have been cleared to a breadth of sixty feet, increasing the depth from eight feet at high water to twelve feet. The commissioners engage, if a farther grant of £400 be given, to complete the work to the extent originally contemplated, and in such a way as to meet all the necessities and requirements of the trade.

Your committee therefore recommend that the sum of £400 be granted said commissioners in aid of this work; and that when their operations are completed, the horses and such other portions of the property as the commissioners may deem advisable, be sold for the benefit of the province, and that the dredging machine and scows be retained in their possession and put in some place of safety subject to the order of the government.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. MUNRO,  
W. A. HENRY,  
THOMAS H. FULLER.

## No. 53.

*(See page 306.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Harris, and thirteen other persons, resident in Sherbrooke, in the county of Lunenburg, stating that Patrick Cogley, the commissioner appointed to expend the public money granted on the roads in Sherbrooke, had severally employed petitioners to labour on the roads until their respective wages in all amounted to the sum of twenty-seven pounds seventeen shillings and four pence; that the said Patrick Cogley drew the money he was authorized to expend, and shortly after left the province, and had not since returned, leaving petitioners unpaid for their labour, beg to report as follows:—That in consideration of these facts, confirmed by the representatives of the county of Lunenburg, and of the loss and hardship on petitioners, your committee recommend that it be referred to the representatives of the county of Lunenburg to provide the sum so due petitioners out of the

road money granted to the county for the present year, to be paid to each of them according to their respective claim, to be verified under oath before George Ross, one of the justices of the peace for the county of Lunenburg.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN,  
ROBERT ROBERTSON,  
ALFRED WHITMAN.

Committee room, April, 1857.

No. 54.

(See page 307)

(Copy)

No. 54.—(Executive.)

*Government house,  
Halifax, 8th May, 1856.*

SIR—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the enclosed minute in council, submitted to me, on the claims of the general mining association, and in explanation of the united opposition offered by the members of my government to the bill introduced by the attorney general, in compliance with instructions from the secretary of state for the colonies; together with three other documents on the same subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right honorable HENRY LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

*May it please your excellency—*

We beg leave to submit to your excellency the following observations on the claims of the general mining association, and in explanation of our united opposition to the bill introduced by the attorney general, in compliance with instructions from the secretary of state for the colonies.

Whilst we participate in a common sentiment of deep regret that respect for the opinions and feelings of those whom they represent has made it impossible for members of administration, in their places in the provincial parliament, to carry out the wishes of the imperial government, as embodied in that bill, we can assure your excellency that, adverting to the known sentiments of a large majority of the representative body in this colony, no authority, influence or argument could have effected the passage of that measure. An attempt to force it on the assembly would have had no other effect than the destruction of our reputations and standings as public men.

The state of general opinion on this question is, indeed, sufficiently manifest from the majority of 34 to 13 which sustained the address, and which comprehended several members who usually vote with the opposition.

Before stating the course of reasoning which led our minds to the unanimous conclusion at which they had arrived, it may be worthy of remark, that both the amendment introduced by Mr. Martin Wilkins, and the resolutions moved by Mr. Johnston, abstained

abstained from giving any pledge to pass the bill as it was transmitted from England; the first proposing, in terms, the last, in substance, that the bill should be committed for the purpose of ascertaining whether the indentures referred to are conformable to the spirit of the agreement, and if so, that the bill should be carried through its various stages, and become law. That amendment and those resolutions were rejected by a majority of 35 to 12.

Men of all parties in this province regard the execution of the original lease to the late duke of York as an extremely impolitic and ill-advised exercise of the prerogative, and all are convinced that the enlightened views which now prevail of the constitutional powers of the sovereign, in relation to public lands in the colonies, would effectually prevent such an act, if it were, now, for the first time, proposed to the advisers of the crown.

The expression of this opinion has been reiterated by the commons of Nova Scotia in many successive years, and, though it is true that implied legislative confirmations of the act thus deprecated have been afforded, it is equally true that protests against the act have accompanied those confirmations.

In the light of this, we think that her majesty's ministers, thus aware of the sensitiveness on this subject of the people of Nova Scotia, should have declined entering into an engagement with the general mining association, to execute, without the previous sanction of the legislature, a new lease, involving a renewed exercise of prerogative so offensive, even though that instrument should not contain any provisions that would alter the relative positions and rights of the parties.

Following out these views, it has appeared to us that the deep seated reluctance of the queen's subjects in this province, as manifested by their representatives, to sanction the proposed lease, was neither unnatural nor unreasonable, and that it imposed upon her public men an obligation to decline placing themselves in antagonism to it.

It will now be for the directors of the general mining association, and the representatives of the late duke of York, to consider whether the time has not arrived when it is the true policy, and the real interests of both, to accept the highly favourable terms which are offered by the assembly in their address.

The executive government are empowered to renew the negotiations formerly offered, and it would afford us sincere pleasure to see them conducted to a successful issue.

WM. YOUNG,  
JAMES McNAB,  
LEWIS M. WILKINS,  
W. A. HENRY,  
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,  
B WIER,  
JOHN LOCKE.

Halifax, April 18, 1856.

No. 98.—(Executive.)

*Government house,*

*Halifax, 4th December, 1856.*

Sir—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of her majesty's government, the enclosed minute, adopted in council, respecting the yet unsettled question of the mines and minerals of this province.

The near approach of the annual session of both houses of legislature—the embarrassment which will be felt by the executive government in meeting them, unprepared with



with satisfactory arguments to shew that during the recess they have not neglected the interests of the country in this respect, and the manifest impatience shewn by the people generally to close this long, protracted, and irritating discussion, furnish me with a sufficient apology for again pressing this subject on the notice of the imperial government.

To my despatch of 8th May last, No. 54, enclosing a minute in council, and other documents relating to the subject now under consideration, I have received no official answer, beyond a mere acknowledgment of its receipt, which has been a source of serious disappointment and concern to my council, as it was on this expected reply they depended to be able to shew the country that by a zealous endeavour on their part to conduct the question to an issue, they have acquitted themselves of any charge of neglect.

So strong is the agitation of the public mind, and so great the responsibility resting on the government, that they would feel it their imperative duty to represent their views by means of a delegation, did they not confidently expect to be in possession of the intentions of her majesty's government before the approaching session.

Considering all the circumstances of the case, I readily comply with their respectful request, to urge upon your attention the great importance of an early settlement of this long pending question before the assembly meets, which will be about the last week in January next.

I have, &c.

J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT.

The right honorable H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

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*At a meeting of the executive council of Nova Scotia, held on the 2d December, 1856,*

The council proceeded to consider the position in which the legislature and government now stand with relation to our mines and minerals. No official reply has yet been given to the address of last session, or the minute of council which accompanied it; and although his excellency the lieutenant governor has been desirous, in conjunction with his council, to hasten the action of the home government in this important subject, difficulties existed which have hitherto prevented any decision. Under these circumstances, and in the confident belief that the interests of the province, so deeply involved, will not be sacrificed or neglected, the council will abstain from appointing one or more of their number to proceed to London till the necessity for that step shall have become more apparent, and shall have met the approval of the legislature; but, in view of the vital and important interests to be affected by the settlement of the question, the increasing agitation of the public mind in this province, the embarrassed position of the legislature and government, and the weighty responsibility resting on the council in regard to it, they have respectfully to request that his excellency will urge upon the colonial secretary a determination of the question before the meeting of the assembly, and, at the same time, represent in strong terms, the growing and deep interest which the people and government of this province feel in it, and in the settlement upon sound and constitutional principles of the grand and important questions that are still pending.

W. YOUNG,  
JAMES McNAB,  
W. A. HENRY,  
SAMUEL CHIPMAN,  
B. WIER.

No. 79.

*Downing street, December 19, 1856.*

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your despatch, No. 98, of the 4th of this month, enclosing a minute of your council, respecting the question of the claims of the general mining association.

It would give her majesty's government unfeigned satisfaction to be able to satisfy the wishes of yourself and your council, by coming to a speedy decision thereupon, and, were it a question concerning the province only, there can be no doubt that the decision would, by this time, have been arrived at and communicated. But you must remember that the immediate effect of the refusal of the Nova Scotia legislature to execute the documents tendered to them, is, according to the opinion of the law officers of the crown, to devolve on the crown a serious responsibility towards other parties.

Her majesty's advisers cannot therefore conclude the affair on such terms, or so speedily as it would have been their anxious wish to do, had the question lain between themselves and the province alone.

I have, &amp;c.,

II. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant governor Sir J. GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &amp;c. &amp;c.

(Copy.)

No. 3.

*Downing street, 6th February, 1857.*

SIR—

With reference to former despatches on the subject of the affairs of the general mining association, I transmit to you some additional correspondence, ending with a letter which has been addressed to this department by the secretary to that body, informing me that a conditional agreement has been entered into between the association and the duke of York's representatives for the surrender of the rights of the latter.

2. Should this agreement be completed, the association will be the only body with which the crown and the province will have to deal on the subject of these rights.

3. Her majesty's advisers have no motive in interfering in respect to these rights, except to perform the imperative duty of securing the crown from the loss which, as they are advised in opinions already transmitted to you, may be sustained by it, unless either the engagement to complete the lease to the association be fulfilled by the province, or some other equitable arrangement is effected to supersede that engagement.

4. The completion of such an arrangement, as suggested in the address transmitted in your despatch of the 8th May last, would be highly satisfactory to her majesty's government, as relieving the crown from this liability, and themselves from the necessity of protecting its interests. And if, in the opinion of yourself and your council, it can be promoted by the visit to this country of some gentleman duly authorized on the part of the province, every facility and assistance would be afforded him on their part.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

II. LABOUCHERE.

Lieutenant-governor Sir GASPARD LEMARCHANT, &amp;c. &amp;c. &amp;c.

Downing

*Downing-street, 4th July, 1856.*

SIR—

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to transmit to you the copy of a despatch from the lieutenant-governor of Nova-Scotia, forwarding an address of the house of assembly of that province to the queen—certain extracts from the journals of the assembly of the past session, and from the proceedings of the legislative council, together with a minute of the lieutenant-governor's executive council—all on the subject of the claims of the general mining association.

I am further directed to send you the copy of a recent correspondence between this office and the solicitor to the general mining association, and to request that you will take the necessary steps for communicating with the representatives of the duke of York on the subject of these papers, and furnishing Mr. Labouchere with any observations they may think proper to offer in reference thereto.

I have, &c.

(Signed) H. MERIVALE.

WILLIAM FARRER, esquire.

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*66, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, 25th September, 1856.*

SIR—

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th of July, with copies of the documents therein referred to.

The representatives of the duke of York, after giving those documents attentive consideration with reference to the difficulty that has arisen in consequence of the colonial act not having duly provided for carrying into effect the agreement entered into with the sanction of the crown between the general mining association and the duke's representatives, and inasmuch as the duke's affairs are under the administration of the court of chancery, and such agreement being by a decree of the court directed to be specifically performed and carried into execution, they feel they can only call upon the crown to give effect to it.

We are, &c.

(Signed) FARRER, OUVRY & FARRER.

HERMAN MERRIVALE, esquire, &c. &c. &c.

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*66, Lincolns Inn Fields, December 4, 1856.*

SIR—

With reference to your letter of the 4th July, and ours of the 25th September, respecting the difficulties which have arisen in carrying the agreement relating to the Nova-Scotia mines into effect, we have the honor to state that the general mining association have been in communication with the representatives of the duke of York on the subject of an arrangement, with a view, if possible, to relieve the crown from such difficulties, the result of which has been an offer from the association to the representatives, "to buy up the whole of their interests, past and prospective." The amount

amount offered is £120,000, to be paid by the 1st January, 1858, but, "contingent upon the association being able to effect satisfactory arrangements with the home government, or the colonial authorities, failing which each party is to be remitted to their respective present rights."

The nature and amount of their offer shows plainly the disadvantageous circumstances to the duke of York's estate, under which it is made, but the representatives have not thought it right at once to refuse to take it into consideration without making it known to the government, and ascertaining whether they will consent by a concession, which is in their power, to facilitate the arrangement.

The representatives of the duke of York have, under the directions of the court of chancery, distributed the balance of his estate, which has produced to the specialty creditors a dividend of 1s. 9d. to the pound.

They would now be in the immediate receipt for distribution of a sum of £60,000, and upwards, from the mining association, and would be further in receipt, annually, for thirty years to come, of the royalties (which, for the year 1855, amounted to £6000 and upwards), if the new grant of the mines upon the terms agreed on had been made.

The concession sought for, which, to a certain extent, will make good to the creditors of the duke of York the great loss which will fall on them by the crown having omitted to reserve power, when passing the civil list act for Nova-Scotia, to make the new grant of the mines, and which the representatives think will induce the court of chancery to sanction the proposed arrangement, is—

That in the creditors' suit the purchase money for York house should, on the date of the order of the 3rd November, 1855, be considered as applied in discharge of the incumbrances upon it, according to the priorities of such incumbrances. By such an application it will be seen from the following statement that the crown will get the whole of the principal and interest of its specialty debt, and the whole of its equitable and simple contract debt, with a portion of the interest thereon, and all, therefore, that the crown would be doing would be giving up a portion of the interest on their simple contract debt, in favour of the creditors.

In stating thus briefly this proposition, some explanation may be required by the government, and the representatives therefore request the favour of an interview with Mr Labouchere or yourself, on the subject, at any time which you may be pleased to appoint. The urgency of the general mining association for a reply to their proposition before the meeting of the legislative assembly of Nova Scotia will, we trust, excuse our requesting an early communication from you.

We have, &c.

(Signed)

FARRER, OUVRY & FARRER.

II. MERIVALE, Esq., &c. &c. &c.

*Statement referred to.*

Amount of specialty debts due to the crown, with interest thereon to 3rd November, 1855, as certified by the master's report,	£122,713 0 0
Deduct dividend of 1s. 9d. paid thereon,	10,737 0 0
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Balance of principal and interest due on specialty debts,	£111,976 0 0
Due from the crown for principal and interest on York house to 31st November, 1855, as certified by the said report,	185,738 0 0
Deduct therefrom the above balance due on the specialty debts,	111,976 0 0
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Balance due from the crown after such payment,	£73,762 0 0

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The crown's equitable mortgage and simple contract debt,	£47,000	0	0
Interest thereon to 3rd July, 1854,	57,013	0	0
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	£104,013	0	0
Deduct the above balance due from the crown thereon,	73,762	0	0
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Balance of interest remaining due to the crown, and proposed to be given up,	£30,251	0	0

*Downing street, 12th January, 1857.*

GENTLEMEN—

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to inform you that he has been in communication with the lords commissioners of the treasury on the subject of your letter of the 4th ultimo, and that he is now able to inform you that her majesty's government are prepared to sanction the remission of their claim upon the estate of his late royal highness the duke of York, to the extent of £30,250, as described in your letter, contingent, however, on your effecting an arrangement with the general mining association, and on a further arrangement being effected between the association and the provincial government of Nova Scotia, to the satisfaction of her majesty's government, relieving it of all liability arising out of these transactions. If such arrangements cannot be effected, the present concession to be regarded as withdrawn.

Mr. Labouchere proposes to inform the general mining association of what has passed, by sending them copies of this correspondence.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. MERIVALE.

Messrs. FARRER, OUVRY & FARRER,  
66, Lincolns Inn Fields.

*Downing street, 17th January, 1857.*

SIR—

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Labouchere to transmit to you, for the information of the directors of the general mining association, copies of a correspondence with the solicitors to the representatives of the late duke of York, respecting the remission, on the part of her majesty's government, of their claim against the estate of his royal highness, contingent, however, on an arrangement relative to the mining rights in Nova Scotia, as specified in Mr. Merivale's letter of the 12th instant being completed.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

J. BALL.

F. BIRCHAM, Esq.

*General mining association,  
52, Old broad street, 27th January, 1857.*

SIR—

The board of directors of this association having had under their consideration Mr. Ball's letter to their solicitor, dated 17th instant, enclosing copies of Messrs. Farrer, Ouvry & Farrer's letter to Mr. Merivale of the 4th December, and his reply thereto

thereto of the 12th instant, I have been instructed respectfully to inform you, that the directors in their anxious desire to bring the long pending points in dispute between the crown, the duke of York's representatives, the province of Nova Scotia, and the general mining association, to a final and satisfactory settlement, have made a conditional offer for the purchase of the whole of the duke's interest, present and prospective, in the original grant from the crown, which offer, if carried out, would place the association in the same position as respects its rights as it stood when united with the duke, the association being then the sole lessees under the crown.

Greatly embarrassed as the association has hitherto been in all its operations, the directors having no power to deal with the rights of the duke of York, could not enter into any discussion or arrangement with her majesty's government calculated to place the affairs of the company on a more satisfactory footing, and although the proposed bargain does not in any way abrogate, interfere with, or curtail, the rights which the association possesses under the crown, the arrangement, if completed, will at once enable the directors to treat with her majesty's government with a view to giving effect to the important measures which it is believed will result from it.

As, however, difficulties have arisen with the provincial government which have not only been injurious to the interest of the association, but greatly retarded the permanent prosperity of the Province, by discouraging the association from expending large sums of money in the extension of its mining operations, the directors beg to suggest the expediency of a person being sent from the colony duly authorized and empowered to conclude a final arrangement between her majesty's government, the province, and the association, by which means the obstacles now in the way of the completion of such a settlement might be removed, and the association enabled to come to a more speedy conclusion of the conditional agreement already entered into with the duke of York's representatives.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

J. B. FOORD, Secretary.

The right hon. H. LABOUCHERE, &c. &c. &c.

No. 55.

(See page 308.)

(Copy.)

*Provincial secretary's office, Halifax, August 8, 1855.*

SIR—

His excellency the lieutenant governor having from various sources received information that the bridge over the Missequash river, commonly called the line bridge, is in a dangerous state, has commanded me to apprise you of the circumstance, in order that it may be brought to the notice of his excellency the lieutenant governor of New Brunswick; and I am commanded to convey to the government of the last mentioned province, an assurance on behalf of the government of Nova Scotia, that the latter will be prepared to defray one half of the amount which the government of New Brunswick may find it necessary to expend in this service, which, from the situation of the bridge in question upon the frontiers of the two provinces, equally respects both.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

LEWIS M. WILKINS.

The hon. the provincial secretary of New Brunswick, &c. &c.

(Copy.)

(Copy.)

*Secretary's office, Fredericton, 20th Feb'y. 1857.*

SIR—

I transmit to you herewith a copy of the auditor general's report on the accounts for the erection of the Missequash bridge, agreed to be built by the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for their mutual benefit, each to bear an equal proportion of the expense, I have therefore to call upon the government of Nova Scotia to remit to Beverly Robinson, esquire, provincial treasurer, moiety of the expense, amounting to five hundred and forty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and sixpence, New Brunswick currency.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed)

ROBERT WILMOT.

The hon. the provincial secretary, Halifax.

*Rebuilding Missequash bridge.*

From the accounts and vouchers furnished by the board of works, the cost of rebuilding Missequash bridge, was £1095 11 0

Viz :—Hugh Gallagher, contractor,	£988	8	0	
Chief commissioner of works, travelling expenses,	8	5	0	
Alex. Light, civil engineer, plans, specifications, and inspections,	30	10	0	
J. C. Charter's supervision,	68	8	0	
				£1095 11 0

J. R. PARTELOW.

Office of audit, Fredericton, Feb. 14, 1857.

No. 56.

(See page 319.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Stapleton and Ellen Stapleton, his wife, beg leave to report as follows :

That in March, 1853, the petitioners by deed, conveyed certain real estate situate in Halifax, and owned by Mrs. Stapleton in her own right, to two sureties, for the benefit and separate use of said Ellen for life, remainder in fee to her husband in case of his surviving her, but in case of his death before her, then in trust for the children by the marriage, and on failure of children in trust, for the right heirs of Mrs. Stapleton.

The petitioners allege that owing to the ancient character of the buildings erected on the property, and the expense of upholding the same, they are desirous to be in a position to sell, and pray the passage of an act to enable them to make a title.

The trustees have, in unity, given their acquiescence in the course proposed.

By this deed certain contingent rights have been created, which the legislature are asked to destroy. Your committee do not see how this could be done without a violation of the rights of private property, which the house could hardly be prepared to sanction.

sanction. The deed has been solemnly entered into by the grantees, and the trusts as solemnly accepted by the trustees by them executing the deed; and any statute to vacate the deed would amount to nothing more or less than a legislative transfer to one person of property now belonging to another. This is a principle your committee could not sanction.

Besides many inconveniences would arise if parties making conveyances of this kind, to serve temporary purposes, could have their conveyances vacated after the purposes have served. When a dispositive of property is made under all the solemnities attending the execution of a formal deed, parties willing to reserve any future controul of the property should guard themselves by the insertion of such clauses as would retain that power, and if they fail to do so, it seems to your committee that they should suffer the inconveniences arising from the neglect, than that any principle of legislation should be adopted that would deprive certain individuals of estates given to them by the law of the land, and vest them in others who, under that law, have no claim to them.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. ARCHIBALD,  
JOSEPH HOWE,  
W. B. WEBSTER.

Halifax, April 3rd, 1857.

No. 57.

(See page 313)

Halifax, January 31, 1857.

To the hon. provincial secretary.

SIR—

I beg to enclose you, for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, a statement of the expenditure incurred by the commissioners of the Normal school, in connexion with the Normal and Model school buildings, during the year 1856, and also the vouchers in verification of the same.

By the appropriation act of last year, the sum of five hundred pounds was granted towards the erection of Model school buildings, conditionally upon a further sum in aid of the same object being raised in the county of Colchester, by subscription or otherwise.

This sum having been secured, the commissioners procured a plan and advertized for tenders for the erection of the building, to contain under one roof apartments suitable for three schools, a primary, an intermediate, and a high school.

The commissioners received, in consequence, a number of tenders, the lowest of which was that of Sydney S. Crow, who offered to erect the buildings, agreeably to the plan and specifications, for seven hundred and fifty pounds.

The commissioners felt restrained from entering into a contract for any sum exceeding seven hundred pounds, being the amount at their disposal from the legislative grant and voluntary subscriptions. At the same time they are unwilling to deviate from the plan they had agreed upon, which they considered could not be materially altered without injury to the object in view.

They accordingly procured from Mr. Crow a modification of his tender so far that he, remaining bound to complete the whole work agreeably to the original tender, consented to complete all except the inside finishing of one of the school rooms, (the cost of which was estimated by the agent of the commissioners at fifty pounds,) for the sum of seven



seven hundred pounds. Mr. Crow entered into contract accordingly, and has made such progress in the work that the building (with the exception of the part to be omitted) will be ready for occupation by the first of May.

Subsequently to the entering into the contract, the commissioners having had their attention called to the very considerable improvement in the appearance of the school rooms, which would be effected by running a cornice round the ceiling, consented to authorize that to be done, as an extra charge, at the sum of twenty-two pounds and ten shillings.

The commissioners have much satisfaction in stating that the building is not only planned upon the most improved principles, and constructed in a solid and substantial manner, but in architectural appearance is highly creditable to Mr. Mulholland, one of the professors of the Normal school, who furnished the design for its construction.

Subjoined is a statement of the account shewing the expenditure for the year, and also an estimate of the amount required to complete the building.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. ARCHIBALD,  
Secretary to the commrs.

*Statement of amount required to liquidate liabilities of the Normal school commissioners.*

1857.

January 31.—Balance due commissioners, per account,			£12	1	4						
Amount of Sydney school commissioner's contract for building,	700	0	0								
Less paid to him per account,	525	0	0								
				175	0	0					
Contract for cornices with Samuel C. Fraser, extra,	22	10	0								
Less paid to him,	7	10	0								
				15	0	0					
W. Mulholland's bill for plan of building, superintending, &c.				25	0	0					
						£227	1	4			
Assets—Balance remaining in treasury, of subscription—say	100	0	0								
	60	0	0								
						160	0	0			
due by commissioners,						67	1	4			
To complete building agreeably to specification,	50	0	0								
Stoves—say	15	0	0								
Pipes, &c.	5	14	10	20	14	10	70	14	10		
									£137	16	2

No. 58.

*(See page 313.)*

In the matter of the petition of Joseph Dickson, clerk of the peace, and on behalf of the county of Colchester, your committee have to report,

That upon examination of the papers and proofs submitted to them, they find that James Russell, on whose account the said county seeks to be indemnified, was tried in the supreme court at Truro, in June, 1854, for an assault,—that the assault was proved, but the prisoner was acquitted on the ground of insanity, and ordered by the presiding judge to be confined in the county jail as dangerous to be allowed to go at large, where he has since been kept at the expense of the county,—that such prisoner was born in Scotland—has no property or means of subsistence ; and on investigation by the magistrates of Truro, they were unable to discover that he had ever gained a legal residence in any part of this province. Your committee are of opinion that Russel can only be viewed as a transient pauper—as such should be maintained at the public charge, and that the county of Colchester is entitled to receive the sum of seventy-six pounds nine shillings and five pence, paid for boarding such lunatic and transient pauper since the time of his imprisonment.

As Russell still unfortunately continues partially insane and unfit to be set at liberty, the committee further recommend that steps be taken to remove him to the poor asylum, where for the present he can be kept at less expense than in Truro, and possibly with greater opportunity of receiving suitable medical treatment.

A. McFARLANE,  
A. C. McDONALD,  
JOHN C. WADE.

Committee-room, 3rd April, 1857.

No. 59.

(See page .)

## Correspondence and Returns relating to the Provincial Railway Expenditure.

*Provincial secretary's office,*

*Halifax, February 26th, 1857.*

GENTLEMEN,—

I am commanded by the lieutenant governor to request that you will furnish, for his excellency's information, the following returns connected with the great public work committed to your charge.

First—A detailed statement of the total cost of the portions of railway already completed, distinguishing the cost of road and permanent way, stations, land damages, plant, rolling stock, &c.

Second—An approximate estimate of the amount required to complete and equip the unfinished portions now under contract, in addition to what has already been expended.

Third—A similar estimate of the probable amount per mile, required to complete and equip the lines to Windsor, Truro, and Pictou, from the termination of the existing contracts.

Fourth—An estimate of the probable annual receipts from goods and passengers' traffic between Halifax and the termini on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy.

Fifth—A detailed statement of all the different amounts received by the board, with their expenditure, during the years 1854, 1855, and 1856.

Sixth—A detailed statement of the salaries, contingencies, office expenses, &c. of the board and staff of engineers, &c., during these years, including surveys, &c.

Seventh—A statement of the working expenses on the line opened, distinguishing wages, repairs and other items of expenditure in the several years.

Eighth—A statement of the plant and other materials on hand.

Ninth—A succinct statement of the various contracts, with names, dates, amounts, sections, &c., and whether performed and paid for in whole or in part.

I am to request that you will furnish these returns with the least possible delay, as they shall from time to time be prepared, in order to their being submitted to the legislature at an early day.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. H. KEATING,

Deputy secretary.

The commissioners for the construction of provincial railways,  
&c. &c. &c.

*Nova Scotia railway office,*  
*Halifax, March, 1857.*

SIR—

For the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, and in reply to your letter of the 26th ult., we have now to furnish the information required, as follows:—

First—“A detailed statement of the total cost of the portions of railway already completed, distinguishing the cost of road and permanent way, stations, land damages, plant, rolling stock, &c.”

Total cost of railway fully completed, say contracts 1 and 2, Halifax to Bedford, exclusive of terminal stations, in sterling monies,	£50,859 19 8
Of this, the road and permanent way cost	£46,401 7 9
Stations—Four-mile house, Nine-mile River, and Bedford,	553 9 8
Land damages paid by board,	168 6 3
Rolling stock for 8 miles,	3,736 16 0
	£50,859 19 8

It may be proper here to remark that the portion of the line actually completed in consecutive sections is about 8 miles, as above stated, lying between Halifax and Bedford. The next section beyond, after crossing the Sackville viaduct, which is completed, passes through a heavy clayey district for a short distance, and the embankments are not sufficiently consolidated as yet to justify their being finally dressed and faced. The engineer, however, assures the board that this can be done now at a small outlay as soon as spring opens.

Second—“An approximate estimate of the amount required to complete and equip the unfinished sections now under contract, in addition to what has already been expended.”

To complete unfinished portions under contract—approximate estimate,	<i>Stg.</i> £129,904 0 0
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The equipment for these unfinished sections depend so entirely upon the amount of traffic, that it is difficult to furnish any satisfactory estimate.

At present the rolling stock in use upon the 22½ miles in operation, cost	<i>Stg.</i> £10,509 7 1
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This has furnished sufficient accommodation up to the present time; but the board anticipate that, as the traffic along the line becomes developed, this equipment may require to be materially increased.

Third—“A similar estimate of the probable amount per mile required to complete and equip the line to Windsor, Truro and Pictou, from the termination of the existing contracts.”

The amount required to complete the line to Windsor, and as far as Stewiacke on the route towards Truro, all of which is under contract, is, as nearly as can be estimated, given in our reply to question No. 2.

The portion of road lying between Stewiacke and Truro has been located, but is not yet under contract.

The completion of this section will probably average for construction, exclusive of equipment, £5,000 per mile sterling.

APPENDIX No. 59.

That portion of the line lying between Truro and Pictou, except for about ten miles, is not yet located. Assuming that there are no greater engineering difficulties to encounter than exist upon that portion of the works lying between Grand Lake and Stewiacke, and now under contract, which includes the Shubenacadie bridge, one of the heaviest viaducts on the lines, to be constructed of stone and iron—then, as an approximate estimate, the mileage for construction may be fairly set down at £5,000 sterling.

The following tabulated statement gives the results at a view :—

Distance—Halifax to Windsor—miles,	45
Junction to Truro—miles,	48
Truro to Pictou—miles,	45
Whole distance—Halifax to Windsor and Truro,	138 miles.
Expended on 76 miles under contract, including expenses of every kind, as well for engineering as for stations, and contingencies of all kinds, per commissioners report and account rendered,	
	<i>Stg.</i>
	£466,752 3 5
Less 1-5th difference, c'y.	93,350 8 8
	£373,401 14 9
Add to finish, as per estimate above,	129,904 0 0
	£503,305 14 9
Remaining distance, say 62 miles, at £5,000 per mile,	310,000 0 0
	£813,305 14 9
For equipment 138 miles, at £400 per mile, which allows 1 locomotive and 10 mixed cars to every 10 miles,	£55,200 0 0
Less rolling stock on hand,	10,509 7 2
	£44,690 12 10
Total for 138 miles,	£857,996 7 7

Being at the rate of £6,217 7s. 3d. stg. per mile.

This, it will be understood, is exclusive of way and terminal stations, except so far as already expended, and included in our accounts rendered, amounting at present to £9,407 2s. 2d. It, however, includes a charge of upholdence of the works by the contractors for one year. Contracts 1, 2, 3 and 4 excepted.

Fourth—"An estimate of the probable annual receipts from goods and passengers' traffic between Halifax and the termini of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy."

To the fourth enquiry the board feel that it would be presumption on their part to attempt a reply.

In a young country like Nova Scotia, where the operation of railways is an untried experiment, and where no reliable data exist from which to prepare the estimate sought in a country known to abound with much of the crude materials of commerce, where the capabilities for manufacturing operations can hardly be surpassed—with the prospect of commanding a large share of the gulf trade, including that of Great Britain, Prince Edward Island, the north shores of New Brunswick and the River St. Lawrence on the one hand—on the other, that of the western counties of the province, the fine agricultural and richly endowed districts adjacent to the Basin of Minas; contemplating the increased intercourse certain to ensue with New Brunswick and the eastern parts of the United States by steam and other navigation of the Bay of Fundy, in view of a future so promising, the board feel that they may well be excused for declining to hazard a

conjecture as to the probable amount of receipts from goods and passengers' traffic between Halifax and the several termini proposed.

Indeed, what might constitute a reasonable estimate for such receipts for a first year's operations, judging from the results of railways and their introduction in other countries, would form a very imperfect criterion for a second or subsequent year, much less for an annual return. And, as lines from their location are unlikely to be subjected to rival influences, which is eminently the case with those under construction in Nova Scotia, just in the same proportion their productiveness may be relied upon as increasing and permanent. The experience of railway operations in other countries tends uniformly to establish this position.

Fifth—"A detailed statement of all the different amounts received by the board with their expenditure during the years 1854, 1855 and 1856."

The statement sought in the fifth requirement, has been furnished by the board quarterly, with the vouchers, to the financial secretary of the province, as by reference to that officer's department will appear. The several accounts for the years 1854 and 1855, it may be remarked, having been first audited by that officer, have been subsequently audited and reported upon by the joint committees of public accounts drawn from the two branches of the legislature. These documents are necessarily very voluminous, and would require a considerable period of time for transcribing.

If, upon reference as above given, his excellency is still desirous that the board should furnish further copies, you will be pleased to signify his pleasure to that effect, and they shall be put in hand forthwith.

Sixth—"A detailed statement of the salaries, contingencies, office expenses, &c. of the board and staff of engineers, &c. during these years (1854, 1855 and 1856) including surveys, &c."

The returns required for salaries and for contingencies, has already been made to the financial secretary's office, the latter under the head of incidental expenses, to which the board desire respectfully to refer. Under the head of office expenses a detailed account has in like manner been rendered, and in each case quarterly, and with vouchers. The same observations apply to the return required for surveys under the head surveying.

Seventh—"A statement of the working expenses on the line opened, distinguishing wages, repairs, and other items of expenditure in the several years."

During the years 1855, the road was operated upon for but about six months. Interruptions from various causes occurred. Up to the first of January, 1856, the working expenses, although fully detailed and vouched, as by reference as above will appear, were not analyzed and systematized in the books of the board, as they have been during the year 1856.

For the year 1856, the working expenses have been detailed with much particularity, and the vouchers setting forth the nature of the disbursements have passed out of the possession of the board, under the control of the financial secretary, in accordance with the requirements of the acts of the legislature. But as these accounts are not very voluminous, the board have caused them to be again transcribed, and now annexed copies, see schedules A. B. C. & D.

Eighth—"A statement of the plant and other materials on hand."

Schedule E. contains a list of materials and plant.

Ninth—"A succinct statement of the various contracts, with names, dates, amounts, tions, &c., whether performed and paid for in whole or in part."

APPENDIX No. 59.

Annexed marked (F) will be found a tabulated statement furnished by the chief engineer, and showing the particulars sought under this head.

All which is respectfully submitted.

We have the honor to remain,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servants,

JOSEPH HOWE, CHAIRMAN.  
J. McCULLY,  
WM. PRYOR, JUNR  
J. H. ANDERSON,  
THOS. S. TOBIN.

The hon. the provincial secretary, &c. &c.

[ A. ]

*Locomotives account for the year 1856.*

1856.		Currency.		
January 11.—To	paid sharpening picks,	£0	1	3
	Murray's return,	6	15	0
12.	Do.	8	12	6
20.	1 gal. neats foot oil,	0	4	0
	1 do.	0	7	6
19.	Carrying coals to engine,	0	14	7½
	Cutting wood,	0	4	6
	Labor at engine,	1	3	9
	Shifting car,	0	9	0
	Murray's return,	8	5	0
26.	Woodworth's return,	8	5	0
	Hushman's return, 1 mo.	9	0	0
		—	44	2 1½
6.	Woodworth's 1 mo. salary, } 31st December,	31	5	0
24.	Wm. M. Harrington,	1	6	3
		—	32	11 3
	Dechezeau & Crow,	13	6	3
		—	89	19 7½
23.	Woodworth's return,	8	5	0
	Do.	0	14	7½
	Cleaning out ashes,	0	1	1½
	Removing small engine,	0	13	0
2.	E. Woodworth's return,	8	0	0
	Do.	1	10	4½
	Salary to 31st ult.,	31	5	0
9.	Woodworth's return,	8	5	0
	Do.	0	15	9
16.	Do.	8	5	0
	Do.	0	13	6
	Cleaning out ashes,	0	2	3
		—	68	10 7½

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January 1.—	To paid James Hunter, Thomas Mitchell's account,	£ 1 10 0 35 15 1	
March 1.—	To paid Woodworth's return, Bringing coals from wharf, Cleaning out ashes,	£ 8 5 0 0 18 0 0 1 1½	
		9 4 1½	
8.	Coghill's return, Carrying coals, &c. for engine,	8 5 0 0 4 6	
		8 9 6	
15.	Coghill's return, Carrying coals, &c., Watching engine at Sackville,	6 15 0 0 12 4½ 0 5 0	
		7 12 4½	
25.	Morriscey's account,	0 10 0	
21.	Coghill's return, Bringing coals for engine, &c.,	7 10 0 1 4 9	
		8 14 9	
26.	Wier's bills—America 13s. 8d. } Africa 5s. 3d. }	0 18 11	
29.	Coghill's return, Wooding up, &c.,	7 11 3 0 19 7½	
		8 10 10½	
April 3.—	To paid Dixon, truckage steam pipe,	0 1 3	44 0 6½
5.	Ryley's return, Firing up, &c.,	7 10 0 1 10 3	
		9 0 3	
11.	Lime truckage,	3 8 6	
18.	Ryley's return, Coaling up, &c., Lime truckage,	7 10 0 0 18 9 0 5 0	
11.	Ryley's return, Coaling up,	7 10 0 0 8 1½	
		16 11 10½	
25.	Ryley's return, Waiting on engine, Cleaning out ashes,	7 10 0 1 0 0 0 1 1½	
		8 11 7½	
30.	James Shaw, driver, 19 days, 9s. 4½d., Burton, for 2 lamps,	8 18 1½ 0 14 0	
		47 5 1½	
17.	Wm. Chambers for accident to his horse, E. Woodworth, 1 month salary, Dechezeau & Crow, 2 tin oil cans, with copper tubes, Sprague, Soule & Co., 5 bbls. lard oil, 1 tierce lard, 1 piece green bunting, 1 bag worsted	\$192.85 32.72 5.50 27.81	25 0 0 31 5 0 0 16 0
		\$258.88	
	Truckage, wharf insurance, 1 per cent on \$275	4.75	



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	Commission 2½ per c. on \$258. 88	6.47	\$270.10	£67 10 6
	To bills exchange, premium on \$720.10, at 4½ per cent.			3 0 9
May 3.—To	paid A. Moir's return, Coaling and wooding up,	£8 1 3 0 12 4½		8 13 7½
10.	A. Moir's return, Coaling and wooding up,	8 1 3 0 11 3		8 12 6
15.	J. Mitchell's account, Less ch'd Sackville bridge,	7 19 9 0 16 9		7 3 0
17.	A. Moir's return, Coaling and wooding up,	8 1 3 0 7 10½		8 9 1½
24.	A. Moir's return, Coaling and wooding up, Wm. Boyd, 21 days at 10s., £10 10s. 0d., Less this sum ordered by Mr. McCully, £3 15s. 0d.,	8 1 3 0 7 0 6 15 0		15 3 3
31.	A. Moir's return, Coaling and wooding up, Extra work at special trains, Repairing Sir Gaspard,	11 1 3 0 9 7½ 0 9 6 0 5 0		12 5 4½
10.	1 lb. yarn, J. Ryley, 37 days, 25s. Matthfield manufacturing company— Oct. 1st, 1855, 1 sett eccentric strap, per inv. book, 1857, \$54.50 Oct. 8, 2 pump connections, 6.52 2 steam balances, \$26.0 \$32.52 Feb. 13, 1 sett loco. pumps, 84.00			46 5 0
				\$171.2
	Premium 4 per cent.	6.84		
		\$177.86	44 9 4	44 9 4 151 2 8½
June 11—To	paid Wm. Howe for railway steam whistle, Downs & Son,			4 0 0 6 19 3
16	Rennel's account Less, box sperm candles,	16 9 9 5 17 0		10 12 9
7	A. Moir's return, Coaling and wooding up,	11 1 3 0 9 3		11 10 6
14	A. Moir's return, Wooding up,	11 1 3 0 9 3		11 10 6

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June 21.	A. Moir's return,	£11 1 3			
	Coaling and wooding up,	0 7 10			
				11 9 1½	
28	A. Moir's return,	11 1 3			
	Coaling and wooding up,	0 8 3		11 9 6	
					67 11 7½
	A. Moir for expenses from Glasgow, for self and James Shaw,		Stg,	45 0 0	
					56 5 0
July 2—To	paid Wm. Merrick's & Son's account,	10 18 0			
	Less for office expenses,	0 18 0			
				10 0 0	
5	A. Moir's return,			11 1 3	
	Coaling and wooding up engine,			0 7 0	
July 23.—To	paid carriage of 4 wheels and axle,	1 0 0			
	Trucking from station to com. wharf,	0 2 6			
12.	A. Moir's return,	11 1 3			
	Coaling and wooding up engine,	0 3 6			
				12 7 3	
19.	A. Moir's return,			11 1 3	
	Coaling and wooding up engine,			0 7 3	
26.	A. Moir's return,	11 1 3			
	Assisting in getting wheels town to depot,	1 0 0			
	Coaling and wooding up engine,	0 2 11½			
				12 4 2½	57 8 2½
24.	For wheels and axles per M. Park,				6 2 1
Aug. 1.	A. Moir's return,	11 1 3			
	Wooding up,	0 4 1			
	Going to the foundry at Dartm'th.	0 3 1½			
				11 8 5½	
8.	A. Moir's return	11 1 3			
	Coaling and wooding up,	0 4 6			
				11 5 9	
15.	A. Moir's return,	11 1 3			
	Coaling and wooding up,	0 3 6			
				11 4 9	
22.	A. Moir's return,	11 1 3			
	Coaling and wooding up,	0 4 9			
				11 6 0	
29.	A. Moir's return,			11 1 3	
					56 6 2½
1.	James Greig, amt. of acct.			56 4 4	
28.	Seth Wilmouth, for amt. of bill setting tyres on wheels, \$272.58	68 2 11			
	Premium 4 per ct.	2 14 6			
				70 17 5	
					127 1 9

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Sept. 5.—To paid A Moir's return,	£11	1	3		
Wooding up engine,	0	3	9		
13. A. Moir's return,	11	1	3		
Wooding up engine,	0	4	6		
20. A. Moir's return,	9	3	9		
Wooding up engine,	0	5	0		
27. A. Moir's return,	11	1	3		
Wooding up engine,	0	5	0		
4. R. Downs & Son's account,	9	1	0		
				52	6 9
A. Moir, for amt. transferred to his debit,	32	10	0		
Salary to 30th June, £50 stg.,	62	10	0		
				95	0 0
					147 6 9
Octr. 4.—To paid A. Moir's return,	11	1	3		
Wooding up engine,	0	4	9		
11. A. Moir's return,	11	5	0		
14. Freight per barque Burrell,	1	0	9		
18. A. Moir's return,	11	8	9		
Wooding up engine,	0	4	4½		
29. Wharfage per Mic Mac,	0	2	9		
				35	7 7½
25. A. Moir's return,	11	8	9		
Wooding up engine,	0	5	0		
				11	13 9
					47 1 4½
20. Freight per bill lading, Stg.	3	12	9	4	10 11
W Stairs, Son & Morrow, for					
1 gal. spirits turpentine,	0	5	0		
For 6 balls lamp wick, at 3d.,	0	1	6		
4½ lbs. sheep's wool,	0	11	3		
1 piece 5 in. chain, 22½ lbs.	0	7	6		
3 yards blue bunting,	0	1	6		
2 galls. spirits turpentine,	0	9	0		
1 bag wool, 9¾ lbs.,	1	4	4½		
28. 4½ yds. broad blue bunting,	0	4	6		
1 bag wool, 12 lbs.,	1	7	0		
2 doz. emery cloths,	0	3	9		
6 yards broad bunting,	0	7	6		
1 bag wool, 7½ lbs.,	0	13	9		
1 bag wool,	0	0	6		
1 keg, 9d.; 6 gals. tar, 9s.,	0	9	9		
				6	6 10½
Locomotives per Mic Mac, for amt. transferred,				2	5 0
					13 2 9½
Novr. 1.—To paid A. Moir's return,	11	15	0		
Wooding up engine,	0	4	4		
8. A. Moir's return,	11	13	9		
Wooding up engine,	0	2	10		
14. A. Moir's return,	9	6	6½		
Wooding up engine,	0	4	6		
22. A. Moir's return,	11	10	0		

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	Wooding up engine,	0 5 7½		
28.	A. Moir's return,	12 15 0		
	Wooding up engine,	0 7 1½		
		<u>          </u>	58 4 9	
	H. Brown, for pattern and core box,	6 15 0		
	H. Brown, for pump for May- flower,	3 6 0		
		<u>          </u>	10 1 0	
			<u>          </u>	68 5 9
Decr. 13.—To paid Thomas Hennessey, one chald. coals, and trucking,				
		1 17 6		
6.	A. Moir's return,	12 15 0		
	Wooding up engine,	0 15 3		
12.	A. Moir's return,	12 15 0		
	Wooding up engine,	0 14 0		
19.	A. Moir's return,	12 15 0		
	Loading up engine,	0 8 8		
	Overtime omitted last week as fireman on engine May- flower,	0 10 0		
26.	A. Moir's return,	12 15 0		
	Wooding up engine,	0 9 10		
	Anger's amt. of acct.,	1 1 0		
		<u>          </u>	56 16 3	
31.	A. Moir's salary, to 31st Dec.,		62 10 0	
	John Stairs,		<u>          </u>	119 6 3
				17 12 7
				<u>          </u>
				£1349 6 4

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By amounts transferred—

Permanent way,	£108 11 4
Rolling stock,	140 16 6
Incidental expenses,	105 6 4
Accident at 3-mile house,	207 12 4
	<u>          </u>
	562 6 6
	<u>          </u>
	£786 19 10

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By revenue, £786 19 10

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*Traffic charges account for the year 1856.*

1856.					
January	7.—To paid O'Connor's return,		£1	7	0
	Ditto			17	6
	Coghill,	3 13 1½			
	Norris,	0 2 3			
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			3	15	4½
4.	Loading rails for Sackville,		0	13	6
	Shifting cars,		0	13	6
	Unloading rails,		0	2	3
12.	W. Coghill, 1 mo. salary		8	6	8
	Loading rails,		0	4	6
	Shifting cars,		1	4	9
	Honey, 6 days, 4s. 6d.		1	7	0
25.	W. U. Jones,		11	3	0
19.	Coghill's return,	3 1 10½			
	Ditto	0 19 1½			
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			4	1	0
	Feetburn's for J. Smith,		0	2	3
	N. Honey,		1	0	0
26.	E. Woodworth's return,		2	19	7½
	Labour,		2	5	0
	Honey,		0	13	6
	Unloading rails,		0	13	6
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				42	9 11
February	2. Loading and unloading rails,		3	3	0
	" " freight,		0	4	6
9.	" " rails,		10	0	3
	" " freight,		0	6	9
	Wm. Coghill, 1 month salary,		8	6	8
16.	Loading and unloading rails,	10 16 0			
	Loading and unloading freight,	0 5 7½			
	Making hooks for rails,	0 1 3			
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			11	2	10½
23.	Loading and unloading rails,	8 4 3			
	" " freight,	0 15 9			
		<hr/>			
			9	0	0
			<hr/>		
				20	2 10½
March	1.—To paid loading and unloading freight,	1 19 4½			
	Loading and unloading rails and chairs,	2 8 4½			
		<hr/>			
			4	7	9
8.	Loading and unloading freight,		0	7	10½
15.	Wm. Coghill 1 month salary,		8	6	8
21.	Loading and unloading freight,		1	0	3
	" " rails,	2 3 4			
29.	Waiting on cars,	2 16 3			
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			5	19	10
			<hr/>		
				19	2 1½

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April 5.—To paid loading chairs,	1 0 0			
Waiting on cars,	1 18 3			
			2 18 3	
11. Lane, truckage,			0 2 6	
18. Loading, &c.			2 18 6	
11. “			2 0 6	
Wm. Coghill 1 month salary,			8 6 8	
25. Loading and unloading freight,	1 8 4½			
“ “ rails,	0 18 0		2 6 4½	
				18 12 9½
May 3.—To paid loading and unloading cars,	2 0 0			
“ “ rails,	1 2 6			
			3 2 6	
10. Working on cars and engine,				
loading, &c.	2 8 4½			
Loading and unloading rails,	0 16 1¼			
			3 4 6	
Wm. Coghill, 1 month salary,			8 6 8	
17. Working on cars, loading, &c.	2 7 4½			
Loading and unloading rails,	0 6 10½			
			2 14 3	
24. Working on cars and engine,	2 14 0			
Loading and unloading rails,	0 9 1½			
			3 3 1½	
31. Moir's return,			2 19 9	
				23 10 9½
June 7.—To paid waiting on cars, &c.,	2 5 10½			
P. McCarron, overtime,	0 5 0			
14. Loading and unloading rails,	1 1 3			
Working on cars and engine,	2 8 4'			
Washing cars,	0 3 7½			
			6 4 1½	
Wm. Coghill 1 month's salary,			8 6 8	
21. Loading chairs and rails,	0 14 1			
Waiting on cars, loading, &c.,	2 10 7			
28. Do. Do.	3 4 4½			
Loading chairs,	0 11 9			
			7 0 10½	
				21 11 8
July 5.—To paid washing passenger carriages,	0 12 0			
Waiting on cars, loading, &c.,	3 6 4¾			
Loading and unloading rails, &c.,	1 17 0			
12. Waiting on cars, ldg. freight, &c.,	2 19 9			
A. Moir's return, for money paid				
out at sundry times,	0 9 10			
19. Waiting on cars, ldg. freight, &c.,	2 14 0			
Overtime running extra train,	0 4 9			
			12 3 8½	
26. Loading and unloading chairs and				
rails for Sackville,	0 19 3			
Waiting on cars & engine, load-				
ing & unloading freight, &c.,	2 14 0			
Overtime waiting on extra train,	0 3 9			
			3 17 0	
				16 0 8½

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Aug. 1.—To paid waiting on cars and engine, loading & unloading frt. &c.,	2 19 7½		
Overtime on extra train,	0 3 9		
8. Waiting on cars & engine, load- ing & unloading freight, &c.,	2 16 3		
	<u>          </u>	5 19 7½	
15. Working on cars, loading and un- loading freight, &c.,		2 18 7½	
22. Washing passenger cars,		3 5 9	
29. Loading & unloading rails, chairs and spikes,	2 10 0		
Waiting on cars & engine, load- ing & unloading freight, &c.,	2 19 7½		
	<u>          </u>	5 9 7½	
			17 13 7½
Sept. 5.—To paid loading chairs for Sackville, Waiting on cars, loading and un- loading freight,		3 7 3	
Loading blocking at Sackville, and unloading at station,		3 16 6	
		0 10 0	
13. Waiting on cars & engine, load- ing and unloading freight,		4 1 6	
20. Loading and unloading freight,		4 6 0	
27. Do.		4 4 9	
		<u>          </u>	20 6 0
Octr. 4.—To paid working on cars, &c.,		4 1 0	
11. Do.	4 5 6		
Loading and unloading rails and chairs for Sackville,	1 15 0		
18. Waiting on cars, &c.,	4 1 0		
Moving rails, sleepers, broken chairs, &c ,	2 10 0		
Moving rails & chairs from wharf,	10 3 9		
	<u>          </u>	22 15 3	
25. Waiting on cars, &c.,	4 6 10½		
Loading and unloading rails for Sackville,	0 12 6		
	<u>          </u>	4 19 4¼	
			31 15 7½
Novr. 1.—To paid working on cars, &c.,	5 17 0		
Loading and unloading rails and chairs for Sackville,	1 10 0		
Moving deals and sleepers,	1 10 0		
Cleaning and washing cars,	0 5 0		
8. Waiting on cars, &c.,	5 4 3		
Loading and unloading rails and chairs for Sackville,	1 13 3		
	<u>          </u>	15 19 6	
14. Waiting on cars, &c.,	5 6 6		
Loading and unloading rails and chairs,	2 7 10½		
22. Waiting on cars, &c.,	5 2 0		
Loading and unloading rails for Sackville,	1 5 1½	14 1 6	

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Nov. 28.	Waiting on cars, &c.,	4 10 9			
	Loading and unloading rails and chairs for Sackville,	0 13 10½			
		<u>          </u>	5 4 7½		
			<u>          </u>	35 5 7½	
Decr. 6.—To	paid waiting on cars, loading and unloading freight, &c.	4 12 6			
12.	Do.	5 6 6			
	Overtime loading and unloading rails and chairs,	6 7 9			
19.	Waiting on cars, loading and unloading freight, &c.,	3 15 0			
	Loading and unloading rails, chairs and spikes,	1 18 3			
26.	Waiting on cars, loading freight, Loading rails, chairs, keys and spikes,	6 18 4½			
		0 13 0			
		<u>          </u>	29 11 4½		
12.	Night work, delivering materials to Black & Co.,		1 6 3		
			<u>          </u>	30 17 7½	
				<u>          </u>	319 10 6½
	CR.				
December.	By permanent way,			64 13 9	
				<u>          </u>	£254 16 9½
	CR.				
December.	By revenue,			£254 16 9½	

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*Repairs of stock account for the year ending, 1856.*

January 4.—To	cash paid labour,	4 13 9		
	Ward,	0 3 1½		
	Moving engine,	0 9 4½		
	Blacksmith,	1 8 0		
2.	Malcolm, £1 3s. 9d. and £2 7s. 6d.,	3 11 3		
	Going up with snow plough,	1 5 0		
	Ward at night,	0 7 6		
19.	Working at platform cars,	0 3 9		
	At engine,	2 10 0		
	Plat form cars,	0 12 6		
20.	Coals,	0 6 9		
	Blacksmith,	1 1 3		
	Plat form cars,	0 2 6		
	Working at new engine,	1 3 9		
	Fixing damaged car,	0 9 4½		
	Cow catcher,	1 0 7½		
		<u>          </u>		19 9 3



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February 2.—To cash paid Ward working at engine,	£1	13	9	
Repairing cars, &c.	0	11	3	
Going to foundry, &c.	0	5	0	
Making cow catcher,	1	7	6	
9.    Removing tools, &c.	0	12	6	
Making platform for waggons,	0	5	7½	
Going to foundry,	0	1	10½	
Making cow catcher,	1	1	3	
Making bolts and nails for cars,	0	1	3	
Malcolm at new engine,	0	2	6	
16.    Malcolm,	0	1	3	
do.	1	2	6	
Repairing cars,	1	8	9	
Work at new engine,	0	7	6	
23.    Work at cars,	2	2	6	
Work at engine,	1	6	3	
Malcolm at cow catcher,	1	3	9	
Malcolm at cars,	0	2	6	
do.	0	1	3	
				13 18 9
March 1.—To paid Ward at engine and patterns,	1	2	6	
Working at cars,	0	5	0	
Malcolm at cow catcher,	0	5	0	
do. at new engine,	0	8	9	
				2 1 3
8.    Carpenters at engine,	1	13	1½	
Making patterns, &c.	0	11	3	
Honey coming to town,	0	1	1½	
Malcolm at engine,	0	6	3	
				2 11 9
15.    Coming to town for turpen-	0	2	3	
tine, &c.	1	2	6	
Going up line,	0	15	0	
Working at platform car,	0	7	6	
Making patterns, &c.	0	1	3	
Fixing temporary snow plough,	3	6	1½	
Repairing engine,	0	9	0	
Assisting getting from Sack.				6 3 7½
21.    Repairing engine,	11	15	4½	
Coming to town with pipes,	0	1	1½	
Oiling cars, &c.	0	4	6	
Ward making patterns, &c.	1	2	6	
Working at cars,	1	2	6	
Malcolm working at engine,	0	8	9	
do. at platform, car and	0	6	3	
springs,	1	0	7½	
Connell & Dunn over time,				16 1 7½
Gourley for horse hire hauling				0 5 0
engine,				
29.    H. Deal,	0	5	0	
Carpenters at cars,	3	2	6	

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Mar 29.—	To paid making bolts, &c.,	£0 18 9		
	Repairing tools for shop,	0 5 0		
	R. Ward's account,	2 0 0		
			6 11 3	
28.	Wm. Johns,		2 10 0	
				36 4 6
April 5.—	To paid repairing Mayflower,	5 14 0		
	Boxes off cars, oiling & packing,	1 15 0		
	Repairing tools,	0 2 6		
			7 11 6	
11.	Lane, for truckage,		2 15 0	
18.	Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 5 2½		
	Working at engine Mayflower,	0 18 9		
	Working at snow plow and cars,	2 1 1½		
	Making bench for grindstone,	0 10 0		
	Vice board,	0 7 6		
			4 2 7	
11.	Repairing engine Sir Gaspard,	0 15 0		
	Passenger cars,	3 15 0		
			4 10 0	
25.	Malcolm, at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 3 9		
	Working at passenger and plat-			
	form cars,	1 17 6		
	Ward, making patterns,	0 7 6		
			2 8 9	
	Lane, truckage,		0 2 6	
				21 10 4
	J. Jennings & Son,			7 11 6
May 3.—	To paid working at engine Mayflower,	1 7 3		
	Working at cars,	0 15 0		
	Washing cars,	0 7 3		
	Making springs, keys and hinges,	0 3 0		
10.	Ward, working at cars,	0 15 0		
	Cleaning engine Mayflower,	0 2 3		
			3 9 9	
17.	Working at 2nd class cars,	3 6 3		
	Making chocks for engine & cars,	0 3 9		
	Working at passenger & baggage			
	cars,	1 15 0		
	Connell 6s. 6½d., Lacy 3s. 9d.,			
	overtime at engine,	0 10 3½		
			5 15 3½	
24.	Working at 2nd class carriage,	8 18 1½		
	Working at engine Mayflower,	3 19 9		
	Working at passenger & baggage			
	cars,	1 2 6		
			14 0 4½	
	Lane, truckage,		0 2 6	
31.	Moir's return,	10 15 6		
	Do.	1 0 6		
	Do.	3 6 0		
	Do.	1 0 0		
			16 2 0	
				39 9 11

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June 7.—To paid working at Mayflower,	£ 12 12 9			
Working at cars,	3 12 6			
Making breaks for cars,	0 3 0			
			16 8 3	
14. Working at Mayflower,	11 11 3			
Working at cars,	1 7 6			
Making breaks for cars,	2 0 0			
Ward, making patterns,	1 2 6			
Making steps for 2nd class cars,	0 6 0			
			16 7 3	
21. Working at Mayflower,	1 16 3			
Working at Sir Gaspard,	8 0 7½			
Cleaning car wheels,	0 5 0			
Taking wheels to Wier's wharf,	0 16 6			
Making hooks for cars,	0 18 0			
			11 16 4½	
20. Making square and straight edges,	0 15 0			
Working at cars,	1 2 6			
28. Working at Sir Gaspard,	2 11 3			
Working at Joseph Howe,	3 11 3			
Work at cars,	0 11 3			
			8 11 3	
Lane, trucking 200 feet pine,			0 2 6	
			53 5 7½	
July 5.—To paid working at platform cars,	1 17 6			
Working at engine Sir Garspard,	1 15 0			
12. Engine Sir Gaspard, and making house for do.	1 2 6			
Engine Sir Gaspard, omitted last week,	1 0 0			
Engine Joseph Howe,	1 0 0			
Passenger cars,	0 7 6			
Engine Mayflower,	0 6 0			
Making hooks for platform cars,	0 18 0			
			8 6 6	
19. Working at engine J. Howe,	0 10 0			
Ditto Sir Gaspard,	2 10 0			
Making house for do.	1 10 0			
Working at cars,	2 0 0			
Making rings and staples for horse car,	0 12 0			
			7 2 0	
26. Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 10 0			
Ditto Joseph Howe,	3 1 0			
Shifting platform car wheels,	0 17 6			
Making hooks for cars,	0 6 0			
Screwing bolts for platform cars,	0 7 6			
Making house for engine Sir Gaspard,	0 17 6			
Working at cars,	3 0 0			
Cleaning carriage wheels,	0 9 3			
Making house on eng. J. Howe,	0 17 6			
			10 6 3	25 14 9

APPENDIX No. 59.

Aug. 1.—To paid working at Sir Gaspard, and making house for do.	5 11 7½			
Working at cars,	1 15 0			
			7 6 7½	
8. Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	7 0 6			
Making patterns for en. Mayfl'r.	0 15 0			
Working at cars,	2 12 6			
Working at engine J. Howe,	0 3 9			
			10 11 9	
15. Working at engine J. Howe,	0 10 0			
“ at engine Sir Gaspard,	1 15 0			
“ at cars, and repairing break rods,	2 16 6			
Making rings and staples for horse cars,	0 9 0			
			5 10 6	
22. Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 17 6			
“ at engine J. Howe, and making cow catcher.	2 1 6			
			2 19 0	
29. Working at cars,	2 3 9			
Making cow catcher, and mending bonnet for en- gine J. Howe,	2 7 3			
Working at carriages, omit- ted last week,	1 13 9			
Working at tender for Sir Gaspard engine,	0 7 6			
			6 12 3	
Sept. 5.—To paid working at carriages, Making cow catcher for Joseph Howe engine,	1 5 0			35 0 1½
Working at Sir Gaspard engine,	2 11 0			
	0 17 6			
			4 13 6	
13. Working at engine J. Howe, and making cow catcher,	3 7 0			
Cleaning wheels for engine May- flower,	0 5 0			
Working at carriages,	1 2 6			
			4 14 6	
20. Working at carriages,	2 12 0			
Making patterns for cars,	0 15 0			
Working at Sir Gaspard engine,	0 17 6			
“ at cow catcher, for engine Joseph Hewe,	2 2 0			
			6 6 6	
				15 14 6
27. Working at engine J. Howe,	0 10 0			
“ at engine Mayflower,	0 17 6			
Fitting iron patterns,	0 10 0			
Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 3 9			
“ at cars, and making stakes for do.	2 16 3			
Working at cow catcher for engine Joseph Howe,	1 5 0			
			6 2 6	
				6 2 6

APPENDIX No. 59.

Oct.	4.—To paid making patterns,	£ 0 7 6		
	Working at carriages,	1 12 6		
	“ at tender, &c., for engine Sir Gaspard,	1 17 6		
	“ at cow catcher for engine Joseph Howe,	3 0 0		
	Making bolts and working at do.	4 12 3		
			11 9 9	
11.	Working at carriages,	2 3 9		
	Making patterns for Mayflower and new cars,	0 11 3		
	Working at and making stays for cow catcher, for engine Joseph Howe,	2 14 0		
	Working at engine Mayflower,	2 0 0		
	Working at Sir Gaspard engine, house and tender,	1 0 0		
	Mending draw bars for engine Sir Gaspard,	0 6 0		
			8 15 0	
18.	Working at carriages,	1 2 6		
	“ at house for engine Joseph Howe,	0 15 0		
	Painting house for engine Sir Gaspard,	0 5 0		
	Working at engine Mayflower,	1 5 0		
	“ at cars,	4 4 0		
	“ at engine Mayflower,	4 8 6		
	Cleaning wheels and painting the same,	4 16 3		
			16 16 6	
			37 1 0	
11.	P. H. Brown's account,			18 0 3
Nov. 1.	Cleaning engine Mayflower,	1 3 9		
	Working at cars,	3 11 3		
	Making patterns,	0 7 6		
	Working at engine Mayflower,	2 12 6		
	“ at Sir Gaspard,	1 18 9		
			9 13 9	
8.	Cleaning engine Mayflower and tender,	0 13 0		
	Working at snow plough,	0 12 6		
	“ at Sir Gaspard,	8 6 0		
	“ at cars,	2 16 9		
			12 8 3	
14.	Working at engine Mayflower,	0 4 6		
	Working at snow plough,	0 10 0		
	Sir Gaspard engine,	12 7 3		
	Cars,	0 19 3		
			14 1 0	
26.	Working at Sir Gaspard engine,	11 0 9		
	Working at carriages and making patterns,	1 10 0		
	Making hooks & mending brakes for cars,	0 12 0		
			13 2 9	

APPENDIX No. 59.

Nov. 28.	Cleaning engine J. Howe,	£ 0 2 4½	
	Fitting up new pumps, repairing bonnet, and cleaning engine,	4 5 6	
	Working at cars,	1 12 10½	
	Repairing gravel cars,	0 10 4½	
	Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 7 6	
		6 18 7½	
			56 4 4½
Decr. 6.—	To paid working at carriages,	0 18 9	
	Working at engine J. Howe,	3 7 6	
	Fitting new pumps for Mayflower engine,	1 11 6	
	Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	0 7 6	
	Attending on small engine,	0 12 6	
12,	Working at cars,	0 19 10½	
	“ engine J. Howe,	4 7 4½	
	“ engine Sir Gaspard,	1 6 3	
	“ engine Mayflower,	0 15 4½	
		14 6 7½	
	Overtime working at engine and cars at night,	1 18 9	
19.	Working at engine Mayflower,	2 10 0	
	Turning up small engine,	0 11 3	
	Working at Joseph Howe engine,	2 7 4½	
	Putting in windows, and making seat for 2nd class carriages,	0 11 3	
	Working at snow plough,	0 15 0	
	“ at carriages,	0 15 0	
	Making hooks, &c. for engine,	0 2 10½	
	Overtime working at engine,	0 3 9	
	McAllan's acct. 2 days fixing snow plough on cow catcher,	0 15 0	
	McAllan's acct., 2 days repairing ballast waggon,	0 15 0	
26.	Working at engine Sir Gaspard,	1 3 9	
	“ at engine J. Howe,	3 5 0	
	“ at carriages,	2 0 0	
	“ at engine Mayflower,	0 10 0	
	Making seats for baggage cars,	0 10 0	
	Making stays, &c. for gravel cars,	0 11 6	
		19 5 6	
December.	To paid John Stairs,		33 12 1½
			2 16 11
			£419 16 5
	CR.		
	By amounts transferred—		
	Rolling stock,	58 11 3	
	Permanent way,	1 2 6	
	Accident at 3-mile house,	4 15 0	
		64 8 9	
			£ 355 7 8
December.	By revenue,		£ 355 7 8



APPENDIX No. 59.

April 25.—To paid J. Jennings & Son, 203 ft.		£1 0 4
	mer. pine, 100s.	
May 3.—To paid Harshman, 21s., Malcolm, 15s.	1 16 0	
	Harris, 12s. 6d., Cameron, 6s. 3d.	0 18 9
	-----	2 14 9
	Feetham's return,	13 10 0
10.	Harshman, 8s. 9d., Malcom, 6s. 3d.	0 15 0
	Feetham's return,	17 5 0
17.	Harris, making chocks along the line,	0 6 3
	Feetham's return,	17 14 0
24.	Repairing picks for Feetburn,	0 6 0
	Making pick and adze handles,	0 5 7½
	-----	0 11 7½
31.	Feetham's return,	16 7 0
	“	13 13 0
	-----	82 16 7½
June 7.—To paid Feetham's return,		12 6 0
14.	Repairing hand-car,	0 12 0
	Feetham's return,	12 6 0
21.	“	12 6 0
28.	Sharpening picks,	0 6 0
	Feetham's return,	12 6 0
	-----	50 2 0
July 5 —To paid Feetham's return,		12 6 0
12.	Do.	12 6 0
19.	Do.	12 6 0
26.	Do.	12 6 0
	-----	49 4 0
Aug. 1.	Do.	12 6 0
8.	Do.	12 6 0
15.	Do.	12 6 0
22.	Do.	12 6 0
29.	Do.	12 6 0
	-----	61 10 0
Sept. 5.	Do.	12 6 0
13.	Do.	12 6 0
20.	Do.	12 6 0
	Less permanent way,	7 4 0
	-----	5 2 0
27.	Feetham's return,	12 6 0
	Less permanent way,	7 4 0
	-----	5 2 0
	-----	34 16 0
Octr. 4.	Feetham's return,	12 6 0
	Less permanent way,	7 4 0
	-----	5 2 0
11.	Feetham's return,	12 6 0
18.	Do.	12 6 0
25.	Do.	12 6 0
	-----	42 0 0



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Novr. 1.—To paid Feetham's return,	£ 11	10	9	
8. Do.	12	6	0	
14. Do.	12	6	0	
22. Do.	12	6	0	
	48	8	9	
28. Do.	12	6	0	
Less revenue,	6	3	0	
	6	3	0	
Decr. 6.—To paid Feetham's return,	11	19	9	
12. Do.	9	15	0	
19. Do.	12	1	6	
26. Do.	11	19	9	
	45	16	0	
John Stairs,	8	1	6	
	2	19	0	
	11	0	6	
	£618	14	5½	
CR.				
By revenue,	£618	14	5½	
	£618	14	5½	

[ E. ]

*Plant and materials on hand.*

RICHMOND STATION.

Machine, blacksmiths, and joiner's shops, wharves, sidings, loading banks, offices, storehouses, station sheds turnable, and a quantity of waggon timber and other timber, and iron castings on hand, &c. &c. &c.

3 locomotives, 4 passenger carriages, 4 horse boxes, 2 freight vans, 13 platform waggon, 2 ballast waggons, 1 travelling crane, 2 hand cars.

5868 tons rails,  
2755 tons iron chairs,  
167 tons spikes,  
222723 five inch keys,  
39892 eight inch keys,  
38 tons service rails,  
36 setts switches and crossings.

The above includes the portion of rails, &c. laid down.

BEBFORD STATION.

Store and dwelling houses,  
Loading banks and sidings, &c. &c. &c.  
Offices in town, furnished.

[ F. ]

NOVA-SCOTIA RAILWAY.

Statement shewing number of sections, names of contractors, length, date, amount, and condition of each contract.

No. of Section.	Name of Contractor.	Length.		Date.	Amount of Contract.	Value of work done.	Conditions of Contract.
		Miles.	Chains.				
Maine Line, No. 1,	Cameron & Co.	6	45	June, 1854,	22925 0 0	Completed.	} Extra operations still to be done, in sloping, on this contract, estimated at seven hundred and fifty pounds.
" "	Wyman & Co.			March 5th, 1855,	846 0 0	Ditto	
" 2,	John Cameron,	1	9½	April 16th, 1855.	725 0 0	Ditto	
" "	Black & Co.			September 22, 1854,	9398 16 0	Ditto	
" 3,	Wyman & Co.	2	57	June, 1855,	360 0 0	Ditto	
" "	Creelman & Co.			December 2, 1854,	24201 0 1	Ditto	
" "	William Turnbull,	March 12, 1856,	2505 0 0	Ditto			
" "	Johnston & Blackie,	July 26, 1856.		2956 10 5	Ditto		
" "	James Grant,	September, 1856,	171 0 0		Ditto		
" 4,	William Turnbull,	February 14, 1855,		1145 16 3	Ditto		
" "	James Kennedy,	" "	46360 19 3		Ditto		
" "	James Grant,	November "		16798 8 6	Ditto		
" 5,	Black & Co.	February: 1856,	30774 10 6		44448 1 8		
" 6,	Donald Fraser,	April 14, 1855,		15639 18 0	15639 18 0		
" 7,	Sutherland & Sons,	September 15, 1855,	23942 6 6		23942 6 6		
" 8,	Johnston & Blackie,	November 27, 1855,		41616 18 4	26986 17 3		
" 9,	Sutherland & Sons,	May 10, 1856,	21993 3 10		277 0 0		
" "		January 7, 1857,					
Windsor Branch, No. 1,	Cameron & Co.	6	7½	July 7, 1855,	88305 0 3	14554 4 8	} The value of work done as compared with the contract price, shews the advancement of these sections.
" 2,	Johnston & Blackie			September 30, 1856,	7044 2 8	7044 2 8	
" 3,	McDonald & Simpson,	July 7, 1855,	28000 0 0	19253 14 1			
" "	Cameron & Co.	" "	41411 11 5	14007 4 9			
" 4,	Johnston & Blackie,	September 30, 1856,	47458 13 3	14455 15 8			
" 5,	Cameron & Co.	July 7, 1855,	21500 0 0	38230 15 0			
Extension.	McDonald & Simpson,	" "		19394 5 9			
	Ditto			8465 5 0			
Bedford Viaduct, Ditto	T. & R. Caudle,			2747 14 3	Completed.		
	Thomas Hanwright,			472 13 0	Ditto		



GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS,

Being a detailed account of the principal articles of British and Foreign Merchandise imported in Nova Scotia during the year 1856, shewing the quantity and value of each article entered at each port, and indicating from what countries imported.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	ALE and PORTER—imported from					
			Great Britain.	British colonies.		United States.	Other countries.	
				West Indies.	North America			
Amherst,		1						
Great Bras d'Or,	2	3			1		24	
Halifax,		3254	3230		3		11	
Liverpool,		11						
Pictou,	16	36	36					
Yarmouth,		11			4		7	
Totals—	18	3316	3266		8		42	
ARMS AND AMMUNITION—imported from ditto.								
Amherst,		8			8			36
Halifax,		3502	2504	962				
Pictou,		1073	1073					
Totals—		4583	3577	962	8			36

APPLES—imported from ditto.

Arichat,	33	19				19
Barrington,	58	54				54
Beaver River,	4	2				2
Great Bras d'Or,	2	2				
Halifax,	1014	863			2	852
Horton,	6	12			11	12
LaHave,	3	1				1
Liverpool,	141	105				105
Londonderry,	10	6				6
Maitland,	14½	17				17
Parrsborough,	12	9				9
Pictou,		61				61
Pubnico,	14	11				11
Ragged Islands,	7	3				3
Shelburne,	40	21				21
Ship Harbor,	15	13			10	3
Sydney, (North)	32	23			4	19
Truro,	35	37				37
Tusket,	6	6				6
Westport,	27	18				18
Windsor,	23	39				39
Yarmouth,	329	267				267
Totals—	1823½	1589	27			1562

BEEF—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	7	11				11
Barrington,	13	29				29
Bridgeport,	11	23				3
Church Point,	5	11				11
Digby,	2	6				6
Halifax,	2630	6576	60			6515

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	BEEF—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies,		United States.	Other countries.
				West Indies	North America.		
LaHave,	2	6				6	
Liverpool,	13	46				46	
Londonderry,	2	4		4			
Lunenburg,	1	3				3	
Pictou,	12	31		5		26	
Pert Hood,	1	3				3	
Pubnico,	1	3				3	
Ragged Islands,	6	18		18			
Shelburne,	10	32				32	
Weymouth,	6	24				24	
Yarmouth,	206	473				473	
Totals—	3028	7298		93		7185	20
BRANDY—imported from ditto.							
Amherst,		113		113			
Digby,	31	22		22			
Halifax,		18723	10304	2695		67	5657
Horton,	32	22		22			
Pictou,	954	384	384				
Wilmot,	5	3		3			
Windsor,	138	75		75			
Totals—		19342	70688	2930		67	5657

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	BREAD—imported from ditto.				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies,		United States.	Other countries.
				West Indies	North America.		
Amherst,	14½	25				18	
Annapolis,	11	13				8	
Arichat,	448	448		5		448	
Barrington,	31	29				29	
Bear River,	2½	2				2	
Bridgeport,	5	3				3	
Canso, (Cape)	26	26		20		6	
Church Point,	7	8				8	
Clementsport,	5	12		9		3	
Digby,	20	44		31		13	
Great Bras d'Or,	7	8		8			
Halifax,		7680		21		7659	
Hantsport,	½	1				1	
Horton,		11				11	
Joggins,	4	3				3	
LaHave,	77	84				84	
Liverpool,	3½	6				6	
Londonderry,	2½	3				3	
Maitland,	8½	10				10	
Parrsborough,		7				7	
Pictou,		190				190	
Pugwash,	4	8				8	
Ragged Islands,		79				79	
Shelburne,	30	34				34	
Ship Harbor,	30	31		23		8	
Sydney (North)	40	30				30	
Truro,	21	34				34	
Tusket,	40	20				20	
Wallace,	40	54		54			
Westport,	40	69		21		48	
Weymouth,	5	5				5	
Wilmot,	1	1				1	
Windsor,		45				45	
Yarmouth,	674	622				622	
Totals—		9645		199		9446	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	BURNING FLUID—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries
				West Indies.	North America	
Arichat,		7				7
Barrington,		26				26
Canso, Cape,	42	6				6
Church Point,	221	36				36
Cornwallis,		27				27
Halifax,		4431				4431
Horton,		58				58
LaHave,	32	5				5
Londonderry,		28				28
Maitland,		5				5
Parrsborough,		1		1		12
Port Medway,	82	12				6
Pubnico,	40	6				16
Ragged Islands,	81	16				11
Shelburne,		11				10
Sydney, (North)		10				130
Truro,		130				24
Tusket,		24				7
Weymouth,		7				106
Windsor,		106				4951
Totals—	497	4952		1		

## BUTTER—imported from ditto.

Digby,	11	11	11	1398
Halifax,	2	2445	1052	20
Joggings,	6	20		27
Liverpool,	53	27	4	
Ragged Islands,	1	4		8
Shelburne,		8		54
Westport,	18	99	45	103
Yarmouth,	36½	103		1605
Totals—		2717	1112	

## CABINET WARES—imported from

Aylesford,	14	14		14
Amherst,	242	242	47	195
Antigonishe,	32	32		32
Arichat,	8	8		8
Barrington,	121	121		121
Bear River,	10	10		10
Beaver River,	10	10		10
Canada Creek,	160	160		160
Church Point,	18	18		18
Cornwallis,	330	330	28	302
Clementsport,	11	11		11
Guysborough,	63	63		63
Halifax,	2451	2451		2451
Hantsport,	216	216		216
Joggings,	20	20	20	597
Liverpool,	597	597	39	138
Londonderry,	177	177		4
Maitland,	4	4		58
Parrsborough,	58	58		688
Pictou,	1005	1005	317	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CABINET WARES—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
				West Indies.	North America	
Pubnico,		21			21	
Pugwash,		65			65	
Shelburne,		21			21	
Sydney, North,		307			307	
Truro,		234			234	
Tusket,		12			12	
Westport,		45			45	
Wilmot,		108			108	
Windsor,		219		21	198	
Yarmouth,		567			567	
Totals—		7146	317	155	6674	
Amherst,		53			29	6
Annapolis,		34			27	
Barrington,		19			19	
Bear River,		25			25	
Beaver River,		3			3	
Bridgeport,		6			4	
Church Point,		4			30	
Cornwallis,		30		6	10	
Clementsport,		16		35	43	
Digby,		78		4		
Guysborough,		4				

## CANDLES—imported from

Halifax,		1279			884	
Hantsport,		10			10	
Horton,		30			30	
LaHave,		4			4	
Liverpool,		88			88	
Londonderry,		4			4	
Maitland,		7			7	
Pictou,		32			32	
Pubnico,		2			2	
Shelburne,		7			7	
Sydney (North,)		4			4	
Tusket,		13			13	
Westport,		14			14	
Weymouth,		4		1	3	
Wilmot,		17		8	9	
Windsor,		58			58	
Yarmouth,		246			246	
Totals—		2091	395	85	1605	6

## COFFEE—imported from ditto.

Amherst,		9			3	
Annapolis,		12			12	
Antigonishe,		4			4	
Arichat,		27			27	
Barrington,		2			2	
Beaver River,		2		1	2	
Church Point,		9			8	
Clementsport,		3			3	
Digby,		37		6	31	
Great Bras d'Or,		2			2	
Halifax,		4770			1900	470
Hantsport,		2			2	
Horton,		7			7	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	COFFEE—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies. North American	United States.	Other countries
LaHave,	9½	21			21	
Liverpool,	32	148		6	142	
Lanenburg,	½	1			1	
Pictou,	1	55			55	
Port Medway,	½	2		2		
Pugwash,	½	1				1
Ragged Islands,	5	15		4	17	
Shelburne,	4½	17			10	11
Truro,	3	10			9	
Tusket,	3	3			3	
Westport,	6½	16			16	
Windsor,	83½	221			221	
Yarmouth,						
Totals—		5405	2412	13	2499	481

## CHEESE—imported from ditto.

Barrington,	11	22				22
Halifax,	3	554	135		419	
Hantsport,	14	6			6	
LaHave,	3	1			1	
Liverpool,	14	14			14	
Maitland,	2	2			2	
Pictou,	3	123	1		122	
Ragged Islands,	3	2			2	

Shelburne,	64	18				18
Sydney, (North,)	6	18			18	
Tatamagouche,	1	11	11			
Truro,	25	12			12	
Windsor,	1	2		1	1	
Yarmouth,	1	69			69	
Totals—		854	147	1	706	

## CLOCKS, WATCHES, &amp; JEWELRY—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	1	1				1
Antigonishe,	7	7			7	
Barrington,	5	5			5	
Beaver River,	1	1			1	
Church Point,	1	1			1	
Cornwallis,	4	4			4	
Great Bras d'Or,	31	31			31	
Guysborough,	7	7			7	
Halifax,	3826	3826	3205		621	
LaHave,	4	4			4	
Liverpool,	51	51			51	
Londonderry,	4	4			4	
Maitland,	1	1			1	
Pictou,	71	71	10		61	
Port Hood,	2	2			2	
Shelburne,	3	3			3	
Sydney, (North)	20	20			20	
Windsor,	3	3			3	
Yarmouth,	120	120			120	
Totals—		4163	3215	27	930	



## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CORN and WHEAT—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British colonies, West Indies, North America	United States.	Other countries
Barrington,	Bsh. 128	21			21	
Beaver River,	20	5			5	
Canada Creek,	100	20			20	
Church Point,		155			155	
Clementsport,	60	9			9	
Digby,	222	40		4	36	
Halifax,	99337	18251		902	17349	
Horton,	284	93		1	92	
Joggins,	10	5		5		
LaHave,	24	4			4	
Liverpool,	143	19			19	
Londonderry,	40	4			4	
Lunenburg,	200	30			30	
Maitland,	64	13			13	
Parrsborough,		6		1	5	
Pictou,	2536	974			974	
Port Medway,	25	5			5	
Pubnico,	309	51			51	
Pugwash,	10	2		2		
Tatamagouche,	4	2		2		
Tusket,	124	17			17	
Weymouth,		55			55	
Windsor,	1247	184		16	168	
Yarmouth,		7			7	
Totals—	104887	19972		983	19039	

## CORN MEAL &amp; OATMEAL, &amp;c.—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,	105	83			51	
Anherst,	793	608		32	313	
Annapolis,	827	691		295	341	
Arichat,	1819	1404		350	1304	
Barrington,	422	339		100	336	
Bear River,	243	214		3	214	
Beaver River,	210	151			151	
Canso, (Cape)	229	167			68	
Canada Creek,	645	745		99	555	
Church Point,	790	571		190	571	
Cornwallis,	110	100			100	
Clementsport,	109	87			68	
Digby,		1209		19	68	
Guysborough,	127	85		920	289	
Halifax,	20674	22477	52	12	73	
Hantsport,	80	66		1223	21202	
Horton,	138	116			66	
Joggins,	155	122		38	78	
LaHave,	175	120		30	92	
Liverpool,	2126	2335			120	
Londonderry,	293	146			2335	
Maitland,	786	640		5	141	
Parrsborough,	772	875		6	634	
Pictou,	1343	654		363	512	
Port Medway,	98	53		252	402	
Port Hood,	90	90			53	
Pubnico,	723	556		60	30	
Pugwash,	106	104		4	552	
Ragged Islands,	352	365		72	32	
Shelburne,	118	133		2	363	
Sherbrooke,	40	32		15	118	
Ship Harbor,	420	319		32	177	
Sydney (North)	455	404		142	329	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CORN MEAL and OATMEAL, &c.—imported from			
			British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
			Great Britain.	West Indies.		
Tatamagouche, Thorne's Cove, Truro, Tusket, Wallace, Walton, Westport, Weymouth, Wilmot, Windsor, Yarmouth,	15 261 573 837 30 370 305 923 638 1338 4779	15 196 457 667 49 370 282 932 678 777 3557	52		15 46 49 52 47 441 129 4	150 457 667 370 230 285 237 648 3553
Totals—	54442	44041	52		5122	38867
CHINA and EARTHENWARE—imported from ditto.						
Aylesford, Amherst, Annapolis, Bear River, Canada Creek, Church Point, Cornwallis, Clementsport, Digby, Halifax,		9 264 148 66 70 8 70 53 121 6704			9 258 144 66 70 8 70 53 121	6 4
Totals—						90

Hantsport, Joggins, Liverpool, Londonderry, Lunenburg, Maitland, Parrsborough, Pictou, Ship Harbor, Truro, Tusket, Westport, Weymouth, Wilmot, Windsor, Yarmouth,	5 16 13 151 7 11 38 590 30 104 4 7 20 101 172 115	5 16 151 8 38 30 104 7 20 101 64 28	13 7 3 15 4	142
Totals—	8897	1366		142
CODFISH—imported from ditto.				
Amherst, Canso, Cape, Great Bras d'Or, Halifax, Horton, Joggins, Liverpool, Londonderry, Parrsborough, Pictou, Port Hood, Ship Harbor, Truro, Windsor,	93 300 100 107165 15 42 1000 11 29 785 160 1400 21 12	44 215 50 64782 12 26 500 8 28 383 80 700 17 8	46 215 50 64782 12 18 500 8 28 383 80 700 17 8	8
Totals—	111133	66855	66847	8

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CORDAGE—imported from					
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
			West Indies	North America.	West Indies	North America.		
Amherst,	Cwt. 50	242		190	52			
Annapolis,		1334	157	1177	157		735	
Arichat,		892		420	26			
Barrington,		446			128			
Bear River,		128			144			
Beaver River,		144		745	229			
Church Point,		974			21			
Cornwallis,		21			174			
Clementsport,		174		110	2			
Digby,		112			2399			
Halifax,		26361	23962	10				
Joggins,	43	10			127			
LaHave,		127			20			
Liverpool,	54	20			108			
Londonderry,		108			6			
Lunenburg,		6			498			
Maitland,		498			110			
Parrsborough,		110			549			
Pictou,		2611	2062		17			
Pubnico,		17						
Pugwash,		1174	1174					
Sherbrooke,		323	323					
Ship Harbor,		99		25	74			
Sydney, (North),		6			6			
Tatamagouche,		441	441					
<b>Total—</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>40040</b>	<b>29127</b>	<b>3509</b>	<b>6669</b>		<b>735</b>	

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	COTTON, LINEN, SILK & WOOLLEN MANUFACTURES—imported from ditto.					
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
			West Indies	North America.	West Indies	North America.		
Wallace,		302			302			
Westport,		233			34			
Wilmot,		36						
Windsor,		618			25			
Yarmouth,		2473			471			
<b>Total—</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>40040</b>	<b>29127</b>	<b>3509</b>	<b>6669</b>		<b>735</b>	
Aylesford,		301			65			
Amherst,		3620			3227		236	
Annapolis,		2046			1593		393	
Antigonishe,		400					453	
Arichat,		1429	459				400	
Barrington,		199					511	
Bear River,		735			605		199	
Beaver River,		24					130	
Canada Creek,		410			354		24	
Church Point,		256					56	
Cornwallis,		1743			225		256	
Clementsport,		826			363		1518	
Digby,		4963			3498		463	
Great Bras d'Or,		72					1465	
Guysborough,		539					72	
Halifax,		270910	249355		75		539	
Hantsport,		9					21402	
Horton,		300			58		9	
Joggins,		374			52		248	
LaHave,		136			371		3	
Liverpool,		1125					136	
Londonderry,		1281			819		1125	
Lunenburg,		41					462	
Maitland,		322					41	
Parrsborough,		515			460		322	
							46	

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	COTTON, LINEN, SILK & WOOLLEN MANUFACTURES.—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries	
				West Indies.	North America		
Pictou,		6009				478	
Port Hood,		90		12		90	
Pubnico,		34				34	
Pugwash,		675	488			192	
Shelburne,		30				30	
Sherbrooke,		241					
Ship Harbor,		190		70		120	
Tatamagouche,		475					
Thorne's Cove,		245		245		639	
Truro,		749		110		115	
Tusket,		115					
Wallace,		165		165			
Westport,		340		231		109	
Weymouth,		773		731		42	
Wilmot,		2392		2196		196	
Windsor,		3595	718	1705		1172	
Yarmouth,		8026	566	3513		3947	
<b>Totals—</b>		<b>316720</b>	<b>257816</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>20694</b>	<b>37673</b>	<b>479</b>

DRUGS & APOTHECARIES' WARES—imported from ditto.

Amherst,		212		19		193
Annapolis,		290		36		254
Barrington,		14				14
Bear River,		4				4
Beaver River,		3				3

Cornwallis,		34				34
Digby,		36				36
Halifax,		68	4805	29		4234
Hantsport,		9070				70
Horton,		230				230
Liverpool,		386				386
Londonderry,		115		13		102
Lunenburg,		8				3
Pictou,		189	163			676
Pugwash,		31				31
Sydney, North,		6				6
Truro,		871				371
Tusket,		3				3
Wilmot,		4		4		
Windsor,		165				165
Yarmouth,		836		107		729
<b>Totals—</b>		<b>12720</b>	<b>4968</b>	<b>208</b>		<b>7544</b>

FISHING TACKLE—imported from ditto.

Arichat,		280				280
Barrington,		49				49
Canso (Cape),		11				11
Halifax,		16259	15218			1041
Liverpool,		136				136
Pictou,		58	54			4
Port Hood,		3				3
Ship Harbor,		49				49
Wesport,		167				114
Yarmouth,		97				15
<b>Totals—</b>		<b>17109</b>	<b>15272</b>	<b>178</b>		<b>1650</b>

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	FLOUR (Wheat)—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States. Other countries.
				West Indies	North America.	
Aylesford,	748	1206		385	821	
Amherst,	2502	3418		1575	1843	
Annapolis,	3654	5585		2065	2920	
Arichat,	2820	7502		1243	6259	
Barrington,	1316	4177		3	4174	
Bear River,	376	2024		391	1633	
Beaver River,	12	540			540	
Bridgeport,	4462	31			31	
Canso, (Cape,)	4287	7449		7263	186	
Canada Creek,	3095	4784		1817	5903	
Church Point,	4326	6618		124	4660	
Cornwallis,	926	1388		823	5795	
Clementsport,	3041	6711		423	965	
Digby,	885	1435		4049	2662	
Guysborough,	118962	198543		1342	93	
Halifax,	560	815		48959	149584	
Hantsport,	3202	5505		815	815	
Horton,	1080	1284		334	5171	
Joggins,	472	769		405	879	
LaHave,	5691	9956		209	769	
Liverpool,	1640	2307			9956	
Londonderry,	76	115			2098	
Lunenburg,	2815	4332		124	115	
Maitland,	2344	4293		1399	4108	
Parrsborough,	7131	10032		4321	2894	
Pictou,					5711	
Totals—	224685	372087		93505	278582	

Port Medway,  
 Port Hood,  
 Pubnico,  
 Pugwash,  
 Ragged Islands,  
 Shelburne,  
 Sherbrooke,  
 Ship Harbor,  
 Sydney (North,)  
 Thorne's Cove,  
 Truro,  
 Tusket,  
 Wallace,  
 Walton,  
 Westport,  
 Weymouth,  
 Wilmot,  
 Windsor,  
 Yarmouth,

167	329			329
65	99			19
2677	3810		80	3792
414	621		18	
3125	2979		621	2372
408	718		607	700
426	682		18	
953	1353		682	343
2328	4396		1010	1065
976	1497		3331	1119
2018	2887		378	2871
1357	2065		16	2065
220	375			
740	1295		375	1150
1576	3112		145	2426
2260	4522		686	4402
5147	9857		120	3117
6737	9728		6740	8941
16668	23323		787	23286
Totals—	224685		37	278582
			93505	

## FLOUR (Rye)—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,	10	10		
Annapolis,	10	15		
Bear River,	102	110		110
Beaver River,	5	5		5
Canso, (Cape)	100	72		72
Canada Creek,	90	100		50
Church Point,	26	23		23
Clementsport,	10	11		11
Halifax,	15801	15915		15618
LaHave,	16	14		14
Liverpool,	1219	1700		1700
			297	
			50	
			15	
			10	

GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	FLOUR (Rye)—imported from							
			Great Britain.			British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries	
			West Indies.	North America	United States.	Other countries	Other countries	Other countries		
Parrsborough,	1	1					1			
Pubnico,	143	158					151			
Ragged Islands,	1013	1352					1852			
Shelburne,	23	31					19			
Ship Harbor,	170	125					10			
Westport,	213	177					66			
Weymouth,	96	162					111			
Windsor,	20	15					162			
Totals—	20068	19996					467			19529
Amherst,		79								52
Annapolis,		18								13
Arichat,		1								1
Barrington,		10								10
Church Point,		13								13
Clementsport,		5								1
Digby,		25								13
Halifax,		5924			8		12			1140
Horton,		8					146			8
Liverpool,		113								113
Londonderry,		9								
Maitland,		1					9			1

FRUIT, (Foreign,)—imported from ditto.

Parrsborough,	5									5
Pictou,	118									112
Pubnico,	2									2
Shelburne,	27									27
Tusket,	12									12
Westport,	1									1
Wilmot,	1									1
Windsor,	11									11
Yarmouth,	367									367
Totals—		6750				8			208	1908
										4273

FURS—imported from ditto.

Cornwallis,	36									36
Halifax,	7905									158
Horton,	12									12
Totals—		7953							7703	206
										7703

GENEVA & WHISKEY—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	39									
Arichat,	16									16
Halifax,	11775									693
Horton,	12									5
Maitland,	5									
Pictou,	153									
Windsor,	35									
Totals—		12085							846	698
										16

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	GLASSWARE—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				West Indies.	North America		
Amherst,		84		34		50	
Annapolis,		5				5	
Antigonishe,		30				30	
Barrington,		28				28	
Bear River,		6		2		4	
Beaver River,		1				1	
Church Point,		1				1	
Cornwallis,		70		70			
Digby,		73		25		48	
Halifax,		3740	3313			427	
Horton,		70				70	
Liverpool,		61				61	
Londonderry,		65					
Lunenburg,		5		15		50	
Maitland,		38		2		5	
Parrsborough,		287	256			36	
Pictou,		5				31	
Pubnico,		173				5	
Pugwash,		5				173	
Tatamagouche,		134	5				
Truro,		4		45		89	
Tusket,		4				4	
Westport,		6				6	
Wilnot,		36				36	
Windsor,		85	85				
Yarmouth,		244	7	11		226	
Totals—		5256	3666	204		1386	

## HARDWARE &amp; CUTLERY—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	1613				564	1049
Annapolis,	924			494		430
Antigonishe,	185					185
Amchat,	173					
Barrington,	291					291
Bear River,	210				146	64
Beaver River,	452					452
Canso, Cape,	10				10	
Canada Creek,	245				100	145
Church Point,	1411				997	414
Cornwallis,	1973				907	1066
Clementsport,	889				247	142
Digby,	891				674	217
Guysborough,	5				5	
Halifax,	104342		141		831	15595
Hantsport,	852				81	512
Horton,	470				16	454
Joggins,	191				191	
LaHave,	30					
Liverpool,	879					30
Londonderry,	894				472	879
Lunenburg,	119					422
Maitland,	1245					119
Parrsborough,	495				817	928
Pictou,	13762		48		305	142
Port Medway,	6		11622		108	8037
Port Hood,	341					6
Pubnico,	50				321	20
Pugwash,	2067		2051			50
Ragged Islands,	6					16
Shelburne,	36					6
Sherbrooke,	150		150			36
Ship Harbor,	24					

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	HARDWARE & CUTLERY—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries
				West Indies.	North America	
Sydney, (North)		1190	1150			40
Tatamagouche,		703	703		708	1497
Truro,		2205				65
Tusket,		65			567	
Wallace,		567			46	71
Westport,		117			54	
Weymouth,		54			497	246
Wilmot,		743			1363	1013
Windsor,		7140	4764		1700	3627
Yarmouth,		8499	3172			
Totals—		156014	111867	141	11740	32266

## HATS &amp; CAPS—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	144			18	126
Antigonish,	16				16
Barrington,	4				4
Church Point,	6				6
Halifax,	6578	2628			3950
Horton,	16				16
Liverpool,	172				172
Londonderry,	52			7	45

Lanenburg,  
Maitland,  
Pictou,  
Pubnico,  
Shelburne,  
Tusket,  
Windsor,  
Yarmouth,

	11				11
	36				36
	332	114			218
	2				2
	5				5
	6				6
	103				103
	371				371
Totals—	7854	2742		25	5087

## HERRINGS—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,	Bbls.	30									
Amherst,		22									
Barrington,		150									
Canada Creek,		79									
Great Bras d'Or,		1176									
Guysborough,		1543									
Halifax,	Box	1700									
	Bls	54982									
	Box	1000									
	Bls.	57									
Horton,		66									
Joggins,		230									
Liverpool,		26									
Londonderry,		780									
Lanenburg,	Box	20									
Maitland,	Box	70									
Parrsborough,	Box	90									
Pictou,	Bls.	396									
Pcrt Hood,		3									
Ragged Islands,		350									
		30									
		23									
		112									
		79									
		645									
		964									
		36570									
		142									
		66									
		135									
		22									
		429									
		1									
		68									
		287									
		2									
		225									
		30									
		23									
		112									
		79									
		595									
		964									
		36570									
		142									
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		135									
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		36570									
		142									
		66									
		135									
		3									
		429									
		64									
		287									
		2									
		225									



GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	HERRINGS—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries
				West Indies.	North America	
Sydney, (North),	20	15		15		
Truro,	20	16		16		
Windsor,	52	65		65		
Yarmouth,	1100	550		550		
Totals—	Box 2810	40446		40372	36	38
	Bls. 61152					
Church Point,	10	10			20	810
Halifax,	4950	4950	10	3371		1
LaHave,	1	1	749			
Tusket,	30	30	30		20	
Totals—	4991	4991	789	3371	20	811

HIDES and SKINS—imported from ditto.

LEATHER and LEATHER MANUFACTURES—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	517			52	465	
Annapolis,	337				337	
Antigonishe,	150				150	
Arichat,	489				41	448

Barrington,	93					93
Bear River,	35					35
Beaver River,	31					31
Canso (Cape,)	4		1			3
Canada Creek,	161			8		161
Church Point,	125					117
Cornwallis,	316			2		316
Clementsport,	94			127		92
Digby,	809					682
Great Bras d'Or,	29					29
Halifax,	21668	8558		321		12789
Hantsport,	139					139
Horton,	261					261
Joggins,	10					10
LaHave,	17					17
Liverpool,	607					607
Londonderry,	224					224
Maitland,	77					77
Parrsborough,	24					24
Pictou,	1991	300		10		1681
Port Hood,	45					45
Pubnico,	14					14
Pugwash,	189					189
Ragged Islands,	57					57
Shelburne,	43			73		43
Ship Harbor,	73					59
Sydney (North)	59					513
Truro,	513					14
Tusket,	14					120
Westport,	120					142
Wilnot,	142					541
Windsor,	644	69		34		993
Yarmouth,	993					2111
Totals—	31114	8927		628		448

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	LARD & TALLOW—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
				West Indies	North America.	
Annapolis,		6				6
Aricbat,		30				30
Barrington,		31				31
Church Point,		6				6
Digby,		12				12
Halifax,		4975		52		4923
Liverpool,		110				110
Pictou,		61				61
Pubnico,		2				2
Ragged Islands,		87				87
Shelburne,		9				9
Sydney (North,)		14				14
Westport,		19				19
Windsor,		15				15
Yarmouth,		166				166
Totals—		5543		52		5491

## LUMBER—imported from ditto.

Barrington,		60				59	1
Beaver River,		30				28	2
Canso, Cape,		6				6	
Canada Creek,		30				30	
Church Point,		97				17	80

Jornwallis,		362				362	
Digby,		98				98	
Guysborough,		31				31	
Halifax,		1780				1694	86
Hantsport,		61				61	
Horton,		241				232	9
Maitland,		5				5	
Parrsborough		3				3	
Pictou,	339	524				524	
Pubnico,		6				6	
Ship Harbor,		68				68	
Sydney, (North,)	113	211				211	
Windsor,		210				182	28
Yarmouth,		1092				497	595
Totals—		4885				4114	751

## MACKEREL—imported from ditto.

Antigonishe,		282				282	
Halifax,		956				956	
Horton,		13				13	
Parrsborough		42				42	
Pictou,		63				63	
Port Hood,		25				25	
Ship Harbor,		622				622	
Totals—		2003				2003	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	MOLASSES—imported from				
			Great Britain.	British colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				West Indies.	North America		
Aylesford,	1071	129		129		12	
Amherst,	5174	434		422		58	
Annapolis,	6680	478		478		98	
Arichat,	845	58				26	
Barrington,	2318	171	73			31	
Bear River,	3840	221	145	50		90	
Beaver River,	390	31				67	
Canada Creek,	5200	444		354		5	
Church Point,	2694	225	136	22		2	
Cornwallis,	1953	195		190		20	
Clementsport,	2888	232		230		6	
Digby,	10974	845		825		17	
Great Bras d'Or,	82	6					96091
Guysborough,	126	17					
Halifax,	1286715	120348	22082	2		1275	
Hantsport,	26	2					
Horton,	1484	134		134		3	
Joggins,	835	81		81		105	
Liverpool,	2150	208	205	196		7	
Londonderry,	4382	301				59	
Lunenburg,	150	7				44	
Maitland,	1694	144		85			
Parrsborough,	508	129		129			
Pictou,	552	44					
Port Medway,	700	58	58				
Port Hood,	226	11					
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1495799</b>	<b>128791</b>	<b>24667</b>	<b>4508</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>2887</b>	<b>97234</b>

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Pubnico,	400	29				29		1143
Ragged Islands,	20463	1642						
Shelburne,	5385	188						
Ship Harbor,	529	65		63				
Thorne's Cove,	634	54		54				
Truro,	943	81		81				
Tusket,	2151	108	92					
Westport,	4972	345	242	53		16		
Weymouth,	1224	76	60	9		50		
Wilmot,	10144	827		827		7		
Windsor,	520	64		64				
Yarmouth,	4977	359		25				
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1495799</b>	<b>128791</b>	<b>24667</b>	<b>4508</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>2887</b>	<b>97234</b>	

		OAKUM—imported from ditto.			
Cwt.					
	16				
Amherst,	30	16			
Annapolis,	14	30			
Bear River,	24				14
Beaver River,	99				24
Church Point,	9				63
Cornwallis,	31				9
Clementsport,	56				
Digby,	1404				165
Halifax,	5				5
Liverpool,	21				21
Londonderry,	26				3
Maitland,	15				9
Parrsborough,	277				192
Pictou,	11				
Port Hood,	11	85			
Tatamagouche,	58	58			

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	OAKUM—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies. North America	United States.	Other countries
Wallace,	40	35			35	
Walton,	9½	18			18	
Windsor,		129	95		24	10
Yarmouth,		630	82		79	469
Totals—		2908	1559		365	984
OILS, (Seal and Fish,)—imported from ditto.						
Barrington,	60	32			20	12
Canso, (Cape)		10			10	10
Church Point,		10			19399	343
Halifax,		19742			40	
Joggins,		40			107	
Liverpool,	Gal. 870	107			73	
Pictou,	625	73			15	
Port Hood,	30	5				5
Pubnico,	200	39				39
Yarmouth,	—	—				—
Totals—		20073			19664	409
OIL, (other kinds,)—imported from ditto.						
Amherst,	303	56			46	10
Annapolis,		29			12	17

Beaver River,	93	10				10	
Church Point,		1				1	
Cornwallis,		90			90		
Digby,		56			56		
Halifax,		860	19			633	208
Liverpool,		3				3	
Londonderry,	130	31				31	
Maitland,		5			5		
Parrsborough,		4			2		
Pictou,		361				44	
Pubnico,	15	3			6	3	
Ship Harbor,		6					
Sydney (North,)		10					
Westport,	230	39			39	10	
Weymouth,	65	10			10		
Windsor,		281				5	
Yarmouth,		191				88	
Totals—		2146			266	857	208
OATS and BARLEY, &c.—imported from ditto.							
Arichat,	520	107			107		
Canso (Cape),	145856	34			34		
Halifax,	170	13063			13068	274	
Liverpool,		19				19	
Maitland,		1				1	
Pictou,	20608	1804			1804		
Pubnico,	4	2				2	
Pugwash,	2080	250			250		
Ragged Islands,	15	4			4		
Ship Harbor,	12	5			5		
Tatamagouche,	690	69			69		
Yarmouth,	3500	350			350		
Totals—	173455	16308			15691	296	



## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	PORK & HAMS—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British colonies. West Indies. North America	United States.	Other countries
Liverpool,	133	693			693	
Londonderry,	2	10			10	
Lunenburg,	5	20			20	
Maitland,	9	36			36	
Parisborough,	5	20		20		
Pictou,	22½	98		6	92	
Port Medway,	17	68			68	
Port Hood,	4	15			15	
Pubnico,	54	225			225	
Ragged Islands,	59	202			202	
Shelburne,	30	132			132	
Ship Harbor,	4	14			14	
Sydney, North,	4	16			16	
Tusket,	57	500			500	
Westport,	47	162		15	147	
Weymouth,	48	192			192	
Windsor,	80	307		9	298	
Yarmouth,	193	1702			1702	
Totals—	5478	22333		981	21393	
			POTATOES—imported from ditto.			
Arichat,		137		137		
Canso, Cape,		352		352		
Halifax,	62953	4963	4	4950	9	23
Liverpool,	124	23				

Pictou,	2649	244				42
Pugwash,	510	44			202	
Ship Harbor,	610	61			44	
Tatamagouche,	90	9			61	
Windsor,	20	2			9	2
Yarmouth,	161	31				31
Totals—		5866	4	5755		107
			RICE—imported from ditto.			
Amherst,	47	26			21	26
Annapolis,	24	16			8	16
Antigonish,	2	2				2
Arichat,	9	9				9
Barrington,	80	80				80
Bear River,	5	5				5
Beaver River,	14	14				14
Church Point,	53	53		2		51
Clementsport,	10	10		2		8
Digby,	29	29		4		25
Guysborough,	7	7				7
Halifax,	4400	1408		10		2922
Horton,	26	26		3		23
Joggins,	8	8		8		17
LaHave,	17	17				174
Liverpool,	174	8				8
Londonderry,	8	8				3
Lunenburg,	3	3				7
Maitland,	7	7				6
Parrsborough,	27	27		21		41
Pictou,	41	41				56
Pubnico,	56	56				14
Pugwash,	17	17				64
Ragged Islands,	18	18				

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	RICE—imported from				
			British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries	Great Britain.
			West Indies.	North America			
Shelburne,		10			10		
Ship Harbor,		17			17		
Sydney (North)		12			12		
Truro,		22			22		
Tusket,		26			26		
Westport,		18		4	14		
Weymouth,		22		21	22		
Wilmot,		121		3	100		
Windsor,		23		1	20		
Yarmouth,		459		1	458		
Totals—		5858		108	4269		4780
		1481					
RUM—imported from ditto.							
Aylesford,	164	34			34		
Amherst,	113	22		22	22		
Canada Creek,	126	22		70	70		
Cornwallis,	315	70		7	12		4780
Digby,	36	7					
Great Bras d'Or,	116	12			12		
Halifax,	92741	18670		17	4689		
Horton,	102	17		35			
Ship Harbor,	168	35					
Totals—	93881	18889		81	4827		4780
		152					
		9049					
		9049					

## SALT—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,	28	28						
Amherst,	44	44						
Annapolis,	78	78						
Antigonishe,	122	122						
Arichat,	2606	2606						2356
Barrington,	67	67						
Bear River,	24	24		1	18			
Beaver River,	1	1						
Canso (Cape,)	84	84						
Canada Creek,	217	217						
Church Point,	154	154		105	49			
Cornwallis,	175	175						
Clementsport,	50	50						
Digby,	289	289						
Great Bras d'Or,	224	224						
Halifax,	12478	12478		1606	1770		481	2464
Horton,	93	93						
Joggins,	20	20						
Liverpool,	44	44						
Londonderry,	146	146						
Maitland,	17	17						
Parisborough,	246	246						
Pictou,	396	396						
Port Hood,	79	79						
Pubnico,	180	180		55	125			
Pugwash,	21	21						
Ragged Islands,	1062	1062		501	331			230
Shelburne,	1	1						
Sherbrooke,	68	68						
Ship Harbor,	428	428						
Tatamagouche,	1	1						
Thorne's Cove,	26	26						
Truro,	76	76						
		68						
		893						
		1						
		26						
		76						

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	SALT—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies,		United States, Other countries
				West Indies	North America.	
Tusket,		5				5
Walton,		12		12		
Westport,		232		108		
Weymouth,		40	124	30		10
Wilmot,		299		289		10
Windsor,		112		10		10
Yarmouth,		628		10		415
<b>Totals—</b>		<b>20863</b>	<b>2391</b>	<b>5209</b>		<b>1081</b>
		<b>7072</b>				<b>5050</b>

SCALE FISH—imported from ditto.	
Barrington,	4
Canso, (Cape)	150
Halifax,	1175
Horton,	30
Liverpool,	3
Parrsborough,	6
Pictou,	93
Tusket,	6
Yarmouth,	19
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1486</b>
	<b>1382</b>
	<b>104</b>

## SALMON and SHAD—imported from ditto.

Halifax,		10799	
Liverpool,	Bbbs. 4	12	
Pictou,	125	200	
<b>Totals—</b>		<b>11011</b>	<b>11011</b>

## SHINGLES—imported from ditto.

Barrington,	43	30		
Bear River,	89	53		12
Canso (Cape),	98	78		
Digby,	19043	73		
Halifax,	4	8454		
Parrsborough,	1464	2		1
Pictou,	15	486		
Pcrt Hood,	6	6		5
Pubnico,	30	3		
Ship Harbor,	18	12		3
Sydney, (North)	58	9		
Westport,	240	36		22
Yarmouth,		155		61
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>21108</b>	<b>9396</b>	<b>9297</b>	<b>99</b>

## SOAP—imported from ditto.

Amherst,	Cwt. 18	38		19
Annapolis,	20½	37		14
Amichat,		38	38	
Barrington,		8		8
P. or Pictou,	8	13		13



## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	SOAP—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies.	North America	United States. Other countries
Beaver River,		3				3
Church Point,		2				2
Clementsport,	13	21			10	11
Digby,	22½	39			23	16
Guysborough,		6			6	
Halifax,		2646	2500		18	28
Horton,		9				9
LaHave,	2	3				3
Liverpool,	5	52				52
Londonderry,		6				6
Maitland,		21		17		4
Parrsborough,		4		2		2
Pictou,	120	177	159			18
Port Hood,		2				2
Shelburne,		8				8
Sydney, (North),		10				10
Tatamagouche,	7½	7				
Tusket,	4½	9				9
Windsor,		142		21		53
Yarmouth,		191				101
Totals—		3492	2832	139		481
						40

PORTS.	Cwt.	Total value.	SUGAR—imported from ditto.			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies.	North America	United States. Other countries
Aylesford,	2	3				
Amherst,	300	565			3	44
Annapolis,	54	96			521	16
Antigonishe,	1	2			80	2
Aricbat,	14	28				28
Barrington,	11½	25				25
Bear River,	67½	94		59	25	10
Canada Creek,	28	41			33	8
Church Point,	31	48		40		8
Cornwallis,	58	87			75	12
Clementsport,		29			16	13
Digby,	210	360			317	38
Great Bras d'Or,	17	34			30	4
Halifax,		111953	3122	18319		1882
Horton,	51½	112			46	66
Joggins,	43	88			88	
LaHave,	2	2				
Liverpool,	94	658		447		207
Londonderry,	2½	181			159	22
Maitland,		4				4
Parrsborough,	68	189			185	4
Pictou,	18	139			49	44
Port Medway,	2	31		31		5
Port Hood,	2	5				5
Pugwash,	2	5				5
Ragged Islands,	37½	61			5	
Truro,	4	5				
Tusket,	14½	16				
Westport,	7	10			3	7
Weymouth,	10	24				4
Wilnot,	60	99			90	9
Windsor,	77	207	49		129	29
Yarmouth,	97½	218			68	150
Totals—		115419	3217	18967	1922	2146
						81
						89180

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	TEA—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries
				West Indies.	North America	
Aylesford,	520	40		34	6	
Amherst,	8158	528		287	241	
Annapolis,	2915	107		70	97	
Antigonish,	786	34			34	
Arichat,	3485	173			80	
Barrington,	834	40			40	
Bear River,	1277	69		5	64	
Beaver River,	87	5			5	
Bridgeport,	150	9			19	
Canso, Cape,	432	19			33	
Canada Creek,		134		101	54	
Church Point,	921	58		4	110	
Cornwallis,		130		20	48	
Clementsport,		115		67	100	
Digby,	5162	323		223	7	
Great Bras d'Or,	114	7			6	
Guysborough,		8	7494	2	39323	
Halifax,		46817			21	
Hantsport,	300	21		3	118	
Horton,	1804	121		51	11	
Joggins,	945	62			20	
LaHave,	478	20			198	
Liverpool,	3827	198		46	827	
Londonderry,	7326	373			6	
Lunenburg,	123	6		8	42	
Maitland,	1012	50				

Parrsborough,  
 Pictou,  
 Port Hood,  
 Pubnico,  
 Pugwash,  
 Shelburne,  
 Sherbrooke,  
 Ship Harbor,  
 Sydney (North,)  
 Tatamagouche,  
 Thorne's Cove,  
 Truro,  
 Tusket,  
 Westport,  
 Weymouth,  
 Wilmot,  
 Windsor,  
 Yarmouth,

119	89	30
3018	2	1071
10		10
20		20
221		36
40		40
75		
35	20	15
19		19
36		5
42		193
223		139
139		203
208		20
29		936
1162		63
322		762
801		
56041	1637	44572
9730		102

Totals—

## TOBACCO and CIGARS—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,  
 Amherst,  
 Annapolis,  
 Antigonish,  
 Arichat,  
 Barrington,  
 Bear River,  
 Beaver River,  
 Bridgeport,  
 Canso, Cape,  
 Canada Creek,  
 Church Point,

15	9	6
182	91	91
89	24	65
4		4
78		78
60		60
30		30
10		10
9		21
21		4
14	10	53
58	5	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	TOBACCO and CIGARS—imported from		
			Great Britain.	British colonies. West Indies. North America	United States. Other countries
Cornwallis,		89			84
Clementsport,		61		5	44
Digby,	18	133		17	72
Great Bras d'Or,	2	11		61	11
Halifax,		16909	25		16878
Hantsport,	14	9			9
Horton,	34	18			18
Joggins,	64	35		6	29
LaHave,	3	15			15
Liverpool,	50	312			312
Londenberry,	34	151		37	114
Lunenburg,	1	6			6
Maitland,	64	35			35
Parrsborough,		51		19	32
Pictou,		1148		16	1132
Port Hood,	1	5			5
Pubnico,	34	15			15
Pugwash,	74	40			40
Shelburne,	3	13			13
Ship Harbor,		74		70	4
Sydney, (North,)		13			13
Thorne's Cove,	34	25		25	
Truro,	474	241			241
Tusket,	154	72			72
Westport,	54	34			34
Weymouth,	34	20		6	14

Wilmot,		106		45	61
Windsor,	10	92		10	82
Yarmouth,		523			523
Totals—		20826	25	456	20330
					15

## TIMBER—imported from ditto.

Church Point,		24		16	8
Cornwallis,		30			30
Horton,		26		26	
Liverpool,		30			30
Pictou,		413		413	
Yarmouth,		277			277
Totals—		800		455	345

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## WINE—imported from ditto.

Amherst,		17		17	
Arichat,		10			10
Halifax,	86	18171	3460	1501	986
Horton,	13	13		13	
Pictou,	393	116	116	40	1
Windsor,	66	40			
Yarmouth,	2	1			
Totals—		18368	3576	1571	987
					12224
					12234

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—(continued.)

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	WOOD WARES and AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS—imported from			
			Great Britain.	West Indies	British Colonies, North America.	United States, Other countries.
Amherst,		291			14	277
Annapolis,		292			35	167
Antigonishe,		1067				1067
Arichat,		6				6
Barrington,		90				90
Bear River,		28				28
Beaver River,		6				6
Canada Creek,		113				113
Charch Point,		84				84
Cornwallis,		660		20		640
Clementsport,		35		2		33
Halifax,		4931	40			4891
Hantsport,		6				6
Horton,		363			5	553
Joggins,		50				50
Lafave,		53				53
Liverpool,		537				537
Londonderry,		422		16		406
Lunenburg,		3				3
Maitland,		219		20		199
Parvborough,		7				7
Pictou,		676			5	671
Pubnico,		88				88
Pugwash,		24				24
Ragged Islands,		6				6
Shelburne,		25				25

Ship Harbor,	7						
Sydney (North)	95					95	
Thorne's Cove,	198				7		
Truro,	460				198		
Tusket,	46					460	
Wallace,	75				75	46	
Wilmot,	90					90	
Windsor,	984				178	806	
Yarmouth,	1571				19	1552	
Totals—	13518		40		594	12884	

## MISCELLANEOUS—imported from ditto.

Aylesford,	45						
Amherst,	347				45	261	
Annapolis,	303		146		86	81	
Antigonishe,	390				76	380	
Arichat,	470				10	412	
Barrington,	165				58	144	
Bear River,	78				21	45	
Beaver River,	19				30	19	
Canso, (Cape,)	99				9	90	
Canada Creek,	607				164	443	
Church Point,	99				43	56	
Cornwallis,	557				242	315	
Clementsport,	137				67	70	
Digby,	1972				1314	658	
Great Bras d'Or,	17				10	7	
Guysborough,	16				15	1	
Halifax,	41905		4114		3632*	17499	1117
Hantsport,	17				17	17	
Horton,	679				159	520	
Joggins,	149				67	82	
Lafave,	177					176	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF IMPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	MISCELLANEOUS—imported from			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.	United States.	Other countries.
			West Indies.	North America.		
Liverpool,	2378			19	2378	
Londonderry,	111				92	
Lunenburg,	262				262	
Maitland,	111			30	81	
Parishborough,	132	6		52	74	
Pictou,	4622	1605		441	2576	
Port Medway,	49				49	
Port Hood,	21			2	19	
Pubnico,	76				76	
Pugwash,	109	37		37	35	
Ragged Islands,	56		11	20	25	
Shelburne,	94			51	43	
Sherbrooke,	4	4				
Ship Harbor,	14			13	1	
Sydney, North,	148				148	
Tatamagouche,	90	90		25	106	
Thorne's Cove,	131			34	707	
Truro,	741				45	
Tusket,	45				60	
Walton,	60				195	
Westport,	372	75		102	38	
Weymouth,	69		1	30	60	
Wilmot,	219			159		
Windsor,	949	167		372	410	
Yarmouth,	5675	260		652	4763	
Totals—	64786	17933	4129	8087	33519	1118

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS,

Being a detailed account of the principal articles shipped from Nova Scotia during the year ended 31st December, 1856, showing the quantity shipped at each port, and indicating to what country exported.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	ALE, PORTER and CIDER—exported to			
			Great Britain.	British colonies.	United States.	Other countries.
	Bbbs.		West Indies.	North America.		
Annapolis,	85	43		43		
Cornwallis,	20	10		10		190
Halifax,	—	2521	1217	1114		190
Totals—		2574	1217	1167		190
ALEWIVIES—exported to ditto.						
Arichat,	126	88	26		62	
Halifax,	13072	9361	3338	1	5065	957
Liverpool,	12	12	12			
Port Medway,	359	263	263			
Ragged Islands,	213	138	133	84		
Ship Harbor,	112	84			695	
Tusket,	1576	993	298			
Weymouth,	3	2	2			
Totals—	15473	10941	4077	85	5822	957
APPLES, PLUMS, CHERRIES, &c.—exported to ditto.						
Aylesford,	Bbbs. 185	85		85		
Annapolis,	4259	2181		1781		400
Antigonishe,	16	8		8		

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	ALE, PORTER and CIDER—exported to			
			Great Britain.	British colonies.	United States.	Other countries.
	Bbbs.		West Indies.	North America.		
Barrington,	149	155			155	
Bear River,	6	121			121	
Beaver River,	95	47			47	7
Canada Creek,	672	295			215	80
Cornwallis,	101	44			42	2
Clementsport,	446	178			173	5
Digby,	317	282	4		90	178
Halifax,	337	158		10	148	10
Horton,	50	37			19	18
Parrsborough,	16	8			8	
Pictou,	4	2			2	
Ship Harbor,	190	93			93	
Thorne's Cove,	4	2				2
Tusket,	4	3			3	
Wallace,	3709	1960			1960	
Wilmot,	16	9				9
Yarmouth,	—	—				—
Totals—	10676	5675	4	19	4795	857
BEEF—exported to ditto.						
Bridgeport,	10	20				20
Digby,	73	273			273	
Great Bras d'Or,	214	428			428	
Halifax,	357½	1630		56	1615	9
Little River,	50	75			75	
Pictou,	44	102			102	
Sydney (North),	613	1226			1226	
Wilmot,	20	28			28	
Yarmouth,	24	60			60	
Totals—	1405½	3892		56	3807	29

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	BRANDY and GENEVA—exported to			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.	United States.	Other countries
			West Indies.	North America		
Halifax,	Gal. 107	10627	20	10549	28	30
Pictou,	—	18	—	18	—	—
Totals—	—	10645	20	10567	28	30
BREAD—exported to ditto.						
Canso (Cape,)	Bbls. 4	4	—	4	—	—
Halifax,	—	2572	2	2570	—	—
Pictou,	18	25	—	25	—	—
Sydney, (North,)	—	250	—	250	—	—
Yarmouth,	—	7	—	7	—	—
Totals—	—	2858	2	2856	—	—
BUTTER—exported to ditto.						
Aylesford,	Cwt. 30½	146	—	146	—	—
Amherst,	203	838	—	838	—	—
Annapolis,	25	101	—	101	—	—
Antigonishe,	770	3080	—	3080	—	—
Canada Creek,	44	245	—	245	—	—
Great Bras d'Or,	1240	4962	—	4942	—	20
Halifax,	3000	12170	6956	5099	3	115
Hantsport,	¾	3	—	—	3	—
Londonderry,	60	241	—	209	32	—

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Little River,	279	1119	—	1119	—	—
Maitland,	26	104	—	104	—	—
Margaree,	62	248	—	219	71	29
Parrsborough,	—	116	—	45	12	—
Pictou,	210	888	—	876	—	—
Port Hood,	187	750	—	750	—	—
Pugwash,	1¼	7	—	—	—	—
Sydney, (North,)	141	564	7	564	—	—
Tatamagouche,	37	185	—	185	—	—
Wallace,	3	15	—	15	—	—
Wilmot,	472	2050	—	2050	—	—
Yarmouth,	3	12	—	12	—	—
Totals—	6794½	27844	7	20599	118	164
CHEESE—exported to ditto.						
Aylesford,	Cwt. 48	108	—	108	—	—
Annapolis,	170	354	—	302	52	—
Halifax,	130	247	50	155	—	—
Liverpool,	3	4	—	—	—	—
Wilmot,	544	1319	—	1319	—	—
Yarmouth,	11½	16	—	1	7	—
Totals—	906½	2048	50	1885	59	—
COALS—exported to ditto.						
Bridgeport,	Ch. 5215	3911	—	—	—	—
Clementsport,	3	5	—	5	—	—
Halifax,	—	175	12	163	—	—
Joggins,	5433	4855	—	3377	1508	—
Pictou,	82414	56120	—	4517	51603	—
Sydney, (North)	27557	20896	110	14773	5703	810
Yarmouth,	46	35	—	35	—	—
Totals—	120668	86027	122	22870	62725	310

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	CODFISH—exported to			
			Great Britain.		United States, Other countries	
			West Indies.	North America.	British Colonies.	
Annapolis,	Qntrs. 59	36		36		
Arichat,	18737	14929	788			14141
Barrington,	8022	4976	20		4846	
Beaver River,	10	6			6	
Canso (Cape),	1835	1368			1271	
Canada Creek,	40	18			18	
Church Point,	310	189	10		179	
Clementsport,	280	181			171	
Digby,	569	355			355	
Guysborough,	9	9			9	
Halifax,	272823	193541	93962		9373	86798
LaHave,	639	315			315	
Liverpool,	5226	3555	2674		881	
Lunenburg,	120	72			72	
Pictou,	213	107		101	6	
Port Medway,	187	103	95		8	
Port Hood,	40	30			30	
Pubnico,	3278	1816			562	
Pugwash,	400	200			200	
Ragged Islands,	20135	13109	12963		1254	146
Sherbrooke,	13	9		9		
Ship Harbor,	1577	913			913	
Sydney (North,)	452	316			316	
Thorne's Cove,	114	69			69	
Tusket,	845	423			423	
Westport,	9301	6241	109		2879	3753

Weymouth,	2432	1603			440		513		350
Wilmot,	182	108					108		
Yarmouth,	8409	5495			1860		2067		633
Totals—	356289	250042	59		112921		13600		22047
									335
									101415

## COFFEE—exported to ditto.

Halifax,		839					839		
Pictou,		483					483		
Yarmouth,		2					2		
Totals—		1324					1231		

## CORN MEAL, &amp;c.—exported to ditto.

Antigonishe,	Brls. 20	30					30		
Canso, Cape,	7	6					6		
Great Bras d'Or,	127	190					190		
Halifax,	7578	7115			375		6483		257
Ragged Islands,	20	16			16		12		
Sydney, North,	12	12			20		20		
Yarmouth,	20	20							
Totals—	7784	7389			391		6741		257



GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—*continued.*

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	COTTON & WOOLLEN MANUFACTURES—exported to				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				West Indies.	North America		
Annapolis,		37		25	12		
Bear River,		34			34		
Bridgeport,		20			20		
Canso, (Cape)		15		15			
Canada Creek,		105		105			
Halifax,	5	25107	653	24275	174		
Parrsborough,		3		1	3		
Pictou,		1					
Sydney (North,)		40	7	10	40		
Yarmouth,		77			60		
Totals—	5	25439	660	24431	343		
EGGS—exported from ditto.							
Aylesford,	Doz. 1150	32		32	2		
Annapolis,	5160	155		153	7		
Barrington,		7			3		
Bear River,		12		9	3		
Canso (Cape)	140	3			3		
Canada Creek,	800	21		21	2		
Church Point,	774	19		17	1		
Clementsport,	6130	179		178		5	
Great Bras d'Or,	740	25		20			
Londonderry,	260	8		4			
Parrsborough,	40	1		1			

Pubnico,		6			6	
Sydney (North,)		7		2	6	
Tusket,	160	6				5
Westport,	700	17		17		
Weymouth,	1200	30		30		
Wilmot,	23489	600		600		
Yarmouth,	15170	318		27	291	
Totals—	56143	1446		1111	325	10
FLOUR—exported to ditto.						
Canso, Cape,	Bbbs. 38	70		70		176
Halifax,	14983	22936	45	22715		
Horton,	16	28		28		
Pictou,	969	1404		1404		
Ragged Islands,	10	15		15		
Sydney, (North)	100	200		200		
Yarmouth,	150	348		348		
Totals—	16266	25001	45	24780		176
FRUIT (Foreign)—exported to ditto.						
Halifax,		4379	241	4101	37	
Totals—		4379	241	4101	37	
FURS—exported to ditto.						
Halifax,		16410		66	517	
Totals—		16410		66	517	

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity. Tons	Total value.	GYPSUM—exported from.			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies, West Indies	North America.	United States, Other countries.
Antigonishe,	702	310			310	
Arichat,	955	187				187
Cornwallis,	490	67				67
Hantsport,	7261	1065				1065
Horton,	160	48				48
Londonderry,	235	33				33
Maitland,	15564	2079				2079
Parrsborough,	3950	724				724
Walton,	6775	1016				1016
Windsor,	36118	6768				6768
Totals—	72210	12297			310	11987
HARDWARE—exported from ditto.						
Arichat,		52				52
Canso, (Cape)		175			175	
Halifax,		12947	205		11459	1049
Horton,		12			12	
Liverpool,		15				15
Londonderry,		914		84	830	
Parrsborough,		225			225	
Pictou,		199			103	
Port Medway,		3				16
Port Ho'd,		1				3
Ragged Islands,		21				1
Totals—						234

Sydney, (North)  
Tusket,  
Yarmouth,

		92				92
		17				17
		109			33	76
Totals—		11702	84	205	12837	1342
						294

## HIDES and SKINS—exported to ditto.

Annapolis,		18			18	
Arichat,		120				120
Halifax,		6078	400		1429	4849
Parrsborough,		6			6	
Pictou,		86				86
Windsor,		40				40
Yarmouth,		82				82
Totals—		7030	400		1453	5057
						120

## HERRINGS—exported to ditto

Annapolis,	Bbls. 137	108			108	
Antigonishe,	30	20			20	
Arichat,	215	363	113		200	50
Barrington,	371	239	25		13	201
Canso (Cape),	10000	8831			8831	
Canada Creek,	50	25			25	
Digby,	192	185			159	26
Guysborough,	2194	1615			651	964
Halifax,	79663	63409	2	19133	10805	27268
Liverpool,	258	243		74		167
Lunenburg,	1220	605				605
Totals—						6201
						2

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	HERRINGS—exported to					
			Great Britain.		British colonies.		United States.	Other countries
			West Indies.	North America	West Indies.	North America		
Parrsborough,	45	45		15		30		
Pictou,	212	200		191		9		
Port Medway,	17	17	13		4			
Pubnico,	194	193			193			
Pugwash,	741	851		550	300		28	
Ragged Islands,	1334	1266		547				
Sherbrooke,	515	515		515				
Ship Harbor,	3569	3481		3269		212		
Sydney, (North,)	204	200		40		160		
Thorne's Cove,	44	31		14		17		
Tusket,	55	34			34			
Wesport,	2062	985		131		305		
Weymouth,	81	55	4		51			
Wilmot,	93	87			87			
Yarmouth,	2925	2373		338		953		
Totals—	106421	85976	20522	27478	31742	6231		
HERRINGS, (Smoked)—exported to ditto.								
Annapolis,	Bbbs. 228	45		45				
Barrington,	200	20	20			4		
Bear River,		56		52		10		
Cornwallis,	250	25		15				
Clementsport,	450	67		67				
Halifax,	12102	1606	753	688	24		139	

Liverpool,	291	45		41		4	
Port Medway,	589	58		58			
Ragged Islands,	39	8		8			
Thorne's Cove,	250	25			2		
Wesport,	469	32		25		23	
Weymouth,	49	14		14		7	
Yarmouth,	2780	208		203		95	10
Totals—	17697	2309	1122	809	167	140	
HORNED CATTLE—exported to ditto.							
Aylesford,	No. 21	144					
Annapolis,	341	3590					
Antigonishe,	798	5654					
Bear River,	2	26					
Clementsport,	13	87					
Digby,	245	2520					
Great Bras d'Or,	1028	6066					
Halifax,	43	531	167				114
Londonderry,	1	6					200
Little River,	378	2328					
Margaree,	502	3111					371
Port Hood,	194	905					
Ship Harbor,	110	550					200
Sydney (North)	45	270					120
Wilmot,	261	1029					
Windsor,	76	982					
Totals—	4148	27790	167	26537	1095		

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	HORSES—exported to				
			Great Britain.	British colonies.		United States.	Other countries
				West Indies.	North America		
Annapolis,	2	40		40			
Antigonish,	8	120		120			
Great Bras d'Or,	13	204		204			
Little River,	1	12		12			
Parrsborough,	1	20		20			
Pugwash,	2	50		50			
Wilmot,	1	20		20		60	
Yarmouth,	2	60				60	
Totals—	30	526		466		60	
LEATHER and LEATHER MANUFACTURES—exported to ditto.							
Halifax,		4362	9	4362		17	
Liverpool,		26				100	
Pictou,		221		121			
Tatamagouche,		28	6	28			
Yarmouth,		8		2			
Totals—		4645	15	4513		117	

LUMBER—exported to ditto.

Amherst,	M. 1009	1105	345						
Annapolis,	97½	206					28		
Antigonishe,	102	204	44				148		
Arichat,	31	103					85		18
Barrington,	320	544		374			40		
Bear River,	106	212					43		
Beaver River,	18	43					8		
Canso, (Cape,)	4	8					26		
Canada -reek,		572		1456			8		
Church Point,	1056	1677					8		
Clementsport,	1½	3					8		
Digby,	260	542		367			706		
Great Bras d'Or,	176	738					1212		
Guysborough,	11	21					21		
Halifax,	3263	7775					8		
Hantsport,	1449½	4569		2560			867		3363
LaHave,	540	769					890		2968
Liverpool,	10860	24068		19599			158		
Londoderry,	96	307					30		
Lunenburg,	100	200		200			66		
Little River,	24	80					312		67
Maitland,	175	792					63		
Parrsborough,	400	819					62		
Pictou,	1483	2180		4508			300		220
Port Medway,	2503	5028					7		
Pugwash,	8080	11575		400			68		
Ragged Islands,	131	407		667					
Shelburne,	587	1099							
Sherbrooke,	19½	48							
Ship Harbor,	9	22							
Sydney, North,	149	162							
Tatamagouche,	1567	2028		2182					
Truro,	77	205							

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	LUMBER—exported to			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies. North America.	United States.	Other countries.
Tasket,	350	592		581	11	
Wallace,	2838½	4706	4568	138		
Walton,	558	1122	1122			
Westport,	126	253	1443	253	679	
Weymouth,	1713	3199		1077	80	200
Wilnot,	40	80		1135		
Yarmouth,	1427	1335				
Totals—	41807½	79948	30136	33177	6094	6852
MACKEREL—exported to ditto.						
Arichat,	Bls. 825	1949		398	1551	
Barrington,	1391	1503			1491	
Canso (Cape),	159	144		12	78	
Church Point,	140	129		129		
Digby,	150	120			120	
Guysborough,	172	373			373	
Halifax,	114890	164964	43	33424	120768	7736
Liverpool,	934	1249		172	1071	6
Londonderry,	4	6			6	
Lunenburg,	700	560			560	
Pictou,	8	13			13	
Port Medway,	118	118		116	2	

Pubnico,	25	25							
Ragged Islands,	360	420		413		25			7
Shelburne,	7½	11		11					
Ship Harbor,	64	81			81				
Tasket,	165	151		73				78	
Westport,	3359	3829		5	152		3072		
Weymouth,	346	346		231	115				
Yarmouth,	2338	2629		316			2295		18
Totals—	125055½	178620	43	35288	3419	132103		7767	
MOLASSES—exported to ditto.									
Canso (Cape),		31			31				
Halifax,	608000	6494	19279		47105		2683		427
Pictou,		8			8				
Ragged Islands,		54			54				
Totals—		69587	19279		47198		2683		427
OATS & BARLEY—exported to ditto.									
Aylesford,	Bus. 978	135			135				
Annapolis,	440	52			52				
Arichat,	1500	115					115		
Canada Creek,	120	13							
Digby,	30	4							
Great Bras d'Or,	2085	208							
Halifax,	17760	2413		606	198		1605		10
Londonderry,	408	96			794		8		8
Parvborough,	1332	162			88		13		
Pictou,	48	12			149				
Pubnico,	80	10			12				
Sydney (North),	1400	70			70		10		
Wilnot,	5921	739			739				
Yarmouth,	6025	680		240	415		25		18
Totals—	33177	4709		846	2669		1176		

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	OILS, (Seal and Fish),—exported to					
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States.	Other countries.
			West Indies	North America.	West Indies	North America.		
Arichat,	Gl. 14271	2362		9	80	2273		
Barrington,		1094		842	1094			
Canso, (Cape.)	400	866		80	24			
Digby,		80		6394	10515	338		
Halifax,		28964	2325	9192	306			
Liverpool,	60	306			6			
Lunenburg,		6		150	15			
Pictou,		150		4	86			
Port Hood.		15			8			
Pubnico,		90		30				
Ragged Islands,		47		68				
Ship Harbor,		68		20				
Sydney (North),	800	20			120			
Tusket,	1916	120		85	199			
Westport,		284			347			
Yarmouth,		347						
Totals—		34819	2325	9231	7652	12800	2811	

PORK and HAMS—exported to ditto.

Aylesford,	Bbls. 12	50
Amherst,	3	9
Annapolis,	29	116
Antigonishe,	35	124
Great Bras d'Or,	21	96

Halifax,  
Londonderry,  
Pictou,  
Sydney, (North)  
Wilmot,

Halifax,	1387	5327	5204	12	111
Londonderry,	5	25	25		
Pictou,	123	412	412		
Sydney, (North)	30	120	120		
Wilmot,	104	400	400		
Totals—	1752	6679	6556	12	111

POTATOES & VEGETABLES—exported to ditto.

Aylesford,  
Amherst,  
Annapolis,  
Barrington,  
Bear River,  
Beaver River,  
Canso, Cape,  
Canada Creek,  
Church Point,  
Cornwallis,  
Clementsport,  
Digby,  
Great Bras d'Or,  
Halifax,  
Hantsport,  
Horton,  
Joggins,  
Londonderry,  
Maitland,  
Margaree,  
Parrsborough,  
Pictou,  
Port Medway,  
Port Hood,  
Pubnico,

Aylesford,	Bs. 11421	1122	425	697	
Amherst,	2275	110	110		
Annapolis,	14859	1345	843	502	
Barrington,	40	4		4	
Bear River,	460	46	10	36	
Beaver River,	886	48		48	
Canso, Cape,	1800	180		180	
Canada Creek,	112637	11473	3582	7891	
Church Point,	598	136	120		
Cornwallis,	218340	15608	1079	14529	
Clementsport,	805	91	91		
Digby,		578	491	87	
Great Bras d'Or,	365	56	56		
Halifax,	3113	413	4	117	
Hantsport,	8257	1690		1690	
Horton,	94512	9073	1504	7509	
Joggins,	18	2		2	
Londonderry,	8523	854	495	359	
Maitland,	80	8		8	
Margaree,	60	6			
Parrsborough,	24325	2454	295	2159	
Pictou,	62	5	5	16	
Port Medway,	224	33			
Port Hood,	100	5	17		
Pubnico,	7632	1030	5	1080	

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—*continued.*

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	POTATOES and VEGETABLES—exported to		
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies. North America.	United States. Other countries.
Pugwash,	359	36			36
Sydney, (North),	1030	51		51	
Thorne's Cove,	163	11		8	3
Truro,	4627	465		15	450
Tusket,	690	77			77
Walton,	7700	750			750
Westport,	160	20		20	
Weymouth,	842	115	5	110	1900
Wilnot,	28730	2831		931	600
Windsor,	6000	600		60	1737
Yarmouth,	13741	2105	246		62
Totals—	575434	53431	543	10310	101
Canso, (Cape)	Gals. 280	60		60	
Halifax,	82000	19087		16591	260
Pictou,	28	6		6	
Totals—	82308	19153		16657	260
Canso, Cape,		189		189	
Halifax,		10054		9994	60

RUM—exported to ditto.

SALT—exported to ditto.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	SCALE FISH, &c.—exported to ditto.		
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies. North America.	United States. Other countries.
Liverpool,	Tons. 10	25			
Pictou,		120			25
Port Hood,		25			120
Ragged Islands,		28			25
Ship Harbor,		16			28
Yarmouth,		328			16
Totals—		10785		10725	328
Arichat,	Qls. 2590	1627			6
Barrington,		216			209
Canso, (Cape)		459			15
Halifax,		24065	1225	1967	3227
Liverpool,		34		34	
Pictou,		278			120
Port Medway,		9			146
Ragged Islands,		657			
Ship Harbor,		85			
Tusket,		2			
Westport,		143			139
Yarmouth,		3131			18
Totals—		30706	1225	4692	3874
Arichat,	Bbbs. 54	22			16
Barrington,	78	312			312
Halifax,		13449	202	2637	10539
Horton,		12			12
Liverpool,	1250	2500			2500
Parrsborough,		1			
Pictou,		287			287
Tusket,		2			
Yarmouth,		4			
Totals—		16589	202	2649	13666

SIHAD and SALMON—exported to ditto.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	SHEEP—exported to			
			Great Britain.	British Colonies. West Indies	North America.	United States, Other countries
Aylesford,	942	431			431	
Annapolis,	1482	739			739	
Antigonishe,	995	744			744	
Bear River,	40	22			22	
Cornwallis,	150	70			70	
Clementsport,	305	122			122	
Digby,	2047	1118			1118	
Great Bras d'Or,	546	272		86	246	26
Halifax,	156	182			96	
Little River,	390	194			194	
Margaree,	421	210			155	55
Parisborough,	50	15			15	
Port Hood,	290	166			166	
Ship Harbor,	53	26			25	
Sydney, C. B.	140	70			25	1
Wilmot,	5934	2817			2847	45
Totals—	13941	7228		86	7015	127

SHINGLES—exported to ditto.

Annapolis,	M.	33			25	
Church Point,		150		54		
Digby,		30		15		

Great Bras d'Or,	430	203			147		56
Halifax,	7846	3918			415		1601
LaHave,	88	51			20		16
Liverpool,	636	280					
Lunenburg,	42	13					
Pictou,	266	123			123		
Port Medway,	351	142					
Port Hood,	15	7					7
Ragged Islands,	504	174					17
Sydney, C. B.	175	95			65		80
Wesport,	20	5					
Weymouth,	246	120					
Yarmouth,	396	147					
Totals—	11228	5372		2819	795		1720

STAVES and HOOPS—exported to ditto.							
Beaver River,	140				2		
Canada Creek,	2						
Church Point,	1				1		
Great Bras d'Or,	22						
Halifax,	8287		53		22	120	7805
LaHave,	44				113	81	
Liverpool,	920				13	75	
Londonderry,	22		22		14		5
Maitland,	62				5		
Parisborough,	19						
Pictou,	42		19		42		
Port Medway,	15						
Ragged Islands,	2						
Shelburne,	57				13	15	
Sydney, (North,)	73				73	25	
Tatamagouche,	8				8		
Tusket,	170					115	
Wallace,	28						
Yarmouth,	43				28		
Totals—	9666		94		333	578	7810





## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	TIMBER—exported to				
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
			West Indies.	North America	West Indies.	North America	
Tatamagouche, Tusket, Wallace, Walton, Wilmot,		281 41 368 113 112 <u>11264</u>	271	37	10	4	621
Totals—			8524	46	1035	1038	
			TEA—exported to ditto.				
Bridgeport, Canso, (Cape) Halifax, Pictou, Yarmouth,	Lbs. 169 696	4 11 16776 36 14 <u>16841</u>		62	11 12698 36 14 <u>12759</u>	4 4006	10 10
Totals—			62		4010		10
			TOBACCO—exported to ditto.				
Bridgeport, Canso (Cape), Halifax, Pictou, Yarmouth,	lbs. 100	7 4 5184 1 5 <u>5151</u>	16	19	4879 1 5 <u>4885</u>	7 4 220	
Totals—			16	19	4885	231	

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	WINE—exported to ditto.				
			Great Britain.		British Colonies.		United States. Other countries
			West Indies.	North America	West Indies.	North America	
Bridgeport, Halifax,	Gal. 36	14 7654 <u>7668</u>	55	4827	3280	14 12 <u>26</u>	
Totals—			35	4827	3280		19
			WOOD—exported to ditto.				
Aylesford, Amherst, Annapolis, Bear River, Beaver River, Canada Creek, Church Point, Cornwallis, Clementsport, Digby, Great Bras d'Or, Halifax, Hantsport, Horton, Joggins, LaHave, Liverpool, Londonderry, Lunenburg, Maitland, Parrsborough, Pubnico, Pugwash, Ship Harbor, Thorne's Cove, Truro, Tusket,	2462 13 6298 5168 81 4791 4289 50 4635 5502 40 46 70 109 85 386 104 46 1487 1146 1027 5 38 5240 40 779	1192 4 3582 2584 40 2397 2200 25 2888 2836 19 44 36 65 48 454 316 46 25 745 433 525 2 22 3017 20 452		49	27 23 90 10 19	1143 4 3555 2561 40 2307 2190 25 2869 2836	44 65 65 48 454 316 40 25 745 420 525 2 7 3017 20 452
Totals—			35	4827	3280	26	19

## GENERAL STATEMENT OF EXPORTS—continued.

PORTS.	Total quantity.	Total value.	WOOD—exported to				
			Great Britain.	British Colonies.		United States, Other countries	
				West Indies.	North America		
Walton,	60	20				20	
Westport,	491	240				240	
Weymouth,	6593	4025				4025	
Wilnot,	7660	4233		141		4092	
Yarmouth,	50	41				41	
Totals—	68890	32576		390		32164	
						22	
MISCELLANEOUS—exported to ditto.							
Amherst,		674	6			107	561
Annapolis,		370				30	340
Antigonish,		107				107	149
Barrington,		149				37	2
Bear River,		37					4
Bridgeport,		2					
Canso, Cupe,		514				510	
Canada Creek,		20				20	
Clementsport,		20				20	
Digby,		814				654	160
Great Bras d'Or,		84				84	
Halifax,		34930	4786			24233	3542
Horton,		85				20	65
Joggins,		530					530
Totals—							133

LaHave,	1					1
Liverpool,	345					335
Londonderry,	243		10			213
Lunenburg,	15					15
Little River,	10					10
Parrsborough,	18					18
Pictou,	2691		12			2165
Port Medway,	4					4
Port Hood,	29					29
Pubnico,	1					1
Pugwash,	205					30
Ragged Islands,	58					5
Sydney (North)	106					66
Tatamagouche,	20					20
Thorne's Cove,	187					15
Westport,	125					60
Windsor,	260		100			260
Yarmouth,	782					364
Totals—	43436		2336			27436
						30
						163

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

General statement of imports, showing the value of merchandise entered at each port in Nova Scotia during the year 1856, and indicating from what country imported.

PORTS.	Total value sterling.	Imported from				Other countries.
		Great Britain.	British colonies.		United States.	
			North America.	West Indies.		
Amherst,	£ 14335		£ 8284		£ 6051	
Annapolis,	13305	£ 146	7491		5668	
Antigonishe,	2757		414		2343	
Arichat,	16715	1077	1645		9876	4117
Aylesford,	1947		779		1168	
Barrington,	7275		672	73	6530	
Bear River,	4202		1417	208	2637	
Beaver River,	1502				1502	44
Bridgeport,	81				37	
Canso (Cape)	8736		8297		439	
Canada Creek,	11332		3569		7763	
Church Point,	9764		2055	321	7388	
Cornwallis,	13995		3451		10544	
Clementsport,	3807		1622		2185	
Digby,	19799		13200	5	6594	38
Great Bras d'Or,	1161		948		175	
Guysborough,	3203	495880	2386		817	
Halifax,	1427201	264	238053	60416	415553	217299
Hantsport,	2307		144		1899	
Horton,	9511		1403		8108	
Joggins,	2933		1486		1447	
LaHave,	1804				1800	4
Liverpool,	25039		754	538	23623	4
Londonderry,	7448		2373		5075	

Lunenburg,	1072					643	
Little River,			420				
Maitland,	7828		680			7148	
Margaree,							
Parrsborough,	7568	54	3488			4026	
Pictou,	58022	27955	10114			20553	
Port Medway,	613		91			522	
Port Hood,	959		680			279	
Pubnico,	5452		140			5237	
Pugwash,	5886		1026			851	
Ragged Islands,	8305	4009	1026			4634	
Shelburne,	1721		1170			1450	1415
Sherbrooke,	1575		96				
Ship Harbor,	4472		714				
Sydney, (North,)	7045	1150	3544			928	
Tatamagouche,	1922	1826	3645			2250	
Thorne's Cove,	2414		96				
Truro,	10371		1034			1380	
Tusket,	4042		1509			8862	
Walton,	1737					3921	
Wallace,	1622		157			1580	
Westport,	6320	75	1622			4202	
Weymouth,	7040		1677			5892	
Wilmot,	17042		1067			5305	
Windsor,	28289	7020	11647			15317	
Yarmouth,	67616	5107	5952			54235	
	1869832	545424	359295	63602	678590	222921	

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Abstract

Abstract of the principal articles of British and Foreign merchandise imported into the province of Nova Scotia, during the year ended 31st December, 1856, shewing the value of each article, and from what country imported.

ARTICLES.	Total of imports.		Imported from					
	Quantity.	Value.	G. Britain.		British colonies.		U. States.	Other countries.
			N. America	W. Indies.	N. America	W. Indies.		
Ale and porter,		3316	3266		8		42	
Arms and ammunition,		4533	3577		8	962	36	
Apples,	Bbbs. 1823½	1589			27		1562	
Beef,	3028	7298			93		7185	20
Brandy,		19342	10688		2930		67	5657
Bread,		9645			199		9446	
Burning fluid,		4952			1		1951	
Butter,		2717			1112		1605	
Cabinet wares,		7146	317		155		6674	
Candles,		2091	395		85		1605	6
Coffee,		5405			13	2412	2499	481
Cheese,		854	147		1		706	
Clocks, watches & jewelry,		4162	3215		27		920	
Corn and wheat, &c.	Bus. 104887	19972			933		19039	
Cornmeal and oatmeal,	Bbbs. 54442	44041	52		5122		38867	
China and earthenware,		8897	7389		1366		142	
Codfish,	Quin. 111133	60855			66847		8	
Cordage,		40040	29127		3509		6669	
Cot. silk, wool, and lin. manuf.		316720	257816		20694	58	87673	
Drugs & apothecaries ware,		12720	4968		208		7544	
Fishing tackle,		17109	15272		178		1659	
Flour, (wheat)	Bbbs. 224685	372087			93505		278582	
Do. (rye)	20668	19996			467		19529	
Fruit,		6750	363		203	8	1903	4273
Furs,		7953	44		7703		206	

Geneva and whiskey,		12035	10475		846		698	16
Glassware,		5256	3666		204		1386	
Hardware,		156014	111867		11740	141	32266	
Hats and caps,		7854	2742		25		5087	
Herrings,	Box. 2810 Bbbs. 61152	40446			40372		36	38
Hides and skins,		4991			3371	789	20	811
Leather and leather manuf.		31114	8927		628		21111	448
Lard,		5543			52		5491	
Lumber,		4865			4114		751	
Mackerel,	Bbbs. 1187	2063			2003			
Molasses,	Gal. 1495799	128791			4503	24667	2387	97234
Oakum,		2908	1559		365		984	
Oil, (seal and fish)		20073			19664		409	
do (other kinds)		2146	815		266		857	208
Oats and barley, &c	Bus. 173455	16308	321		15691		296	
Paper manuf. books & stat'y		19432	9024		545		9854	9
Paint,		14861	13350		817		694	
Pork and hams,	Bbbs. 5178	22333	9		931		21393	
Potatoes,		5866			5755	4	107	
Rice,		5858	1481		108		4269	
Rum,	Gal. 93881	18889	152		81	9049	4827	4780
Salt,		20863	7072		5269	2391	1081	5050
Scale fish, &c.		1486			1382		104	
Salmon,	M. 21108	11011			11011			
Shingles,		9396			9297		99	
Soap,		3492	2832		139		481	40
Sugar,		115419	3217		1922	18967	2146	89167
Tea,		56041	9730		1637		44572	102
Timber,		800			455		345	
Tobacco,		20826			456	25	20330	15
Wine,		18368	3576		1571		987	12234
Wood wares and ag. imple'ts		13518	40		594		12884	
Miscellaneous,		64786	17933		8087	4129	33510	1118
Totals—		1869832	545424		350295	63602	678590	222921

General statement of exports, shewing the value of merchandise exported from each port in Nova Scotia, during the year 1856, and indicating to what country exported.

PORTS.	Total value sterling.	Exported to			
		Great Britain.	British Colonies. North America.   West Indies	United States.	Other countries
Amherst,	3340	471	1796	1073	
Annapolis,	14257		8132	6125	
Antigonishe,	10540	183	10357		
Arichat,	22058		215	2314	18198
Aylesford,	3445		1605		
Barrington,	9219		265		
Bear River,	3116		512		
Beaver River,	318				
Bridgeport.	3978			3978	
				401	
Canso, Cape,	12958		12557	10744	
Canada Creek,	14944		4200		
Church Point,	4423		334	2405	
Cornwallis,	16100		1389	14711	
Clementsport,	3637		765	2872	
Digby,	9619		5827	3409	
Great Bras d'Or,	14797		13752	174	871
Guysborough,	2018		660	1358	
Halifax,	905434	49796	322982	211871	133951
		4785	8	2794	
Hantsport,	7587		1718	7769	
Horton,	9487		3377	2088	
Joggins,	5465		450	3326	
LaHave,	3776	240	429	7182	3041
Liverpool,	34463	747	2068	500	
Londonderry,	3315			1425	
St. John's,	1638				
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1372958</b>	<b>88897</b>	<b>467768</b>	<b>413716</b>	<b>158690</b>

Little River,	3768		3768	3556	461
Maitland,	5080	892	632		
Margaree,	3575		3114		
Parrsborough,	5683	975	1116	3592	
Pictou,	71499	7492	9020	51417	
Port Hood,	1933		1880	58	
Port Medway,	5816			353	220
Pubnico,	3696		566	3130	
Pugwash,	13305	11900	1037	368	
Ragged Islands,	16423		705	180	439
Shelburne,	1259		414	148	
Sherbrooke,	1803	1244	559		
Ship Harbor,	5357		4905	226	226
Sydney (North,)	24972	2461	18137	6098	627
Tatamagouche,	3165		704	3075	
Thorne's Cove,	3433		358	470	
Truro,	690		220	2934	
Tusket,	3083		557		
Wallace,	5455	4898		1049	
Walton,	3176	1390			
Westport,	12174		3024	1786	
Weymouth,	9532	1443	1119	8618	
Wilmot,	18443		12451	5054	
Windsor,	8675		982	5992	
Yarmouth,	21031		8502	7693	656
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1372958</b>	<b>88897</b>	<b>467768</b>	<b>413716</b>	<b>158690</b>

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

Abstract of the principal articles shipped from the province of Nova Scotia in the year ended 31st December, 1856, shewing the value of each article, and to what country exported.

ARTICLES.	Total of exports.		Exported to		
	Quantity.	Value sterling	British colonies.		
			Great Britain.	North America West Indies.	United States. Other countries.
Ale, porter and cider,		£2574		£1217	£190
Alewives,	Bbbs. 15473	10941		4077	957
Apples, plums, &c.,	10676	5675	4	19	
Beef,	1405½	3892		56	30
Brandy and geneva,		10645		20	
Bread,		2858		2	
Butter,	Cwt. 6794½	27844	7	6956	164
Cheese,	906½	2048	50	54	310
Coals,	Chhs. 120668	86027	59	122	101415
Codfish,	Qls. 356289	250042		112521	
Coffee,		1324		391	257
Corn and meal,	Bbbs. 7784	7389		660	
Cotton & woollen manuftrs.,		25439	5		343
Eggs,	Doz. 56143	1446		45	10
Flour,	Bbbs. 16266	25001		241	176
Fruit, (foreign.)		4379			
Furs,		16410	15827		
Gypsum,	Tons 72210	12297			
Hardware,		14702	84	205	234
Herrings,	Bbbs. 106421	85076	3	20522	6231
Do. (smoked,)	Bss. 17697	2309	2	1122	149
Hides and skins,		7030	400	167	120
Horned cattle,	No. 4148	27799		167	1095
Horses,	30	526			
Leather & leather manuftrs.,		4545		15	

Lumber,	M. feet 41807½	79948	30136	6094	33177	3689	6852
Mackerel,	Bbbs. 125055½	178620	48	3419	35288	132103	7767
Molasses,	Bush. 38177	69587	19279	47198	846	2668	427
Oats and barley,		4709		2669		1176	18
Oils, (fish and seal,)	Bbbs. 1752	34819	2325	7652	9231	12800	2811
Pork and hams,	Bush. 575434	6679		6556	543	12	111
Potatoes and vegetables,	Galls. 82308	53431	2236	10310		42477	101
Rum,		1915½		16657		260	
Salt,		10785		10725		00	
Soale fish,		30706	1225	4692	2320	3874	18595
Shad and salmon,		16589	202	70	2649	13666	2
Sheep,	No. 13941	7228		7015	86		127
Shingles,	M. 11228	5372		795	2819	38	1720
Staves and hoops,		9666	94	333	851	578	7810
Spurs and knees,		6766	993	567	331	4740	135
Soap,		1595		1486	49		60
Sugar,		81151	2534	72497	105	6015	621
Timber,		11264	8524	1035	46	1038	10
Tea,		16841		12759	62	4010	
Tobacco,		5151	16	4885	19	231	
Wine,		7668	35	3280	4327	26	22
Wood,	Cords 68890	32576	4804	390		32164	163
Miscellaneous,		43436		27436	2330	8697	
<b>Totals—</b>		<b>1372958</b>	<b>8887</b>	<b>467768</b>	<b>243897</b>	<b>413716</b>	<b>158690</b>

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Comparative statement of the value of merchandise imported at the different ports of Nova Scotia during the years 1855 and 1856.

PORTS.	Value of imports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net decrease.
	1855.	1856.			
Amherst,	£14124	£14335	£211	£4138	
Annapolis,	17743	13305			
Antigonish,	2065	2757	692		
Arichat,	16916	16715		201	
Aylesford,	2512	1947		565	
Barrington,	8463	7275		1188	
Bear River,		4262	4262		
Beaver River,	2133	1562		571	
Bridgport,	70	81	11		
Canso (Cape,)	6108	8736	2628		
Canada Creek,	10253	11332	1079		
Church Point,	8368	9764	1396		
Cornwallis,	12127	13995	1868		
Clementsport,	2792	3807	1015		
Digby,	25192	19799		5393	
Great Bras d'Or,	2346	1161		1185	
Guysborough,	3030	3203	173		
Halifax,	1434243	1427201		7042	
Hantsport,	1863	2307	444		
Horton,	9981	9511		470	
Joggins,	3104	2933		171	
LaHave,	4656	1804		2852	
Liverpool,	22496	25039	2543		
Londonderry,	10075	7448		2621	
Lunenburg,	3112	1072		2040	
Maitland,	9622	7828		1794	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1682703</b>	<b>1869832</b>	<b>42753</b>	<b>55028</b>	<b>12871</b>

Margatee,	24			24	
Parisborough,	6544	7568	1024		
Pictou,	72852	58602		14230	
Port Medway,	1299	613		686	
Port Hood,	8073	959		2144	
Pubnico,	4077	5452	1375		
Pugwash,	2806	5886	3080		
Ragged Islands,	8381	8809	428		
Shelburne,	1707	1721	14		
Sherbrooke,	454	1575	1121		
Ship Harbor,	2369	4472	2103		
Sydney, (North)	9673	7045		2628	
Sheet Harbor,	43			43	
Tatamagouche,	560	1922	1362		
Thorne's Cove,	2940	2414		526	
Truro,		10371	10371		
Tusket,		4062		2141	
Wallace,	6203	1622		2141	
Walton,	293	1737	1329		
Westport,	2525	6320	273		
Weymouth,	6045	7040		788	
Wilmot,	7845	7040		805	
Windsor,	14846	17042	2196		
Yarmouth,	26600	28289	1680		
	68641	67616		1025	
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>1682703</b>	<b>1869832</b>	<b>42753</b>	<b>55028</b>	<b>12871</b>

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Comparative



Comparative statement of the principal articles of merchandise imported into the province of Nova Scotia during the years 1855 & 1856.

ARTICLES.	Value of imports.		Decrease.	Increase.	Net decrease
	1855.	1856.			
Ale and porter,					
Arms and ammunition,					
Apples,	2540	8310	776	1532	
Beef,	6115	4583	115		
Baandy,	1474	1589	5365	5514	
Bread,	1933	7298	3042		
Burning fluid,	16300	19342	1149		
Cabinet wares,	16159	9645	1644		
Candles,	3803	4952	284		
Coffee,	5502	7146		2043	
Cheese,	1807	2091		449	
Clocks, watches and jewelry,	7448	5405	2101		
Corn and wheat,	1303	854			
Cornmeal and oatmeal,	2001	4162		5746	
China and earthenware,	25718	19972		24424	
Codfish,	68475	44041		7786	
Cordage,	16683	8897		235	
Cotton and woollen manufactures,	67090	66855	5967		
Drugs and apothecaries' ware,	34073	40040	23572		
Fishing tackle,	293148	316720	3323		
Flour, (wheat)	9397	12720	2686		
Do. (rye)	14423	17109		29913	
Fruit,	402000	372087		8260	
Furs,	28256	19996		4610	
Geneva and whiskey,	11360	6750	2011		
Glassware,	5942	7953	5689		
Hardware,	6346	12035		261	
	5517	5256			
	143788	156014	1226		

Hats and caps,	8947	7854		1093	
Herrings,	21595	40446	18851		
Hides and skins,	7002	4991		2011	
Leather and leather manufactures,	41002	31114		9888	
Lard,	10224	5543		4681	
Lumber,	3418	4865	1447		
Mackerel,	1010	2003	993		
Molasses,	116424	128191	12367		
Oakum,	1690	2908	1218		
Oil, (seal and fish)	16436	20073	4637		
do. (other kinds)	7596	2146		5450	
Oats and barley,	21789	16308		5481	
Paper man. books and stationery,	19770	19432		338	
Paint,	6259	14861	8602		
Pork and hams,	12119	22333	10214		
Potatoes and vegetables,	9042	5866	5402		
Rice,	5952	5858		94	
Rum,	16136	18889	2753		
Salt,	15461	20863	5402		
Seale fish, &c.	3146	1486		1660	
Salmon,	12326	11011	4375	1315	
Shingles,	5021	9396			
Soap,	3453	3492	39		
Sugar,	140373	115419		24954	
Tea,	58652	56041		2611	
Timber,	1161	800		301	
Tobacco,	18834	20826	1992		
Wine,	10017	18368	8351		
Wood wares and ag implements,	12444	13518	1074		
Miscellaneous,	70470	64786		11684	
Butter,	2333	2717	384		
Totals—	1882703	1869332	152709	165580	12871

SAMUEL CHIPMAN, financial secretary.

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

*Comparative statement of the value of merchandize exported from the different ports in Nova Scotia, during the years 1855 and 1856.*

PORTS.	Value of exports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net decrease.
	1855.	1856.			
Amherst,	2977	3340	361		
Annapolis,	17693	14257		3436	
Antigonishe,	9860	10510	680		
Arichat,	14853	22058	7205		
Aylesford,	5681	3445		236	
Barrington,	10645	9219		1426	
Bear River,		3116	3116		
Beaver River,	976	318		658	
Bridgeport.	1201	3978	2777		
Canso, Cape,	5959	12958	6999		
Canada Creek,	16339	14944		1395	
Church Point,	3856	4423	567		
Cornwallis,	20432	16100		4322	
Clementsport,	2673	3637	964		
Digby,	15229	9619		5610	
Great Bras d'Or,	10732	14797	4065		
Guysborough,	3326	2018		1308	
Halifax,	964129	905434		58695	
Hantsport,	11112	7587		3525	
Horton,	10587	9487		1100	
Joggins,	1615	5465	3850		
Lallave,	7160	3776		3384	
Liverpool,	44769	34463		10306	
Londonderry,	6354	3315		3039	
Lunenburg,	6105	1638		4467	
Little River,		3768	3768		
Maitland,	6694	5080		1614	
Margaree,	2827	3575	748		
Parrsborough,	8406	5683		2723	
Picton,	79081	71499		7582	
Port Hood,	4326	1933		2393	
Port Medway,	12059	5816		6243	
Pubnico,	2555	3696	1141		
Pugwash,	8647	13305	4658		
Ragged Islands,	17315	16423		892	
Shelburne,	2741	1259		1482	
Sherbrooke,	9696	1803		7893	
Ship Harbor,	6359	5357		2	
Sydney (North,)	22945	24972	2027		
Sheet Harbor,					
Tatamagouche,	3307	3165		142	
Thorne's Cove,	6542	3433		3109	

Truro,		690	690		
Tusket,	5472	3083		2389	
Wallace,	5161	5455	294		
Walton,	2110	3176	1066		
Westport,	9803	12174	2371		
Weymouth,	15642	9532		6110	
Wilmot,	19528	18443		1085	
Windsor,	12552	8675		3877	
Yarmouth,	17182	21031	3849		
Totals sterling—	1472215	1372958	51196	150453	99257

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

*Comparative statement of the principal articles of merchandise exported from the province of Nova Scotia during the years 1855 and 1856.*

ARTICLES.	Value of exports.		Increase.	Decrease.	Net decrease.
	1855.	1856.			
Ale, porter and cider,	£2485	£2574	89		
Alewives,	5800	10941	3141	1837	
Apples, plums, &c.,	7512	5675		523	
Beef,	1772	3892	2120	3513	
Bread,	3381	2858		1585	
Brandy and geneva,	14158	10645		2403	
Butter,	22182	27844	5662	1039	
Cheese,	3633	2045		8145	
Coals,	84049	86027	1978	228	
Codfish,	223190	250042	26852	1633	
Coffee,	3727	1324		2403	
Corn and meal,	8428	7339		1039	
Cotton & woollen manuftrs.,	33584	25439		8145	
Eggs,	1674	1446		228	
Flour,	26634	25001		1633	
Fruit, (foreign,)	2528	4379	1851		
Furs,	8970	16410	7440		
Gypsum,	16175	12297		3878	
Hardware,	18662	14702		3960	
Herrings,	74054	85976	11922		
Do. (smoked,)	4232	2309		1923	
Hides and skins,	6153	7030	877		
Horned cattle,	25884	27799	1915		
Horses,	248	526	278		
Leather & leather manuftrs.,	5147	4645		502	
Lumber,	107012	79948		27064	

Mackerel,	221451	178620		42831	
Molasses,	70162	69587		9575	
Oats and barley,	3732	4700	977		
Oils, (fish and seal,)	27114	84819	7705		
Pork and hams,	6975	6679		296	
Potatoes and vegetables,	62324	53431		8893	
Rum,	13514	19133	5639		
Salt,	9555	10785	1230		
Scale fish, &c.,	24475	30706	6231		
Shad and salmon,	20684	16589		4095	
Sheep,	6270	7228	958		
Shingles,	4574	5372	798		
Staves and hoops,	11547	9666		1881	
Spars and knees,	6294	6766	472		
Soap,	1322	1595	273		
Sugar,	133723	81151		52572	
Timber,	8952	11204	2312		
Tea,	27527	16841		10686	
Tobacco,	5166	5151		15	
Wine,	4418	7668	3250		
Wood,	42340	32576		9764	
Miscellaneous,	39822	43436	3614		
Totals sterling—	1472215	1372958	99584	198311	99257

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SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

Statement of imports into the port of Halifax during the year ended 31st December, 1850, showing the quantity and value of each article imported and indicating from what country imported.

ARTICLES.	Total.		Imported from			
	Quantity.	Value.	British colonies.		United States.	Other countries
			North America	West Indies.		
Ale and porter,		3254			24	
Arms and ammunition,		5502			30	
Apples,	Bbbs. 1014	863	11	962	852	5657
Brandy,		18728	2095		67	
Beef,	Bbbs. 2630	6575	60		6515	
Bread,		7680	21		7659	
Burning fluid,		4431			4431	
Butter,		2445			1393	
Cabinet wares,		2451	1052		2451	
Candles,		1279			884	
Coffee,		4770		2400	1900	470
Cheese,		554			419	
Clocks, watches & jewelry,		3826			621	
Corn and wheat, &c.	Bbbs. 99337	18251	902		17349	
Cornmeal and oatmeal,	Bbbs. 29674	22477	1223		21202	
China and earthenware,	Quin. 107165	6704	64782		90	
Codfish,		64782			2399	
Cordage,		26361		58	21402	20
Cot. silk, wool, and lin. man.		270910	75		4284	
Drugs & apothecaries ware,		9068	29		1041	
Fishing tackle,		16259			149554	
Flour, (wheat)	Bbbs. 118962	198543	48959		15618	
Do. (rye)	Bbbs. 15801	15915	297		1140	4273
Fruit,		5924	146	8		
Furs,		7905	7703		158	

Geneva and whiskey,		11775	10322	760	693	
Glassware,		3740	3313		427	
Hardware,		104342	87775	881	15595	
Hats and caps,		6578	2628		3950	
Herrings,	Box. 1700 Bbbs. 54982	36570		36570		810
Hides and skins,		4950		3371	20	
Leather and leather manuf.		21668	8558	321	12789	
Lard,		4975		52	4923	
Lumber,		1730		1694	36	
Mackerel,	Bbbs. 496	956		956		
Molasses,	Gal. 1286715	129348			1275	96001
Onkum,		1404	1239		165	
Oil, (seal and fish)		19742		19399	343	
do (other kinds)		800	19		633	208
Oats and barley, &c	Bus. 145856	13663	321	13068	274	0
Paper manuf. books & stat'y		16811	8542	37	8223	
Paint,		13253	12927		326	
Pork and hams,	Bbbs. 4234½	16113	9	800	15304	
Potatoes,	Bus. 62953	4963		4950	9	
Rice,		4400	1468	10	2922	
Rum,		18670	152	9049	4689	4780
Salt,	Gal. 92741	12478	6208	1605	431	2464
Scule fish,		1175		1105	70	
Salmon,		10799		10799		
Shingles,	M. 19043	8454		8454		
Soup,		2646	2560	18	28	40
Sugar,		111953	3122	18319	1382	89130
Tea,		46817	7494	25	89323	6
Tobacco,		16909			16878	12224
Wine,		18171	3460	1501	986	
Wood wares,		4931	40		4891	
Miscellaneous,		41905	15543	3632	17499	1117
Totals—		1427201	495880	238053	415553	217290

Statement of exports from the port of Halifax during the year ended 31st December, 1856, showing the quantity and value of articles exported, and indicating to what country exported.

ARTICLES.	Total of exports.			Exported to			
	Quantity.	Value.	G. Britain.	British colonies.		U. States.	Other countries
				N. America	W. Indies.		
Apples, plums, &c,	Bbbs. 317	282	4	90	10	178	190
Ale, porter, and cider,		2521		1114	1217	5065	957
Alcwives,	Bbbs. 13072	9361		1	3338	9	
Beef,	Bbbs. 357½	1680		1615	56	2	30
Bread,		2572		2570	2	28	115
Brandy, geneva & whiskey,		10607		10549	20		
Butter,	Cwt. 130	12170	50	5099	6956		
Cheese,		247		155	42		
Coals,	Qtls. 272823	175	59	163	12	9373	80793
Codfish,		193541		3354	93962		
Coffee,		839		839			
Cotton & woolen manuftrs.,		25107	5	24275	653	174	257
Corn and meal,	Bbbs. 7578	7115		6483	375		176
Flour,	Bbbs. 14983	22936		22715	45		
Fruit, (foreign,)		4379		4101	241	37	
Furs,		16410	15827	66		517	
Hardware,		12947		11459	205	1049	234
Herrings,	Bbbs. 79663	63409	2	10805	19133	27268	6201
Do. (smoked,)	Bxs. 12102	1606	2	688	753	24	139
Hides and skins,	No. 43	6678	400	1429	167	4849	290
Horned cattle,		531		74			
Leather & leather manuftrs.,		4362		4362			
Lumber,	M. feet 3263	7775	640	1212	2560	120768	3363
Mackerel,	Bbbs. 114890	164964	43	2993	33424		7736
Molasses,	Glms. 608000	69494	19279	47105		2683	427

Oats and barley,	Bush. 17760	1413		794	606	1005	8
Oils, (fish and seal,)		28964	2325	6394	9192	10515	538
Pork and hams,	Bbbs. 1357	5327		5204		12	111
Potatoes and vegetables,	Bush. 3113	413		4	259	117	33
Rum,	Glms. 82000	19087	2236	16591		260	
Salt,		10054		3994		60	
Scale fish,		24065	1225	906	1367	3227	16740
Shad and salmon,		13449	202	69	2637	10539	2
Sheep,	No. 156	182		96	86		
Shingles,	M. 7846	3918		415	1902		1601
Staves, hoops and heading,		8287	53	113	196	120	7805
Spars and knees,		186		14	20	150	2
Soap,		1594		1485	49		60
Sugar,		81151	2534	72497	105	6015	
Timber,		78	73			5	
Tea,		16776		12698	62	4006	10
Tobacco,		5134	16	4879	19	220	
Wine,		7654	35	3280	4327	12	
Wood,	Cords 46½	44				44	
Miscellaneous,		34930	4786	24233	2236	5542	133
Totals—		905434	49796	322082	186834	211871	133951

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SAMUEL CHIPMAN.

An account of the number and tonnage of vessels entered inwards at each port in Nova Scotia from each country, in the year 1856, with the number of men navigating the same—distinguishing vessels with cargoes from those in ballast, and distinguishing British from Foreign ships.

	Great Britain.											
	British ships.						Foreign ships.					
	In cargoes.			In ballast.			In cargoes.			In ballast.		
No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	
Amherst,												
Antigonish,												
Annapolis,	1	215	8									
Arichat,	3	572	31									
Aylesford,												
Barrington,												
Bear River,												
Beaver River,												
Bridgeport,												
Canada Creek,												
Canso (Cape,)												
Church Point,												
Clementsport,												
Cornwallis,												
Digby,												
Great Bras d'Or,												
Guysborough,												
Halifax,	94	37876	3626			3	687	86	1	851	19	
Hantsport,	2	322	6									
Horton,												
Joggins,												
LaHave,												

Liverpool,																							
Little River,																							
Londonderry,																							
Lunenburg,																							
Maitland,																							
Margaree,	No returns																						
Parrsborough,	1	143	7																				
Pictou,	7	2483	69																				
Port Hood,																							
Port Medway,																							
Pubnico,																							
Pugwash,	1	149	8																				
Ragged Islands,																							
Shelburne,																							
Sherbrooke,																							
Ship Harbor,																							
Sheet Harbor,																							
Sydney, (North)																							
Tatamagouche,																							
Thorne's Cove,																							
Truro,																							
Tusket,																							
Wallace,																							
Walton,																							
Westport,																							
Weymouth,																							
Wilmot,																							
Windsor,																							
Yarmouth,																							
Totals—	127	45039	3899	12	5366	183	4	991	46	4	1461	47											





## Account of the number and tonnage of vessels—(continued.)

	Br. W. Indies.						United States.																	
	British ships.						British ships.						Foreign ships.											
	In ballast.						In cargo.						In ballast.						In cargo.					
	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.			
Amherst,																								
Antigonishe,																								
Annapolis,																								
Arichat,																								
Aylesford,																								
Barrington,																								
Bear River,																								
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Bridgeport,																								
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Canso (Cape)																								
Church Point,																								
Clementsport,																								
Cornwallis,																								
Digby,																								
Great Bras d'Or,																								
Guysborough,																								
Halifax,	4	572	29																					
Hantsport,																								
Horton,																								
Joggins,																								
LaHave,																								
Liverpool,	22	3404	167																					

Little River,																						
Londonderry,																						
Lunenburg,																						
Maitland,																						
Margaree,																						
Parrsborough,																						
Pictou,																						
Port Hood,																						
Port Medway,																						
Pubnico,																						
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Walton,																						
Westport,																						
Weymouth,																						
Wilmot,																						
Windsor,																						
Yarmouth,																						
Totals—	40	5251	277	2057	215961	12917	638	62924	3794	117	18604	657	171	30780	1165							



*Abstract of the foregoing statement.*

Countries to which vessels cleared.	British ships.						Foreign ships.						Totals.		
	In cargoes.			In ballast.			In cargoes.			In ballast.					
	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.
Great Britain,	127	45039	3899	12	5366	183	4	991	46	4	1461	47	147	52857	4175
Br. Nth. Am. colonies,	1581	89876	6812	477	43885	3098	13	1057	73	21	3722	149	2092	138540	10132
British West Indies,	125	14559	964	40	5251	277	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	19810	1241
United States,	2057	215961	12917	638	62924	3794	117	13664	657	171	30780	1165	2983	323329	18533
Other countries,	175	22146	1239	39	4655	230	3	732	23	9	1936	91	226	29469	1583
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>4065</b>	<b>387581</b>	<b>25831</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>122081</b>	<b>7582</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>16444</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>37899</b>	<b>1452</b>	<b>5613</b>	<b>564005</b>	<b>35664</b>

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.



An account of the number and tonnage of vessels cleared outwards at each port in Nova Scotia to each country, in the year 1856, with the number of men navigating the same—distinguishing vessels with cargoes from those in ballast, and distinguishing British from Foreign ships.

	Great Britain.											
	British ships.						Foreign ships.					
	In cargoes.			In ballast.			In cargoes.			In ballast.		
	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.
Amherst,	4	511										
Annapolis,			26									
Antigonishe,												
Arichat,												
Aylesford,												
Barrington,												
Bear River,												
Beaver River,												
Bridgeport,												
Canada Creek,												
Canso Cape,												
Church Point,												
Clementsport,												
Cornwallis,												
Digby,												
Great Bras d'Or,												
Guysborough,	40	33301	2786									
Halifax,	7	2082	74									
Hantsport,												
Horton,												
Joggins,												

LaHave,												
Liverpool,	1	136	6									
Little River,	3	674	38									
Londonderry,												
Lunenburg,	2	392	18									
Maitland,												
Margaree,												
Parrsborough,	9	1108	47									
Pictou,	15	6140	185									
Port Hood,												
Port Medway,												
Pubnico,	16	7784	241					6	3280		84	
Pugwash,												
Ragged Islands,												
Shelburne,	Nil.											
Sheet Harbor,	5	1164	40									
Sherbrooke,												
Ship Harbor,	7	1765	69					1	304		10	
Sydney (North)												
Tatamagouche,												
Thorne's Cove,												
Truro,												
Tusket,												
Wallace,	13	3459	123									
Walton,	5	1013	42					2	481		17	
Westport,												
Weymouth,	3	451	25									
Wilmot,												
Windsor,	5	707	31									
Yarmouth,	4	875	27									
Totals—	139	61565	3778					9	4065		111	









*Abstract of the foregoing statement.*

Countries from which vessels entered.	British ships.						Foreign ships.						Totals.		
	In cargoes.			In ballast.			In cargoes.			In ballast.			No.	Ton.	Men.
	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.	No.	Ton.	Men.			
Great Britain,	139	61565	3778				9	4065	111				148	65630	3889
Br. Nth. Am. colonies,	1655	115132	7130	423	57228	3392	14	2730	130	1	106	5	2093	175106	10657
British West Indies,	309	37887	2240	1	98	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	310	37985	2246
United States,	2375	252354	15439	23	4037	247	301	47858	1968	7	1103	78	2706	305352	17732
Other countries,	166	17705	1077	3	435	25	23	2860	141	2	138	18	194	21138	1261
<b>Totals—</b>	<b>4644</b>	<b>484643</b>	<b>29664</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>61798</b>	<b>3670</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>57513</b>	<b>2350</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1347</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>5451</b>	<b>605801</b>	<b>35785</b>

Financial secretary's office, March, 1857.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.



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Statement of the number, tonnage, and value of vessels owned in the different ports of Nova Scotia, on the 31st December, 1856, indicating those built during that year—showing also those sold out of the province, and whither sent for sale.

PORTS.	Vessels owned.				Built in 1856.				Sent for sale to			
	No.		Value currency.		No.		Value currency.		No.		Value currency.	
	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	Value currency.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	Value currency.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.	Value currency.
Advocate Harbor,	5	911	£7200	2	623	£5500	3	442	£4025			
Amherst,	11	820	7475	4	599	6250						
Annapolis,	68	4238	42000									
Antigonishe,	4	237	1950	6	741	3780	1	241	2000	2	246	£1800
Arichat,	551	14750	65553	14	1544	9860						
Aylesford,	3	254	2075									
Barrington,	75	3494	24015	3	468	5906						
Bear River,	12	1044	9480	2	253	2900						
Beaver River,	6	1814	14700	6	1954	20450						
Bridgeport,	Nil.											
Canada Creek,	19	916	7140									
Canso, Cape,	34	1307	8390									
Church Point,	17	1279	10815	10	2128	17570						
Clementsport,	7	603	5820	1	129	1800						
Cornwallis,	18	1233	10700	2	222	2900						
Digby,	33	3311	23150	3	967	6240						
Great Bras d'Or,	6	247	1440	2	222	1800						
Guysborough,	14	373	2550	1	122	1450						
Halifax,	*330	20464	206385									
Hantsport,	29	4926	47940	3	983	12200	3	1190	11700	1	120	1300

Harbor au Bouche,	9	736	6560	1	150	£1800						
Horton,	76	1225	9600	1	32	275						
Liverpool,	17	5722	60630	5	711	9650	1	137	£850	1	61	£400
Little River,	5	413	3500	2	205	1950	1	1104	5200	1	69	600
Londonderry,	18	1660	12290	2	1387	8700	1			2	209	1075
Lunenburg county,	*200	8278	68858									
McNair's Cove,	6	179	690	6	961	10700	2	392	4800			
Maitland,	35	3701	23250	1	26	200						
Margaree,	7	237	1550									
Margaree Island,	Nil.											
Parrsboorugh,	27	2301	17650	6	706	6300						
Pictou,	31	10936	81470	22	6306	53220	13	3047	24305	7	1016	10125
Port Hood,	6	264	1770	1	76	650						
Port Medway,	15	1270	12850	7	1055	11350						
Pubnico,	41	1918	11516	4	201	2500						
Pugwash,	4	170	1920	1	181	15000	5	1765	13800			
Ragged Islands,	23	1061	10500	4	177	2575						
St. Ann's,	3	171	1240	2	103	740						
Sandy Cove,	7	468	2940									
Shelburne,	9	607	7350									
Sherbrooke,	4	210	1350									
Sheet Harbor,	27	1280	10985									
Ship Harbor,	*30	1352	8947									
Sydney, C. B.	43	2585	19010	1	131	1200						
Sydney (North)	8	653	6600	2	249	2900						
Tatamagouche,	6	137	7000	13	2669	22310	7	1689	14150	3	478	4750
Thorne's Cove,	22	1913	11200									
Truro,	6	494	4900	2	304	3450						
Tusket,	16	1453	7820	5	816	7300						
Wallace,	1	74	800	8	1189	11716						
Walton,	14	1552	7625									
Westport,	27	1400	9300	2	307	3500						
Weymouth,	19	1727	13727	3	282	1742						
Wilmot,	19	1341	10570	2	197	2500						
Windsor,												
Yarmouth,	93	23206	199862	21	7128	71280						
Totals—	1789	142945	1148652	208	39582	370508	46	11400	93296	27	3385	33600

\* From returns of 1855, there being no returns from the reports for 1856.

## No. 61.

(See page 315.)

The committee on navigation securities beg to report as follows :—That upon carefully considering the petitions referred to them on the subject of breakwaters, piers, and rivers, they have adopted the following general principle to apply to all provincial grants for those services, unless otherwise specially provided for, to wit :—That before any grant be drawn from the treasury it must be shown to the satisfaction of the governor and council, that a sum not less than twice the amount of the provincial grant has been subscribed and actually expended by those interested in the work, so that the whole expenditure shall be equal to three times the amount of the provincial grant. Your committee recommend the following grants upon those terms :

That there be granted and paid to aid in extending the Arisaig pier, county of Sydney,	£200 0 0
granted and paid to aid in extending the Chute Cove breakwater, county of Annapolis,	75 0 0
granted and paid to aid in re-building the Troop's Cove breakwater, county of Annapolis,	55 0 0
granted and paid to aid in the erection of the breakwater at Port Williams, county of Annapolis,	100 0 0
granted and paid in aid of a breakwater at Murray's Mill Brook, King's county,	50 0 0
granted and paid to aid in extending the breakwater at Hall's harbour, King's county,	100 0 0
granted and paid in aid of the Canada Creek pier, King's county,	50 0 0
granted and paid in aid of the Givan wharf, King's county, upon condition that £150 is subscribed and paid, in which subscription £90, expended in 1856, is to included upon a satisfactory account being furnished,	75 0 0
granted and paid to aid in repairing the breakwater in Horton, King's county, near the mouth of Windsor River,	25 0 0
granted and paid to aid in erecting a breakwater at Safe Harbour, King's county,	50 0 0
granted and paid to aid in completing the breakwater at Comeau's brook, Digby county,	110 0 0
granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Church Point, Digby county,	80 0 0
granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Gros Coque, Digby county,	100 0 0
granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Montegan River, Digby county,	110 0 0
granted and paid in aid of the breakwater at Trout Cove, Digby county,	100 0 0
granted and paid to the commissioners who expended money on the west side of Port Hood harbor in 1856, upon their furnishing a satisfactory account of the expenditure of £93, which is to include an over-expenditure made by them last year of £62,	31 0 0
granted and paid to further improve the harbour of Port Hood, on the same terms,	49 0 0
granted and paid in aid of a breakwater in Yarmouth,	200 0 0
	That

On the petition of Matthew Sproul and others, for a wharf at Fisher's Grant, Pictou, your committee adhere to the report of last year.

On the following petitions for wharves and breakwaters, your committee cannot recommend any grant this session, viz :

A. W. McLelland, for wharf at Spencer's Point  
 Robert S. Lowden, for wharf at Maxwelltown.  
 William Sanders, &c., for sea wall, Digby Neck.  
 Isaac McLeod, Margaree Island.  
 Archibald Patterson, Tatamagouche.  
 Jeremy LeBlanc, Dorset Island.  
 C. R. Prescott, Cornwallis.  
 Isaac Spinney, Argyle River.  
 Stephen Ingat, Petite Riveire.  
 Henry Stewart, Digby Slip.  
 William Blenkhorn, Lower Maccan.

Your committee recommend that there be granted and paid to aid in clearing out the east and west branches of Bear River, county of Digby, fifteen pounds each, upon the same terms as the foregoing grants to breakwaters,	30 0 0
Your committee recommend there be granted and paid to aid in erecting a Fog bell on Cape Forchu, at the entrance of Yarmouth harbour,	500 0 0
And a similar grant for a fog-bell at Cranberry Island, Cape Canso,	500 0 0
Also there be granted and paid to the proprietors of the Digby and Annapolis steamboat company, to aid them in their enterprise,	200 0 0
Also that there be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor in council, a sum sufficient to place a spar buoy on Bass rock, off Cape Canso, and a Spar buoy on Cerberus rock, off Arichat.	

On the subject of lighthouses, your committee have carefully inquired into that subject, and considered the petitions referred to them, and find there now stands recommended on the journals of the house eight lighthouses not yet built, per annexed statement from the board of works. Fully appreciating the importance of this part of the public service, your committee recommend that one thousand pounds be granted and placed at the disposal of the governor in council, in addition to the balance of unexpended grant of last year for the erection of lighthouses as they stand in order recommended on the journals; and next in order they would recommend that a beacon light be erected at the port of Walton, in the county of Hants, and a beacon light on George's Island, in the harbor of Halifax, the particular sites to be determined by the commissioners of lighthouses; your committee feel it would be superfluous to make further recommendations on that subject, except with regard to the communication from captain Olebar of the surveying service, with the chairman of the board of works on the subject of a lighthouse on Sable Island; your committee would recommend that the executive government of this province be authorized to correspond with the Imperial government, Canada and New Brunswick, to ascertain how far they will contribute towards erecting and sustaining a light on that Island.

On the petition of James McDonough and others for the improvement of Cheticamp harbor,

And Philip Libeand and others, for the improvement of Lingan harbour,

And of H. G. Pineo for improving the harbour of Pugwash, your committee recommend their consideration be deferred to next session.

On the petition of L. P. W. Desbrisay, on the subject of steam communication between Charlottetown and Pictou, your committee recommend the same grant as last year, and upon the same terms.

On

On the petition of Samuel Killam and others, asking aid for the steamer Eastern State between Boston and Halifax ;

And also on the following petitions :

Thomas Robson, for fog-bell,  
 John Hunt for buoys at Joggin, Digby.  
 Job Dart, for boat at Shubenacadie,  
 P. Frazer, Grandique ferry,  
 Edward A. Jones, Petite Passage, Digby,  
 George Hume, Baddeck, Victoria, and  
 Neil McIntosh, South bar, Sydney,

Your committee do not recommend any grant.

Your committee recommend the following sums be granted in aid of ferries, viz :

To Malcolm McDonald, ferryman at McMillan's Point, Strait of Canso, in addition to his present salary,	£ 5 0 0
To E. Forrestall, ferryman at Auld's Cove, Strait of Canso, in addition to present salary,	5 0 0
To Isaiah and Charles Embree, ferryman, at Ship Harbour, Strait of Canso,	10 0 0
To Alexander Ross, ferryman at Little Narrows, between Inverness and Victoria,	2 10 0
To aid in erecting wharves at the ferry at Cariboo Island, county of Pictou, for the safety of the ferry boats, upon condition that a similar amount be subscribed and expended in the same service,	10 0 0

From the large number of grants which have found their way on the civil list of this province in aid of ferries, many of which in the opinion of your committee should be self-sustaining, your committee recommend that in future no grant for a ferry shall pass, except upon special petition, in which shall be stated the rate of charge established by the court of sessions for passengers, &c., under whose jurisdiction they may be, together with an account of the amount received by the ferryman from the passengers and travel, duly attested to.

On the petition of James Morrison of Parrsborough, asking that the provincial grant of twenty-five pounds for the packet between Parrsborough, Horton and Windsor, be transferred from the Horton packet to the Parrsborough packet, your committee decline making any recommendation. The grant for that service having passed in committee of supply, without reference to any person or packet, they leave the subject entirely at the discretion of the government.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.  
 JOHN C. WADE,  
 THOMAS F. MORRISON,  
 W. W. BENT,  
 NATHAN MOSES,  
 C. R. BILL,  
 GEORGE MCKENZIE,  
 THOMAS H. FULLER.\*

\* Except as to petition of Peter Frazer.

Committee-room, house of assembly, 8th April, 1857.

## LIGHT HOUSES RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT YET BUILT.

Boar's Head,	}	Recommended in 1854. (See journals, p. 534.)
Isle of Haut,		
West end Scattarie,		
Wedge Island,	}	Do. 1855—see journals, p. 702.
Burnt Coat,		
Margaretville Pier,	}	Do. 1856—see journals, p. 680.
Great Bras d'Or,		
Barrington,		

The cost of building and finishing the above, with lamps, reflectors, &c., will vary according to size, situation, and description of light to be shown—but may be calculated at a cost of £750 each.

For the board,

JAMES B. McNAB.

Office of the board of works,  
Halifax, March 25th, 1857.

*Charlotte Town, March 14th, 1857.*

SIR—

Having in my last letter referred to sites for light houses, I cannot refrain from addressing you on the importance of having a light on the east end of Sable Island. I am aware that opinions were expressed adverse to it, when the subject was under discussion 4 years ago; but I think they were founded on insufficient grounds and from an imperfect acquaintance with the localities.

Admiral Bayfield was and is certainly in favor of it, and the trade of the world may be said to require it.

I think one of the objections advanced is the great length and dangerous character of the bars; but as they both incline to the northward, a vessel may approach from the eastward on any bearing south of east, and from the westward on any bearing south of W.N.W. with safety, to within a mile of the shore—whilst the north shore from N.N.W. to E.N.E. is bold and safe of approach.

It is a matter of regret to me, that our survey was not more completely prosecuted so as to present the navigator with a complete chart of the soundings on all sides of the Island, as also the soundings between the Island and the coast of Nova Scotia; but this will be done as a matter of course directly the coast survey is finished.

I have adverted to a light on the east point because first in importance—as affording a sure and necessary guide to vessels crossing the Atlantic from the eastward and being their first land fall; but a light on the west end should follow.

A light sixty feet high on lighthouse hill, seventy-three feet above the level of the sea, at the east end of the Island, would be seen nearly ten miles—so that in clear weather, even approaching in the direction of the eastern bar it would give warning and prevent disaster.

I need hardly add that if one wreck were prevented by such arrangement, it would well repay the very moderate outlay required for such an establishment. I say moderate outlay, because I suppose that the men maintained by the government for affording assistance to the shipwrecked mariner would be available for the keeping of the light.

I hope my re-opening up this matter requires no apology, as I am quite sure that there

there is no situation for a light of superior importance conjointly to the large maritime interests of Great Britain, the United States, and your province of Nova Scotia.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,  
JOHN ORLEBAR, commander,  
Surveying Gulf St. Lawrence—Nova Scotia.

To honorable HUGH BELL,  
Chairman of board of works—Nova-Scotia.

No. 62.

(See page 316.)

(Copy.)

No. 10.

*Downing street, 26th March, 1857.*

SIR—

I transmit for your information, copy of a despatch which I have this day addressed to the governor of Newfoundland on the subject of the fishery convention with France, which the legislature of that colony have refused to adopt.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Sir J. G. LEMARCHANT, &c. &c. &c ,—Nova-Scotia.

No. 10.

*Downing street, 26th March, 1857.*

SIR—

I have to acknowledge your despatches of the numbers and dates specified in the margin.

When her majesty's government entered into the convention with that of France, which has formed the occasion of that correspondence, they did so in the hope of bringing to a satisfactory arrangement the many complicated and difficult questions which have arisen between the two countries on the subject of the Newfoundland fisheries.

But they did so with the full intention of adhering to two principles which have guided them, and will continue to guide them: namely, *that the rights at present enjoyed by the community of Newfoundland are not to be ceded or exchanged without their assent, and that the constitutional mode of submitting measures for that assent, is by laying them before the colonial legislature.*

For this reason they pursued the same form of proceeding which had been before pursued in the case of the reciprocity convention with the United States, and which was in that case adopted and acted upon by the Newfoundland legislature:

It was in perfect uniformity with the same precedent that it appeared necessary in the present instance to add a condition respecting parliamentary enactment, in order that if necessary, any existing obstacles to the arrangement in the series of imperial statutes might be subsequently removed.

The proposals contained in the convention having been now unequivocally refused by the colony, they will of course fall to the ground.

And you are authorized to give such assurance as you may think proper, that the



*consent of the community of Newfoundland is regarded by her majesty's government as the essential preliminary to any modification of their territorial or maritime rights.*

I have, &c.

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor DARLING, &c. &c. &c.—Newfoundland.

No. 63.

(See page 317.)

The committee on Indian affairs beg leave to report as follows :

Having examined the accounts and vouchers submitted to them, they find the following sums have been paid from the treasury on account of the Indians for the year ending 31st Dec., 1856, viz :

Charles Gallighar,	£1	0	0
Francis Paul,	4	19	0
W. J. Fuller, Horton,	9	4	4
Capt. Chearnley, for advances and liabilities,	129	18	7
George McKenzie, Pictou, return received,	20	16	3
Doctor Slayter,	27	19	0
Rev. Alex. McSwene, Pictou, no return,	30	0	0
Alfred Whitman, return received,	20	0	0
Provincial secretary, for Indians, Cumberland, no return,	10	0	0
John McKinnon, Sydney, return received,	30	0	0
James McKeagney, Cape Breton, return received,	20	0	0
Rev. Mr. Corteau, Arichat, return received,	20	0	0
Newel Jeddore, lame Indian,	3	0	0
Doctor Forbes, Queens county, no return,	9	9	5
J. C. Wade, Digby county, no return,	10	0	0
Stewart Campbell, Canso, no return,	10	0	0
Doctor Emsley, Baddeck,	3	17	6
John Creighton, Lunenburg, return received,	10	0	0
Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Queens county, no return,	15	0	0
Rev. Mr. Hannan, Halifax, no return,	7	10	0
Provincial secretary, no return,	4	2	6
John McKinnon, North Sydney,	3	0	0
Doctor Wilson,	2	10	6
Doctor Shaw,	1	16	10
Provincial secretary,	5	0	0
Doctor Slayter,	6	15	0
Doctor Croker,	4	12	10
Stephen D'Extremont,	3	0	0
	£423	11	9
Amount of ordinary grant for Indians, 1856,	£300	0	0
“ special grant to pay advances made by capt. Chearnley,	129	18	7
		429	18
		7	
Balance in the treasury, 31st Dec., 1856.		£6	6
		10	

The return from John Creighton, Esq., Lunenburg, shows a balance in his hands of	£1 3 9
And return of the Rev. Mr. Corteau, Arichat,—balance in hand,	3 19 8½
The return of James McKeagney, esquire, Cape Breton, shows an advance by him of £1 19s. 7½d.	

Your committee recommend that parties intrusted with money to disburse amongst the Indians be called upon to furnish returns; they also recommend the ordinary grant of three hundred pounds be made for the Indians for 1857, and that the following sums for medical services be paid out of it, viz.:

To Doctor Geddes in full for attendance on Indians at Clyde River, Barrington and Argyle,	£8 1 6
Doctor Creed, Cumberland,	2 6 0
Doctor Ruggles, Digby county,	2 10 0
Doctor Fox, Hants,	1 10 0
Doctor Jeans, Cape Breton,	8 16 10
Doctor Forbes, Queen's county,	8 16 3
Overseers of poor, Aylesford, (medical aid),	0 17 6
do. do. funeral expenses,	1 9 10½
Doctor O'Gaskill, Queen's county, for medicine, in full,	2 19 4½
Doctor Marsters, Kings county, in full,	1 12 6
Doctor McLatchie, Horton,	1 16 6
	£40 6 4

The following bills for medical services have been paid previous to being referred to your committee, viz.:

Doctor Slayter on Indians on Hammond's Plains road,	17 0 0
ditto at Prospect and Dartmouth,	6 15 0
	£64 1 4

Your committee also recommend the amount of capt. Chearnley's claim for advances made for vouchers annexed, be paid him, mounting to	11 12 6
	£76 11 4

On petition of Messrs. doctor Dennison and Weeks, your committee consider the special vote of last session of fifty pounds was in full of *all* claims up to that time to those gentlemen.

On the petitions of doctor N. Tupper of Parrsborough, and Doctor Muir of Truro, they recommend their consideration be deferred to next session, the resolution of the house not having been complied with; and also the petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Parrsborough.

On the petition of Doctor Chipman for payment for services rendered to Indians in Chester in 1855, and at Bridgetowu in 1856, your committee cannot recommend any grant, the rule not having been complied with.

On the petition of the overseers of the poor for the township of Clare, county of Digby, and the overseers of the poor for Aylesford, county of Kings', for expenses incurred in support of Indians, your committee refer those petitions back to the members of the respective counties, to be dealt with as they may think best; your committee cannot refrain from expressing their opinion, that to place poor and destitute Indians out at a weekly board, or to authorise indiscriminate advances upon the authority of the overseers of the poor as a provincial charge, is a policy they cannot recommend.

On

On the petition of Cobliel Globe, asking for a grant of an Island in Queen's county, your committee do not recommend the grant to pass; and upon his petition for aid to build a house, they adhere to the report of last year, wherein he is recommended £5.

Your committee recommend there be paid out of the Indian grant for 1857, as follows:

To Newel Jeddore, a lame and blind Indian, three pounds.

And to Francis Paul, as a partial recompense for loss sustained by fire, seven pounds ten shillings.

And that the sum of £1 19s. 7½d. advanced by James McKeagney, esquire, to the Indians in Cape Breton, beyond the amount placed at his disposal, be repaid to him.

Your committee, viewing the ordinary grant of £300 to the Indians purely as an act of charity from the legislature to contribute to the necessities and comforts of the Indians, they would recommend that the disbursing of that sum be confined to the distribution of blankets, coats, provisions or seed, under such regulations as the government may adopt; and that no charge upon that grant for medical attendance upon Indians in future shall be entertained, except in cases of surgical operation or accouchments.

Capt Chearnley, late Indian commissioner, has furnished your committee with a memorandum on the subject of Indian affairs, with a view to introduce an improved system, which your committee attach hereto.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED WHITMAN, chairman.  
JOHN McKINNON,  
H. B. WEBSTER,\*  
H. MARTELL,  
JAMES McKEAGNEY,  
F. R. PARKER,  
E. D. DAVISON.

Committee room, house of assembly, April 13th, 1857.

\* Except the claim of Dr. H. C. Marsters.

#### MEMORANDUM.

That one person shall be answerable for the amount yearly granted for the Indians in the province.

That one blanket shall be issued to each Indian man, woman and child, (if possible) in the months of November in each year, at appointed places—say Windsor, Halifax, Pictou, Amherst, Liverpool, Annapolis, Sydney, Cape Breton, &c.

That immediate steps be taken to ascertain the number of Indians in each district.

That blankets are marked (say in a similar manner to the one sent), and a fine of \$ or so many weeks imprisonment to those found in possession of articles issued by C. I. A.

That application be made to the home government for a certain number of soldiers' old great coats, as a gift yearly (or at such times as they are cast,) and in case they are obtained, the men only to receive the great coat for that year.

It appears to me that this request would be favorably received, as the Indians in Canada receive largely from the home government, yearly. The gifts to the Indians in Canada are guarded in the most strict manner.

That no doctor's bills be payed out of the Indian grant, nor sums given out of it for spiritual advice, as I think it would be found that when the blanket is given to each individual, the amount of the charity will be nearly, if not altogether, disposed of. Should, however, there be a surplus, let that go to the purchase of seed potatoes for those Indians *who are absolutely settled upon lands*.

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This I think would put the dispensing of this Indian grant upon a system. The yearly distribution of the blanket would greatly benefit the poor creatures, and thereby give every one a share in the charitable bequest, and stop the present extravagant expenditure; it appears at present, any one that pleases may draw for what sums they please upon the Indian fund, and the C. I. A. never consulted on the subject.

If the matter is once placed upon a system, and that rigorously adhered to, it would save the committee a vast amount of yearly trouble; and as I have said before, the charity properly dispensed would greatly benefit the Indian.

I beg leave to call the attention of the honorable members of the committee to one or two items which I observed in this year's account.

£10 is charged for the purchase of a cow for an Indian woman notoriously in far better circumstances than other females of her tribe, and who had already received largely from the Indian charity and other sources towards building a house, store, &c. If I am properly informed, the committee refused to allow the amount last year—it seems now to have been allowed. (By whose order?)

£5 also charged for the travelling expenses of some Indians through the province.

And an enormous bill by a medical man for attendance upon a creature which no medical aid could have cured (in my opinion.) He, when I saw him, was in the last stage of consumption previous to this medical man's visit. These few items I suppose would amount to over a sum of forty pounds. This amount would have materially added to the comforts of some 80 individuals by giving to each one a blanket.

WILLIAM CHEARNLEY.

No. 64.

(See page 317.)

The committee on the fisheries having duly considered the various papers, returns and petitions referred to them, have agreed to report as follows:—

They have perused the reports of the wardens of the river fisheries submitted to them, and find that while some of those reports are satisfactory and contain valuable information, others are utterly deficient in that respect, and cannot be considered of the slightest value; no reports have been laid before your committee from the counties of Shelburne or Pictou. While a majority of your committee are desirous that the grant to the wardens should be continued, they recommend a change in some of those officers, and that all wardens who may be appointed should be required to discharge their duties with energy, and should be bound to carry out to the fullest extent the provisions of the act which sanctioned such appointments.

Your committee have considered the propriety of making changes in the fish inspection act, but do not recommend any alteration at present. They beg to call the attention of the house to the following comparative statement of fish inspected in 1855 and 1856:—

Mackerel inspected in 1855,	136,814 barrels.
Do. in 1856,	63,878 “

Shewing a decrease of	72,936 barrels.
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Salmon inspected in 1855,	3,338 barrels.
Do. in 1856,	2,785 “

Shewing a decrease of	553 barrels.
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Herrings

Herrings inspected in 1855,	45,717 barrels.
Do. in 1856,	84,481 “
Shewing an increase of	<u>38,764</u> barrels.

Your committee have had under consideration the petition of Sterns Jones and others, of St. Mary's Bay, complaining of the injurious practice of gaffing mackerel, which is carried on by American fishermen and others ; but they do not recommend any legislation on this subject, as they believe it would be of no avail.

Your committee have examined the petition of William Snow and others, of Port Matoon, in Queen's county, complaining of strangers seining fish and allowing them to rot for want of salt, and asking for a law to compel seines to be cleared of fish twenty-four hours after they have been taken ; but your committee do not recommend any action on this point.

Your committee have also considered the petition of James Fanning and others, of Chester Bay, asking for the passage of a law to regulate the setting of nets and moorings in that locality ; but your committee being of opinion that this would be a hardship on the poorer class of fishermen not owning seines, do not recommend the prayer of petitioners.

All which is respectfully reported.

JOHN RYDER, chairman.  
 HENRY MARTELL,  
 FRANCIS BOURNEUF,  
 CORNELIUS WHITE,  
 JOHN CAMPBELL,  
 JOHN TOBIN,  
 PETER SMYTH,  
 HENRY BAILEY,  
 BENJ. RYNARD,\*

\* Except as to changing fishery wardens.

## NOVA-SCOTIA.

Abstract of returns of pickled fish inspected in the year 1856.

COUNTY.	SALMON.											
	Tierces.			Barrels.			Half barrels.					
	1	2	3	Rusty.	1	2	3	Rusty.	1	2	3	Rusty.
Halifax, Lunenburg, Queen's County, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby, Guysborough, Cumberland, Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness,	25	13		1	1517	655	354	35	11	16	19	3
					1							
				20	85	4			1	1	1	
					21	1711	659	354	12	17	20	3
Total—	25	13		21	1711	659	354	35	12	17	20	3

Returns of pickled fish inspected in the year 1856—(continued.)

COUNTY.	MACKEREL.													
	Barrels.						Half barrels.							
	1	2	Med.	3	Med.	3	4	Small.	Rusty.	Sour.	1	2	Med.	3
Halifax, Lunenburg, Queen's county, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Digby, Guysborough, Cumberland, Cape Breton, Richmond, Inverness,	969	*4278 *320 470	8541	2866 *494 8467	20352	120	15	24	3	96	91	80	57	71
	89	298	250	661						148	47	2		
	39	269	36	44						1	1	4	2	1
	86	108	16	2		1					3	5	5	
	350	699	1231	3435	726		1							
		597		874										
	267	16												
	79	722	3	370	199									
	2½	354		372										
		123½		147										
Totals—	1881½	8254 *Large.	10070	20906	21984	121	16	24	3	248	147	84	64	72

Returns of pickled fish inspected in the year 1856—(continued.)

COUNTY.	MACKEREL.				HERRING.								
	Half barrels.				Barrels round.			Half barrels round.			Barrels split.		
	4	Small.	Rusty.	Sour.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.
Halifax,	2	1	1		18296	748		27	3		5400	520	122
Lunenburg,					966	350					27	81	
Queens county,					136						5521	29	201
Shelburne,					289						932	362	
Yarmouth,					94	627					1041	319	
Digby,					1070						10892		
Guysborough,					129						263		
Cumberland,					740						95		
Cape Breton,													
Richmond,					1414						1320	150	
Inverness,													
Total—	2	1	1		23134	1725		27	3		25491	1461	323

Returns of pickled fish inspected in the year 1856—(continued.)

COUNTY.	HERRING.						ALEWIVES.								
	Half barrels split.			Barrels bulk.			Half barrels bulk.			Barrels.			Half barrels.		
	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.	1	2	Rusty.
Halifax,	2121			11575			1			2808	221		28	1	
Lunenburg,										318					
Queens county,	1			114	204					208				1	
Shelburne,					62					495	49				
Yarmouth,										1037					
Digby,										43					2
Guysborough,	1006	39								1192					
Cumberland,				21						119					
Cape Breton,															
Richmond,										233					
Inverness,	402									1138					
Totals—	3530	39		11710	266		1			7591	270		26	2	2

Total barrels—Halifax, 80,709; Lunenburg, 11,474; Cumberland, 1,115; Richmond, 2,456.

No. 65.

(See page 318.)

*Report of committee on transient paupers.*

The committee appointed to examine the petitions and claims for the support of transient paupers, have agreed to recommend the following grants :

To overseers of Dartmouth,	£62	2	9
“ Newport, including doctor’s bill,	6	10	0
“ Clements, for sundries for Ann Cowley,	10	8	0
“ Weymouth, for Javez Hodge,	12	4	0
“ Horton, for Thomas Lemmon,	10	0	0
“ “ for Mrs. Sullivan,	2	10	0
“ Annapolis, for Mrs Connors,	5	14	5
“ “ for Mary McDonald,	16	5	5
“ Guysborough, for lunatic,	16	8	6
“ Barrington, Mary Flinn,	7	0	0
“ Aylesford, supporting ——— Tool,	15	0	0
“ Cumberland, Menudie, for Daniel Larkie,	8	0	0
“ Granville, for supporting McDonald & Welsh,	10	0	0
“ “ for Israel Foster,	9	18	11
“ Liverpool, for Elizabeth Anderson, &c.	40	0	0
“ “ for S. G. Eckstadt,	10	0	0
“ Yarmouth, for supporting five paupers,	£19	0	0
“ Doctor’s bill,	13	0	0
“ Inverness,	28	8	0
“ Windsor,	13	2	4
“ Pictou, district No. 6, for Alexander Chisholm,	7	0	0
“ “ Maxwellton, for Peter Wallace,	7	0	0
“ “ 1st section, including £9 to Dr. Johnston,	40	0	0
“ “ Albion Mines, for supporting John Lawson,	39	0	0
To Dr. Ruggles, Weymouth,	5	0	0
Alexander Buchanan, Horton,	10	0	0
	423	12	4
Overseers of Amherst, for Richard Levee,	6	0	0
	£429	12	4

The committee do not recommend any grants for the following claims, for the reasons annexed thereto :—

To overseers of Aylesford, for Yeomans,  
 “ Liverpool,  
 Archibald McQuain, Cape Breton,  
 Dr. William Dennison, Newport,  
 Overseers of Barrington,  
 “ Dorchester,  
 “ Maxwellton,

As the petitioners have failed to satisfy the committee that the parties returned were transient paupers, according to the regulations of this house on that subject.



The committee have referred the petition of Andrew Madden to the committee on sick emigrants.

W. B. WEBSTER, chairman.  
 ICHABOD DIMOCK,  
 C. R. BILL,  
 M. McCLEARN,  
 PETER SMYTH.

Committee room, April 13th, 1857.

No. 67.

(See page 322.)

The committee appointed to examine the petition of Finley Cameron, report as follows :

That Finley Cameron receive from the provincial funds the sum of forty pounds, if his claim is not restricted by the resolutions of this house regarding transient paupers. Also, the petition of doctor Jennings, for medical and surgical attendance on Roderick McKinnon, has no claim on this house, for the following reason,—that the evidence produced shews the case to be one of a private nature between doctor and patient.

W. B. WEBSTER, chairman.  
 JAMES McKEAGNEY.

Committee room, April 13th, 1857.

No. 68.

(See page 322)

The committee appointed to investigate the accounts of the commissioners of the poor asylum, having performed that duty, beg leave to report—

The expenses incurred in sustaining this institution for the year ending the 31st December, 1856, amounts to the sum of £3840 2 9. The commissioners, to meet this expenditure, received from the province for the past year, the sum of £2000, and also the sum of £1000 from the city and county treasurer of Halifax, making in all the sum of £3000, the difference being made up by casual receipts, leaving a balance due by the institution at the end of last year of £238 16 9, which balance your committee respectfully recommend this house to provide for.

The number of paupers in the establishment and admitted during the year—men belonging to Halifax, 62; transient, 386—in all 448. Women belonging to Halifax, 42; transient, 216—in all 258. Children, Halifax, 125; transient, 52—in all 177. Total men, women, and children, 883. The number of deaths in the asylum during the past year, men 39, women 20, children 64—total 70. The number of paupers in the asylum on the 31st December, men 157, women 127, children 64—total, 348,—of this number 67 are lunatics. The number in the asylum on the 1st of February, 1857, were 360; average daily number in the house, 326, at a cost per day of 7 $\frac{3}{4}$  each. It appears by the books kept by the secretary, that there has been a saving to the establishment for the year ending the 31st December, 1856, of £329 14s. 9d. This amount is an actual saving, although not shown by the annual accounts.

Your committee having visited the establishment, examined the commissioners' books, and inspected the several wards therein, have much pleasure in bearing testimony to  
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the very judicious manner in which the commissioners watch over and manage everything connected with the institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. MUNRO, chairman.  
 THOMAS F. MORRISON,  
 EZRA CHURCHILL,  
 C. J. CAMPBELL,  
 M. ROBICHEAU,  
 G. GILDERT,  
 WILLIAM CHAMBERS.

Committee-room, house of assembly, April 8, 1857.

No. 69.

(See page 322.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Selden, beg leave to report as follows:—

That your committee have examined witnesses for and against the claim of petitioner, as set forth in his petition, and find that there is conflicting testimony as to the mode in which Mr. Selden's property was destroyed. Your committee therefore feel, under this state of facts, that resort should be had to another tribunal, and therefore cannot recommend any action until the verdict of a jury has first passed upon the facts in dispute.

JNO. C. WADE, chairman.  
 JOHN CAMPBELL,  
 CORNELIUS WHITE,  
 JOHN TOBIN.

Committee room, April 14, 1857.

No. 70.

(See page 322.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, report as follows:—

The petitioner claims reimbursement of monies expended by him in the years 1843 and 1844, on a road and bridge at Wallace, but his accounts are not authenticated as the law requires, and the committee have no means of ascertaining the correctness of the same, nor is there any petition of the inhabitants of Wallace, or its vicinity, in favor of the claim of the petitioner. Your committee, therefore, do not feel at liberty to recommend to the house that the prayer of the petition should be granted. Should the petitioner make out his account as the law directs, duly authenticated, and the inhabitants in the neighborhood who have benefitted by the expenditure of the petitioner in the works referred to, recommend the payment of the amount, the committee have no doubt that the members for the county of Cumberland would feel justified in applying a portion of the road grant for the county to its liquidation.

THOMAS KILLAM,  
 MARTIN I. WILKINS,  
 CORNELIUS WHITE.

No. 71.

(See page 324.)

*Department of crown lands,  
Halifax, 20th March, 1857.*

SIR—

I have the honor to submit for the information of his excellency the lieutenant governor, the following annual report, which, with the returns furnished quarterly of the applications and monies received, and of completed grants, will convey an idea of the operations of this department for the past year.

I have also appended a few remarks in reference to emigration.

The quantity of land sold at the minimum price of 1s. 9d. stg. per acre, is 74,470 acres, being 3,470 acres less than last year.

The quantity of land granted under chap. 43 of the acts of 1854, entitled, "an act for settling titles to land in the Island of Cape Breton," is 2090 acres.

The quantity of land applied for at the said price is 44038.

The number of applicants for free grants is five, and the quantity of land so applied amounts to 1200 acres.

The total number of applications received during the past year is 420, being 85 less than the preceding year; and the amount of money received is £5,247.

I may here mention the pleasing fact that most of the lands applied for during the past year are for agricultural purposes.

In this connection I may state, that, although I have been unable, in consequence of a press of matters connected with the department of more immediate importance, to complete a scheme of general arrangement for the plans referred to in the annual report for 1854, considerable time has been expended in arranging plans of this office, (principally original,) and having them put on cloth previous to placing them on portfolios. The book-binder's charge for his portion of this work amounts to £30, which is stated among the expenditures, and I hope will be considered reasonable and judicious.

I have ordered from Glasgow 18 large portfolios, that is one for each county, and which are expected by the first spring vessel. I have also had a map of the province prepared, as an index to the portfolios.

Last summer the old Cape Breton applications—I refer to those mentioned in the annual report from this department for 1854, (*vide* journal of assembly for that year, appendix No. 19, page 158)—were taken up for adjustment. Notices were addressed to each applicant, acquainting him of the state of his application; and a large majority of those applicants have paid the balances due by them. Surveys have been made, and grants, which are not already completed, are in course of preparation. I trust that another year will bring to a completion all the arrear work of this office connected with that Island. I have only been able to obtain from one of the counties of the Island, (that of Inverness,) an accurate list of the number of squatters, from which it appears that that county alone contains 752 families settled on crown land without authority.

The county surveyor of Cape Breton reports that about two-thirds of the settlers are squatters. This assertion at first would appear to be an exaggeration, but will not appear so improbable when it is remembered that nearly the whole settlement of Mira belong to that class. It may be fairly assumed, then, that in the whole Island there are not less than 1500 families with no title but possession. I would be far from wishing to deal harshly with actual settlers, but I am convinced that the moral tendency of this mode of settlement is bad; and many persons who would apply and pay for land previous to settling, are deterred, fearing to provoke a hostile feeling by interfering with (in many cases) the unreasonable and extensive claims of the squatter.

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To remedy and prevent the increase of this evil, I would recommend that those lands be surveyed and laid out in lots of a regular shape and moderate extent, say from one to two hundred acres, and the minimum price demanded from the occupier to be paid within a reasonable but definite period ; but should he neglect to comply with those terms, then that his improvements be valued, by an officer appointed for that duty—the lot advertised and sold at public sale, and the value of improvements paid over to him.

The gross amount paid for surveys during the past year is probably higher in proportion to the quantity of land granted than for any one of the few preceding years. This arises partly from the fact of a considerable quantity of land having been granted under chap. 43, page 53, acts of 1854, for settling titles to land in Cape Breton, in which cases no money is received from the applicants, while the surveys, which are more costly than wilderness lots, in consequence of being for the most part settled and improved, and the improvements generally extending in some parts beyond the original intention of the limits of the lot ;—hence an interference with the adjoining lands, and consequently a tedious adjustment of boundaries.

I need scarcely add that those surveys are at the expense of the department.

In Nova Scotia experience has proved that the expense of conducting a careful survey is trifling, compared with that of a law suit.

The county surveyors are therefore instructed to spare no reasonable amount of labor in clearly defining the rear boundaries of old grants before attempting to fix the boundaries of lots now applied for. The necessity of this can hardly be appreciated without a full knowledge of the mode in which lands were formerly granted.

At the early settlement both of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, the lands were laid out fronting on the principal waters and along the main roads, agreeably to a general design. The front corner bounds were set up on the ground, but the rear and side lines were only marked on paper. At a more recent period—indeed until within the last few years—every applicant was allowed to have his lot surveyed in any position or shape he might require. The surveys were conducted by the department, and pains appear to have been taken to reduce as much as possible that portion of the annual expenses, so that in too many cases isolated surveys were conducted in the vicinity of old grants, whose rear boundaries had never been actually marked on the ground, and without defining, by actual measurements, the relative position of the lots.

The evils arising from this mode have been felt for several years ; they still continue, and may be expected to remain, fertile sources of litigation for the future. I am the more particular in bringing this subject to your notice, as I foresee that the surveys it will be necessary to conduct during the present and future years will be of a character still more extensive than those of the past, and principally for the causes above stated.

Last June I addressed a note to the honorable the provincial secretary, referring to the importance of marking out meridian lines, in accordance with the grant of the legislature, (see page 184 journals of the house of assembly for 1856,) and suggesting that a competent person should be appointed to carry out that part of the instructions contained in the report of the honorable the committee of the house of assembly on crown lands, for 1856. I used that liberty then, because I believed the fixing of those lines to be of great importance. For the same reason I now take the opportunity of directing your attention to the subject.

On the 28th November, 1856, I addressed a letter to the hon. Joseph Cauchon, commissioner crown lands, Canada, stating my desire to improve the system of managing and disposing of the crown domain in this province, and requesting from him such information on that subject as he could furnish. Last February, in answer thereto, I received from him a package, containing a large number of documents, which I herewith transmit. From these, valuable information may be derived, and it will readily be perceived that with slight modification a portion of the practice of the crown land department of Canada could with advantage be adopted here.

In making this report, I have endeavored to be as concise as possible, and will there-  
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fore only refer to two of those Canadian documents—*first*, the mode of conveying titles from the crown to the subject ; and *second*, the act for admitting persons to practice surveying.

In reference to the first, it will be observed, that conditions are inserted in their grants of actual settlement and improvements, or otherwise, as the case may be, agreeably to the class to which the land belongs, and the purpose for which it is obtained—*i. e.* for cultivation or lumbering. In our grants no clauses of defeasance are inserted, and I presume the land so granted could not be escheated in cases of non-settlement. This subject appears to me of great importance, since the object of granting land in every new country is to increase its population by placing it in the hands of actual settlers. [See report of committee on crown lands, appendix 76, journals of 1855.]—With respect to the *second*, it will be observed by reference to the *Canada land surveying act* that no person is allowed to practice as a surveyor who has not been admitted agreeably to that act. In this province there is no check or regulation to prevent any person who chooses to practice as a land surveyor, provided he can obtain employment.

Surveyors of lumber, measurers of grain, salt, coal, &c., are licensed, but the public has no protection against imposition in the measuring and apportioning of their *real estate*, which is surely of more importance than that of personal property.

I have also enclosed, for the information of his excellency, the annual reports of the county surveyors, accompanied by a tabular statement, containing an abstract of those reports and number of lots now surveyed and ready for settlement. After a perusal of them, it will be seen that there is room for a considerable increase to our rural population, both of farm labourers and mechanics. There is also room for another and very desirable class, consisting of small farmers with families, and possessing a capital of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred pounds sterling. I am of opinion that arrangements could be made within a few months for settling families of that class, agreeably to a scheme I shall have the honor of submitting for his excellency's consideration.

As I could not recommend the immigrant to enter wilderness land before he has learned the art of "making a new chopping," *i. e.* felling the trees, piling and burning them, and putting new land under crop, which is a branch of agriculture peculiar to itself, and can only be conducted with profit by a thorough back-woodsman. To attempt settling immigrants on land in its natural wilderness state, would, I am convinced, be attended with certain failure.

There are scattered over the face of the province from ten to twelve hundred families living on crown land without having any title whatever, forming, as it were, the out-work of the more advanced agricultural settlements, whose improvements could be purchased for one-fourth the expense of actual labour expended in preparing them, without injustice or loss, but rather with advantage to those pioneers of the forest.

The scheme, therefore, I have to propose for his excellency's consideration is, the propriety of having the lands intruded upon by squatters surveyed and laid out into regular farm lots of suitable extent ; the improvements to be valued, and the amount paid over to the squatter, (provided he agree to this arrangement,) with the option of a back or wilderness lot of the same extent and quality as the lot which it is proposed he resign. That the immigrant of the class last mentioned should, on payment for such improvements, (which would generally consist of from fifteen to twenty acres of arable land, with a log house and barn,) in addition to the upset price, be put in possession of his new home.

To put this scheme into practice, the appointment of an agent would be requisite. This, like other schemes required by the public service, would be attended with some difficulty. Its successful accomplishment, however, would in a great measure depend upon the character and style of man selected as agent. He should possess energy and tact, and be well acquainted with the characteristics of the country and the local requirements of the various settlements.

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This idea may be more difficult of realization than I imagine ; but if successful, even on a comparatively small scale, the effect would be to bring into the country a thriving and most desirable class of settlers. Another object gained would be to elevate those unauthorized settlers from mere squatters to the position of proprietors, under a legal title, and on lots with the boundaries regularly marked out.

A good arrangement preparatory for new settlers, would be as suggested by Mr. Robert FitzRandolf, of Bridgetown, Annapolis county, annexed to the end of the annual report of Mr. Campbell, principal deputy surveyor for that county.

Mr. FitzRandolf recommends that after roads are marked out and partially made, and the lots surveyed, that small log houses should be built 20x15 feet, roof and ends shingled, with lower and upper floor, a chimney, and a small cellar, ready for occupation, with one acre cleared and ready for seed, would cost twenty pounds ; if planted say three-fourths with potatoes, balance beans, &c., twenty-five pounds.

Whatever course may be pursued by his excellency in the disposal of the crown domain, I beg strongly to recommend that an extensive exploration be conducted ; new roads should be carefully surveyed and cut through such lands as would be considered best calculated for present occupation.

This would form a good and reasonable preliminary, whether for a more efficient settlement according to the usual mode by people in the province taking up the land, or by a prudent and judicious system of emigration, to which many minds have for several years been favourably directed.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES B. UNIACKE.

The honorable

The provincial secretary, &c. &c. &c.



## PART 2.—(See page 324.)

*Tabular statement compiled from the annual returns of the principal deputy surveyors of the several counties of the province of Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton, in answer to a circular recently addressed to them and annexed hereto, shewing where emigration could (on a small scale) be introduced with advantage both to the country and to the emigrant. Also other information contained in said returns.*

County.	Area of land capable of profitable cultivation, but not yet settled.	Area of land laid out, and ready for settlement.	Number of lots surveyed and ready for settlement.
Annapolis,	120,000	30,000	{ Several blocks laid out, but not yet subdivided { 15 two hundred acre lots. { 18 two hundred acre lots. { 10 one hundred acre lots. { 40 lots of 150 acres each, may be laid out on New Guysboro road. { 40 lots of 100 acres each, may be laid out in neighbourhood of roads. { 28 two hundred acre lots. { 10 one hundred do.
Cumberland,	72,000	Several blocks recommended.	
Colchester,	30,000	33,000 recommended.	
Digby,	40,000	3,000	
Guysboro',	70,000	4,600	
Halifax,	10,000		
Hants,	74,000	10 two hundred acre lots.	
Kings,	55,000	20,000 acres recommended by county surveyor.	
Lunenburg,	12,000	No report from county surveyor	
Pictou,	10,000	7,200	
Queens,	No report from county surveyor.		
Sydney,	No report from county surveyor.		
Shelburne,	40,000 in upper part of county.		
Yarmouth,	Only a portion capable of cultivation.		
Cape Breton,	Surveyor's report indefinite, as regards quality of land.		
Inverness,			
Richmond,			
Victoria,			



TABULAR STATEMENT i—(continued.)

COUNTY.	Number of tradesmen, labourers, &c.			Number of squatters.	Locality, and other remarks.
	Ship or house carpenters.	Blacksmiths	Masons. Laborers.		
Annapolis, Cumberland, Colchester, Digby, Guysboro', Halifax, Hants, Kings, Lunenburg, Pictou, Queens, Sydney, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Victoria,	40 or 50 tradesmen, with about 300 to 400 laborers. 40 tradesmen, with 300 or 400 laborers. 190 100 tradesmen.	20 Not reported.	10 260 200	Not given. 45 20 121 Uncertain. About 80. Not given.  8 14 752	E. of Upper Musquodoboit.

It is believed that the quantities given in the above statement are rather under than over the facts; and I am persuaded that, although the land is not equal in quality to that of Western Canada or the Western States, that the difference in quality is far over-balanced, when the low price of the land, its proximity to good markets, good roads, thriving settlements, schools, churches, &c., and a healthy climate, are taken into consideration. I would also remark that the statements made in the above sheet are from the county surveyors' reports and other sources.

W. A. HENDRY,  
For J. B. UNLACKE, commr. crown lands.

Department of crown lands, Halifax, March 20, 1857.

## PART 3—(See page 324.)

*Middle Musquodoboit, January 6, 1857.*

JAMES B. UNLACKE, commissioner of crown lands, N. S.

*Honourable sir,—*

In reply to your circular of the 26th ult., I have to state that there is a block of province land situate on the Guysboro' road and St. Mary's river, in the county of Halifax, extending from Kings college grant of 5,000 acres eastward perhaps ten miles. The situation of this land being on the post road and river, and the quality seems to point out this land as the most suitable to be laid out in lots, in order to form a new settlement. Beyond this block, on the same road and county, I think there is one or two squatters of the name of Cameron, and one of the name of Hattie.

As to the number of tradesmen likely to be needed in this part of the country, perhaps two smiths and two house carpenters is as many as would be needed in that locality. One wheelwright might find employment.

I am, sir,  
Yeur obdt. servant,

ROBERT A. LOGAN,  
Dep land surveyor.

*Shelburne, February 12th, 1857.*

The honorable JAMES B. UNLACKE.

SIR—

In reply to your circular of the 26th of December last, I beg leave to submit the following report :—

The number of acres of crown land in this county may be estimated at 196,000 acres, the greater part of which is barren, rocky and sterile, being unfit for cultivation. This may be termed the general character of the ungranted lands, though many places could be found which, if cleared and cultivated, would make good farms. All the best lands for settlements are included in the old grants on Clyde and Jordan Rivers, the greater part of which is lying in a wilderness state, the original grantees having emigrated to the United States and elsewhere without having taken possession of their lands. About the year 1797 a great many lots were sold at auction, by authority of an act of the provincial legislature. passed in the thirty-third year of the reign of George the third, to pay the rates and non-performance of statute labor, &c., some of which were sold at the low price of five shillings and three pence per 100 acres.

Regarding the want of mechanical and other labor in this county, I have to remark that ship-building, lumbering, and the fishing interests, are largely on the increase, and much inconvenience is frequently felt for such persons to carry out the enterprise of the county; and as a natural result, labor of every kind has risen to a high pitch, nearly double to what could be obtained in former years. Persons desirous of entering into the fishing business could at all times find employment in the summer season as fishermen, and in the winter on foreign voyages.

I am, sir,  
Your obt. servant,

ALEX'R. HAMILTON, P. D. S.

Number

*Number of tradesmen, mechanics and laborers.*

House joiners, 20 ; ship carpenters, almost any number ; blacksmiths, 11 ; masons and plasterers, 10 ; tailors, 6 ; painters, 3 ; coopers, — ; apprentices, from 150 to 200, male and female.

*Name and residence of squatter.*

Henry Pope—Punico road, Barrington.  
 Ralph Stoddart—East side “ Woods Harbour ” grant, Barrington.  
 Hugh Blades— Ditto ditto,  
 Thomas McGill—Island in Roseway River.  
 James Wier, (I cannot say whether on old ungranted land or not)—Shelburne and Barrington road.

*Residing on lots formerly surveyed when the purchase money was paid by instalments.*

Thomas McRay—Clyde River.  
 Michael Davis—“ White’s Hill,” between Clyde and Roseway.  
 James Ensor—Shelburne road, (formerly surveyed for Reuben Nickerson.)  
 Theophilus Harris—“ White’s Hill,” (squatter.)

Yarmouth, February 22, 1857.

SIR—

In obedience to your request, dated February 11, 1857, requiring me to furnish for the information of government a report, giving a general view of the crown land in the county of Yarmouth. A large portion of the land in this county was formerly covered with soft wood, such as pine, spruce, fir, &c., has been greatly destroyed by fire. A very small portion of the land is capable for profitable cultivation, and that is in small tracts, wooded with beach, birch, maple, and some oak. There is some timber land on the hills or ridges mixed with the barren land. The portions of land, I think, would be advisable to have laid out for sale would be the timber land, as that appears to be in the greatest demand. As to my opinion relative to the best mode of laying it out would be to lay it out in lots from one to two hundred acres each, according to the quantity of land on the hill or ridge. When persons apply for land for the timber thereon, they in general are not particular as to the quantity of land they will take, the one half or the whole of the hill. If surveyed beforehand, I think it might be done with less expense, as the most of the timber land is remote ; and when a person applies for a lot, the travelling out and in costs more than the surveying when surveyed beforehand. A crew could survey eight or ten lots with the same journey. As to the value that would depend how well the lots were timbered. I think the county lines ought to be run at least as far as the land is worth buying. I cannot recommend any portions of crown land that would be advisable to have laid out in lots with reference to the settlement of emigrants, as so small a portion of the crown land is fit for cultivation, and that very remote. I do not know of any advantageous employment for tradesmen or laborers to be found in the county of Yarmouth. The following is a list of the names of the squatters, and the value of their improvements. I do not know but one that has had land surveyed.

William Morton, house 20*l.*, barn 10*l.*, improvements 15*l.* The improved land is good for cultivation—the timber on the land adjoining the improved land is of divers kinds, beach, birch, maple, spruce, fir and pine, £45 0 0

John

John Morton, house 20 <i>l.</i> , barn 10 <i>l.</i> , improvements 15 <i>l.</i> . The quality of the land and wood thereon is much the same as stated above,	£45	0	0
William Bowers, house, 10 <i>l.</i> , barn 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 15 <i>l.</i> . The land not so good as stated above—the wood thereon much the same as stated above,	30	0	0
Isaac Hamilton, house 15 <i>l.</i> , barn 10 <i>l.</i> , improvements 25 <i>l.</i> . The land and timber much the same as William Morton's,	50	0	0
Samuel Gray, house 15 <i>l.</i> , barn 15 <i>l.</i> , improvements 35 <i>l.</i> . The land and timber much the same as Isaac Hamilton's,	65	0	0
James Mood, house 20 <i>l.</i> , barn 15 <i>l.</i> , improvements 10 <i>l.</i> . Much the same kind of land and timber as Samuel Gray's land and timber,	45	0	0
George Gray, house 50 <i>l.</i> , barn 30 <i>l.</i> , saw mill 40 <i>l.</i> , improvements 50 <i>l.</i> . A large proportion of his land is poor quality—his land has been surveyed many years,	170	0	0
Victorine Robbins, widow, house, 8 <i>l.</i> , improvements 8 <i>l.</i> . Poor land, the timber thereon mostly killed on account of being burnt,	16	0	0
John Merea, house 24 <i>l.</i> , barn 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 20 <i>l.</i> . Great proportion of his land is poor, not fit for cultivation—the timber thereon is principally spruce and fir, of a small growth,	49	0	0
Stephen Burtroug, house 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 3 <i>l.</i> . Poor quality of land and timber,	8	0	0
David Abbet, house 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 5 <i>l.</i> ,	10	0	0
George Sealy, house 6 <i>l.</i> , improvements 3 <i>l.</i> . Poor land, small growth of timber thereon,	9	0	0
George Gray, junr., house 10 <i>l.</i> , barn 15 <i>l.</i> , improvements 20 <i>l.</i> . Some of his land is good for cultivation, and some is very poor—the wood thereon is of divers kinds, beach, birch, maple, spruce, pine and fir,	45	0	0
Joseph Merea, house 6 <i>l.</i> , improvements 4 <i>l.</i> . Poor lands, large proportion barrens,	10	0	0
Philip Jones, no buildings, improvements, 25 <i>l.</i> . A large proportion is fit for cultivation—the wood thereon principally birch, beach, and maple, some spruce and fir.	25	0	0

I am, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

ZACCHEUS CHURCHILL.

JAMES B. UNIACKE, esq.

The following are the names of the inhabitants that have crown land in possession in the county of Yarmouth, without grants for the same:—

William Morton, house worth 20 <i>l.</i> , barn 10 <i>l.</i> , improvements 15 <i>l.</i> . The improved land is good for cultivation—the timber on the land adjoining the improved land is of divers kinds, beach, birch, maple, spruce and pine,	45	0	0
John Morton, house 20 <i>l.</i> , barn 10 <i>l.</i> , improvements, 15 <i>l.</i> The quality of the land and timber thereon is much the same as stated above,	45	0	0
William Bowers, house 10 <i>l.</i> , barn 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 15 <i>l.</i> . The land not so good as stated above,	30	0	0
Isaac Hamilton, house 15 <i>l.</i> , barn 10 <i>l.</i> , improvements 25 <i>l.</i> . The land and timber much the same as William Morton's,	50	0	0
Samuel Gray, house 15 <i>l.</i> , barn 15 <i>l.</i> , improvements 35 <i>l.</i> . The quality of the land and timber much the same as Isaac Hamilton's,	65	0	0
James Mood, house 20 <i>l.</i> , barn 15 <i>l.</i> , improvements 10 <i>l.</i> . The quality of the land and timber much the same as Samuel Gray's,	45	0	0

George

George Gray, house 50 <i>l.</i> , barn 30 <i>l.</i> , saw mill 40 <i>l.</i> , improvements 50 <i>l.</i> A large proportion of his land is poor quality,	170	0	0
Victorine Robbins, widow, house 8 <i>l.</i> , improvements 8 <i>l.</i> Poor land, timber thereon mostly burnt,	16	0	0
John Merea, house 24 <i>l.</i> , barn 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 20 <i>l.</i> Great proportion of his land is poor, not fit for cultivation—principally soft wood timber thereon—some part very rocky,	49	0	0
Stephen Burtrong, house 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 3 <i>l.</i> Poor quality of land and timber,	8	0	0
David Abbot, house 5 <i>l.</i> , improvements 5 <i>l.</i> ,	10	0	0
George Gray, junior, house 10 <i>l.</i> , barn 15 <i>l.</i> , improvements 20 <i>l.</i> Some of his land is good, and some is very poor—the wood thereon is of divers kinds, beach, birch, maple, spruce, pine and fir,	45	0	0
George Sealy, house 6 <i>l.</i> , improvements 3 <i>l.</i> Poor land, very small growth timber,	9	0	0
Joseph Merca, house 6 <i>l.</i> , improvements 4 <i>l.</i> Poor land, most all been burnt over,	10	0	0
Philip Jones, improvements 25 <i>l.</i> The greater part good land for culti- vation, the wood thereon principally beach, birch and maple, some spruce and pine,	25	0	0

The crown land in the county of Yarmouth, except what people have got in possession, is for the most part very poor, rocky, burnt land, unfit for cultivation. What good land there is is very remote, and a small quantity in a place. There is very poor encouragement for emigrants in the county of Yarmouth.

## ZACCHEUS CHURCHILL,

Prin. deputy surveyor for the  
county of Yarmouth.

December 31, 1856.

*Weymouth, January 23, 1857.*

*Annual return of the state of the county, to Dec. 31st., 1856.*

## FIRST CLAUSE.

Clare.—Might find employment for 10 blacksmiths, 4 or 5 ship and house carpenters, 2 or 3 good masons, and perhaps 100 labourers for a large part of the year.

Weymouth.—4 or 5 blacksmiths, 50 ship or house carpenters, 2 or 3 good masons, and from 60 to 100 laborers, say 10 months out of the year.

Digby.—100 ship and house carpenters, 6 blacksmiths, 3 or 4 good masons, and 100 laborers in the summer.

Hillsburgh.—Has as many mechanics and laborers as can find constant employment.

Long Island and Westport.—Are not in want at present of mechanics or laborers—  
in the summer season they might find employment for say 40 or 50 fishermen.

## SECOND CLAUSE.

What few emigrants arrive here, are soon provided for.

## THIRD CLAUSE.

Respecting the crown lands, as near as I can ascertain there is now at the disposal of government, 211,953 acres: a great part of which is of little value, very rocky,  
barren,

barren, and very much destroyed by fire many years ago. There is some good hardwood land or land principally covered with hardwood near the north-eastern arm of the county, but does not extend far back as I am informed. There is not enough land fit for agricultural purposes in any one place to form much of a settlement. Some thirty or forty settlers might be scattered on or near the Grand Lake on Sissiboo river, Lake Uniacke, and in that vicinity, if they felt disposed to work hard and fare poor. There is a large tract of land principally covered with hardwood, on the borders of the Kempt and Carleton (or Tusket) river. The soil is generally good when it can be got at for rocks,—considerable land covered with spruce and pine, not a very large size, in spots where the fire has not been.

I have frequently heard the old hunters speak of the great oak ridges and large pine groves, but when I passed over said land, I must say I was not a little surprised; and as to pitch pine, I saw but very few trees,—they appeared very small to me.

FOURTH CLAUSE.

Respecting squatters, I know of but two that have actually settled on crown land, namely, Charles or Peter Quinn, on lot No. 34 north side of Sissiboo river, is worth about 2s. 6d. per acre, has about ten acres cleared, small log house and barn, improvements worth, say ten pounds. The next is Daniel Brofee, he has built a house and settled on the eastern half of lot No. 15, in the Mistake River settlement,—has about eight acres cleared, done by John Brofee, who got a grant of the western half of the land, and the improvements are worth as much as Quinn's lot. Jeffery Moakler has made a small clearing on lot No. 30, near the north-east branch of Sissiboo river, and many more in different parts of the county.

The crown land has been shamefully plundered on and near Sissiboo river, in the course of last winter and summer, as will appear by my report to the commissioner of crown lands, dated 3rd. Dec., 1856, immediately after I returned from the search up said river, agreeably to instructions.

ALPHEUS JONES,  
Principal deputy surveyor.

*Bridgetown, January 20th, 1857.*

Sir—

Being unprepared at present to make a full and formal report, as required by your communication of December 26th, 1856, I beg leave to submit the following remarks relative to the crown lands within the county of Annapolis, and to the prospects which that county offers for “the advantageous employment and settlement of emigrants.” These remarks convey as much information on these subjects as I could possibly obtain, without a sacrifice of much time and expense.

The amount of land remaining ungranted in the county of Annapolis is, as near as I can ascertain, 330,000 acres. Of this amount there may be estimated nearly 120,000 acres suitable for agriculture at the present time. About 90,000 acres, covered with different kinds of timber, (such as are peculiar to this province,) but unsuitable for cultivation in the present circumstances of the country; and about 120,000 acres, generally designated barrens—that is, lands frequently overrun by fires, on which the timber has been destroyed. It is not to be understood, however, that the whole of the lands designated *timber lands* and barrens, is incapable of being cultivated; a very large proportion of them is capable of cultivation, and will undoubtedly become valuable tillage land when the country becomes more densely peopled, and farming becomes more remunerative through readier access to good markets and the introduction of improved modes of culture.

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The most extensive tract of ungranted land in the county, suitable for cultivation, is situated in the district drained by the upper branches of the Portmedway river. It is capable of becoming a large and important settlement, and its peculiar advantages point it out as a suitable locality for the settlement of emigrants. It is sufficiently extensive to form a separate township. The good land throughout the whole extent of it occurs in ridges of considerable extent and somewhat elevated, covered with a heavy forest of hardwood. In fertility, the soil of these ridges is not surpassed, perhaps not equalled, by any other tract of upland in the county. The soil of the intervening valleys is rocky and less fertile. The whole district is traversed by numerous streams of excellent water, and interspersed with small and beautiful lakes, the largest of which is Lake Alma, three miles in length. On several of these streams there are many good mill sites, with water power sufficient to drive any ordinary amount of machinery.

I have already surveyed a great part of this district into mile squares, making it convenient for subdivision, and, at the same time, establishing a uniform system of surveys for the whole district.

The new line of road leading from Bridgetown to Liverpool, *via* Northfield, passes through this district. This line of road was located last season, and marked ready for opening more than half the distance to Northfield. But in order to facilitate the settlement of the eastern section of the district, a branch road is absolutely necessary, leading from Thorne's mill southerly to Dalhousie road, and thence southwesterly until it intersects the Bridgetown and Northfield road, near the head of Lake Alma. This road will traverse the most fertile portion of the district, and will find good levels for the whole distance. Another branch road will be required, to open up the western portion of it, leading from the township road (so called) in a southeasterly direction until it intersects the Bridgetown and Northfield road near where it crosses Fenwick river, the west branch of the Portmedway. This road also will run through good land for the greater part of the distance. These three roads should be opened as soon as possible, if it is in contemplation to settle emigrants here; for, unless they were opened, or the work of opening progressing, it is evident that few, if any, emigrants would be willing to settle on these lands.

As a measure that would, I believe, greatly facilitate the settlement of emigrants on our ungranted lands, I beg leave to submit the suggestion of a gentleman belonging to the county of Annapolis—whose communication to me on the subject I take the liberty to append—namely, that on every 100 acres suitable for a farm a small log house should be built, and one or two acres of land cleared and made ready for planting, at the expense of government—the amount to be collected afterwards along with the price of the land. This would be, no doubt, a very great inducement to the emigrant to settle in the country at once; for he would have a home already provided, at far less expense than he himself, a stranger, in new circumstances, could provide. When an emigrant from any of the old countries of Europe goes into our backwoods for the purpose of commencing a settlement, the wild aspect of the forest—the hardship he suffers—his ignorance of the nature of the operations in which he must at once engage, and the undue advantage often taken of his ignorance, crushingly discourage him. Hence he becomes prejudicial against, and soon leaves, the country. This scheme, if carried into effect, would obviate nearly all these difficulties, and would operate powerfully in securing the permanent settlement of emigrants in the country.

There are two other extensive tracts of good land, on each of which a large number of settlers might be located,—the one situate on the upper branches of the Liverpool river, and the other south of the township of Clements, on the upper branches of Moose River and Bear River. Of these tracts, however, I cannot give any particular description, as I have not explored them much.

I am not able to speak *positively* as to the *exact number* of emigrants for whom advantageous employment or settlement could be found in this county; but I have reason to believe that there would not be much difficulty in finding good employment or

advantageous settlement for 300 or 400 during the ensuing summer. A small proportion of these, I should judge about 40 or 50, might be tradesmen ; and after these were settled, more might be introduced by small yearly instalments, as they could be provided for. The natural resources of the county are sufficiently ample to admit of a large increase of population. There is no county in the province that offers fairer prospects to the emigrant than this. His home would be in a country extremely healthful and of charming scenery—among a peaceful and moral people, and convenient to the markets of St. John and Boston ; and with a railway extending from Windsor through the valley of Annapolis, he could in a few hours bring the rich produce of his fields, orchard and dairy, into the Halifax market.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. CAMPBELL, P. D. S.

Hon. JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
Commissioner of crown lands.

*Annapolis, October 20th, 1856.*

SIR—

I have received your communication of 9th ult, directing me to give you information relative to such portions of the ungranted lands of this county as are suitable for settling emigrants on. In reply, I beg to state that there are several extensive tracts of ungranted land in the county of Annapolis, suitable, seemingly, for such a purpose ; but as I have not had an opportunity of exploring these lands, I am not prepared to give you much information about them. As it has not seemed advisable to the legislature to grant any compensation for services of that kind, I have not been able to devote any portion of my time to them, though I should like very much, for the public interest, to do so. There is, however, a tract of land situate on the upper streams of the Portmedway river, in this county, which is suitable in many respects for the object which you have in view. The surface of this district is peculiarly characterized by high ridges of hardwood, with intervening low grounds timbered with spruce and pine (chiefly ) The low grounds are generally very rocky, and seemingly not suitable for agricultural purposes. The soil of the hardwood ridges is very fertile—not inferior to any upland in the county. On the improvements of a squatter recently settled on one of these ridges, I have seen as fine crops of wheat, timothy, clover, cabbages and turnips, as I have seen anywhere in this province. I have seen also fields on some of these uplands which are said, by credible persons, to have yielded heavy crops of grass for fifteen years successively, without any manure. I have already surveyed some portions of this district into blocks of 640 acres each, *i. e.* a mile square, conveniently for subdivision at any future period, if required. On and near the new line of road intended to be opened through this district, connecting Bridgetown with Northfield and the northern district of Queens county, there can be located between 150 and 200 farms, of 100 acres each, for emigrants or others that may choose to settle on them.

It is certain there are ungranted lands in this county sufficient to furnish suitable farms to a large number of emigrants, and besides large tracts of good land in the wilderness state are held now by many of the inhabitants, and of which they are ready to dispose for reasonable prices.

A considerable number of emigrants would no doubt find profitable employment in this county as farm laborers, the scarcity of which has been a great drawback to the  
farming



farming interest here during the last three years. I have known farmers frequently to offer six and even seven to eight pounds per month, and board, for labouring men during the harvest months, and could not get them.

I am, sir,

Your obdt. servant,

A. CAMPBELL, county surveyor.

*Bridgetown, 29th January 1857.*

Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.

*Sir—*

In accordance with the understanding had with you, I have made enquiry respecting the clearing of forest lands and erecting log houses. The following estimate is given by several parties who are willing to undertake such operation at the prices named.

Log house, 20x15 feet—roof and ends shingled—lower and upper floor—chimney and small cellar—ready for occupation, with one acre cleared and ready for seed—£20. If planted, say two-thirds or three-fourths with potatoes, and the balance with beans, &c., £25.

I perceive an arrival of emigrants at Halifax, but am fearful that they have only arrived to depart again, unless government adopt some plan to retain them. It is quite useless to sell or give them lands in an unimproved state. The coming season would be lost to them as far as making any improvements is concerned. They would get discouraged, and in a short time would all leave the country. If the plan I propose to you were adopted, they would at once have a home, and something to subsist upon growing around them.

I presume no part of the province is better calculated as a location for a body of settlers than the tract of land through which you were engaged in surveying a road the past fall. I should like very much to see it settled at once. In case you should suggest the plan to the government, will you inform me how it is received, as I feel a great interest in the matter.

I now remain, yours truly,

ROB'T. E. FITZRANDOLPH.

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*Cornwallis, Kings county, January 5, 1857.*

*Sir—*

Agreeably to order, I send a statement of the crown lands in the county of Kings, but not having been directed to make a survey of the whole ungranted land in this county, I can only make my estimate from a partial survey, and the distances on the plans adjoining. By the best statement I can give, there is about ninety-five thousand acres of land yet ungranted in the county of Kings' county, including water and barren lands which is of little value either for timber or cultivation. This wilderness so abounds with lakes, that I would allow ten thousand acres for water, and about twenty-five thousand acres not fit for cultivation, and there is said to be five thousand acres in the south-east corner granted to a college, and is called the "college grant," which, with the several parcels deducted from what is included within the bounds, will leave about fifty-five thousand acres fit for cultivation. There are in many parts of the lands, considerable ranges of hills, principally hardwood land, of a good soil, and if surveyed

surveyed and laid out in lots with roads, as should be, would afford extensive settlements. Near the skirts of those highlands, there are valuable wild meadows, that with little labour would, the first year, supply the new settler with hay to keep a small stock. There are several of those wild meadows, say from ten to twenty acres each, situated in barrens where the surrounding lands is of no value. Such lots have been taken up for the sake of the meadow, so far detached from good land, which unavoidably makes an unconnected plan. There are several large ranges of good land between the twelve mile bridge near Lake Paul on the Aylesford road and the Sherbrooke road, *i. e.* the road leading from Kentville to Sherbrooke, that if surveyed in lots, and a line of road to connect, would make quite good settlements, so that carpenters, shoemakers, or blacksmiths, together with agriculturists, could earn a comfortable maintenance. There are yet several such blocks of land which require that lines should be run through preparatory to making roads, and the lots regularly laid off from them, which may be attached to the general plan of the township. There is a quantity of good land, sufficient to make a settlement, north of land granted to the Dalhousie settlers, that if prudently laid off in lots would make a good settlement. A line of road should be laid out from where the road ends, that was laid out by government north of McCormick's, through the said land to the twelve mile bridge on the Aylesford road, and from thence to meet the Sherbrooke road, about ten miles from Moore's mills, and the lots laid out on the whole extent of the line.

There are several lots of crown land in the possession of squatters, that are ungranted. A part settled by Edmund Donellan, Michael Landercon, Pat. Forestall, — Taylor, and others in Dalhousie settlement. Stephen McConnell, Provost Hudgens, and Church Parker at Lake George. And I would recommend to government that some alterations should be made on the present Aylesford road (so called) to avoid the hills, before any money was expended, such I think would save a waste of money and be a general benefit to the public.

There remains a dispute in the county lines between the counties of Lunenburg and Kings, more particularly the township of Horton, having a large tract of land between the two lines, from which, if owned by Horton, formerly under an original grant, it would appear that the crown land surveyor had no control, yet on these lands there are several squatters, and persons lumbering and trespassing on these lands to a large amount of damage and injury in connection therewith, and would recommend that provision be made by the legislature that these lines be run and established for various reasons in regard of the public interests.

I am, sir,

Your obed't. servant,

EDWARD E. ARMSTRONG,

Dep. surveyor of crown lands for Kings co.

To the hon. commissioner of crown lands,  
Halifax, N. S.

*Douglas, January 10, 1857.*

SIR—

In compliance with instructions contained in your letter of 26th December, I beg leave to transmit the following report for the information of his excellency the lieutenant-governor, relating to the character and extent of the crown lands in this county, and other subjects therein referred to.

I regret that not being in possession of a correct plan of the whole county, shewing all the land that has been granted, it has not been in my power to give the quantity of the crown land remaining at the disposal of the government with that degree of accuracy which might be desirable ; but from the best information at my command, the following may be considered as a fair estimate of the quantity and general quality of those lands.

The whole quantity of ungranted land in the county may be stated at 148,500 acres, and lying in four separate tracts. The largest of those tracts lies in the townships of Douglas and Kempt, and contains about 72,000 acres. The greater portion of this tract is poor barren land, interspersed with large tracts of peat bog and low swamps of grass land, having been burnt over by repeated fires, the original timber having to a great extent been entirely consumed. On some portions of this tract heretofore considered as barren land the soil appears of fair quality, and is now becoming covered with a growth of young wood, and may in the course of some years hence be more likely to attract the attention of purchasers, and when again covered with a growth of green wood will not be so much exposed to the ravages of fires which have so materially depreciated the value of the crown lands in this county. A considerable portion of this tract on the north side, and adjoining Noel road, and on the east of that road, may be considered capable of cultivation ; during the last five years upwards of 10,000 acres bordering upon this tract have been surveyed and granted, principally in small lots of from one to two hundred acres, but the object of purchasers in obtaining grants have generally been for the purpose of lumber, fencing, fuel, and grass land for wild meadow, and in but few instances for the purpose of cultivation. On the Noel road and on the east of that road, several persons are settled, having had lots surveyed under the system that formerly prevailed relating to the disposal of crown lands, and who have not completed their titles by obtaining grants. A list of the names of those persons is enclosed herewith.

The second tract as regards extent is situate in the township of Windsor and Uniacke, on the south and west side of the Windsor road, and contains about 49,000 acres. There being no roads passing through this tract, its character and capabilities have hitherto been but little known. I traversed a considerable portion of the tract in September, 1855, for the purpose of ascertaining how far it might be capable of settlement, and other available purposes ; and although upon the higher grounds I found the soil to be of good quality, and producing a large growth of timber, such as maple, yellow birch, beech, &c., indicating a strong soil, the whole tract so far as my information extends, is so covered with granite rock, that I consider it unfit for cultivation as tillage land. Other less elevated portions are covered with a mixture of hard and soft wood, with spruce, hemlock, and some pine of good size for lumbering purposes ; although in some parts considerable quantities have been cut and carried off by trepassers, the low and swampy portions of the tract are principally covered with spruce and other soft wood of small growth, indicating a poor soil with a considerable extent of peat bog ; and I am of opinion that the value of this tract can only be estimated as a timber and wood producing district. A considerable portion of the south and eastern part of the tract has been much injured by fire passing over it.

The railway now in course of construction between Halifax and Windsor will pass for the distance of about eleven miles on the south and west of the Windsor road, and by measurement at a short distance south-east of the St. Croix river, I found the distance from the railway to the vacant land 143 chains, or about a mile and three quarters. I believe that in some parts the railway approaches much nearer to the vacant land but have not seen any plan of that section of the railway tract. I consider that this tract may be estimated to be of considerable value for the wood it will produce as fuel, independent of the more valuable part capable of being used for timber and lumber ; on a considerable portion of this tract lying nearest to the railway, it may I think be estimated to produce at least twenty cords of wood per acre, which could be cut and transported

ported to the railway track at the cost of about 7s. 6d per cord. At the distance of about four and a half miles south-east from St. Croix river, there is a long lake called the Twelve Mile lake, the north-eastern end of which lies near to the railway track and extends some miles in a south-eastern direction toward the central part of this tract, by means of which a water communication may be had from near the railway track to a considerable portion of the vacant land, and which would greatly facilitate the transportation of lumber, wood, &c., from its interior parts. Should the government decide upon the sale of this tract, I would suggest the propriety of laying off lots fronting upon each side of this lake, and also of extending a base line from the foot of the lake to the line of Halifax county, with tiers of lots on each side of such line, a road being laid upon the line as a means of communication for those lots.

A third tract of ungranted land lies in the townships of Rawdon, Douglas, and Uniacke, and contains about 24,000 acres. The Beaver Bank road passes through this tract near its western extremity, upon which road the land has been principally granted and a number of lots have been settled. The soil on many parts of this tract, particularly on the most elevated portions, appears to be of fair quality, but rocky. Repeated fires have passed over a large portion of this tract which has destroyed the original timber, and given it a barren and unfavorable appearance. On those parts adjacent to the Nine Mile River and the Grand Lake, the fires have not done so much injury, and the land is well covered with wood, valuable for lumber and fuel. But small portions of this tract can be considered fit for cultivation at present, but as the country becomes more advanced and agricultural labor more easily obtained, with more extensive markets for agricultural produce, I have no doubt but much of the land now considered barren and unprofitable may be advantageously cultivated.

A fourth tract is situated in the township of Douglas, on the west side of the Shubenacadie river, and on the south of the Five Mile river, distant about five miles from the former, and containing about 3,500 acres. About one half of this tract I consider to be of good quality, and capable of profitable cultivation; the remaining portion is covered with small spruce and other soft wood and of poor quality, and has to some extent been injured by fire; about 2,000 acres adjoining this tract has been surveyed during the last year for persons, most of whom intend settling their lots and some of whom have already made considerable improvements. There are several persons living upon portions of this tract who have formerly had lots surveyed upon orders of survey, but have not completed their titles by obtaining grants. A list of their names is enclosed herewith.

This tract lies adjoining a grant of about 5,000 acres to the Shubenacadie canal company, nearly the whole of which grant appears to be of good quality and fit for settlement. I am not aware whether that tract is now at the disposal of the government; if it be at the disposal of the government, that tract, with the portion of crown land adjoining that may be fit for settlement, could be advantageously laid out in lots for the settlement of emigrants, or be sold to such purchasers as may be desirous of settling new farms.

Those lands which have been considered capable of profitable cultivation have already been principally granted throughout the whole extent of this county; and although there are some portions of the ungranted lands that may be capable of being settled, such portions are so limited in quantity, in any particular locality, that I cannot recommend to the government the laying off any lots for the settlement of emigrants beyond the instance above referred to.

I am of opinion that fifty tradesmen would find profitable employment in this county, viz: ship carpenters 10, house carpenters, 10, weavers 10, shoemakers 10, masons 5, blacksmiths 5; also, that at least 100 laborers would find employment at fair wages amongst the agriculturist throughout the county. During several past years laborers have been paid at the rate of five and six pounds per month, with board, during the summer months, and a sufficient number could not be procured at those wages to perform the work required.

No class of persons are more required in this county than young women for domestic employment. At least 100 of that class would I think be readily employed in this county.

The following list contains the names of those persons who are living upon lots which have formerly been surveyed by authority of the government, but who have not obtained grants of their several lots.

On and near Noel road—Peter McCollough, grant applied for, land surveyed; Daniel and Robert Greno, grant applied for and land surveyed; Joel and Samuel Scott, grant applied for and land surveyed; Nicholas Harvie, Alexander D. Green, John Singer, Archibald Harvie, Patrick O'Brien, William O'Brien, Archibald Ettinger, John McDougal, Jacob Ettenger.

On north of Kennetcook river, in rear of granted lots—George Miller, George Miller, junr. and Andrew Miller, Henry Hughes, Thomas Laffen.

On west side of Shubenacadie and south of Five Mile River—Richard Porter, Joseph Singer, George Singer.

On Walton road, Kempt—Alexander Knox, Joseph Wade.

In addition to the above list there are a number of persons living on land formerly granted to the late Col. John Small, who, I believe, have not received titles to their lands since that grant was escheated; but I have no means within my power of obtaining correct information as to how far titles were subsequently confirmed to persons settled upon those lands.

I have observed in the appropriation act of the last session of the legislature, a grant of £300 for the purpose of establishing meridian lines, and I consider it desirable that those lines should be permanently fixed in the several counties throughout the province, so soon as it may be practicable to have the work competently performed. In this county the variation of the magnet to the west has been about five degrees during the last fifty years, being at the rate of six minutes per year during that period; and surveyors find great difficulty in tracing out and ascertaining the true boundaries of grants that had been previously surveyed, without first ascertaining the extent of the variation of the magnet from the time of the original survey; and it is often a matter of no small difficulty to ascertain the true course that should be adopted; and from this cause I am persuaded arise many of the disputes and causes of litigation throughout the country in reference to boundary lines; and although the establishing of meridian lines could not be expected to remove those difficulties, yet they would thereby be lessened to a very considerable extent, and surveyors would be materially aided in the arduous and responsible duties they are called upon to perform.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

BENJAMIN SMITH,

Pr. deputy surveyor.

Hon. J. B. UNIACKE, comr. crown land.

*Lower Stewiacke, 22nd January, 1857.*

SIR—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 26th December last, having reference to the quantity and quality of the crown lands in this county, (Colchester.) Also the probable number of tradesmen and laborers that might be required in the county, &c.

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The quantity of crown lands, as near as I can judge without a survey, is about (86,000) eighty-six thousand acres, about 55,000 of which is covered with timber of different kinds. The remainder, 31,000 acres, is covered with small growth or barren. About 30,000 acres might be profitably cultivated.

There is about 25,000 acres between the head waters of Stewiacke and Salmon Rivers ; and although parts of this quantity is rocky, it is well covered with timber of different kinds, (mostly spruce,) and the railway line passes through the north side of it. The distance is about twenty-two miles from Truro, and about twenty or twenty-two miles from Pictou and New Glasgow. This block might be surveyed and laid off in lots, a cross road or two to intersect the railway ; also a road from the head of Upper Stewiacke, so as to communicate with that settlement. There is also two or three thousand acres easy of access on the south side of Stewiacke river, within from one to two miles of the main road leading from Lower to Upper Stewiacke, and within from six to eight miles of the railway station at Lower Stewiacke. The timber on this tract is light, but the soil is generally fit for cultivation. This tract, too, I should recommend to be surveyed and laid out in lots.

There are likewise 5 or 6000 acres (if the plans are correct) north of the Five Islands and Economy, which is covered with valuable timber, such as birch, beech, and sugar maple, &c., the soil of which is of superior quality.

The remainder of the crown lands, with the exception of a few thousand acres, is situated along a range of mountains extending from a point westwardly of Mount Thom to Harrington's river ; and although these lands are well covered with timber, they are not easy of access, owing chiefly for want of roads and the difficulty of crossing many of the streams, the banks of which are steep and rugged.

I should recommend that the outside lines of crown lands should be ascertained, as I am of opinion that it would prevent trespassing, and give information as to the quantity and quality of the soil.

With reference to the number of tradesmen and laborers required, it is quite impossible to give accurate information. Much will depend on the moral character and industrious habits of the parties themselves ; but mechanics and laborers are required in almost every section of the county.

The following is a list of squatters who have had lands surveyed for them by some deputy surveyor :—

William Stevens, 300 acres, Folly Lake ; William Higgins, 200 acres, ditto ; Moses Gaston, 100 acres, New Annan ; Archibald McMillan, 100 acres, ditto ; John Miller, 100 acres, ditto ; John Spinney, 100 acres, ditto ; Alexander Patrican, 100 acres, New Annan and Tatamagouche ; Ephraim Tehay, 100 acres, ditto ; Lewis Patrican, 100 acres, ditto ; Robert Kirn, 100 acres, ditto ; David Mattell, 100 acres, ditto ; James McIntire, 100 acres, ditto ; Samuel Wheddon, 100 acres, ditto ; David Swan, 200 acres ; William Rood, 100 acres ; Findlay McNutt, 200 acres, ditto ; William Welsh, 100 acres, ditto ; Walter Byers, 100 acres, ditto ; James Thos, 100 acres, ditto ; Timothy Wetherby, 200 acres, Folly Lake.

I am,

Your obdt. servant,

WILLIAM FAULKNER,  
P. D. surveyor.

Hon. JAMES B. UNIACKE, commr. crown lands.

P. S.—I am of opinion that the block of land first mentioned at the head of Stewiacke and Salmon River should be laid out into lots at an early period, as persons are now thinking about taking it up for lumbering purposes ; and if a grant or two were to pass, it might be injurious to locating the remainder.

WM. FAULKNER.

Guysborough,

*Guysborough, February 5, 1857.*

DEAR SIR—

Enclosed I forward you my report, according to your circular of the 26th December. I should have sent it on before, but I delayed on account of obtaining all the information necessary, and did not think you would require it so soon, in a hope that the report will be satisfactory.

When the act relative to the crown land department was passed in 1851, the principal deputy surveyors in each county were promised either a commission in the sales of the crown lands within their county, or a small salary for the extra services they had to perform. When I made up the report on the crown lands in January, 1854, I travelled through the greater part of the county, which cost me about £3, besides my time, and for that service I only asked £5, but have never received any thing. In January, 1855, I also made up a report, and then the present one, for which services I think I am entitled to be paid, as I cannot afford to spend my time in the service of government for nothing. If you can obtain remuneration from the government for these services for me I shall be much obliged.

I am, sir,

Your obe'dt. serv't.

W. HARTSHORNE.

J. B. UNIACKE, commissioner crown lands, Halifax.

According to a circular issued from the crown land department in December, 1856, to furnish a report for the lieutenant governor, shewing the extent and character of the crown lands in this county, and what portions it would be advisable were laid out in lots with reference to the settlement of emigrants, and also to enumerate the number of squatters residing on the crown lands, I beg leave to submit the following report.

There are in the county of Guysboro' about three hundred and four thousand acres of crown lands contained within the following limits, viz :

No. 1.—Between Indian Harbour, West River of St. Mary's, and the line between the counties of Guysboro' and Halifax, about ninety thousand acres. This tract of land is very much broken, barren and stony. Up Liscomb River there is some good land, well timbered, principally hardwood with some pine, but on account of their being no roads through this part, it is almost inaccessible. Liscomb's is a very fine harbour and an excellent place for prosecuting the fisheries.

No. 2.—Between the back lands of St. Mary's and Country Harbour, and the line between the counties of Sydney and Guysboro', about twenty-five thousand acres. The greater part of this tract is capable of cultivation, principally covered with hardwood and fir, very little pine or hemlock on this tract. I think this tract is about the best calculated for the settlement of emigrants, of any in this county at present, as it is accessible on all sides by roads; and if any lots are to be laid off, I would advise that they be laid out in this district.

No. 3.—Between the back land of the Gut of Canso and Manchester, and the back settlement of Tracadie, about thirty thousand acres. On some parts of this tract there is very good land, covered principally with hardwood and fir. This would be a pretty good tract for the settlement of emigrants, particularly back by the Gut of Canso. There is to be a new line of road opened next summer from Pirate Cove in the Gut of Canso

Canso direct to Manchester. I believe part of the road will pass through crown lands, and if there are any lots laid out in this district, I would recommend that they are laid out on this road.

No. 4.—Between Indian Harbor, Cape Canso, and Chedabucto Bay, about one hundred and thirty thousand. This tract is principally barren. The greater part of this coast is but thinly settled, and would be a desirable place for fishermen, if any of the emigrants belong to that class.

No. 5.—Between the West River of St. Mary's and Pictou county, about thirty thousand. The greater part of this tract is barren, broken & stony, with very little of good land, I think that this is the probable area, extent and character of the crown lands within this county as near as may be without an actual survey of the premises. I think that advantageous employment or settlement could be found in this county for fifty persons, or perhaps more in the two districts before mentioned, viz: Nos. 2 and 3, and I think those are the only two at present that it would be advisable were laid out in lots with reference to the settlement of emigrants, on account of roads passing through or near them.

In the summer season laborers have been much in demand for the past two years, and I think that advantageous employment could be found for thirty persons, about Guysboro', Gut of Canso, Cape Canso, and St. Mary's, but in the winter season we are generally well supplied.

There is a large tract of land near Guysboro', containing some fifteen or twenty thousand acres, originally allotted to Nathan Hubbill, Esq., and others of the associated department of the army and navy. The greater part of this tract is not settled, and would be a very desirable place for settlement; and I think could be purchased for little more than the price of crown lands. The soil is pretty good, covered principally with hardwood and fir.

*Names of squatters residing on the crown lands in the county of Guysboro.*

District No. 1 —William McDonald, Alex. McDonald, Widow Rae, William Young, Andrew Jack, John Jack, George Longille, John Lang, Philip Lang, Jacob Naufts, George Naufts, Daniel McAdam, Peter Jordan, George Jordan, Andrew Jordan, Thomas Cluney, James Lawrence, George McIntosh, and James Naufts

District No. 2.—Alexander McDonald, Angus McDonald, Alex. McLean, Duncan McIsaac, Randall McIsaac, Angus McDonald, Donald McLean, Charles McIsaac, Donald McIsaac, Angus McIsaac, Duncan McIsaac, John McLean, Alex. McIsaac, John McIsaac. Those persons reside at Giant Lake, and their lots have been surveyed by myself and James McKenzie.

Donald Kenedy, John McPherson, Donald McPherson, Angus McInnis, Patrick Callahan, George Nichols, James McMullin, Widow McLean, and John McNeil. Those persons reside at Giant Lake.

John Shea, George Shea, and John McDonald, reside at Salmon River, I believe the lots on which they reside were surveyed by Mr. Taylor some years since.

John Meagher, John Brophy, Nicholas Downy, Thomas Rogers, junr., John Cuddyhi, E. Farrell, E. Farrell, senr., John Smith, Martin Doyle, Lawrence Doyle, Jas. Doyle, Donald Kelly, David Kelly, Nicholas Douce, and Matthew Rogers. Those persons reside in and about Romam Valley. Those lots have all been surveyed by different surveyors, but do not think there was ever a return made of them to the office in Halifax, neither can I find out in what way they were laid off; as I believe there was no plan made of the survey.

District No. 3.—John Gavin, Widow Gallavan, James Dunphy, Michael Dunphy, William Wallace, Richard Kehoe, James Mullins, Timothy Haley, Daniel Murphy, Philip Holleran, Widow Claney. These persons reside at back lands of Tracadie, and I believe their lots were surveyed by W. Taylor some years since.

Joseph



Joseph Silvee, George Shepherd, Abraham Divorst, Bristol Dismal, James Jordan, Jacob Jordan, Samuel Morris, Levi Borden, Widow Clyke, Peter Dismal, Dempy Borden, Elisha Devost, Gardise Paris, Henry Gutroe, Peter Gutroe, Maximan Gervie, Michael Carpenter, Andrew Beriot, Edward Bashong, Lewis Talbot, and John Tremble.

District No. 4.—John Henderson, Joseph A. Sangster, William Wright, George Luddington, Charles Munro, Adam Aloth, George Aloth, Frederick Aloth, William Myres, James Hannigan, James O'Neil, George Jamison, John Aloth, James Munro, Andrew Munro, Hugh Munro, James McKenzie, John Feltmate, senr., John Feltmate, Samuel Feltmate, William Feltmate, John Casey, John Munro, Philip Kelly, James Keef, John Horn, and Lawrence Daley.

Stephen Laigden, and Thomas Munro reside at White Head. Their lots have been surveyed by me.

District No. 5.—I believe there are but few if any squatters in this district on account of it being so far from Guysboro. I have not been through it

I believe the above contains the names as near as may be, of the number of squatters residing on crown lands in the county of Guysboro'. There may be more in some parts of the county which I have not visited, it being impossible to obtain the names of every person without travelling over the whole county.

WILLIAM HARTSHORNE,  
Principal dep. surveyor,  
County Guysboro.

*Report on the state of the crown land within the county of Cumberland, 31st Decr. 1856.*

By a reference to my report on the state of the crown land published in the journals of the house of assembly for the year 1854, it will be perceived that my estimation of the quantity of crown land at that date was 288,000 acres. Since that period about 25,000 acres have been granted, leaving 263,000 acres still at the disposal of the government, which may be classed in the following divisions, viz. :—

1st. Lands capable of profitable cultivation,	72,000
2nd. Lands covered with hard and spruce timber,	133,000
3rd. Barren lands,	58,000
	263,000

For a more full description and location of those lands, I beg leave to refer his excellency to the report alluded to above. [See journals for 1854, appendix 19 ]

In reference to having portions of the crown land surveyed off in lots, with a view to facilitate the settlement thereon by emigrants, the first step in the right way would be to explore and mark out leading roads through tracts of land suitable for cultivation. This accomplished, then lay off the tracts in lots, fronting said road, extending back 80 or 100 chains to a rear or base line run parallel with the road, as near as may be, the side lines of the lots to be run at right angles with the base line. This would give a front of from 40 to 50 rods to each lot of 100 acres.

If this system was approved of, I am of the opinion that it would be advisable to have it *gradually* adopted. One tract surveyed out the present year—another tract surveyed during the next ; and if the system worked well, it could be continued.

There is a large tract of land extending from the east branch of River Philip, westwardly, to the Maccan road, (leading to the Five Islands, distant about eight miles,) covered with a heavy growth of timber—is well watered, and every way calculated to form

form a good settlement. The whole tract descends to the northward, facing the *west branch* of River Philip. A road could be advantageously marked out through this tract so as to run out a tier of lots on each side of the road, and I have no doubt but there might be from six to eight thousand acres of good land found in that locality. I know the land to be good on the east and west portions of this tract, and hunters who hunt the moose report it good the whole route through.

As I do not wish to involve the government in unnecessary expense, the order to survey might be made conditional, viz. : that after having explored the tract, and finding it to meet my expectations, in that case to mark out the road, and make the survey of the number of lots required. I think it would be advisable not to survey out any lots of less quantity than two hundred acres. Subsequently applicants only wishing one hundred acres could have the lots split.

I have in my former reports called the attention of the government to the urgent necessity of having a line of road explored and laid out from Apple River along the southern shore of Chignecto channel, crossing Sand River, Shoulie River, and Two Rivers, to the coal mines, (see my report of 1854) The laying out of this road is becoming every year more and more urgent. I would respectfully suggest to the government and house of assembly the propriety of granting such a sum of money as will defray one half of the expense of laying out this road, on condition that the grand jury and court of sessions for the county provide funds to pay the remaining half.

With reference to the number of common farm labourers that would be required in this county, it is difficult to give a definite statement. Laborers accustomed to the work of the country did readily command from thirty to forty pounds the past year, and board found. In haying and harvesting, good laborers received from five to six pounds per month; and it may seem strange that emigrants meet with so little encouragement that they seldom remain for any length of time in the country. They ask full wages; and not being accustomed to the work required, they are not worth it, and cannot obtain it. They shift and move about from place to place, idling away some two or three months of their time, until they become disgusted with the country, and finally leave for Canada or the United States.

If young men or boys from twelve to twenty years of age could be induced to emigrate into this county, and would be content with moderate wages until they become acquainted with the customs and work of the country, one hundred, probably more, could be employed with advantage to themselves as well as to their employers.

Of mechanics and tradesmen, the following number might find profitable employment within the county, viz. :—12 house carpenters, 6 wheelwrights, 6 masons, 3 saddlers, 6 coopers, 3 painters, 3 plasterers, 1 blacksmith, 2 silver smiths, 2 tin smiths.

There are of squatters on the crown land within the county, residing in the various districts and townships thereof, as follows, viz. :—

*In the township of Wallace*—Samuel Read, Enoch Rushton, Holland Rushton, Henry Treen, Charles Treen, John Eagles, David Whidden, Caden Whidden, David Brown, Forshner Angevine, Abram Thompson, Thomas McLellan.

*On Street's ridge*—Jeremiah Gehan, Patrick Gehan, Thomas Rablu, Dominick O'Brien, Henry Morin & sons, William Thomson, Elijah Thomson, Donald Matthewson, Angus Matthewson, George Forsythe.

*On Guy's road*—John Watson, John Matthewson, John Thornwhite, Henry Maïn, James Bartley, Alexander Bartley, Wm. Bartley, Robert Ripley, — Knight.

*River Philip*—John Pain, Joseph Ripley, — Walker, Richard Colburn, Joseph Ripley, junr.

*Maccan*—Heirs of John Lodge, John Gildray, Chas. Story, Edward Hunter, Michael Bennett, Nathan Boss.

*Black River*—James Morse, George Read.

In addition to the above, there are upwards of ten thousand acres of crown land surveyed out in lots by Charles D. Roach, William P. Moffatt, and Alexander Munro, within the township of Amherst, for the following persons, viz. :— John

John Chapman & sons, about 1000 acres ; John Brooks, 100 ; John Baharne, 100 ; Richard Chapman, 600 ; James Finlay, 300 ; William Cove, 300 ; Abigal and William Love, 600 ; Joseph and Philip Baxter, 200 ; Joseph N. B. Kerr, esq., 1,700 ; Robt. McG. Dickey, esq., deceased, 1400 ; James Brown, 50 ; William Taylor and brothers, 100 ; William Embree, 700 ; John E. Stuart, 300 ; Leonard Fuller, 300 ; H. Chapman and J. Finley, 400 ; James Chapple, 550 ; John and Benjamin Weeks, 400 ; Henry Chapman, 200 ; John Tobin, about 600 ; William Doyle, 300 ; Thomas Brundage, 700 acres.

As the government is already in possession of all the information that can be given in reference to those lands, I will only observe, that the unsettled state of the titles to those lands gives me much trouble and difficulty ; besides it gives the parties who hold a sort of a possession of them an opportunity of taking the most valuable timber from off them. Those lands would be eagerly sought after. But parties will not risk a law suit to try a question, which, in my humble opinion, the government ought to have settled long ago.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS LOGAN,  
Principal dep. surveyor.

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*Sydney, February 19th, 1857.*

SIR—

Agreeably to the circular from the department of crown lands in the county of Cape Breton, I beg to state the following :—

The whole of the crown lands in the county of Cape Breton are, for the present, settled by squatters, who have taken possession of lots of from one to two hundred or more acres (each) : they are now trying to procure money sufficient to pay for grants ; and I have no doubt but in a few years they will have a legal title for their lands.— There is no tract sufficient to lay out in lots, excepting large tracts of barren lands in rear of Grand Mira Lake. There would be no employment for tradesmen, nor places where they could settle with any advantage. All the tradesmen and young men of the county go to the States for employment in the summer, as there is no work for them at home. It is impossible to name the number of squatters at present in the county.

As far as my own information of the county in general goes, I should think that about two-thirds of the people were squatters : there being numbers of families in the back woods that are hardly known by those in the front settlement ; and until the county is better opened up by roads there will be no improvement in it. There are a great many settlements completely shut out, the inconvenience of travelling being so great. I have been in nearly all parts of it, and find great difficulty to get to some places.

Trusting that the above will be correct,

I remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. J. OUSLEY,  
Pr. deputy surveyor,  
Cape Breton.

Hon. JAMES B UNIACKE, comr. crown lands.

*Ship Harbor, 12th January, 1857.*

SIR—

According to your instructions of the 25th December last, I beg leave to state for the information of the government, that there is a tract of land of a good quality, and covered chiefly with hardwood, between Tramboise and Salmon River, and another between Tramboise and Grand River, each comprising about 2000 acres, which, if divided into lots of 200 acres each, might suit well for emigrants, or other purchasers. Again, a tract of 900 acres, near the head of West Bay, St. George's Channel, has been surveyed in 1851, by order of John S. Morris, esquire, for one Hugh Campbell, he having promised to make application and pay for it. If he has not done so, however, I would recommend that it should also be divided into lots of 200 acres, and sold to others that might apply for it. The want of plans, and other circumstances, prevent me from complying any further with the acts referred to in your instructions.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES MCKENZIE.

Hon. J. B. UNLACKE, comr. crown lands.

*Port Hood, January 26, 1857.*

*A report giving a general view of the extent and character of the crown land in the county of Inverness.*

The vacant and unoccupied lands are in general broken and barren land, with the exception of about 20 thousand acres. The barren lands may be computed at about 40 thousand acres, being chiefly in the north-eastern part of the county;—these lands are of little value, being destitute of timber, and in parts boggy and stony.

The broke and swampy lands may be computed at about 20 or 30 thousand acres, and are chiefly at the head of rivers and brooks;—these lands may become of considerable value, as they are well wooded. Some of these lands have been purchased at the upset price the past year, for the timber only, as the soil is rather stony for cultivation.

The lands fit for cultivation lies chiefly between Lake Ainslie, Middle River and Margaree rivers, and may be computed at about 20 thousand acres. The soil in general is dry and strong, and of high elevation—the timber mixed, soft and hard wood. Where there are brooks the banks are exceeding steep and difficult to pass. Lots cannot be laid out in any regular form on this account, as the brooks takes so many different directions. On the slopes of the banks towards the brooks the timber differs from the higher parts, being chiefly fir and spruce;—these lands cannot be strongly recommended for new settlers, as they are in places difficult of access,—still they produce good crops when first cleared,—the frost likewise injures the crops occasionally.

The occupied portion may be computed at 150 or 160 thousand acres, the greater part being in the settlement between River Inhabitants, River Dennis, Whycocomagh, and Lake Ainslie. There have been since January, 1855, up to January, 1857, upwards of ten thousand acres of these lands applied for and surveyed;—there are also several applications made, and orders of survey obtained, which will be surveyed as soon as time and weather permit.

With regard to the number of tradesmen, laborers, &c., that the different settlements would

would require, or would be likely to get employment, they are but few ; in fact there does not seem to be any encouragement for such persons at present. This may not be the case long, as the country is beginning to recover from the late failures of the crops, which was the chief cause of the young men leaving home to seek employment elsewhere.

JOHN MURPHY,  
Pr. deputy surveyor.

To the hon. commissioner of crown lands,  
Halifax, N. S.

A list of names of squatters living on lots which have been surveyed and those which have not been surveyed, in the county of Sydney, with the names of the different settlements in which they reside :—

William McNeil, surveyed ; Alexander Cameron, ditto ; Widow O'Connor, ditto ; Henry Murphy, ditto ; Widow Moren, ditto ; Widow McMillin, ditto ; Angus McIsaac, ditto ; Alexander McDonald, ditto ; Widow McDonald, ditto ; James McDonald, ditto ; Allen McIsaac, ditto ; Allen McInnis, ditto ; Hugh McInnis, ditto ; John McIsaac, ditto ; Hugh Johnson, ditto ; Duncan McIsaac, ditto ; Alexander McMillan, ditto ; John McIsaac, ditto ; Neil McLeod, ditto.—These lots are situated in rear of Little Judique.

Stephen Whetty, not surveyed ; John McEachern, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; John McEachern, ditto ; Alexander McLean, ditto ; Angus McIsaac, ditto ; Alexander Morrison ; John McIsaac, ditto ; Hugh McIsaac, ditto ; Peter Gillis, ditto ; Duncan McLeod, ditto ; Patrick Davis, ditto ; widow O'Connor, ditto.—These lots are situated on both sides of the south-west river, Mabou.

John McKenzie, surveyed ; Malcom McEachern, ditto ; Rory McDonald, ditto ; Angus McEachern, ditto ; Walter Fortune, ditto ; widow McMaster, ditto ; Angus McEachern, ditto ; Angus McMaster, ditto ; Donald Cameron, ditto ; Donald McEachern, ditto ; John McEachern, ditto ; Hugh McEachern, ditto.—Back lands of Big Judique.

Charles Campbell, surveyed ; Neil McDonald, ditto ; John McEachern, ditto ; Donald McEachern, ditto ; John Gillis, ditto ; widow O'Henley, ditto ; Hugh McEachern, ditto ; John Gillis, ditto ; Hugh McLean, ditto ; Donald McMaster, ditto ; Alexander McDonald, ditto ; widow Gillis, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; Rory McDonald, ditto ; Angus McDonald, ditto ; Donald McDonald, ditto ; Neil McInnis, ditto ; Alexander McDonald, ditto ; Stephen O'Henley, ditto ; widow McDonald, ditto ; Donald McIsaac, ditto ; Donald McEachern, ditto.—Lots in the 3rd and 4th range rear of banks of Judique and Long Point—the survey not entirely finished. Fees in part, and some the whole, have been paid.

Angus McEachern, surveyed ; William McEachern, ditto ; Hugh McDougald, ditto ; John McInnis, ditto ; John McDougald, ditto ; John McInnis, ditto ; Hugh McDonald, ditto ; James McDonald, ditto ; Alexander McDougald, ditto ; Rory McNeil, ditto ; John McQuarry, ditto ; Laughlan McQuarry, ditto.—Lots situated rear of Low Point and Plaister Cove. Fees paid on some.

Allen McKennon, partly surveyed ; Laughlan McCauley, ditto ; Charles McDonald, ditto ; Hector McDonald, ditto ; Donald McDonald, ditto ; Laughlan McKennon, ditto ; Rory McKennon, ditto ; John McKennon, ditto ; Donald McQuarry, ditto ; Malcom McQuarry, ditto ; Charles McKennon, ditto ; Laughlan McKennon, ditto ; Archibald McIntire, ditto ; Robert Johnson, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; James Johnson, ditto ; Donald McQuarry, ditto.—Lots situated between rear of Plaister Cove and River Inhabitants. Fees paid on some—survey not completed.

William

William Philpot, surveyed; Peter Brouard, ditto; Alexander Johnson, ditto; John Hennessy, ditto; William Murray, ditto; Allen Grant, ditto.—Lots in Ship Harbor, Strait of Canso—town lots.

Malcom McDonald, surveyed; Angus McDonald, ditto; Ronald McDonald, ditto; William Lacy, ditto; John Campbell, ditto; Rory McCusler, ditto; John McCusler, ditto; Archibald Cameron, ditto; Angus McCrowder, ditto; Alexander McLeod, ditto; Charles McInnis, ditto; Ronald McDonald, ditto; Laughlan Campbell, ditto; Kenneth McKenzie, ditto; Rory McLeod, ditto.—Lots between River Inhabitants and West Bay, and north side St. George's channel. Fees paid in part

Angus McDonald, surveyed; Alexander McPhee, ditto; Kenneth McPhee, ditto; John McKenzie, ditto; John McKaskel, ditto; Neil McMillan, ditto; George McKenzie, ditto; Hugh Calder, ditto; Archibald McLean, ditto; Rory Martin, ditto; Donald McKenzie, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Rory McKennon, ditto; Neil McDonald, ditto; Duncan McKennon, ditto.—Lots near Malagawatch—survey not completed. Fees paid in part—tickets, &c.

Alexander McDonald, surveyed; Laughlan McDonald, ditto; Hector McLean, ditto; Allen McLean, ditto; widow McLean, ditto; George McKay, ditto; Alexr. Mathewson, ditto; Neil McLean, ditto; Neil Walker, ditto; Alexander Cummings, ditto; John McLean, ditto.—Lots situated basin of River Dennis. Partly surveyed—fees paid on some.

Rory McFadgen, partly surveyed; Rory McLean, ditto; Archibald McLean, ditto; Donald McFadgen, ditto; Donald McLeod, ditto; John McLennan, ditto; William McLeod, ditto; William Cummin, ditto; Donald Cummin, ditto; James Cummin, ditto; Norman McKenzie, ditto; Duncan McCallan, ditto; Hector McFadden, ditto; Rory McLeod, ditto; Alexander Cumming, ditto; Widow McKenzie, ditto. Lots situated at River Dennis. Some of these lots have been surveyed, others partly—some fees paid.

Murdoch McLeod, partly surveyed; Donald McLeod, ditto; John McIntosh, ditto; Donald McLeod, ditto; Norman McIntosh, ditto; Murdoch McLean, ditto; Neil McCouch, ditto; John Kennedy, ditto; Alexander McLennan, ditto; D. McLennan, ditto. Lots situated between Big Brook and River Dennis, partly surveyed—tickets and warrants of survey paid for.

Neil McLellan, not surveyed; Alexander McChaskel, ditto; William McIntosh, ditto; John McIntosh, ditto; Kenneth McIntosh, ditto; Alexander McChaskel, ditto. West Bay and Big Brook.

Alexander McLaughlan, surveyed; Neil McLennan, ditto; Alexander Varrish, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; John McEachern, ditto; John McInnis, ditto; Duncan McDonald, ditto; Angus McDonald, ditto; John McIsaac, ditto; Donald McGilvrey, ditto; Donald McLaughlan. River Inhabitants and River Dennis.

Widow McDonald, surveyed; Alexander McDonald, ditto; Angus Boyd, ditto; Alexander Chisholm, ditto; Allen McDonald, ditto; Widow McDonald, ditto; John McPhail, ditto. Lots situated between River Inhabitants and River Dennis.

Angus McPhail, partly surveyed; Alexander McCouch, ditto; Ronald McPherson, ditto; Archibald McDonald, ditto; Donald McKenna, ditto; John Morrison, ditto; Malcolm Morrison, ditto. Lots between head of River Inhabitants and Whycocomagh.

Widow McMullan, partly surveyed; John McMillan, ditto; Ronald McDonald, ditto; Kenneth McChaskel, ditto; Angus McDonald, ditto; John McLeod, ditto; Widow McDougald, ditto; Allen McDonald, ditto; Diogness McDonald, ditto; D. McMillan, ditto; John Morrison, ditto; Donald McDonald, ditto; Malcolm McDonald, ditto; John McLeod, ditto; Widow Alexander McDonald, ditto; Angus McLellan, ditto; Donald Gillis, ditto; Ronald McLellan, ditto; John McLellan, ditto. Lots situated between River Dennis, Judique, and on River Dennis road. There has been fees paid on some of them, tickets on others.

Donald McCachan, partly surveyed; Allen Gillis, ditto; Laughlan McCachan, ditto; James

James McDonald, ditto; Alexander Chisholm, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Alexander McMaster, ditto; Angus McMaster, ditto; John McLeod, ditto; Widow McDonald, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Neil Walker, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Alexander Morrison, ditto; Allen McDonald, ditto; John McKennon, ditto; John McEachern, ditto; John McInnis, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Neil McIntosh, ditto; Allen Grant, ditto; Archibald Cameron, ditto; John Cameron, ditto; Alexander McDonald, ditto; Hugh McEachan, ditto; Donald Bohanan, ditto. Lots situated on both sides of River Inhabitants,—the greater part of these lots have been surveyed, and several of the parties have paid the fees for joint grants, and tickets for the rest.

Angus McEachan, partly surveyed; Archy McInnis, ditto; John Dowlin, ditto; Bory McDonald, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Archibald McDonald, ditto; Thomas Lamy, ditto; Angus McInnis, ditto; Donald McGregor, ditto; Donald McChaskil, ditto; John McVegor, ditto; John Steel, ditto. Lots situated both sides River Inhabitants—fees paid in part—survey not completed.

Donald McDonald, partly surveyed; John Livingston, ditto; Archy McDonald, ditto; Angus McDonald, ditto; Angus Campbell, ditto; Angus McDonald, ditto; Archy McDonald, ditto; John Livingston, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Allen McDonald, ditto; Archy McDonald, ditto; Norman Patterson, ditto; Dougald McEachern, ditto; James McEachern, ditto.—Lots both sides of the south-east branch of Mabou—survey not completed—front and part of side lines run—fees paid in part.

Rory McEachern, partly surveyed; Angus Gillis, ditto; John Livingston, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Neil Livingston, ditto; Angus Campbell, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Charles McQuarry, ditto; Angus McLean, ditto; John McKennon, ditto; Neil McKay, ditto; Patrick Nicholson, ditto; James McNeil, ditto; William McLeod, ditto; James Campbell, ditto; Angus McKaskil, ditto; John McKenzie, ditto.—Lots both sides of the south-east branch of Mabou—survey not completed—held mostly by ticket.

John Parker, surveyed; Patrick Murray, ditto; John Gillis, ditto; Murdoch Gillis, partly surveyed; Angus Gillis, ditto; Archy Gillis, ditto; Alexander McKennon, ditto; John McKennon, ditto; John McKennon, ditto.—Lots between south-east and Whycocomagh—some surveyed and some not—fees paid in part, and tickets.

Hector McDonald, partly surveyed; Donald McDonald, ditto; widow Campbell, ditto; James Douset, ditto; Peter Sugar, ditto; Mathew Hawley, ditto; Angus McKennon, ditto; Laughlan McKennon, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; Geo. Smith, ditto; Alexander Beaton, ditto; Francis Gasper, ditto; Angus McDonald, ditto; Donald Beaton, ditto; Angus McInnis, ditto; Samuel Beaton, ditto; John McInnis, ditto; Neil McInnis, ditto; John Nicholson, ditto; Malcolm Gillis, ditto; Angus Campbell, ditto; Angus McNeil, ditto; John Beaton, ditto; Murdoch McLeod, ditto; Donald Beaton, ditto; James Chisholm, ditto.—Lots situated between south-east Mabou, Whycocomagh, and Lake Ainslie. The greater portion surveyed—fees paid on some, and tickets on others.

John Gillis, not surveyed; Donald McKay, ditto; James Johnson, ditto; John Campbell, ditto; Murdoch Campbell, ditto; Donald Campbell, ditto; Rory Campbell, ditto; Edward Campbell, ditto; Donald Nicholson, ditto; John Beaton, ditto; John McCaully, ditto; John McDonald, ditto; John McCaully, ditto; Allen McLean, ditto; Archy McPherson, ditto; Angus McCaully, ditto; John McKennon, ditto; Neil McLellan, ditto; Donald McDonald, ditto; Ronald Johnson, ditto; John McKenzie, ditto; Angus McInnis, ditto; Malcolm McLeod, ditto; Hector Nicholson, ditto; Malcolm McKennon, ditto; Donald McKennon, ditto.—Lots situated in New Canada, Long Glen, or Bridgend and Sky Settlement. There is little or no survey made in these settlements—some lots have the front laid out

Alexander Chisholm, not surveyed; Donald McLean, ditto; Archy Ferguson, ditto; John McLellan, ditto; Murdoch McDonald, ditto; James McDonald, ditto; John Robinson, ditto; Murdoch McLeod, ditto; widow Ferguson, ditto; John McKaskil, ditto;

ditto ; Donald McCaully, ditto ; Donald Mathewson, ditto ; Murdoch McIntosh, ditto ; Norman McDonald, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; Archibald McDonald, ditto.—Charles Campbell, (partly surveyed ;) Duncan McDougald, ditto ; Angus McDougald, ditto ; Malcom Robinson, ditto ; Colin McDougald, ditto ; Lauchlan Robinson, ditto ; Allen McDonald, ditto ; Donald McKennon, ditto ; Angus Robinson, ditto : Donald McLellan, ditto.—Lots situated in Long Glen and Campbell's Mountain ;—some of the lots on Campbell's mountain have been partly surveyed, and on some the fees have been paid.

Donald McLeod, partly surveyed ; Charles McDonald, ditto ; Archy McDonald, ditto ; Malcolm McLeod, ditto ; Angus McLeod, ditto ; Murdoch McCaully, ditto ; John McCaully, ditto ; Malcolm McKeevor, ditto ; Dugald McDonald, ditto ; Donald Campbell, ditto ; William Campbell, ditto ; John McDougald, ditto : Godfrey McDonald, ditto.—Widow McDonald, surveyed.—Hector McQuarry, partly surveyed ; Angus Mathewson, ditto : Malcolm McKay, ditto ; John Carmichael, ditto ; widow Campbell, ditto ; John Carmichael, ditto ; Malcolm Campbell, ditto ; Allen McFadgen, ditto ; Archy McFadgen, ditto ; Norman Mathewson, D Campbell, D. McFadgen,—Lots situated on both sides of Whycocomagh basin. The survey of some of these lots have been completed, and fees paid in part—tickets for nearly all the rest.

John Mathewson, survey not completed ; Murdoch McDonald, ditto ; Malcom Mathewson, ditto ; Malcom Robison, ditto ; Angus McDougald, ditto ; Charles Campbell, ditto ; John Campbell, ditto ; Angus Campbell, ditto ; Donald McPhail, ditto ; Lody McKennon, ditto : John Jamison, ditto : Laughlan McKennon, ditto : John McMillan, ditto : Neil McMillan, ditto : Andrew McSwain, ditto : John McDougald, ditto : Archibald McQueen, ditto : John McDonald, ditto : Alexander McLean, ditto ; Rory McDougald, ditto : widow McLean, ditto ; Hugh McLean, ditto ; Alexander McCaully, ditto ; widow McDonald, ditto ; Archy Morrison, ditto ; Lauchlan McKennon, ditto.—Lots situated in Ainslie Glen, between Whycocomagh and Lake Ainslie. The front and some of the side lines have been traced—there are tickets for some also.

Alexander McDonald, survey not completed ; Alexander McDonald, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; Malcolm McDonald, ditto : Donald McNeil, ditto ; James McKenzie, ditto : John McDonald, ditto : widow McKennon, ditto : Peter McKay, ditto : Neil McMillan, ditto : Duncan McQuarry, ditto : Neil Steward, ditto : Angus McSwain, ditto.—Lots near the head of Lake Ainslie.

William McKay, partly surveyed : Allen McKay, ditto : Donald McDonald, ditto : widow McLean, ditto : Allen McLean, ditto : Neil McLean, ditto : John McLean, ditto : William McPhail, ditto : Donald McKay, ditto : Angus McDonald, ditto : Hugh McDonald, ditto : Donald McKay, ditto —Lots head of Lake Ainslie ; and east side, front, and part of side lines traced.

Donald McMillan, partly surveyed ; Hector McDugald, ditto ; John Johnson, ditto ; Angus McMillan, ditto ; John McDougald, ditto ; Lauchlin McPhail, ditto ; Colin McPhail, ditto ; Alexander McDonald, ditto ; Charles McDonald, ditto ; Murdoch McMillan, ditto ; Alexander McKennon, ditto ; Malcolm McMillan, ditto ; John McKennon, ditto ; Archibald McKennon, ditto ; John McInnis, ditto ; William Hamilton, ditto ; Archy McDonald, ditto ; Allen McKennon, ditto ; Widow McKennon, ditto ; Hugh Campbell, ditto ; Angus Ferguson, ditto ; Edward McFadgen, ditto ; Lauchlin McKay, ditto ; John McKay, ditto ; Donald McLean, ditto ; John McKay, ditto.—Lots situated on the east side of Lake Ainslie—the front and part of the side of the most of those lots have been surveyed—some fees paid, and some held by tickets.

Widow McKay, not surveyed ; John McKennon, ditto ; Lauchlin McKennon, ditto ; Malcolm McPhail, ditto ; John McMillan, ditto ; Archy McKay, ditto ; John McLeod ; Lauchlin McMillan, ditto ; Angus Nicholson, ditto ; Neil Johnson, ditto ; Malcolm Johnson.—Lots rear, east side Lake Ainslie.

Duncan Johnson, partly surveyed ; Widow McLean, ditto ; Donald McDougald, ditto ;



ditto : Alexander McInnis, ditto ; Allen McDonald, ditto ; Ronald McDonald, ditto ; Angus Walker, ditto ; Donald McLellan, ditto ; Widow McLellan, ditto ; Angus McInnis, ditto ; Neil McEachan, ditto ; John McEachan, ditto ; John McDonald, ditto ; Alexander Walker, ditto ; Donald McKennon, ditto.—Lots on the west side of Lake Ainslie—the front and part of the side lines run—tickets on some.

Angus McDonald, partly surveyed ; Allen McCormick, ditto ; Edward Cameron, ditto ; John Campbell, ditto ; Hugh Gillis, ditto ; John McGregor, John McKelpon, ditto ; Archy Campbell, ditto ; Malcomb Doherty, ditto ; Widow McKennon, ditto ; Angus Gillis, ditto ; Donald Cameron, ditto ; Alexander McLean, ditto ; Hector McKay, ditto ; Widow McKennon, ditto ; John McKennon, ditto ; William Dunbar, do ; Hugh McKenzie, ditto ; John McQuarry, ditto ; Rory McQuarry, ditto.—Lots situated at Loch Ban. Some of these have been surveyed, and others partly—tickets for some more of them.

*On lots not surveyed*—Charles McLean, Donald McGregor, Donald McQuarry, Alexander McDonald.—Lots between south-west Margaree.

*On lots partly surveyed*—Angus Kennedy, Rory McLean, John McGregor, Angus McDougald, John McKay, Norman McLean, Widow McKennon, Norman McLean, Allen McKennon, Hector McLean, Rory McDonald, Angus McDonald, Lauchlin McLean, Hector McLean, H. McDougald.—Lots between Lake Ainslie and south-west branch Mabou. Some of these lots have been surveyed and some not.

*On lots partly surveyed*—Neil McInnis, Donald McKay, Donald McLean, John McCaster, John McQuarry, Neil McKay, John McCaster, Hugh McLean, (*surveyed*), John McQuarry, Donald McIntyre, Joseph McIntyre, Dougald McDougald, (*partly surveyed*.) Lots situated in Cape Breton—fees paid on some, and tickets on others.

*On lots surveyed*—Ronald McDugald, Allen McEachern, Archy McIntyre, Hugh McIntyre, Hector McIntyre, James McInnis, John McNiel, John McInnis, Angus McDougald, Hector McInnis, Allen McLean, Lauchlin McLean, John McKay, James McKay, Ronald McCaster, Angus McCaster, James McInnis, Ronald McDonald, Widow McCaster, Widow McDonald, Donald McDonald, Andrew McEachan, Angus Nicholson, Archy Campbell, Donald McDonald, Donald McDonald, (*partly surveyed*).—Lots in Cape Mabou. These lots have been mostly surveyed, and fees paid on several of them.

*On lots surveyed*—Angus McDonald, John McDonald, John McKennon, Allen McQuarry, Hugh Cameron, Lauchlin McKennon, Widow McDonald, James McDonald, John Jameson, John McLellan, John McKennon, John Gillis, Donald McLellan, John McLellan, Ronald McLellan, John McDonald, Allen McLellan, Donald McEachan, Angus Gillis, Donald Gillis, Angus McLellan, Ronald McLellan, Farquhar McLellan, Donald McLellan, John McLellan.—Lots situated in the back lands of Broad Cove—surveys of some lots completed and fees paid—tickets and warrants on others.

*On lots not surveyed*—Duncan McLellan, Angus McCaster, Alexander McNeil, Alexander Cameron, John McDougald, Hugh McIsaac, Malcolm McGregor, Archy McGregor, Neil McGregor, Charles McKennon, widow McKay, Donald McKay, John McKay, Hugh McKennon.—Lots situated in the backland of Broad Cove

*On lots partly surveyed*—Donald McLellan, Neil McLellan, Rory McLellan, Archy McLellan, Angus McLellan, Ronald McLellan, Donald McLellan, Angus McLellan, Alexander McLellan, Angus McIsaac, Lauchlan Jamison, Kenneth McKenzie.—Lots situated from cross roads, Broad Cove, to south west Margaree.

*On lots partly surveyed*—Donald Matheson, Hugh McLean, Duncan McKennon, Charles McLean, Angus McIsaac, Alexander McDonald, Duncan Campbell, Ronald McDonald, Farquhar McLellan, Allen McLellan, Alexander McKennon, A. McLellan, Angus Gillis, Malcolm Campbell, Hector Campbell, Donald McLellan, Archy Gillis, Donald McLellan, Allen McDonald, Hugh Gillis, Angus Gillis, John Gillis, John McFarlin, Rory McLellan, Lauchlan McKennon, Donald McLellan.—Lots situated both sides of the south west branch of Margaree. Some of the lots surveyed, and fees paid on some of them. Tickets on the lots fronting the road. On

*On lots not surveyed*—Rory McDonald, Donald Matheson, Kenneth McKenzie, Lauchlan Jameson, Donald McLean, Duncan Campbell, Malcolm McPhail, John McLean, Donald McLean, Hugh Gillis, John McLean, George McLean, Archy Gillis Alexander Gillis, John Gillis ;—lots situated between east side of south west Margaree, towards Middle River—no survey made—(rear lands) Allen McLean, Angus Campbell, John McKay, Donald McKay, John McDonald, Donald McQuarry, Neil McQuarry, William McGregor, Grigor McGrigor, Angus Gillis, Donald McLanis ;—lots situated 2nd and 3rd range east side Lake Ainslie.

*On lots partly surveyed*—Justin Simons, John McLeod, Murdoch Ross, Donald Ross, Murdoch McLean, William McKay, John McLeod. *Not surveyed*—Archy Steward, widow Matheson, Malcolm McLean, Forquill McLean, Angus Steward, Murdoch McDonald, Donald McDonald, Donald McKenzie, Rory McKenzie, Angus Ross, Malcolm McKennon, Neil McKennon, Murdoch McKennon, Neil McDermit, Lauchlan McDonald, Joseph Sogley, William Maple, John Murray, William Ross ;—lots situated on both sides of the north east branch of Margaree, from the forks to the head of Big Intervale ; some of the front lots have been laid off.

*On lots not surveyed*—Oliver Burns, Andrew Dunn, Patrick Oats, James Thumpkin, John Cody, Michael Nowlen, Mathew Nowlen, Patrick Cody, Michael Dunn, John Duneff, John Nowlen, John Stubbors, Morris Dunn, Miles McDonald, Edward Flinn ; lots situated between north east and south west Margaree, by Big Brook.—William Carty, Thomas Coakley, Roderick Ryan, John Hennesy, James Doyle, James Fortune, John Miller, Patrick Connors, Dennis McQuarry ;—lots situated at Lake-a-Law, between north east Margaree and Middle River.—Rory Cameron, Alexander Cameron, Alexander McDonald, Murdock McKennon, Dougald McFarlane ;—lots between the north east of Margaree and Cheticamp. John Tingley, James Tingley, James Moore, John McIntosh, Neil McIntosh, Samuel Tingley, Samuel Timmons ;—lots situated at Big Cove, north of Cheticamp.

The improvements on the occupied lands may be computed on an average of from £60 to £25 for each lot, and at an average of possession from forty to thirty years for the greater part, especially the front settlers. The back settlers from twenty years to twelve, and their improvements at £20 to £10.

It is very probable that the greater part of these will be granted in the course of a few years, as the act of 1855 prevents them from clearing any more of the wood land.

JOHN MURPHY,  
Principal dep. surveyor.

Hon. JAMES B UNIAKKE, COMR crown lands.  
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Baddeck Bay, 3rd January, 1857.

SIR—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th ultimo.

All or nearly all the lands in this county, situate on the sea board, the shores of the Bras d'Or lake, or the banks of rivers, as well as those to some extent in the interior, deemed fit for cultivation, are occupied either by grantees or by squatters, or claimed by their respective assigns as their private property ; and I know of no tract of land that it would be advisable to lay off into lots for the settlement of emigrants, unless such could be found in the interior of the county between St. Ann's harbor and the bay of St. Lawrence, comprising an extent of about 300,000 acres, of which so little is known that can be relied upon, and that generally unfavorable, that an exploration alone would determine its capabilities for settlement.

I know of no settlement in this county in which either tradesmen or laborers could find remunerating employment, or even a home. These classes, as well as others, are leaving this Island as fast as their means will enable them. Apart from many who have recently gone to the United States, two vessels filled with emigrants have within the last seven months left our shores for New Zealand, and others are preparing to follow them.

The day laborer of Europe, as a class, is unknown in this county, and as such would not exist, simply for want of steady employment. During the long winters, laborers could find neither employment nor a home. Those that represent this class, occupy, in general, crown lands as squatters; and by means of farming, conducted by their wives and children, and going themselves during the summer season to distant parts of the province or to the United States, they eke out the means of a scanty subsistence. The young men as they grow up, generally leave the country. Hundreds are said to have gone away during the past year.

Since the failure of the potatoe on this Island, it is very doubtful whether a settler on a new woodland farm could possibly exist, particularly at any distance from the sea.

The squatters may be said to occupy every ungranted front lot in the county fit for occupation, along the sea board, the shores of the Bras d'Or lake, and the banks of rivers, as well as all the ungranted rear lots deemed worth occupying. It would be difficult to point out, within the limits of the county, and apart from the unexplored tract above referred to, a lot of 200 acres, deemed fit for occupation, on which one family at least, if not more, of squatters was not settled. To give a more particular description of this class, would require a perambulation of the county, at an expense that I cannot afford to defray, and might not be justified in incurring.

I am, sir,

Your obdt. servant,

D. B. McNAB,

Principal deputy surveyor county Victoria.

Hon. JAMES B. UNIACKE,  
Commissioner of crown lands.

No. 72.

(See page 325.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of James W. Pratt, of Annapolis county, stating that during the year 1854 he had received a commission from the provincial government, by the recommendation of the representatives of said county, to expend five pounds on one of the cross roads in the township of Annapolis, as named in the commission,—that previous to the expenditure it was deemed advisable that all incumbrances should be removed off said road; and to this end, petitioner in accordance with the statute, caused notices to be served for the period of thirty days before commencing work on said road, on the parties interested, to remove said incumbrances,—that said road is one of the highways reserved and marked on the original plan of the township of Annapolis,—that orders were made by the general court of sessions of the county of Annapolis in 1826 and in 1845, and again in 1854, confirming the previous orders, and directing that all gates, bars, obstructions, incumbrances of every kind on said road to be removed forthwith,—that notwithstanding the various orders made, and notice thus given by petitioner, Messrs. John and Henry Bartell neglected to comply to remove such incumbrances so placed and kept by them on said road, and  
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when removed by petitioner, brought an action in the supreme court at Annapolis to recover damages for such removal,—that upon the issue of the trial in June last, a verdict of a special jury was given in favour of petitioner,—that such verdict was set aside on argument at Halifax, subjecting petitioner to much inconvenience, loss of time, and cost, and prays that a sum of money may be granted to enable him to defray the cost and damage so unavoidably incurred as a public officer in the discharge of his duty for the good of the public service, amounting in all to a sum of upwards of sixty pounds.

Your committee, after having examined into the merits of the claim in question, sustained and recommended by petition, numerous signed by the magistracy and other inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, and also one other petition of Messrs. Bartelts' and others against the prayer of petitioner, are of the opinion that the petitioner Pratt should be reimbursed the amount of cost and expences so incurred, on due proof being made in writing to the receiver general, not exceeding the sum specified; and your committee further recommend that the same be provided for out of the road grant for the county of Annapolis. Twenty-five pounds thereof to be paid out of the sum granted for 1857, and the remaining sum of balances to be paid out of grant made for 1858.

SAMUEL CHIPMAN.  
JOHN LOCKE.

Committee room, Halifax, April, 1857.

No. 73.

(See page 326.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of the township Chester, praying that the said township may be made a separate county from Lunenburg, beg to report:—That in their opinion the petition should have been submitted in the first instance to the general sessions of the peace for the county of Lunenburg, and therefore cannot recommend the prayer of the petitioners for the alteration above alluded to.

THOMAS H. FULLER,  
HENRY BAILEY.

Committee room, 14th April, 1857.

No. 74.

(See page 328.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the inhabitants of Cornwallis, for and against an act to authorize the erection of a dyke or aboiteau across the Habitant river, beg respectfully to report:—

That the river in question has a dyke or aboiteau across it about two miles from its mouth. Below the dyke, at a distance of one quarter of a mile, and on the north side of the river, is the village of Canning, rapidly springing into importance. The river is here navigable at high water for vessels of 200 tons burthen. Wharves have been erected—vessels built, and an export trade of large extent in potatoes and other agricultural produce, has arisen. A steam factory has also been erected, and the village appears to be the nucleus of a thriving and busy town.

The proposal to build a dyke or aboiteau at Picket's landing, 2 miles below Canning, submitted

submitted in the petition first laid before the house, is strongly opposed by a counter petition, setting forth the obvious disadvantages of disconnecting the inhabitants of Canning and its neighborhood from a navigable water at the Dons.

It is alleged in the first petition that in 1819 an aboiteau was built near the site of the one now proposed, which was, however, shortly afterwards carried away and never rebuilt.

The petitioners for the act allege that the right to build aboiteaux and dykes across the river is vested in the grantees of the township, under the original grant. On this your committee do not feel themselves called to pass any opinion, further than that if the views of the petitioners are sound, they require no legislative action to give them the right.

But as regards the attempt to dyke the river in 1819, your committee have to observe, that since then circumstances are entirely changed. The village of Canning, with its rights and interests, has sprung up since that period, and a dyke which, built then, would probably have injured no one, would now extensively invade interests that have since grown into existence, and which appear to your committee of great importance.

The making up of 200 acres of marsh, some of which may, as flats, be almost as valuable as dyke, and the advantages of a more rapid and easy communication with the railway line across the bridge to be formed by the proposed aboiteau, appear to your committee insufficient to outweigh the benefits of the navigation as far up as the village of Canning, or justify the committee in recommending so great a violation of the private rights of the persons interested in the prosperity and trade of Canning.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. ARCHIBALD.  
ALFRED WHITMAN.  
EZRA CHURCHILL.

Committee room, April 14, 1857.

No. 75.

(See page 331.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of certain inhabitants of the eastern district of the county of Shelburne, asking aid in order to enable them to erect a bridge across Sable River, beg leave to report—

That although the petitioners have appended a subscription list to the extent of one hundred and sixteen pounds and upwards towards carrying out the object they have in view, yet your committee do not feel authorized to depart from the course usual with such petitions, and therefore recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the members for the county of Shelburne.

All which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. DAVISON.  
JOHN RYDER  
JOHN C. WADE.

Committee room, April, 1857.

No. 76.

*(See page 337.)*

The committee on agriculture beg leave to report :—

That the legislature having withdrawn all grants of public money to oat and grist mills, the committee must adhere to their determination of the last session, and reject the petitions of Arch'd. Newcomb, John McGregor, and William Adams. They feel themselves constrained also to reject the application of Mr. Nathaniel H. Calkins. It was doubtless a hardship on him to lose the stallion he had bought ; but the principle involved in a grant under such circumstances would extend to every animal imported by the legislature, and sold under the usual conditions.

The committee recommend that the £100 granted last year for the importation and keeping of improved breeds of pigs at Truro, and which has not been drawn, should be expended under the direction of the superintendent of education, in the purchase, setting out, and protection of fruit trees, and of other native trees, plants and shrubs, on the grounds of the normal school.

They have examined the account of the expenditure by his excellency the lieutenant governor for the importation and acclimating of the breed of pheasants, and recommend a grant of £100 to repay the balance now due, and provide for the keeping of the birds now on hand and recently ordered. But as the experiment has been fairly and successfully tried, they think that no further outlay should be had for this purpose.

His excellency, with his usual zeal, is desirous that the black cock and capercuilzie of Norway and Sweden should be brought here and naturalised ; but as it is too late for an importation this year, the committee, while approving the suggestion, need not act upon it in the present session.

They recommend that the mowing machine at Annapolis, and the Leicester ram, remaining on hand and belonging to the province, should be sold at auction—the former in the summer, the latter at once.

A number of copies of the letters of Agricola being on hand, the committee recommend that they should be plainly and substantially bound, and distributed among the societies ; and that a sum be granted for that purpose, at the rate of 10s. a copy, including the binding.

Having renewed their examination of the combined work on live stock, rural husbandry and agricultural chemistry, prepared by J. W. Dawson, esquire, now the principal of the McGill college at Montreal, they are still more strongly impressed with the practical character and value of the hints suggested by his experience and scientific knowledge on these important subjects. Five thousand copies of this instructive and excellent book have been bound at 9s. per copy, under the order of last session. They were intended for gratuitous distribution, and from twelve to fifteen hundred copies have been scattered over the province. Of the remainder, the committee recommend that 3000 copies should be sent to the commissioners of schools in the various counties and districts, that they may be every where diffused, and that the work may be introduced as a text book with our common schools.

The committee have given due attention to the annual report of the central agricultural board, and the abstract of reports from the various societies throughout the province, being fifty-one in all. The former contains some useful hints, but there is no doubt that the small amount of funds at the disposal of the board has combined with other causes in paralyzing its activity. Still the committee think that the organization is useful in keeping the societies under one band, and they recommend the continuance of the usual grant of £200, of which sum they conceive £50 to be a sufficient salary to be paid to a secretary resident in Halifax, and who can attend to the business and correspond with the societies.

Judging

Judging from the reports, many of these societies are doing substantial good, others, as might be expected, are comparatively languid. All of them have raised and accounted for the sum required by the act, with the exception of two, Brookfield and Merigomish, who have not drawn the sums set apart for them. Three others, Weymouth, New Anand and Arichat, have not sent in their annual reports and accounts. The account for Clare requires explanation. All the others are satisfactory, and the committee concur in thinking that the usual grant of £50 to each county ought to be renewed. They invite the attention of the central board to the accounts that are wanting and defective, and trust that they will maintain an active and kindly supervision over all the societies.

An abstract of the expenditure of the central board is subjoined for the past year. The sums drawn by the societies in all came to £812 10s.

The committee have examined the accounts for the importations of stock during the year 1856. These consisted of six Guernsey heifers and two Guernsey bulls, fifteen rams and ewes, three sows and two boars, ordered from England, and which, with the expenses after their arrival, cost

	£862 8 1
They were sold in Halifax, with the exception of one of the bulls, five ewes, and a boar, still on hand, and one of the rams assigned to the gentleman who selected them, and yielded	195 14 9

Shewing a loss of	£666 13 4
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Although it is probable that the above stock produced more by being sold in Halifax, still the committee think that such sales should hereafter be had in the country, to give all the counties an equal chance. The other stock imported consisted of 68 Leicester rams and lambs from Canada, which were distributed and sold in thirteen of the counties, as directed last year. These animals were of pure breed, and will effect, it is hoped, a permanent improvement. They cost a large sum, and produced a very inadequate amount when sold, whether it was that their value was not sufficiently appreciated, or that purchasers did not choose to compete with each other. The effect, however, undoubtedly is to discourage similar importations for the present, and which the committee have not recommended in their report. The purchase money of the 68 rams and lambs was

	£925 10 0
Exchange thereon,	34 10 0
Expense of purchase and bringing them here,	220 0 0
Expense at Halifax,	29 2 6

	£1209 2 6
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While the net proceeds of the sale of 67 (there being one still on hand) in the thirteen counties was

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Leaving a deficiency of	1113 0 1
and exceeding the grant of last session by the sum of £113	

Twelve barrels of kidney potatoes were also imported from England, and distributed, which cost £23 17 6.

Since the last session the accounts of the stock imported in 1855 from Canada and Prince Edward Island, have been made up. It consisted of 122 sheep and lambs, two bulls, one heifer of the Durham breed, and three stallions, and cost, with the expenses of importation,

	£1221 9 4
While the net amount realized from the sales was	448 11 11

Leaving a deficiency of	£772 17 5
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In view of these results, the house will perceive that the committee have recommended only one extra grant of £100. They desire, however, to record their opinion that the importations of stock, while they have occasioned a large outlay, have done extensive

sive and permanent good—that the progress of our agriculture if it be not rapid is steady—that it requires only the devotion of some one enthusiastic mind, competent to the task, to re-awaken the energy of the old agricultural board, and under the stimulus of the reciprocity treaty opening a freer and wider extended market, to enrich our products and infuse into our rural economy a more animating and genial spirit.

WILLIAM YOUNG, chairman.  
 JOHN McKINNON.  
 A. McFARLANE.  
 SAMUEL CHIPMAN.  
 C. R. BILL.  
 HENRY BAILEY.  
 F. R. PARKER.  
 M. ROBECHEAU.  
 S. S. THORNE.

Halifax, 11th April, 1857.

*Abstract account central board agriculture to 10th March, 1857.*

Salaries paid,			£75	0	0
Rent,			5	0	0
Agricultural papers,			7	5	0
Newspapers,			1	6	3
Printing and advertising,			10	18	9
Stationery,			2	5	4½
Pictou cattle show,			50	0	0
James Irons, expenses to Pictou,			4	13	6
Mowing machine,			28	0	6
Hay press,			18	2	10
H. A. Taylor's account,			1	12	6
G. Scarfe's account,			2	15	0
A. Farquarhson's account,			1	4	0
J. Gautkin's account,			0	6	3
Machine to cut down trees,			10	0	0
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			£218	9	11½
Balance on hand 25th February, 1856,	67	3	7		
Provincial grant,	200	0	0	267	3
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Balance,			£48.	13	7½

No. 77.

(See page 327.)

The committee on education beg leave to report :—

First of all on the various petitions referred to them. That they have considered the subject matter of these petitions at several meetings, and recommend—

1st. That a clause be added to the educational act, allowing the school commissioners for Cape Breton to divide the £100 for that county between two grammar schools instead of three.

2nd.



2nd. That the act should pass for the sale of the school house lot at Bridgewater, the deed thereof, though giving only a life estate, being in trust for a school.

3rd. That no action should be had on the petition from the commissioners at Chester, as their purpose will be served if the subsequent recommendation of this committee be acted on.

4th. That the commissioners for Argyle be at liberty, if they think fit, to set off the undrawn grammar school allowance for that district towards the furnishing of the school house there.

5th. That the application of the commissioners for the shore district, east, Halifax county, though prescribing peculiar claims on the favor of this committee, should be met on the same principle applied to No. 3, as above.

6th. That the committee, while readily admitting that the conduct of the majority of the commissioners for Pictou, in the matter of Mr. W. H. Waddell, was dictated by a sense of public duty and by the purest motives, do not feel themselves at liberty to depart from the decision of last year, by recommending a grant out of the public funds.

7th. That the grammar school allowance due Mr. William Shipley, should be paid, pursuant to the petition of the trustees of the academy at Bridgetown.

8th. That a clause should be added to the educational bill, of a general character, which will meet the case of the trustees of district No. 5, in Annapolis

9th. That the usual grant should be renewed to the infant school in Halifax.

10th. That the five petitions for aid to private seminaries, viz., for the female schools at Antigonishe and Liverpool,—two at Amherst, taught by Mrs. Ratchford and Mrs. Carritt, and the academy under the charge of Mr. Hea, at Lower Horton, should be rejected. The committee have reason to believe that all of these are meritorious institutions; but after reviewing the whole question, and the numerous other claims that would certainly follow upon these, if successful, they came reluctantly but unanimously to the conclusion, (with the exception of Dr. Brown, in favor of Mr. Hea's academy,) that the public funds ought not to be applied to these grants.

11th. That the petitions of Mr. A. Farquharson and Mr. T. McLean, and on behalf of Mr. James H. Munro, grammar school teachers at Middle River, Pictou and Shelburne, whose returns were not in compliance with the act, should also be rejected. The committee did not perceive in these cases any special circumstances which should exempt them from the operation of the law, and conceive it their duty to uphold the officers of the government in enforcing its provisions.

12th. That the petition of Dennis O'Callaghan should also be rejected.

13th. That the commissioners for Cape Breton should institute an enquiry into the case of Henry Grintmire, which has been twice before this committee; and if they approve of the claim as just, that they be empowered to pay the sum they may award out of the school fund for that county, and if otherwise, shall report the facts to the government.

14th. That a free grant of 200 acres of crown land should pass to Ichabod Corbitt, in consideration of his having been continuously engaged in teaching for upwards of 61 years; and as a general principle, the committee think that every worthy teacher who shall keep school continuously for forty years, should be considered as fairly entitled to some recognition in the above or other suitable form, of his services in the cause of education.

15th. That the petition and oral suggestions of Mr. Hugo Reid should be acted on to the following extent: that a sum should be granted sufficient to enable him to prepare and strike off 6500 copies of a school map of the province, of the character and size agreed on; that £20 should be paid for the first 1000 copies, and £7 10s. for each succeeding thousand; that 3000 copies should be sent to the commissioners of schools, for use therein; and one to be pasted on a board and hung up in every school-house throughout the province; that 1500 copies should be delivered to Mr. Reid, to be bound up along with his recent work on geography; and that the remaining 2000 copies

copies should be offered for sale at 3d each, the government to have the power of ordering a further number if required. The committee also recommend that 1000 copies of Mr. Reid's book on geography, including the map, be purchased by the superintendent of education, if he approve of it, at one shilling per copy, out of the usual grant of £600, and distributed among the other books to be procured therewith.

The committee having thus disposed of all the petitions, turned their attention to the tabular statements annexed by the superintendent of education to his report, but feel, for the reasons he has assigned, that the returns on which they are founded are so loose and imperfect as to afford very inaccurate data. They are pleased therefore to learn that he contemplates a more stringent and exact system of educational statistics being enforced during the present year. The above statements, such as they are, will appear in the journals, and preclude the necessity of any particular notice. The committee pause only to mark the leading facts—that about 800 common schools in winter and 1000 in summer, are open in the province—that the number of children in winter is returned as 29,451, and in summer 33,163—that these schools draw from the people £27,860, and from the treasury £11,103—that the number of male teachers in summer is returned at 578 and the female teachers at 504, and in winter the numbers are 453 and 341 respectively. The number of female teachers, as contrasted with the male, shewing so large a proportion, is an important fact, and augers well for the cause of education.

The committee, looking to the number of schools, and to the fact that no augmentation of the common school grant has taken place since 1845, recommend that it should be raised from £11,170 to £15,000, being one-third more, in which recommendation, however, two of the committee do not concur.

The committee, on looking over the returns from the various colleges and educational institutions deriving aid from the treasury, find them, with some honorable exceptions, so meagre and imperfect, that they abstain from preparing the usual abstract, and recommend that a circular should be sent to them by the local government, with the form of a return, to be in all cases strictly and fully made out, so that the house may be in a condition next session to judge of the actual state of these institutions, and the progress we are making in the higher branches of education.

The committee were attended at two of their meetings by the Rev. Dr. Forrester, who read to them his report as superintendent of education and principal of the normal school, and gave various explanations of hints in connection therewith. The report is a highly interesting paper, and as it will appear in the journals, it will speak for itself. During the three terms that the normal school has been open, it has been attended by sixty-seven, eighty-one, and seventy-one pupils, respectively, including the paying pupils. It will turn out from thirty to forty qualified teachers annually; and the committee, approving of the past action, and hoping for still more auspicious results in the future, have agreed to recommend the various grants suggested by the report, viz., £200 for building outhouses, fencing and play-ground—£125 for furnishing the model schools lately erected, and which will be ready for occupation by the first of May—£137 16s. 2d. the balance due to the commissioners for their expenditure beyond the £500 granted last year, and £200 raised by subscription—100 to be distributed by the superintendent among the most deserving pupils, the former premiums having proved valuable incentives, and the committee preferring this mode to any encroachment on the common school fund. The committee recommend also the provision for the three teachers of the model schools in the bill which they report herewith, involving a permanent charge in addition to the present grants to the county of £100 a-year. In view of these grants, they regret that they cannot recommend any addition to the salaries of the assistant teachers of the normal school this year; but if it continue to flourish, will be disposed to regard their application with more favor at the next session,

All the above accounts, with those for the expenditure and distribution of the grant of £600 for school books, have been checked in the office of the financial secretary.

With

With the view of gradually introducing an uniform series of books into our common schools, the superintendant imported last year specimens of the Irish national series, which he considers the cheapest and best for this country. This year he proposes to expend about half the sum in these books, and the year after the whole.

WILLIAM YOUNG, chairman.  
EDWARD L. BROWN,  
JOSEPH HOWE,  
W. B. WEBSTER,  
A. G. ARCHIBALD,  
CHARLES TUPPER,  
J. W. JOHNSTON,  
JAMES McKEAGNEY,\*  
H. HYDE.

Committee room, 18th April, 1857.

\* Believing, as I do, that all classes in the province for whose benefit (ostensibly) the normal school has been established, do not derive equal advantage from it, I cannot concur in recommending the legislative grant to that institution.

No. 78.

(See page 338)

The committee to whom were referred various petitions touching the crown lands, beg leave to report as follows :—

1st.—As to petition of Joseph N. B. Kerr, the facts connected with this case appear to be as follows :—On the 19th February, 1851, Mr. Kerr applied for one hundred acres of crown land at Wallace River, and paid the upset price. On the 27th November, 1851, he applied and paid for other hundred acres in the same place. A warrant thereupon issued addressed to Mr. McNab, deputy surveyor, which returned on the 13th January, 1852, laying off seven hundred instead of two hundred acres. On the 12th February, 1852, Mr. Kerr paid in the upset price of the five hundred acres. Before any grant was made out a caveat was lodged by James Higgins, who claimed a right to a grant of one hundred acres, part of the seven hundred. One Lyons had first taken possession of a mill seat on the 100 acres, and built a mill thereon, and occupied it for some years, when he sold it for £40 to Higgins, who entered and occupied it for about 3 years, when the mill was accidentally destroyed by fire. Higgins alleges that though temporarily absent from the place, he had never abandoned the premises or his claim and possession.

Your committee, on enquiry at the crown land office, ascertain that no grant as yet has passed to either party, and they do not feel called upon to usurp the place or perform the functions of the crown land office and government by expressing any opinion in the matter until the question has assumed the shape of a decision either for or against the petitioner.

2nd.—The petition of Robert Dingwall.—This party claims a grant of land in Victoria, for which he paid part of the purchase money to Mr. Crawley, and the balance to the county surveyor, McNab, in 1853. The latter amount it seems has not been forwarded to the crown land office, but as it has been received by the authorised agent of the government, the party is fairly entitled to his grant, leaving the department to settle the account with their subordinate. Mr. Hendry informs your committee that the same view is taken of the matter in the office, and that the grant is in the course of preparation.

3rd.

3rd.—As to the petition of David Lowe and John Lowe.—The claim of these parties is not very clearly set forth in their petition. However, so far as your committee can gather the facts, they appear to be these :—A grant of five thousand acres of land at Sheet Harbor, was made to the hon. Jonathan Belcher in 1773, which passed into the hands of William Evatt in 1848. Upon a portion of this land Alexander Corner and the two petitioners were settled under grants made to them subsequently to the grant to Belcher. Some three years ago Evatt brought an action of ejectment against Corner, and recovered all that part of the land to which a possessing title could not be set up. This virtually decided the case as regarded the petitioners. However, the buildings and improvements of petitioners were covered by a possessory title. Last year Corner petitioned this house for redress, and was awarded a return of the money paid for his grant. The petitioners claim to be put upon an equal footing. On enquiry, your committee find that the money has already been refunded to them by the crown land office, and that therefore in reality they are better situated than Corner, holding the lands to which the possessory title extends, without having paid for them, and not having incurred the costs of a defence to try the title. Your committee therefore do not recommend the prayer of their petition.

4th.—The petition of John Balcomb.—The substance of the petitioner's claim is, that having applied and paid for a piece of land at Annapolis, which he was informed at the crown land office was still ungranted—a warrant issued to Mr Campbell, the deputy surveyor, to run it out, and the petitioner acted as assistant to Mr. Campbell on the survey. For this petitioner was prosecuted as a trespasser by one Perkins, claiming under an old grant to one Benson ; and petitioner having suffered judgment by default, (by the advice of council) he was subjected to a bill of cost, which he prays to be refunded to him. It appears on enquiry that some defect was supposed to exist in reference to the original grant of the township of Clements, including the grant to Benson, but that the petitioner himself claimed title under the same grant, but the chain of title was broken by the defect in a deed executed by an attorney without sufficient power from the principal. The object of the application by Balcomb to the crown land office, was to obtain a grant, which, connected with his title under deed, would confirm his right to land contained in his deed. Under these circumstances your committee can not suppose that he was misled by the information received at the crown land office ; and they are of opinion that the petitioner, who was advised by counsel to allow judgment to go against him without a trial, would have acted more wisely to have obtained the advice before he subjected himself to the action. Your committee therefore can not recommend the prayer of the petitioner to the favorable notice of the house.

5th.—As to the petition of John and Robert Angus, the facts appear to be as follows :—In 1844 the petitioners applied and paid for four hundred acres of crown land, which Logan, the deputy surveyor of Cumberland county, proceeded to lay out to them. On the plan and survey as returned by Logan, a grant was made out and delivered to the parties in 1847. In 1856 the petitioners brought an action to punish persons making encroachments within their lines. The trial took place in October term last, and Logan was examined as a witness for the plaintiffs. By his testimony it appeared that on the original survey he had not completely run round the lot, the rear line to which he ran being what he considered an old line, and already run. There had been no survey of the land since ; and by the evidence, it was doubtful whether the line really run by Logan on the rear included the place where the trespasses were committed. On this ground the counsel for the plaintiffs, on the second morning of the trial, abandoned the proceedings, on an agreement that each party was to pay his own costs. The land to which the plaintiffs claim is unquestioned—is not less than four hundred acres, being the full quantity which they bought and paid for, and the dispute appears to have been as to a piece of land that lies outside of the measurements of the grant, but within what Mr. Logan considers to have been the rear line to which his survey extended.

But

But as the grantee has no equitable claim upon the crown for more than the four hundred acres he paid for, your committee are of opinion that he must run the consequences of his attempt to extend his lines beyond those indicated by the language of the grant. Your committee may add that it does not appear very clear whether in point of fact the line to which the plaintiff claims was really the line the surveyors run—or if it were, that the trespassers were included within it. Under any circumstances your committee cannot recommend any action of this house on the subject.

6th.—The petition of Joseph Kerr. By the papers referred to your committee, it appears that some sixteen years ago Thomas Harrington cleared six or seven acres on crown lands near Wallace river, and built a frame house and blacksmith's shop thereon. That he remained in possession seven or eight years, and then by deed conveyed a tract, consisting of 100 acres, to the petitioner, for the sum of thirty-five pounds. Shortly afterwards Harrington left the country. A few months afterwards Joseph Rushton entered into possession, and has since remained in possession. As occupant for the time, he gave permission to Amos Purdy to apply for and obtain a grant. Purdy accordingly applied, and Kerr hearing of the application, entered a caveat against it, and applied for the land himself. The matter was brought before the government, and the question turned upon the nature of the possession of Rushton subsequent to Harrington—and also upon whether in point of fact Rushton had not, by some acts of chopping on the land previous to the commencement of Harrington's occupation, obtained such priority of possession as gave him the first equitable claim.

The government appear to have considered Rushton the first occupant, and that when the place was deserted by Harrington, Rushton resumed his occupation, and treating him therefore as equitably entitled to the grant, gave it to his nominee, Purdy. Your committee, however, do not think the decision sustained by the evidence. They consider the prior possession of Rushton so trivial as not to be sufficient to found a claim. They consider it to have been abandoned by his acquiescence in the entry and occupation by Harrington for so long a period as eight years, and they think the resumption of possession by Rushton to have been by the consent of Kerr, to whom he appears to have paid £3 18s. 10d rent, by including the same on the 31st December, 1850, on a note for £10, bearing date at that day. Your committee, therefore, are decidedly of opinion that Kerr was entitled to the grant, and that he has, by the action of the government, lost his right to the land. They think, therefore, that he ought to be indemnified to the extent of his loss, which, by counting interest from the date of deed, and deducting the amount paid on the settlement with Rushton, they make to be about £47 10s., which sum your committee recommend to be repaid Mr. Kerr. The money paid in for the land to be returned with interest.

7th.—The petition of John McLean. In 1839 or 1840, Hector McLean entered on crown land at Whycocmah, built a house and barn upon it, and cleared some acres. In 1847 or 1848 he left the province. In 1854, the petitioner, who was his creditor, levied an attachment on the land, and in 1855 obtained judgment under the absconding debtor's act, for £16 13s. 7d. debt, and £6 18s. costs of suit. After the levy of the attachment, but before judgment, Charles McLean, a brother of Hector's, applied to the crown land office for a grant of the lot. In his petition, he asserts a claim of possession by himself for 18 years. The petitioner having heard of Charles' application, applied himself for a grant, and forwarded the upset price. Upon this, the matter was referred to Mr. Murphy, the deputy surveyor of the county, who reported that the possession of the lot was in Donald McLean, the father of Hector, by whose permission Hector had entered and made the improvement, and who, on Hector's leaving it, interfered, and prevented him making sale of the improvements. Under these circumstances, the government thought that Charles McLean, as representing his father, was equitably better entitled to the grant than the petitioner, as a judgment creditor of Hector. Your committee, however, have reason to believe that the surveyor's report is not strictly correct. There appears to be no pretence that Donald McLean, the father,

father, actually entered upon and cleared or cultivated any part of the lot ; and your committee think that permission by him to his son, even if it be true that he gave it, to enter upon lands that did not belong to either, could not give any equitable right to the father, derivable from his son's possession ; and that it is very unreasonable to suppose that the son entered upon a wood farm with a view of spending his labor and his time in redeeming it from the wilderness, all to enure to the benefit of his father. Your committee have no doubt that if he had remained he would have been recognized as against all but the crown the exclusive owner, and they consider that the application of Charles the brother, and the assertion of the possession in Donald the father, are all afterthoughts, arising from an attempt to defeat the rights of the attaching creditor. Your committee, therefore, think that the land should have been granted to petitioner, and as it has been shewn to our satisfaction that if that had been done the petitioner's debt would have been secured, your committee recommend a grant to him of £23 11s. 7d., and also that the money paid by him into the crown land office should be returned to him. The petitioner also complains that a water lot at North Sydney, for which he applied, was granted to one Lewis ; but your committee find that both parties being applicants for the lot, and willing to pay the upset price, the application of Lewis was preferred, because his property would have been rendered comparatively valueless if the grant had passed to any one but himself ; and the department being indifferent in the matter, preferred that course, by which the rights of private individuals would be the least interfered with, and your committee think the decision right.

8th.—The petition of James B. Davison. This gentleman purchased at an auction of crown lands held at Amherst in 1839, a lot, for which he paid the deputy surveyor £22 10s. He trusted to the surveyor to procure the grant in due form, and went into possession of the land and built a mill on it, and in 1843 conveyed the land to William Rae, by a warranty deed. In 1854 Rae discovered that no grant had ever passed from the crown, and called upon petitioner to make good the title. Petitioner accordingly applied to the crown land office for a grant to be made to Rae ; the application was acceded to, but by mistake of the department the land was granted to the petitioner. At the time the petitioner was in embarrassed circumstances, and had judgments recorded against him which would have affected any title passing through him, and therefore he was unable to complete the title to Rae, who accordingly commenced an action on the warranty. Petitioner put in a defence, and eventually the matter was compromised by petitioner re-conveying to the crown, reciting the fact of the grant having passed by mistake, and a new grant then being made to Rae. Petitioner now claims the costs which these proceedings occasioned him, and as the whole difficulties resulted from the errors of the crown land office first in not completing the grant to Davison many years ago, and secondly in not making the grant to Rae as applied for by petitioner, your committee think Mr. Davison entitled to indemnification, and they recommend a grant of £15 to him for that purpose, which sum your committee consider will keep him from loss.

9th.—The petition of Thomas Logan. Petitioner is a principal deputy surveyor for county of Cumberland, and as such has been called upon since the institution of the new policy abolishing local land boards, and transferring their functions to the surveyors ; and also imposing additional duties prescribed and defined by circulars from the head of the department, to perform many services, involving trouble and labor, for which he asks compensation. Hopes of such compensation have been held out to the surveyors—first, by the circulars addressed to them—secondly, by the reports of the crown land commissioner to the assembly, recommending it ; and thirdly, by the report of a committee of this house in the year 1854, recommending a grant of twenty-five pounds to each of the county surveyors. The report last referred to was laid on the table of the house, but no action to carry out its recommendations was ever taken so far as your committee can ascertain. The duties discharged by Mr. Logan were the same as those of any other crown surveyors, and the recommendation

of his petition to the favorable consideration of the house, would involve the necessity of dealing with the surveyors of the other counties in the same spirit. Mr. Logan's claim calculated with a reference to a salary or to compensation for actual services, amounts by his own shewing, to £112 10s. ; and your committee would, if they recommended the claim in the case of one county, feel bound to recommend a similar payment in the case of the other deputy surveyors.

Your committee are of opinion that much of the information which the crown surveyors are required to collect is procured with little trouble. At the same time they are making the surveys, and some of the other duties devolving upon them, are necessary incidental to their offices, and can be discharged without much trouble or expense. The largest amount of duty is required in the counties where there is the greatest demand for land, and where therefore the emoluments of the office are consequently the largest. Your committee do not feel that the services of the crown surveyors have been of so onerous a nature as to require a retrospective compensation.

At the same time your committee would not be indisposed to recommend some small allowance for the future. The payment of a small salary to the officers would give a more effective claim to the head of the department upon the services of the subordinate to undertake, without delay, any duties he was required by his superior officer to perform, and they think that ten pounds a year to each officer would be a reasonable compensation.

10th.—The petition of J. Bartlett. The petitioner is an Indian, and claims a share of £30 to £40, the proceeds of logs seized upon crown lands by Mr. Jones, the deputy surveyor of Digby county, upon information furnished by petitioner. The petition is addressed to the government as well as to the assembly ; and as your committee consider that it is a matter that should be dealt with by the government in the first instance, they do not feel that until some action of the government has been had upon the matter that your honorable house is called upon to investigate the facts or to pass any opinion upon the subject.

11th.—The petitions of Messrs. Carman and Doyle. These young gentlemen are clerks in the land office, and until 1856 received each £40. By the report of the committee last year, their salaries were raised, the first to £80, the second to £70. The petitioners claim an increase of salary ; your committee see no reason to add to the amount fixed last year, but recommend that it be renewed.

12th.—The petition of David Dow. It appears that one George Maguire, a serjeant in the 84th regiment, had a grant of land at Shubenacadie, which was afterwards escheated. Maguire had several children, one of whom was petitioner's wife. Some 18 years ago, Dow, in right of his wife, asked a grant of the land, upon terms more favorable than those of an ordinary grant, and his petition was favorably received, and an order passed to give him the grant for 1s. 3d. per acre. He accordingly paid in £21 7s. 6d., being the purchase money calculated at that rate. Soon afterwards it was discovered there were other claimants of the same land, holding title under Maguire, and a long contest ensued, which was eventually decided by dividing the land among the different claimants. Petitioner got back his money, and a gratuitous grant of one hundred acres. He now asks interest on his money while it lay in the office. This your committee are not disposed to recommend. Petitioner had no just claim for a grant merely because he married the daughter of a grantee, whose lands had been escheated, and the order to give the grant to him must have proceeded on the supposition that he was the only party who had equitable claims. The papers connected with this matter are voluminous, and your committee are informed involve intricate claims of title ; and as the petitioner makes no complaint that the division of the lands by the government officers is inequitable, your committee assume that the petitioner has no complaint in that respect. They consider, therefore, that the delay has arisen from the complexity of the different claims, and being attributable in a large measure to matters arising outside of the office, and for which the office can not be held responsible.

sible. The petitioner has received in a gratuitous grant of one hundred acres, a reasonable compensation for the inconvenience he has sustained, and they do not recommend any further grant.

13th.—The petition of Alexander Campbell. This gentleman states that he is the secretary of the Canadian land and railway association, and has for a number of years been promoting a scheme of colonization in connection with the Halifax and Quebec railway ;—that by the provincial act, passed for the incorporation of land companies, the association with which he is connected sought to be incorporated in this province, but their application was rejected by the local authorities, on the ground of the alteration in the arrangement for the construction of the railway, and that petitioner had, by his exertions, incurred pecuniary loss, for which he now claims compensation. Your committee are not in a position to estimate the extent of labor performed by the petitioner ; but as under the act of 1851 the investment of any land company with corporate privileges was made to depend upon the decision of the governor in council, your committee cannot consider that any action with a view to incorporation not followed by a favorable decision or report of the governor in council, affords any claim upon the treasury, and therefore, with every disposition to favor effort, promotive of emigration to this colony, they do not think that they can legitimately recommend the appropriation prayed for by the petitioner.

14th.—Petition of Peter S. Hamilton. The petitioner states that he has lately prepared a small work upon “Nova Scotia as a field of emigration,” containing the species of information which is most necessary for persons intending to emigrate from Great Britain to this country. He states his willingness to give gratuitously in aid of this object the time and labour which it has cost him to prepare this work, and he asks the aid of this house to assist in its publication.

Some members of your committee have examined the work, and they are of opinion that the information it contains (which, to a large extent, is a compilation from provincial public documents) is set forth in a perspicuous and condensed shape, and would be valuable to the class of persons for whom it is intended. Your committee feel the want which now exists of any useful manual accessible to the emigrating classes, and adapted to furnish the species of information which this little work is designed to convey, and they are of opinion that the publication of this work, and its circulation in the United Kingdom either gratuitously or in a cheap form, would have a tendency to aid in directing the emigration of the classes most desirable as settlers, and with that view they recommend an appropriation of £100 to be at the disposal of the government to purchase from the petitioner 2000 copies of his work, with Dawson’s map attached, as specified in his letter to the chairman of the committee—the government to distribute the work in Great Britain in such manner as they shall deem best adapted to promote the object in view.

Your committee, in closing this report, feel it right to state that the difficulties connected with the administration of the crown land department, arise to a large extent from the equities which parties are supposed to acquire by entering upon crown lands without authority, and exercising acts of ownership thereon. So long as these entries are recognized as furnishing a claim, every application for crown lands upon which an entry may have been made, whether with intention to settle permanently, or not, invokes an enquiry in the nature of a suit in equity ; and with the limited means of ascertaining the facts at the disposal of the department, the best intentions cannot  
always



always shield them from error in their decisions, or prevent the occurrence of occasional cases of hardship, which this house may be called upon to redress.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD.  
A. McFARLANE.  
JOHN LOCKE.  
ALFRED WHITMAN.\*  
W. A. HENRY.  
PETER SMYTH.  
HENRY BAILEY.†

Committee room, April 20th, 1857.

\* Except part of grant to J. McLean, and grant to deputy surveyor.

† With the exception of £100 recommended in report of the pamphlet on "Nova Scotia as a field of emigration."

No. 79.

(See page 338.)

The committee to whom was referred the petition of John Thomas Lane, asking for compensation for a loss sustained by him in being deprived of the government farm five years before his lease expired, under a clause in the lease which allowed the government to terminate the lease on giving three months notice, beg leave to report—

That the land in question was leased to the petitioner in 1851, by the authority of the government for seven years, at an annual rent of ten pounds,—that he took possession under the lease, and expended money upon the lot in erecting fences, manuring it, &c., to an amount, as sworn to by him, of over eight pounds, and received in the shape of crops, &c., about eighteen pounds,—that the second year he transferred the lease to a Mr. Dewolf for the remaining six years, at an annual rent of fifteen pounds, and the latter retained possession one year, when the lease was terminated by a notice to the petitioner to quit and deliver up the premises, thus depriving him of the profit of five pounds a year for the remaining five years of the term. The farm was required for the railway terminus, and your committee are assured the petitioner would have realized the sum of twenty-five pounds from the assignment of the lease had the land not been required for the railway. That is a contingency the petitioner had no reason to expect when he signed the lease; and your committee think he has a just and equitable claim to the sum last above mentioned—they therefore recommend a grant of twenty-five pounds to the petitioner.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.  
JOHN ESSON.  
A. C. McDONALD.

Committee room, 18th April, 1857.

No. 80.

(See page 334.)

The committee on the several petitions of John Ross, Henry Bessemer, and Peter Cato & Co., and on the bills Nos. 7, 39 and 40, beg to report—

That the object of Mr Ross' petition is to obtain a repeal or a modification in his favor of the 3d section of the patent law, chapter 120 of the revised statutes; but as  
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this section embodies one of the fundamental principles on which patents are granted in England as well as in this province, the committee do not feel themselves at liberty to recommend its repeal; and as to its modification in this particular case they would require more explicit evidence of the value of the alleged discovery, by persons competent to judge of it, than has been produced before them, to justify a deviation from the established rule.

The other two petitions, and the three bills, raise an important question on the general policy of extending patent privileges beyond their present limit, to all persons without distinction of domicile, or to British subjects only. On this question the committee are divided in opinion, and they remit it to the house, by whom alone it can be argued out and decided.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. WEBSTER, chairman.  
W. YOUNG.  
JOHN LOCKE,  
A. C. McDONALD.  
MARTIN WILKINS.  
A. G. ARCHIBALD.

Committee room, April, 1857.

No. 81.

(See page 345)

The committee appointed to examine the accounts for public printing, beg leave to report the following accounts as submitted to them, viz :

Queen's printer's account, for miscellaneous printing,		£335	5	11	
Ditto ditto publishing in gazette,		126	5	7	
Ditto ditto printing blanks, &c., fin. sec. office,		19	15	6	
Ditto ditto ditto recv. genl. office,		205	6	0	
Ditto ditto ditto excise department,		60	13	0	
Ditto ditto ditto controller's office,		24	12	6	
Ditto ditto ditto crown land department,		13	19	0	
Ditto ditto printing journals and appendix for legis-		77	17	6	
lative council,					
					£678 14 6
W. A. Penney's account for printing journals of the assembly, and mis-					
cellaneous printing,	£323	2	6½		
Ditto advertising in "Journal,"	15	13	4½		
					338 15 11
Mr. Penny has received					200 0 0
					138 15 11
Richard Nugent for advertising,			9	4	4
Ditto mistake in account of last year,			11	13	6
					20 17 10
J. & W. Compton, advertising and binding,					28 7 9
James Bowes & son, blanks for the custom's department,		18	17	6	
Ditto ditto excise department,		9	0	0	
					27 17 6

William

William Gossip, advertising,	6	12	3
James P. Ward, Cape Breton News,	6	15	0
John Boyd, advertising in Casket,	7	13	0
Thomas Annand, advertising in Novascotian and Morning Chronicle,	17	7	4
Richard Huntington, Yarmouth Tribune,	6	3	9
English & Blackadar,	18	18	9
James Barnes,	9	13	9
L. J. Evans & Son, Colonial Herald,	6	10	0
Christian Messenger office,	3	18	9
Liverpool Transcript,	7	2	3
Alpin Grant,	28	14	9
C. McDonald, E. Chronicle,	9	12	6
Wesleyan,	0	10	0
Sundries for secretary's office, G. E. Merton, for periodicals,	10	3	9
Dechezeau & Crow, tin cases, locks, &c.,	2	6	9
American consul, for copy of protest ship Arcadia,	1	11	0
	£1049	9	7

The above amounts your committee recommend to be paid.

In accordance with the recommendation in the report of committee for printing last session, which was adopted by the house, your committee have disallowed certain charges for advertising acts for the setting off the township of Argyle and Morristown, this being a service of a mere local nature, and not affecting the general interests of the province. These charges are as follows:—Richard Huntington, 30s.; Alexander Lawson, 17s. 6d.; L. J. Evans & son, Colonial Herald, 80s.; Christian Messenger, 22s. 6d.; S. J. M. Allen, Liverpool Transcript, 26s. 3d.; John Boyd, Casket, 21s. 10d.; amounting in the whole to £9 18s. 1d. Your committee have also disallowed the following bills of Mr. William Grant, stationer, viz: sundries supplied to Rev. H. Bullock, 26s. 1½d.; do. for private letter book, 55s., and for sundries of stationery supplied to the adjutant general of militia, 50s. 2½d.—in all £6 11s. 4d., as in their opinion being claims not within the scope of the duties of your committee.

Your committee would also observe that in the accounts which have been allowed, there is a sum of £76 17s. 6d. for printing shipping blanks, principally contents of vessels outwards and inwards, over and above the printing necessarily connected with the excise and controllers offices. So far as your committee have been able to discover, this amount has been incurred mainly for the advantage and accommodation of the merchants of the city of Halifax; and your committee are of opinion that such an expenditure is not fairly chargeable upon the funds of the province, but is a legitimate tax on the trade of the port of Halifax. Your committee would therefore recommend that henceforth merchants in Halifax and throughout the province should be required to furnish their own entries in such a form as the excise department may require.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. McDONALD, chairman.  
 NATHAN MOSES.  
 ROBERT ROBERTSON.  
 H. MUNRO.  
 H. HYDE.

Committee room, 22d April, 1857.

No. 82.

*(See page 348.)*

The committee to whom were referred the petitions of the governors of the Halifax visiting dispensary, and of the society for the support of the house of refuge in Halifax, have agreed to report as follows :—

Your committee found the visiting dispensary conducted in a manner highly creditable to the medical resident. A large number of highly respectable students in medicine volunteer their services in this institution to benefit the public and increase their medical knowledge ; and the accounts of the institution shew that its usefulness has been extended to applicants from all parts of the province.

The large amount of money collected and applied by the benevolent inhabitants of Halifax towards the support of the house of refuge, shew their great desire to reclaim that unfortunate class of females who may wish to leave their former haunts of vice.

Your committee therefore recommend the continuation of the grant of one hundred pounds for the support of the visiting dispensary, and also of fifty pounds for the support of the house of refuge.

W. B. WEBSTER, chairman.  
A. McFARLANE.

Committee room, April, 1857.

No. 83.

*(See page 351.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Dakin, praying this house would make good the loss of his vessel, which he sets forth in his said petition he has sustained in the month of January last, in consequence of the change made in the lights on Devil's Island, beg to report :—That by the admission of the superintendent of light houses, the colour of the lights on the said Island were slightly changed in the months of October and February last, without due notice being given ; and on reading a number of certificates and examining witnesses produced on the part of the board of works, and also the examination of petitioner, your committee are of opinion that the changes made were such as could not alone have involved the loss of the said vessel. Under all the circumstances, your committee would not be warranted in recommending the prayer of the petition to the favorable consideration of this house.

Your committee feel that any alteration (however slight) made in any light house without due notice, would tend to involve this province, and therefore would beg leave to call the attention of the government to the facts, and thereby prevent a like repetition.

THOMAS H. FULLER,  
B. WIER,  
GEORGE McKENZIE,  
THOMAS KILLAM,  
CORNELIUS WHITE.

Committee room, April 23rd. 1857.

No. 84.

(See page 352)

The committee appointed to investigate the claims made for land taken in altering certain main post roads, described in chapter 61 of the revised statutes, and charges for fencing the same, beg leave to report:—

Upon the following *agreements* between commissioners appointed by the government to expend monies on the main post roads, and parties interested in lands taken therefor, which having been confirmed by the sessions, your committee recommend payment as follows:—

	Land.	Fencing.	Total.
Isaac Dunlap, Truro,	£18 0 0	£7 4 0	£25 4 0
Thomas Johnson, “	3 10 0	1 0 0	4 0 0
Alexander Kent, “	2 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0
William McNutt, “	6 5 0	2 10 0	8 15 0
James Henderson, “	6 10 0		6 10 6
Thomas Dickey, “	2 12 6	1 2 0	3 14 6
Robert Johnston, “	2 10 0	1 16 0	4 6 0
S. G. W. Archibald, “	15 0 0	6 4 0	21 4 0
Joseph Dickson and others, Onslow,	10 0 0	3 0 0	13 0 0
David E. Cutten, admnr. estate of J. H. } Bishop,	33 0 0	6 12 0	39 12 0
Isaac Barnhill,	2 5 0	0 7 6	2 12 6
John Bishop,	28 0 0	8 0 0	36 0 0
			£168 8 0
William Faulkner, for plan, appraisement, &c.,		3 0 0	
Thomas Miller, services as appraiser,		2 0 0	
			5 0 0
			£173 8 0
William Anderson, Victoria county,	15 0 0		15 0 0
John & Kenneth McDonald, “	2 15 0	3 5 0	6 0 0
John Collins, “	4 0 0	6 0 0	10 0 0
			£31 0 0
Neil McDonald, Strait of Canso,	2 0 0	5 0 0	7 0 0
John Strachan, “	2 0 0	5 0 0	7 0 0
William Irving, “	1 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0
William Harvey, “	0 5 0	0 15 0	1 0 0
Neil McDonald, senr., “	0 5 0	0 15 0	1 0 0
Alexander Munro, “	0 15 0	2 0 0	2 15 0
Moses Stafford, “	2 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0
			£24 15 0

Upon *appraisement* of land and fencing, confirmed by the sessions of the counties hereinafter referred to, your committee report in favor of the following:—

## MARSHY HOPE ROAD.

William McKenzie,	3 0 0	5 17 6	8 17 6
Francis W. McKenzie,	9 7 6	9 14 0	19 1 6
			Adam

Adam McKenzie,	9 0 0	3 5 0	12 5 0
Rev. D. McRichard,	0 10 0	0 12 6	1 2 6
Donald Nicholson,	4 0 0	3 7 6	7 17 6
Hugh Fraser,	2 0 0		2 0 0
			£51 4 0
William Smith 40s, James Henderson 40s., and A. D. Harrington, esquire, 75s, appraisers; A. D. Harrington, for plan, 20s., William Smith, for report, 5s.,	9 0 0		
Adam McKenzie and others, chairmen,	2 10 0		
			11 10 0
			£62 14 0

## MAIN POST ROADS, NEAR AMHERST.

Moses Low,	6 1 0	2 0 0	8 1 0
Samuel Freeman,	8 15 0		8 15 0
J. D. Kinnear,	5 1 9		5 1 9
Joshua Chandler,	1 10 3		1 10 3
Joseph N. B. Kerr,	6 10 6		6 10 6
Hon. Alexander Stewart,	2 11 9		2 11 9
Heirs of Samuel V. Gourley,	1 5 0		1 5 0
John Bent,	35 0 0	15 0 0	50 0 0
Heirs of Edward McLellan,	10 0 0	12 0 0	22 0 0
Daniel Casey,	2 10 0		2 10 0
			£108 5 3

## MAIN POST ROAD NEAR KENTVILLE.

Robert Redden,	21 14 1½	4 12 0	26 6 1½
William Turner,	11 16 7½	8 14 0	20 10 7½
George Roy,	21 8 9	15 16 0	37 4 9
Silas B. Elderkin,	41 16 10½	6 0 0	47 16 10½
John MacGee,	3 17 6	1 18 0	5 15 6
Mrs. Olivia Barss,	18 11 3	17 8 0	35 19 3
William Eaton,	38 13 9	11 18 0	50 11 9
Thomas Dodge,	5 6 10½	0 10 0	5 16 10½
			£230 1 9

William Johnson, Alexr. Kidston, and William H. Chipman, appraisers—3 days each, at 20s..	9 0 0		
William Johnson, for survey, &c.,	1 15 0		
E. E. Armstrong, for survey, chairman, &c.,	3 0 0		
			13 15 0
			£243 16 9

Your committee recommend that 2*l.* 10*s.* be paid to Alexander Campbell, of Mabou, in addition to 5*l.* granted him in 1854, for fencing, and remaining undrawn in the treasury. They also recommend a new appraisement of the damage done to Alexander McRae, esquire, of Middle River, Victoria, in opening up a new line of road through his land, agreeably to the prayer of his petition.

Your committee do not recommend the prayer of the petition of Margaret Currie, of Richmond, who has not made it appear what damage, if any, was sustained by her in altering

altering the road between Saint Peters and L'Ardoise, in 1849. They also decline to recommend prayer of petition of Ann Fitchet who claims compensation for injury done her by building a bridge across the Missiquash river, in 1841, the amount of damage claimed in their opinion being excessive; and they suggest, before any sum is granted therefor, that information be obtained, if possible, from the commissioner who built the bridge, and other persons acquainted with the value of the land, at the time it was taken.

Upon the petition of William R. Evans, of West River, Pictou, the committee agree in recommending that the sum claimed by him, £10, be paid, the "the lapse of time," in the judgment of your committee, not being sufficient reason why his claim, which is duly certified, should not be paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM ANNAND, chairman.  
W. W. BENT.  
B. RYNARD.  
ICHABOD DIMOCK.

Committee room, assembly, 24th April, 1857.

No. 85.

(See page 359.)

The committee on deaf and dumb, blind and insane, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee have considered the several applications for assistance to support and educate deaf and dumb and blind children, and recommend that the following sums be granted for that purpose:—

To Donald Ross, Victoria, twenty-five pounds, to assist in supporting and educating two blind children.

Donald Ross, Blue Mountain; Thomas Murphy, Antigonishe, and Samuel Musgrove, Sydney, each twenty-five pounds, to assist in maintaining their children at the deaf and dumb institution at Halifax, to be paid when satisfactory evidence is given to the government that one or more of the children of each of these parties attended the institution for one year.

Your committee cannot recommend the continuance of the annual grant of twenty-five pounds to Susan Kelly, to enable her to continue her son at the Hartford institution as prayed for. He has been supported at that institution by the provincial funds for the past two years, at a cost of fifty pounds; and your committee are of opinion that the period of two years is long enough to tax the provincial funds in any one case. Your committee, however, recommend a grant of five pounds to the petitioner to pay the expences home of her son.

Your committee recommend a grant of twenty-five pounds to John Gully, as prayed for, to enable him to continue his son at the Hartford institution for another year.

Your committee have visited and examined the institution recently opened in Halifax, and referred to in the petition of clergymen and others in Halifax, asking a grant towards its support, and were highly pleased with its condition and management. It was opened principally by subscriptions in Halifax, amounting to about one hundred pounds; and your committee believe further subscriptions will be made in Halifax and throughout the country, to assist in its maintenance. It is at present conducted by a deaf and dumb man, and his wife, also deaf and dumb; but it is considered necessary to procure another and more efficient teacher in order to give a greater scope to its beneficial results. There are about two hundred and thirty deaf and dumb persons in the province; and after making suitable deductions from that number, for persons not likely

to attend a school, your committee feel assured there cannot be less than one hundred children in the province requiring education

Your committee strongly recommend this institution to the favorable consideration of the house, and that a grant of three hundred pounds be made in its aid.

The several petitions of David Morse, of Annapolis, for aid to continue his son at the Hartford institution, where he has been for two or three years past. Of John McDonald, of Boulardrie, for aid to visit the United States, to obtain medical relief for the loss of his sight. Of Mary Graham, for means to support a lunatic son at the asylum in New Brunswick, and of William Harrison, of Maccan, for means to support his son at the same asylum, your committee do not recommend to the favorable notice of the house.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.  
THOMAS F. MORRISON.  
EDWARD L. BROWN.  
THOMAS KILLAM.  
W. B. WEBSTER.

Committee room, 24th April, 1857.

No. 86.

(See page 359.)

The committee to were referred the petitions of Dr. Jeans, of Sydney, asking compensation for services performed by him on inquests, and in giving evidence on criminal trials, and travelling therefor; and of Dr. Forbes of Liverpool, praying that the fees to health officers in the outports be raised to the scale of fees in Halifax, beg leave to report as follows:—

That in the month of May last, Dr. Jeans was sent for to Boulardrie, by two justices of the peace, to make a post mortem examination of the body of John McDonald, which, on account of a suspicion of murder, was ordered to be disintered;—that he attended accordingly, and made the examination;—that he afterwards attended the court at Baddeck, as a witness on the trial of the same case. For these services he claims the sum of £22 10s. That he also made a post mortem examination of a child, supposed to be murdered by Mary McPhie, and attended the trial as a witness, for which he claims £4 10s.,—in all £27. Your committee cannot recommend the payment of this claim from the provincial funds, in pursuance of the prayer of the petitioner, because all charges of a similar kind are ordinarily and rightfully borne by the counties in which they occur; but at the same time they consider the present inadequate and uncertain compensation for medical services at inquests and on trials, as an evil of some magnitude, and are such that should at once be remedied. Their attendance is indispensable to the due administration of justice in many cases; and while the legal practitioners are compensated, the medical practitioners often receive little or nothing for their scientific acquirements and loss of time, from the local authorities, and for this reason competent medical men frequently refuse to attend inquests, and the ends of justice are thereby defeated. Your committee, therefore, have prepared a bill, with a scale of fees, for such medical services, which they recommend to the favorable consideration of the house. Your committee do not recommend the prayer of Dr. Forbes' petition to the favorable consideration of the house.

W. A. HENRY, chairman.  
EDW'D. L. BROWN.  
THOMAS KILLAM.

Committee room, 24th April, 1857.



## No. 87.

*(See page 363.)*

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George Manson and others, in reference to Burns' free church, have to report :—

That this church was built in 1851, by certain inhabitants of the middle settlement coffer district of St. Mary's, belonging to different denominations of christians, under an agreement that such place of worship, when not occupied by the resident minister who belonged to the "Free church," was to be open to all regularly ordained protestant ministers of other denominations ; and in 1852 an act was passed, incorporating John Sinclair, and four others, as the trustees of such church ;—that in 1854 a meeting of the shareholders was held, and a resolution agreed upon in reference to the occupation of the church in accordance with the agreement under which it was built ;—that the building continued to be so occupied and used until last year, when application was made to the legislature, and the act of incorporation so amended and altered as to vest the entire title and control of the same in the "Free church ;"—that a large portion of the persons who contributed to the erection of the building, and at the time were shareholders therein, allege that this was done without their knowledge or assent, and their just rights to the use of such church, when not required by the resident minister, taken away.

Your committee believe petitioners have just reasons to complain of the passage of the act of last session without their concurrence, and are of opinion that it should be amended so as to reserve their claims in accordance with the conditions under which the church was built ; but not being sufficiently informed of the alterations needed for properly guarding the rights of all parties interested, recommend that further legislation in the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the legislature.

A. MacFARLANE,  
chairman.  
A. G. ARCHIBALD.

Committee room, 27th April, 1857.

## No. 88.

*(See page 360.)*

The committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled, an act to amend the act relating to certain public lands in the town of Lunenburg, report :—That, on examination of documents produced before your committee, and evidence of parties interested, it appears to your committee that the title to the lands described in the bill, is in dispute, and your committee therefore are of opinion that resort should be had to the ordinary legal tribunals to settle the question, it not being, in their opinion, a subject for legislative interference.

CORNELIUS WHITE,  
chairman.  
NATHAN MOSES,  
JOHN CAMPBELL.

No. 89.

(See page 376.)

## COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

To repay John Tobin, advances,	£35	0	6
B. Wier,	36	8	7
Joseph Quin, over-expenditure Nos. 16 and 139,	5	0	9
To repair road from Hubley's to barracks, Margaret's Bay,	7	10	0
Croucher's forks to Wooden's bridge,	15	0	0
Walker's to William Covey's gate,	10	0	0
Covey's gate to Indian Harbor,	10	0	0
Peggy's Cove district,	15	0	0
From Margaret's Bay road to Dover,	30	0	0
Allan McDonald's to Chester road, including expen-			
diture on bridge,	15	0	0
Piers' mill to chapel,	5	0	0
Hammond's Plains to Windsor road, including bridge,	20	0	0
Moose Town and Hamilton roads,	5	0	0
Road from English's to Wright's,	12	10	0
Wright's to Indian River,	12	10	0
Indian River to Davison's,	10	0	0
Hammond's Plains to Margaret's Bay,	25	0	0
Kearney road,	50	0	0
Road from city line to McIntosh's bridge,	15	0	0
McIntosh's bridge to Wagner's,	5	0	0
Margaret's Bay road, thro' Green Head, to Charles			
Drysdale's,	15	0	0
Margaret's Bay road to Charles Drysdale's,	15	0	0
Charles Drysdale's to bridge, head of Prospect bay,	25	0	0
Prospect bridge to Prospect,	20	0	0
White's to Gaul's,	5	0	0
Widow Drysdale's to bridge, head of Torrens bay			
and Lower Prospect,	30	0	0
Lower Prospect, by Torrens bay, Mackerel Cove,			
Sandy Cove, and road across Bake Apple marsh,	15	0	0
Bridge from Lower Prospect to Henessy's Island,	3	0	0
Road from Prospect road to George Drysdale's,	5	0	0
East side of Torrens Bay,	5	0	0
From Sambro bridge to Sambro,	10	0	0
Shea's, Harriet's Field,	15	0	0
Shea's, Harriet's Field, to Margaret's Bay road,			
and towards alteration,	50	0	0
Sambro road to Fraser's,	5	0	0
Bennett's,	4	0	0
Cook's to Thomas Martin's,	10	0	0
McIntosh's bridge to Ketch Harbor,	40	0	0
Making road from Ketch Harbor road to Duncan's Cove, including			
survey,	15	0	0
Repair road from Ferguson's Cove to Herring Cove,	20	0	0
Purcell's Cove to Quarries,	5	0	0
Herring Cove to Forks, Portuguese Cove,	5	0	0
Ferguson's Cove to Spryfield,	10	0	0
			To

To repair Glazebrook road,	£5	0	0
Road from North West Arm to Three-mile house,	15	0	0
Contingencies,	49	0	2
Repair road from Creighton's to battery,	12	10	0
Battery to chapel,	12	10	0
Chapel to Hutt's,	25	0	0
Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Cow Bay to Cole Harbor,	10	0	0
Caldwell road,	10	0	0
Road from Dartmouth to Cole Harbor,	15	0	0
Cole Harbor to Lawrence Town,	10	0	0
Draw bridge to Leslie's,	5	0	0
Leslie's to French settlement,	10	0	0
Simson's corner to Cole Harbor,	5	0	0
Smith's to Evens',	5	0	0
Old Look-out road,	12	10	0
Township of Preston, on Look-out road, towards Musquodoboit,	5	0	0
Cherry Buck road,	5	0	0
Road from Smithers' to Lawrence Town,	7	10	0
Bell road,	5	0	0
Croud road,	2	10	0
Road from Fairbanks' mills to Lawrence Town,	10	0	0
Harvey road, on new line, to Fairbanks' mill,	10	0	0
Brown's towards head of Lake Porter,	7	10	0
Harvey road towards chapel, Chezetcook,	10	0	0
Alteration of road from Harvey road towards chapel, Chezetcook,	20	0	0
Repair road east side of Chezetcook to Harvey road,	10	0	0
Petwiswick,	10	0	0
Bridge across Musquodoboit river,	25	0	0
Road east side of Musquodoboit harbor, from the Narrows down,	10	0	0
From Ben Day's to George Harpell's,	10	0	0
Harvey road to Ben Day's,	5	0	0
East side of Jedore,	5	0	0
From Edward Stoddart's, junr., to Clam Harbor, and thence to north of Ship Harbor,	10	0	0
A. W. Webber's to Clam Harbor,	5	0	0
Alteration of Ship Harbor Settlement road,	15	0	0
From Bollong's point to Taylor's bay,	5	0	0
Taylor's bay to Harvey road,	5	0	0
Smelt Brook, by Watt's, east side of Ship Harbor,	10	0	0
Sober Island road,	5	0	0
Road from Sheet Harbor to Salmon River, including bridge,	35	0	0
Salmon River to Nicum Tau,	10	0	0
Nicum Tau to Ecum Secum,	5	0	0
Smith's cove to point near Tidmarsh's,	15	0	0
Caledonia district roads,	30	0	0
Road from S. Kenny's to Stewiacke county line,	5	0	0
By Dean's to Upper Stewiacke,	5	0	0
From Hutcheson's settlement to Archibald's mills,	10	0	0
William Guild's to the old Higgins farm, including bridge near Guild's,	15	0	0
Bruce's settlement to William Scott's,	5	0	0
Old Higgins farm, by Barron's, to Fraser's,	20	0	0
James Lindsay's to Gladwin's meadow,	10	0	0

To repair Fish Lake road and bridges,	7	10	0
Road from Little River settlement to Murkey's mills,	5	0	0
Wise's corner to Meagher's grant,	10	0	0
Sibley road,	5	0	0
Meadow Brook bridge, near Ogilvie's,	7	10	0
Build bridges near Mahar's,	10	0	0
Repair road from David Colback's to Thomas Cooper's, thro' "Glen Moor" settlement,	7	10	0
To Stewiacke, by Hogan's and Milne's,	5	0	0
From Gay's River to Black Rock,	15	0	0
Black Rock to Keys',	10	0	0
McDonald road,	10	0	0
Road from Lemon's to Cleary's,	5	0	0
Cleary's to Kerr's,	10	0	0
McBay's to McMickle's,	5	0	0
McBay's to John Annand, junr's.,	5	0	0
Cook's, by McKenzie's, to Guysboro' road,	15	0	0
Howard Blade's to McKenzse's, past Newman's,	5	0	0
Lack's to Middle Musquodoboit,	15	0	0
Gay's River to Lack's,	20	0	0
Main road to Shubenacadie bridge,	5	0	0
Beaver Bank road,	20	0	0
Old Cobequid road,	5	0	0
Road east side of Bedford basin,	20	0	0
Sheet Harbor road,	100	0	0
Rebuild bridges, Little River,	65	0	0
Sheet Harbor road,	7	10	0
Dilman's and Two Gully bridges, Meagher's grant,	49	10	6
Gay's River bridge, Halifax county portion,	50	0	0

## ADVANCES.

To repay John Esson a portion of the money borrowed under the act of 1855,	312	0	0
Over-expenditure No. 47, 1856,	28	12	0
Sundry expenditures,	210	7	6
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		550	19 6
Contingencies,		54	10 0
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		£2355	0 0

## GREAT ROADS.

To rebuild red bridge, Guysboro' road,	103	0	0
Other bridges,	10	18	10
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		113	18 10
From North West Arm to county of Lunenburg line,		125	0 0
Three-mile house to Hants county line,		225	0 0
Dartmouth to Shubenacadie,		230	0 0
To repair Guysboro' road,		175	0 0
From Musquodoboit to county line,		50	0 0
To repair eastern shore road,		138	0 0
To repay advances to government,		156	1 2
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		£1213	0 0
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## CHANGE OF APPROPRIATION.

To repair road between Upper and Middle Musquodoboit, £17 7 1

## COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand four hundred and fifty pounds voted for the service of the roads and bridges in the county of Lunenburg in 1857, be appropriated as follows, viz :

Also, the sum of forty-six pounds eleven shillings and four, pence unexpended monies for 1857.

To pay members last instalment on £300 borrowed for new roads between Bridgewater and Mahone Bay, and one years interest on £100,	106	0	0
Government advances to repair the bridge at Bridgewater in 1856,	25	4	10½
Conrad Wensil part of over expenditure on new bridge near Conrad Wensil's mills,	20	0	0
William Knock, ditto, from David Silver's to William Kedy's,	4	5	0
John Silver, ditto, on road from Silver's corner to Ramey's school house,	9	19	9
Benjamin Wensil, ditto, from Leonard Beck's to Spectacle lakes,	7	4	6
George Bailey, ditto, building new bridge across Fire brook,	1	7	3
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	£174	1	4½

## To be expended on roads as follows :

From Casper Eisenhau's to Fenn's mill, new road,	£20	0
Westhaver's corner to Fenn's mill,	14	0
Fenn's mill to Bridgewater,	12	0
Martin's river to Kedy's bridge,	10	0
Kedy's bridge to Mader's bridge,	8	0
Mader's bridge to Martin's brook and bridge,	12	0
Martin's brook to common road,	12	0
Steverman's to Lunenburg,	10	0
Lunenburg to Jacob Hertle's,	12	0
Jacob Hurtle's to LaHave river,	15	0
LaHave road to Leonard Beck's,	8	0
Leonard Beck's to Spectacle lakes,	6	0
Spectacle lakes to Charles Rudolf's,	10	0
Charles Rudolf's to Bridgewater,	8	0
Steverman's to Leonard Beck's,	5	0
Mahone Bay to Casper Eisenhau's,	15	0
Charles Rudolf's to James McKeen's,	5	0
James McKeen's to Park's creek,	5	0
Leonard Herman's to Zink's point,	8	0
Bridge to George Smith's,	5	0
Nickolas Acker's to Jacob Koch's,	5	0
Jacob Koch's to cross roads,	10	0
Cross road to Elias Ramkey's,	10	0
Rose Bay to Samuel Moser's,	12	0
	From	

From Cross road to John Lohnas',	£5	0
John Lohnas' to John Winters',	5	0
Cross road to Philip Ritsey's,	5	0
Philip Ritsey's to Mrs. Oxner's,	7	0
Rose Bay to Leslie's,	6	0
Ritsey's cove to Park's creek,	6	0
Park's creek to Casper Wensil's,	7	0
Post road to Misinyer's mills,	5	0
Post road to Frederick Crow's,	5	0
Post road through Centre Range,	7	0
Lunenburg to Rye Field,	9	0
Rye Field to Heckman's Island,	5	0
Matthew Walter's to Silver's bridge,	4	0
Post road to Conrad Misinyer's,	5	0
LaHave road to James Dauphiney's,	9	0
LaHave bridge to George Crow's,	15	0
George Crow's to Peter Misinyer's,	15	0
Peter Misinyer's to Wagner's,	9	0
Edward Arenberg's to New Germany,	19	0
Himmelman's corner to Peter Crow's,	14	0
Peter Crow's to Snyder's mill dam,	14	0
Snyder's mill dam to Peter Hertle's mills,	15	0
Peter Hertle's mill to Smith's mill,	12	0
LaHave bridge to Frederick Koch's,	12	0
Frederick Koch's to David Silver's,	30	0
David Silver's to William Kedy's,	14	0
William Kedy's to Nelson Chesley's,	30	0
Nelson Chesley's to John Feindall's mills,	8	0
John Feindall's mill to George Ackers',	12	0
George Ackers' to county line,	10	0
Main road to James Morton's,	5	0
West Brook bridge to Smith's mill,	10	0
North-west street to Peter Zwicker's,	6	0
Sterman's to meeting house, including cross road,	7	0
Meeting house to Casper Eisenhour's,	7	0
Casper Eisenhour's to Mader's mill road,	8	0
Mader's mill road to Robart's mill dam,	12	0
Robart's mill to Halimore's bridge,	15	0
Halimore's bridge to M. Barkhouse's,	15	0
Jacob Fronk's to Caldwell's,	5	0
Caldwell's to Jacob Feindall's,	35	0
Feindall's to William Nichols'	5	0
German road to Cape Marsh,	12	0
Cape Marsh to the bridges,	10	0
Bridge to Henry Foster's,	7	0
Henry Foster's to Baizley's corner,	12	0
Diemon's corner to Daurey's lake,	5	0
Diemon's corner to Westhaver's,	9	0
Meeting house to Diemon's upper corner,	10	0
Diemon's corner to post road, past Casper Kaulback's,	7	0
Post road to George Barry's,	9	0
George Barry's to George Vienot's mill,	7	0
George Vienot's mill to John Ramey's,	10	0
John Ramey's to Silver's corner,	10	0
		From

From Silver's corner to Koch's Upper Bound,	£12	0
Koch's Upper Bound to John Ramey's inn,	9	0
North River to New Germany,	8	0
John Ramey's inn to North River,	9	0
Silver's corner to Ramey's school house,	9	0
School house to Brown's mill,	8	0
George Mackie's to school house, on new road,	15	0
William Rodes' to Benjamin Ernst's,	8	0
Henry Winacht's to LaHave river,	9	0
Winacht's corner to James Eichels',	8	0
Trout Hole bridge to Ewalt's mill and bridge,	10	0
Ewalt's mill road to Peter Veinot's,	8	0
Jacob Daurey's to mill road,	5	0
Clear Land to Trout Hole bridge,	18	0
Westaver's corner to George Vienot's,	6	0
George Vienot's to North Field road,	8	0
Hubly's corner to George Lohnes',	9	0
George Lohnes' to Brown's corner,	10	0
Christain Nause's to George Hughes',	8	0
George Hughes' to Ramey's corner,	9	0
Conrad Lord's to Oxner's gate,	5	0
Fronk's to Paul Jodrey's,	5	0
George Crouse's to Beck's mill,	5	0
Post road to Valentine Westaver's,	6	0
Main road to Michael Daurey's,	5	0
J. Morton's corner to DeLong's,	22	0
Bazley's corner to Ephraim Spidel's,	10	0
George Vienot's mill to James Eichel's road,	7	0
Edward Boehner's to Daurey's mill, including Langille's new mill road,	7	0
Rye Field to Blue Rocks,	18	0
To alter Fire Brook hill,	15	0
From Rose Bay road to James Moosman's,	6	0
Post road to Langille's mill, Upper Bound,	12	0
Below Robart's mill, across to North-west street,	6	0
Creek to Nicholas Conrad's,	8	0
Foot of Jacob Gaetz's hill to Tuite's falls,	10	0
To building new bridge across Branch River, near old bridge,	25	0
From Varner's mill to West Brook,	7	0

## CHESTER GREAT ROADS.

From Halifax county line to George Rahfuse's,	14	0
George Rahfuse's to Eastern River,	22	0
Eastern River to Chester,	22	0
Chester to the basin,	9	0
Basin to Gold River,	10	0
Gold River to Martin's River,	9	0
Robinson's corner to Pulciver's,	12	0
Pulciver's to Francis Vaughn's,	12	0
Francis Vaughn's to Hants county line,	20	0

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Ordinary

## ORDINARY ROADS.

From Windsor road to Middle River,	£5	0	0
Basin to the grant,	12	0	0
Grant to Windsor road, and pay Fowley Rahfuse for repairing bridge,	16	0	0
Grant to Sefferen's old place, and alter Oak Hill,	150	0	0
Sefferen's to Sherbrooke church,	30	0	0
Sherbrooke church to Kings county line,	22	2	8
Do. for labour on said road, performed and unpaid,	27	17	4
Church to George Hiltz's,	15	0	0
Church to George Ross's,	10	0	0
Corbin's to Sherbrooke bridge,	15	0	0
Sherbrooke bridge to Kings county line,	15	0	0
Main road to Corbin's lake, and outwards,	8	0	0
Little East River to Bowen's,	20	0	0
Bowen's to Blandford,	16	0	0
County line to William Stratford's,	15	0	0
William Stratford's to North West Cove,	10	0	0
Gold River bridge to Beech Hill, and outwards,	18	0	0
Windsor road to Canaan,	10	0	0
Blandford to Sandy Beeches,	12	0	0
Sandy Beeches to North West Cove,	9	0	0
To repair mill road at Sherbrooke,	10	0	0
From Peter Marriet's to Middle River,	5	0	0
	£451	0	0

## NEW DUBLIN GREAT ROADS.

To pay Philip Corkum's over-expenditure,	£11	14	4
Joseph Vienot	0	10	0
Andrew Wile,	2	8	0
Henry Wile,	1	9	9
From Pernet's ferry to George Wamback's,	12	0	0
George Wamback's to Petite Riviere,	15	0	0
Petite Riviere, including bridge, to Broad Cove,	18	0	0
Broad Cove to Voglar's mill,	15	0	0
Voglar's mill to Queen's county line,	15	0	0
Bridgewater to William McKean's,	12	0	0
William McKean's to Pernet's ferry,	10	0	0
Pernet's ferry to Getson's Cove,	10	0	0
Getson's Cove to Bell's Cove,	20	0	0
Bell's Cove to Petite Riviere,	15	0	0
	£158	2	1

## ORDINARY ROADS.

From Morgan's corner to Wile's school house,	£10	0	0
Wile's school house to William Newcomb's,	10	0	0
William Newcomb's to John Bollaver's,	15	0	0
John Bollaver's to John Krouse's,	20	0	0
John Krouse's to Loness' road,	25	0	0
Pleasant River road to Ninevah,	10	0	0
Peter Faulkenham's towards Pleasant River road,	8	0	0
Tory bridge towards Chelsea,	6	0	0
			From



From Pleasant River road to Robert Wharton's,	£15	0	0
Robert Wharton's to Queen's county line,	15	0	0
Chelsea to Butler's road,	10	0	0
Chelsea road towards Tory bridge,	15	0	0
Pleasant River road to Still Brook, and outwards,	12	0	0
Pleasant River road to Floyd's road,	15	0	0
Floyd's road to Lapland mills,	15	0	0
William McKan's to Jonas Hebb's,	25	0	0
Jonas Hebb's to George Snider's,	15	0	0
County line towards John Vinacht's, Camperdown,	7	0	0
Camperdown road towards Montreal,	8	0	0
Missinger's mill to Cumberland,	8	0	0
Frederick Corkum's to Gotlieb Corkum's,	8	0	0
Missinger's mill to LaHave river,	8	0	0
Post road to New Dublin church,	8	0	0
John Herman's to Petite Riviere,	18	0	0
Queen's county line towards Voglar's mill,	5	0	0
New road near Cherry Hill,	7	0	0
Bradey's corner to Conquerall,	6	0	0
Krouse Town to John Fronk's,	5	0	0
John Fronk's to Fancie's mills,	5	0	0
John Krouse's towards New Italy,	5	0	0
Zwicker's, Camperdown, toward New Italy,	5	0	0
Dolliver's grant towards Conrod's Cove,	25	0	0
Bell's & Rines' grant towards Camperdown,	25	0	0
Abraham Hebb's to LaHave river,	7	0	0
West side of Broad Cove to east side,	5	0	0
Joseph Vienot's to Pleasant River road,	5	0	0
Gotlieb Corkum's corner to post road,	6	0	0
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	£432	0	0
Unappropriated,	1	7	10
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Total sum,	£2496	11	4

### QUEEN'S COUNTY.

*Resolved,* That the sum of three hundred and seventeen pounds, granted for the road service, and the sum of fifteen hundred and twelve pounds, granted for the roads and bridges generally, in the county of Queen's county, be applied as follows, viz :

#### GREAT ROAD SERVICE.

From Lunenburg county line to Stephen Parks',	£15
Stephen Parks' to Mill Village,	15
Mill Village to Broad Hill, including hill,	20
Broad Hill to Herring Cove,	20
Herring Cove, repairing road to S. Smith's,	40
Stephen Smith's to William Dean's,	15
Liverpool to John Payzant's, 1st beech hill,	35
John Payzant's to Benjamin Smith's, 2d beech hill,	20
Benjamin Smith's to Broad River,	20
Broad River to Donald Campbell's,	10
	From

From Shelburne road to Lewis'	£10
Port Mutton to Rocky Hill,	30
Rocky Hill to Michael Robertson's,	25
James McDonald's to county line,	25
Between Cowie's tan yard and Shield's,	25
Shield's and Angus McLeod's shop,	40
From H Ford's shop to Whitman Freeman's,	10
Minard's to four mile,	80
Four mile to eight mile,	50
Eight mile to Middlefield,	50
Jabish Freeman's to Bear Trap bridge,	25
Bear Trap bridge to Cammeron's bridge,	20
McGoura's road to Cameron's bridge,	10
Hunt's blacksmith shop to R. Bryden's, including bridges,	35
Richard Bryden's to doctor Crocker's,	10
Doctor Crocker's towards Hallot Collins',	10
Between Luther Ledbetter's and Pleasant River, to finish road,	30
From Luther Ledbetter's to county line,	15
Brookfield corner to Andrew McLeod's,	15
Caledonia corner to James Helmore's,	15
Caledonia corner to Wheeler Minard's road,	10
Wheeler Minard's to county line,	10
Brookfield meeting house to Carter's road,	10
Carter's road to school house,	10
School house to David Freeman's,	10
Paul West's to Godfrey's farm,	20
White Point towards Paul West's	20
Malomen's to Broad River,	15
Port Midway towards Mill Village, to build bridge and repair road,	35
Port Midway towards Mill Village road, Herring Cove,	35
John Mowser's towards George Conrad's new road,	30
George Conrad's towards Pudding Pan, new road,	30
Pudding Pan towards John Wolf's, new road,	10
Wensel's mill towards Solomon's,	25
Main road to Morton's mill,	10
Morton's mill to Greenfield,	30
Greenfield to Wellington,	10
Salmon River bridge to William Dean's,	25
Salmon River bridge to James Cole's,	20
John Wolf's towards Blue Berry,	10
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## CROSS ROADS.

Cross road, Port Medway, to Blue Berry,	10	0	0
Leonard Wolf's to school house cross road,	5	0	0
John Briggen's towards Mill Village,	15	0	0
Main road towards Camperdown,	10	0	0
Lewis Freeman's towards Nathan Ellis',	10	0	0
Nathan Ellis' to mill, Herring Cove lake,	15	0	0
Mrs. E. Freeman's towards Milton bridge,	10	0	0
Academy towards Nathan Randle's,	5	0	0
William Corcum's towards Ritcie's,	7	10	0
Ritcie's towards Herring Cove,	7	10	0
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From African chaple to Tars,	£10	0	0
Tar's to Western Head,	10	0	0
Philip Hutman's to Western Head,	10	0	0
White Point to Hunt's Point,	5	0	0
Hunt's Point to Beech Hill,	7	10	0
Catharine River to Port Mutton,	10	0	0
Robert Robertson's to Alexander Cammeron's,	5	0	0
Alexander Cameron's to Angus McIntosh's,	10	0	0
Port Mutton to Robert Fraser's,	5	0	0
Catharine River road toward New Building Cove,	5	0	0
New Building Cove towards Port Mutton,	5	0	0
Main road, Port Jolly, to Allen McDonald's,	7	10	0
Allen McDonald to Alexander McDonald's,	7	10	0
Post road towards Port LaBear,	15	0	0
Loyd's towards Watson Burges',	7	10	0
Butler's towards Lowe's lake,	10	0	0
Kempt road to Cegumage lake,	10	0	0
Main road to Dean Annis,	7	10	0
Coburn's to African chapel,	7	10	0
African chapel to Goosley's,	7	10	0
Goosley's to Matthew Munroe's,	7	10	0
Munroe's to James Purdy's,	7	10	0
Western Head towards James Purdy's, new road,	25	0	0
Parks' towards Alexander McLauchlan's,	20	0	0
Main road to Rebecca Waterman's,	5	0	0
Butler's to Matthew Cod's,	8	0	0
Caledonia road to Cleary's,	8	0	0
Thomas Grady's to Kempt road,	10	0	0
James Donilin's to M. & B. McGinty's,	8	0	0
William McGuire's to Lowe's privilege,	15	0	0
Davis' to Boyd's road, to build bridge, and on hill,	5	0	0
M. Carrigan's to main road,	5	0	0
David Caffery's to main road,	10	0	0
Cook's to W. & J. Maher's,	8	0	0
Bryden's mill towards Davis',	5	0	0
Butler's to Walsh's clear,	5	0	0
School house, Port Midway, to Nathaniel Cahoon's,	5	0	0
To repair Mill Village bridge,	15	0	0
To finish bridge at Minard's mill, Milton,	40	0	0
Towards building bridge at Greenfield,	50	0	0
Building Rossett bridge,	15	0	0
From main road to George Irvin's,	5	0	0
Between Golden Falls and Dean's brook,	50	0	0
From Caledonia road to John Sherriff's,	5	0	0
Brown's to Kempt road,	5	0	0
Michael McGinty's to main road,	5	0	0
Bartlet Freeman's farm to Brookfield road,	20	0	0
Main road, Port Mutton, to saw mill up river,	12	15	1
OVER-EXPENDITURE.			
To pay John McDonald over-expenditure,	51	18	2
Henry Wolf, ditto,	10	4	3
E. West, ditto,	4	12	6
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## COUNTY OF SHELBURNE.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Shelburne,—and the sum of four hundred pounds for the great road service, and the sum of fifty-five pounds one shilling and five pence, undrawn for the county of Shelburne, be appropriated as follows :—

From Indian Brook to Queen's falls,	£18	0	0
Indian Brook to late Thomas K. Perry's,	14	0	0
Late Thomas K. Perry's to widow Littlewood's,	5	0	0
Late Peter Perry's to main road,	12	0	0
Widow Littlewood's to Round Bay bridge,	15	0	0
Alexr. Greenwood's south line to Indian Brook road, via Wm. Perry's,	15	0	0
Moses Perry's to main road leading to Shelburne,	10	0	0
Roseway chapel to Round Bay beach, near T. Perry's,	6	0	0
Round Bay bridge to Gunning Cove,	10	0	0
Gunning Cove to Beaver Dam,	15	0	0
Church hill to William Doane's,	15	0	0
Church hill to post road,	15	0	0
Round Bay bridge to late Thomas K. Perry's, by Wilson's,	6	0	0
Post road to Henry Shutz's,	6	0	0
Post road to John Harris',	22	0	0
John Harris' to Theophilus Harris',	13	0	0
Theophilus Harris' to Thos. McKay's, including Hemlock Creek bridge,	13	0	0
Daniel Jenkins' to George McKay's,	22	0	0
Daniel Jenkins' to main road leading to Harris',	8	0	0
Main road to William McKay's,	5	0	0
Post road to Robert Bowers',	15	0	0
Robert Bowers' to foot of Long Lake,	18	0	0
Foot of Long Lake to Robert McKay's, on new line of road,	40	0	0
Robert McKay's to Philip Bowers',	22	0	0
Advance to Philip Bowers, for building bridge,	16	13	0
Widow Ryer's to John Dexter's,	8	0	0
Post road to Hart's Point, via barracks,	4	0	0
Shelburne to Sandy Point,	17	0	0
Sandy Point to William McLean's and John Crockeron's,	12	0	0
Charles Thomson's to East Point,	7	0	0
Shelburne to Jordan Ferry,	12	0	0
Jones Crockeron's to James McLean's,	7	0	0
James McLean's to Shelburne, near the swamp,	16	5	3
James McLean's to Jordan Ferry,	12	0	0
James Purney's to Joseph Holden's,	8	0	0
James Purney's to Jordan church,	8	0	0
James Purney's to Miss Dickie's,	4	0	0
James Purney's to Morven road,	7	0	0
Post road to Samuel McQuhae's,	5	0	0
Jonathan Perry's to Stalker's, McNutt's Island,	5	0	0
Post road to William Nickerson's,	15	0	0
William Nickerson's to Green Harbour east bridge,	16	0	0
Green Harbour east bridge to Locke's Island,	20	0	0
To preserve the beach leading to Locke's Island,	10	0	0
From Joseph Williams' to main road,	6	0	0
Main road near James McKenzie's to John Morrison's,	10	0	0

From

From Locke's Island to Thomas Crowell's,	£7	0	0
Freeman Crowell's to Locke's Island,	7	0	0
Richard Wall's to main road leading to Locke's Island,	10	0	0
Richard Wall's to Little Harbour,	10	0	0
Richard Wall's to Green Harbour,	6	0	0
Little Harbour to Jonathan Craig's,	9	0	0
Widow Ringer's to Angus McAdam's,	11	0	0
Angus McAdam's to Jacob Allen's,	5	0	0
Sable River to Wall's hill,	20	0	0
Wall's hill to Richard Wall's, including hill,	20	0	0
Fox rock to widow Ringer's,	25	0	0
Tom Tidney's bridge to William Chiver's,	10	0	0
William Chiver's to Lloyd's brook,	8	0	0
Lloyd's brook to Robert Harding's,	12	0	0
Port LeBear to Sable River,	12	0	0
Lewis' Head breakwater to main road,	8	0	0
Main road to Jones' harbour,	4	0	0
Daniel Matthews' to George Wall's,	10	0	0
John Dall's to main road leading to Shelburne,	8	0	0
Fox rock to Little Harbour,	10	0	0
Henry Hemmeon's to Little Harbour Road,	8	0	0
For making new line of road round Hayden's hill,	30	0	0
“ “ undrawn in 1856, No. 60,	40	0	0
From post road up west side of Clyde River,	30	0	0
John Sykes' to Cape Negro main road,	20	0	0
John Sykes' to Clam Creek,	15	0	0
Post road to Clam Creek bridge,	25	0	0
Clam Creek bridge to Samuel Smith's,	20	0	0
Samuel Smith's to Elam Thomas',	20	0	0
Cape Negro Island,	10	0	0
Josiah Smith's to William Patterson's, including bridges,	30	0	0
William Patterson's to Nickerson's corner,	12	0	0
Nickerson's corner to Patten's,	15	0	0
Josiah Snow's to public landing,	6	0	0
Main road to shore, by Elkanah Nickerson's,	10	0	0
Zephaniel Swaine's to Daniel Smith's, senr ,			
William Northern's to light house,	12	0	0
Daniel Smith's, senr., to light house road,	40	0	0
Patten's to Birch Hill, including hill,	15	0	0
Birch Hill to Richard Kenny's,	12	0	0
Richard Kenny's to James Coffin's,	8	0	0
James Coffin's to Kenny's ship yard, undrawn in 1856, No. 78,	6	0	0
Thomas Coffin's to Hilbert's brook,	8	0	0
Post road by Watt's up Barrington river,	12	0	0
Raspberry hill to post road,	16	0	0
On Moses Smith's back line road,	6	0	0
From Lawrence's to school house,	10	0	0
George Wilson's to South-west Point,	9	4	7
John Crews' to Atwood's Brook,	10	0	0
Atwood's Brook to Gideon Crowell's,	10	0	0
Gideon Crowell's to Shag Harbour bridge, including bridge,	10	0	0
Aram Smith's to main road, west side of rear point,	8	0	0
“ “ undrawn in 1856, No. 92,	8	0	0
Aram Smith's to Joseph Atwood's,	5	0	0
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From Doctor's Cove to main road,	£5	0	0
Theodore Nickerson's to Eaton Crowell's,	6	0	0
Eaton Crowell's to Reuben Cahoon's,	15	0	0
Reuben Cahoon's to Alexander Nickerson's,	10	0	0
Alexander Nickerson's to Yarmouth county line,	20	0	0
Road east side Wood's harbour to Lyons' road, including bridge,	10	0	0
Lyons' road via James McComiskey's to Yarmouth county line,	15	0	0
Main road to Forbes' ferry,	12	0	0
Wood's harbour to west side of Ohio,	20	0	0
West side of Ohio to David Wilson's,	20	0	0
William Cunningham's to Stony Island,	6	0	0
Stony Island to John Mcgray's,	20	0	0
John Mcgray's to Penny's,	12	0	0
Stony Island road to beach,	8	0	0
Penny's beach to main road,	8	0	0
James Obed's to Lewis Crowell's,	20	0	0
Main road to Hawk inlet, including bridges,	15	0	0
Lewis Crowell's to West Head,	8	0	0
West Head to Wiggins',	10	0	0
To rebuild Mud Cove bridge, Cape Sable Island,	50	0	0
From meeting house to William Cunningham's,	8	0	0
Josiah Coffin's to Fish Point,	6	0	0
To George McKay, for rebuilding bridge up Clyde River,	10	9	0
To pay Millard Atwood over-expenditure in 1856, No. 88,	5	16	10
James C. Smith, do. No. 108,	19	6	9
Joel Northern, do. No. 122,	2	6	0
	£1616	1	5

## GREAT ROADS.

From Queen's county line to Tom Tidney's bridge,	30	0	0
Tom Tidney's bridge to David Hamilton's,	20	0	0
David Hamilton's to Jordan River bridge,	45	0	0
Jordan River bridge to E. Martin's,	18	0	0
E. Martin's to Joseph Holden's,	18	16	6
To pay John Martin over-expenditure in 1856, No. 117,	1	3	6
Joseph Holden's to Roseway bridge,	17	0	0
Shelburne to Stephen Acker's, including Roseway bridge,	60	0	0
Stephen Acker's to Beaver Dam,	25	0	0
Beaver dam to Clyde River bridge,	37	0	0
Clyde bridge to Boyd's,	25	0	0
Boyd's to grist mill, including bridges,	53	0	0
Grist mill to Yarmouth county line, on post road,	50	0	0
	£400	0	0

## COUNTY OF YARMOUTH.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the general road and bridge service—and the sum of four hundred pounds, granted for the great road service,—also the sum of forty pounds nineteen shillings and nine pence, undrawn road monies for the county of Yarmouth—be applied as follows, for the present year :—

For

For the road and bridge service in the district of Yarmouth, to be distributed by the municipal council,	£981	10	0
To pay advances by the government on the main post road and bridges in Argyle, 1855,	300	0	0
From Shelburne county line to Carland's, and to pay William D'Entremont expenditure 1857,	50	0	0
Carland's to James Frost's,	25	0	0
J. Frost's to J. J. Porter's, including repairs of Argyle bridge,	30	0	0
J. J. Porter's to Tuskett Village,	15	0	0
Tuskett Village to Ballam's,	10	0	0
Morris' to Pubnico beach,	10	0	0
Willet's to Barrington road,	8	0	0
Heaslin's to Pubnico lake,	30	0	0
Post road to Carland's store,	10	0	0
J. J. D'Entremont's to Pubnico Point,	12	0	0
D'Eon's to John Spinney's,	12	10	0
D'Eon's to the post road at Murphy's,	5	0	0
Abram Van Emburg's to Goodwin's,	7	0	0
The head of Apublic to Joshua Frost's,	20	0	0
Joshua Frost's to the fork road,	15	0	0
Indian Brook to Muspark Lake,	8	0	0
J. J. Porter's, by the head of Apublic, to the meeting house,	8	0	0
Fork road past William Kavanagh's,	7	10	0
Old post road up east side of Eel Lake,	7	10	0
Cyrel Porter's to Apublic road	7	10	0
On the bridge and roads on Roberts' Island,	15	0	0
From Kempt road past John Gavel's,	6	0	0
William Mangrane's to James Morton's,	10	0	0
On Reuben Williams' road,	5	0	0
From Grey's to Rankin's, thence to Morton's, and to pay Silas Rankin over-expenditure £1 1s 9d.,	15	0	0
N. Churchill's to Grey's, thence to William Hurlbert's,	10	0	0
The meadow road, by Nelson Grey's, to White's,	5	0	0
Isaac Hatfield's over Pas de Pre, including repairs of the bridge at Lent's Cove,	17	0	0
The parade to Gavel's bridge,	10	0	0
Gavel's road, past Luke Keo's, to Williams' road,	7	10	0
Burnett's line to Little River,	5	0	0
Burnett's line, past Hemmeon's, to Tuskett River,	7	0	0
Burnett's line to Crocker's,	5	0	0
Johnston's to the Wedge Point,	10	0	0
Hays' to Hemmeon's,	5	0	0
Elijah Pinkney's to the Sluice Point,	15	0	0
Vincent Cortrou's to Moss Point,	8	0	0
Fork road to Gridiron Point,	15	0	0
John Burk's, past the head of Eel Brook, to the forks,	40	0	0
Fork bridge to Miller's,	20	0	0
William Mangram's to Pearl's meadow,	18	0	0
James A. Hatfield's towards Eel Lake to the post road,	8	0	0
Frost's to Boyd's,	6	0	0
Rickers' brook to Forbes',	8	0	0
To repair the road on Pearpoint's Island,	5	0	0
From Stilman Larkin's to the shore,	5	0	0
J. Amero's to Abbott's harbour,	5	0	0

From Louis D'Entremont's to Lobster Bay,	£5 0 0
School house near Stephen D'Entremont's, to western shore,	5 0 0
Benjamin D'Entremont's to Lobster Bay,	5 0 0
The Chapel to Rocky Point,	10 0 0
On Edward Muire's road,	5 19 9
From Pas de Pre road to J. B. Muire's,	6 0 0
On Charles Muire's road,	10 0 0
William Bollowell's road,	5 0 0
From Gavel's bridge, and thence to the meeting house,	15 0 0
The meeting house to Kempt bridge, including repairs of Kempt bridge,	70 0 0
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COUNTY OF DIGBY.

*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred and seventy-six pounds, granted for the great road service, and the sum of fifteen hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the cross roads in the county of Digby, for the year 1857, be applied as follows :

GREAT ROAD SERVICE.

To pay William Benson, advances on Bear River bridge,	£140 13 0
Stephen Marshall, over-expenditure on new line of road between Bear and Weymouth bridges,	0 17 0
Repair hill and aboiteaux west of sea wall,	10 0 0
Main post road from Mink Cove to Little River,	12 0 0
Road from J. Morehouse's corner to the west end of the lake,	14 0 0
Trout Cove to Sandy Cove, old road,	10 0 0
West end of the lake to Sandy Cove,	14 0 0
Little River to Petite Passage,	15 0 0
Bank and road at Gilbert's Cove,	10 0 0
McMillan's bridge, near W. B. Bent's,	12 0 0
Road from Jarvis Robichau's to Abbott's brook,	10 0 0
Be placed at the disposal of the governor, to repair the new line of road between the Joggin bridge and Weymouth bridge,	32 5 0
Repair road from J. Clements' to J. Budd's,	8 0 0
Salmon River Bridge,	122 8 0
Road from Augustine LeBlanc's to New Edinburgh,	10 0 0
Pay D. Harrington advance to repair Salmon River bridge,	12 12 0
George Devoux to repair Salmon River bridge,	8 13 0
Repair road from Charles Comeau's and Celestine's Saulnier's road,	12 0 0
Peter Melanson's and Christopher Dugat's,	9 0 0
	£427 8 0
To pay over-expenditure on Salmon River bridge, in 1855,•	3 12 0
	£476 0 0



## CROSS ROADS.

To repair hill and road by Jacob Roop's,	£5	0	0
Morgan road,	10	0	0
Parker road,	10	0	0
Lake Hill road,	10	0	0
Shelburne road, running to south range road,	9	0	0
Cross road from Bloomfield to south range road,	10	0	0
Road between Smith's and Sulis' farms,	10	0	0
From post road on Bloomfield road to Henry Green's,	17	0	0
Henry Green's rear line to Bloomfield,	12	0	0
Seely mill to Neck road,	10	0	0
Open and repair new cross road from Gilbert's Cove to south range road,	16	0	0
R. Sanderson's to north range road,	12	0	0
Repair Gulliver's hole road,	12	0	0
Road from Neck road by Hutchison's to Broad Cove road,	15	0	0
Bridge and road on cross road from St. Mary's Bay church to north range road,	12	0	0
Tebo road, from main road to Lake Hill road,	17	0	0
Road from Lake Hill southward,	15	0	0
Stony Brook to David Doucett's clearing,	10	0	0
Joseph Cook's, senr., west line, to French road,	12	0	0
Charles McNeil's north range to south range,	15	0	0
Mumford road,	10	0	0
Road from J. McBride's to French Settlement cross road,	12	0	0
Mistake bridge to East Branch,	16	0	0
Bear River road to Mistake bridge,	14	0	0
Road from Payson's hill, ending at Doucett's,	10	0	0
Oaks' corner to Upper Falls,	8	0	0
Racket bridge to Campbell's brook,	7	0	0
Road from B. Condon's to Turnbull's bridge,	10	0	0
Wilson's barn to Bay of Fundy,	12	0	0
Road on French road, where left off last year, to Timothy Devault's,	12	0	0
District No. 6 from Cogaboom bridge, west,	10	0	0
Brier Island to the light house,	30	0	0
From W. Harris' corner, north range road, eastwardly,	8	0	0
Swamp road to Jos. Cook's, jnr, north range road,	12	0	0
Lot No. 16, south range road, to Bear River,	14	0	0
Along the west line of township to Grand Joggin,	7	0	0
From south-west angle of township to Provost brook,	9	0	0
J. Abbott's, head of St. Mary's Bay, to the marsh,	9	0	0
Sissiboo road, from township line, west,	15	0	0
Road from Morgan's mill to Big Stillwater,	10	0	0
West line of Thomas O'Oonnor's farm, east,	10	0	0
Thomas' settlement to Bloomfield,	9	0	0
Tusket road to the bend of Sissiboo river,	10	0	0
Road by Colin Porter's,	10	0	0
From Mumford's to Ray's mill,	10	0	0
Nicholas Tebo's corner to Mumford road,	7	17	6
South side of North-east Cove, Long Island,	5	0	0
North side of North-east Cove, Long Island,	10	0	0
On the west branch of Bear River, old Merckmack, to Morgan's mill,	17	0	0

To

To repair road from Edwin Jones' to William Marr's, Bloomfield,	£10	0	0
George Ross' farm, westward,	9	0	0
James Langford's, senr., to Tusket road,	8	0	0
Widow McConnell's to T. Devault's,	10	0	0
Jedry's corner, Gilbert's Cove, by Thomas Lewis',	15	0	0
W. Hain's corner to south range,	15	0	0
Sissiboo road, south side of Carter Bell's, on south range road,	10	0	0
Build bridge over the outlet at Gulliver's hole, in addition to the sum granted last year,	8	0	0
Repair road from Campbell's brook to Fitzgerald's beach,	7	0	0
At Broad Cove and Gut district No. 4,	19	0	0
Cross road from James Morehouse's corner, Trout Cove, to breakwater,	10	0	0
Cut out and level road from Mumford road east across lots No. 1 & 2, rear Hatfield grant,	15	0	0
Build bridge by David Rice's ship yard,	40	0	0
Open and repair cross road from main road to Bear River, near W. Potter's,	19	0	0
Pay over-expenditure on Union road,	40	0	0
Repair road from Henry Vantassel's house, old road, southward, Symonds' bridge,	6	0	0
Road from Samuel Wagner's, westwardly, to Sissaboo,	10	0	0
Pay J. V. Purdy, advances for repairing road and slip at Bear River bridge,	3	10	0
Repair Union road,	13	0	0
Pay W. Hain's over-expenditure,	14	12	6
Stephen Marshall, over-expenditure,	0	17	0
Level hill and repair road by James Hughs',	9	0	0
Repair bridge by William Ayman's shop,	15	0	0
Near John Cosset's shore road,	15	6	0
By Gerard Welch's,	15	0	0
Road from Joggins bridge, southward and eastward, by Geo. Welch's farm,	10	0	0
John V. Purdy's, (goes past temperance hall,)	10	0	0
Repair draw in Joggin bridge in addition to grant of last year,	30	0	0
Road from Donegan's to D. Ross' mountain road,	10	0	0
Saint Mary's bay road to Neck road, between No. 1 and 2,	8	0	0
School house by Melican swamp, westward,	9	0	0
Colin Porter's to south-west angle,	10	0	0
Buckman's hill to Piscatique Cove, Brier Island,	12	0	0
W. Handspike's northerly mountain road,	10	0	0
Turnbull's bridge to light house,	9	0	0
Givert's Cove to barrens,	10	0	0
Bank at Digby,	10	0	0
Road from William Hain's corner, west North-range road, School house to county line,	14	0	0
7	10	0	
Main road to Josiah Porter's,	10	0	0
Road from county line to Clements ferry,	7	10	0
Salmon River bridge to John Jedry's,	10	0	0
John Jedry's to Harrington's,	8	0	0
Harrington's to B Devoux,	10	0	0
Josiah Porter's to Joel Hall's,	7	0	0

To

To repair road from main road to the shore by L. Devoux,	£5	0	0
Harrington's to Jessie Oaks' corner,	8	0	0
Road back Cheticamp grant,	7	0	0
Boudrew and Mallet's line,	7	0	0
Main road to Round Hill,	15	0	0
Bear Cove,	5	0	0
Jessie Oakes' line,	9	0	0
Doucett & Therrio's line,	8	0	0
Oliver Doucett's eastward 2nd division,	7	0	0
B. Saulnier's and Peter Dugat's to Tusket road,	9	0	0
Francis Therrio's road,	6	0	0
Therrio's road to Joseph Devoux,	6	0	0
On Maximine Comeau's line,	7	0	0
Nicholas LeBlanc and Stephen Romain's 2nd division,	8	0	0
Langbood and Celestine Comeau's line, 2nd division,	9	0	0
Joseph M. Comeau's and Joseph Therrio's line, 2nd division,	9	0	0
Seraphine Saulnier's and Joseph Therrio's line, 2nd division,	7	0	0
Duffus and Saulnier's line,	7	0	0
John Saulnier's line,	7	0	0
Joseph Saulnier's line,	9	0	0
Timothy Saulnier's, eastward, 3rd division,	9	0	0
From Joseph M. Comeau's, eastward,	7	0	0
Joseph Thimolt's road,	7	0	0
Joseph F. Comeau's road,	8	0	0
Joseph F. Comeau's to Peter C. Melanson's,	7	0	0
Peter C. Melanson's to Peter Therrio's,	7	0	0
Usable Godet's to Joseph F. Comeau's,	7	0	0
Post road to Francis LeBlanc's,	9	0	0
Francis LeBlanc's to Meteghan River,	10	0	0
Meteghan River to Mark Thebido's,	10	0	0
Mark Thebido's to Tusket road,	10	0	0
Oliver Doucett's, westward, 2nd division,	7	0	0
Boninfant road,	8	0	0
Placide LeBlanc's line,	12	0	0
To Billivoux farm,	8	0	0
From Billivoux farm to Tusket road,	8	0	0
John Holden's to Charles P. Godet's,	6	0	0
Francis Doucett's road,	7	0	0
From Charles P. Godet's to Tusket road,	10	0	0
Samuel Smith's to Nowlan's road,	7	0	0
Michael Wood's to William Spavel's,	11	0	0
Charles F. Comeau's road,	9	0	0
From Millidge's line to Peter Therrio's, westward,	6	0	0
Road from Meteghan river, westward,	8	0	0
Oliver Godet's to Samuel Smith's,	6	0	0
Clay Brook road,	7	0	0
Payson's meadow road,	7	0	0
Road from Clement Melanson's to Peter Melanson's,	10	0	0
Peter Melanson's to F. A. Robichau's,	10	0	0
Patrick Nowlan's road,	8	0	0
Road from Nowlan's to William Spavel's,	9	0	0
Doucett's road to Usable Godett's,	8	0	0
Road to Albine Therrio's,	7	0	0

To repair Fausaint Dugas' road,	£7 0 0
Dousett road to Patrick Thebido's road, 2nd division,	9 0 0
Road to the shore and Gabriel Commo's line,	7 0 0
Usable Tebo's and Charles Saulnier's line,	7 0 0
From Helaire Therrio's to Meteghan river,	5 3 0
Pay Joseph Cook, junr., over-expenditure in 1855,	2 0 0
	£1561 0 0

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COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred and sixty-four pounds granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Annapolis, for the present year, be appropriated as follows :

On the shore road north from the duke of York's battery to Murrel's mill,	£7 10
From Johnson's point to the battery, to prevent the land slide,	12 10
The Lamburon cross road, east, to finish the bridge by Sloan's,	5 0
Sloan's to the Bohaker bridge, including the same,	12 10
Bohaker bridge to the Robblie bridge,	12 10
Robblie bridge to McKenzie cross road,	5 0
McKenzie cross road to Stephen Johns',	7 10
Stephen Johns' to the Mills cross road,	10 0
Parker cross road to build a bridge by E Reid's,	10 0
East from Parker cross road to Robert Hudron's,	7 10
West from Abraham Young's,	10 0
East from George Gesner's to the off-set south,	7 10
West from Elijah Durland's, including the off-set south,	10 0
The Phinney cross road east on the new alteration,	7 10
To repair the bridge over Wright's brook,	7 10
To repair the bridge over Chute's mill brook,	7 10
To re-build the bridges over Hills' brook,	25 0
On the Everet cross road from shore road to the settlement,	10 0
Lamburon cross road from post road to the shore road	15 0
McKinzie cross road from post road to the shore road,	15 0
Mills cross road from the top of the mountain to the shore road,	10 0
Parker cross road from post road to shore road,	12 10
McCormick cross road from post road to top of mountain,	12 10
Wade cross road from post road to 1st road over the mountain,	15 0
Young cross road from post road to foot of the mountain,	5 0
Shore road to the Covert road,	12 10
Cross road from the Covert road to the Bay shore,	5 0
Chute cross road from post road to shore road,	15 0
James' cross road from limits of Bridgetown to the lake,	12 10
James' cross road from the lake to shore road,	7 10
Cross road from limits of Bridgetown past Wheelock's mill,	10 0
Road and bridge from Isaac Marshall's to the Sanders' cross road,	
in addition to £10 granted last year and undrawn,	7 10
On the Sanders' cross road from post road to Oliver Sanders',	10 0

On

On the Messenger cross road over the mountain,	£10 0
Road over the mountain past Benjamin Rumrey's, and hill and bridge at deep brook,	10 0
Road over the mountain from John Van Blarricomb's to the Wade cross road,	7 10
Cross road from James Potter's to the Guinea road,	30 0
Shelburne road from General's bridge to E. Godfrey's,	30 0
Shelburne road from Godfrey's to Ritchie's meadows,	7 0
Shelburne road from Ritchie's meadows to Bucklar's,	7 0
Shelburne road from Bucklar's to Coombs'	7 0
Shelburne road from Coombs' to Lake Katy,	10 0
Road from Lake Katy towards Maitland road,	15 0
Middlesex road,	10 0
Cross road from Hessian line to Guinea bridge,	12 0
Cross road from Sam's brook to Guinea road,	12 0
Deep brook bridge and hill, Waldeck's line,	10 0
Tremper road from the front road to the Waldeck line,	7 0
Tremper road from Waldeck line to Bear River,	7 0
To explore and lay out a new road from D. Potter's lot, on the Negro line road, towards the Shelburne road,	8 0
On the road from the Negro line road to Bear River lake,	20 0
Victory road from Bear River lake road to the turnpike,	15 C
Union road from Digby county line towards Grafton,	10 0
Negro line road from the Tremper cross road towards Virginia,	10 0
Guinea road from the bridge to Mulligan's hill,	25 0
Guinea road from Mulligan's hill to Shelburne road,	7 0
Beals' mountain road east from Beals' towards Nictaux,	20 0
Daniels' bridge,	10 0
Road from the Albany road to Henry Beals' farm at the top of the mountain,	15 0
From the front road to the top of Beals' mountain,	10 0
Beals' mountain road west from John Whitman's,	10 0
Alteration past Joseph Fortune's, near Nictaux falls,	10 0
Albany road from Abner Parker's to Sanders' corner,	10 0
Annapolis road near Poole brook,	10 0
Durland cross road,	14 0
Road past Jacob Banks's,	10 0
Moore cross road from front road to top of mountain,	10 0
Spruce cross road from Pineo's east line to Brennan's clearing,	10 0
Spruce cross road from Brennan's clearing to Dalhousie road,	10 0
Dalhousie road from Shield's to the hill,	5 0
Dalhousie from Earron Hill to the McLaffety road,	10 0
Dalhousie road from Torry's bridge to the Meadow bridge,	10 0
Dalhousie road from the Meadow bridge to the church in Perott,	10 0
Dalhousie road from Perott to the township line,	7 0
McLaffety road,	5 0
To Cyke the road and repair the bridge at Allan's creek,	15 0
On the Phiney cross road from the post road to the top of the mountain,	10 0
Phinney cross road from the top of the mountain to Bay Shore,	10 10
Breakwater at Eager's bridge,	6 0
From Lawrencetown line to Peter DeLancy's,	10 0
Lake Hill road towards Rice's mill,	10 0
Shaw road,	15 0
Liverpool road from Dennie's hill to Orde's,	15 0

On

On the Liverpool road from Pyke's north line to 11 mile brook,	£15 0
Liverpool road from 11 mile brook to the long causeway,	15 0
To pay Gilbert Hill an over expenditure on the bridge over the Paradise lake stream on the Thorne cross road, Dalhousie,	4 0
On the road from the Morse cross road to the first causeway, including the same,	10 0
Road from the Morse cross road from the first causeway to Abner Taylors,	10 0
Road from the Morse cross road from Abner Taylor's to Thorne's mills,	10 0
To be appropriated by the government,	675 0
	£1664 0

## GREAT ROAD MONEY.

To pay first instalment and interest on loan of last year,	112 0 0
Over-expenditure on Bear River bridge,	44 7 6
Over-expenditure at Point, Annapolis town,	4 7 6
Re-build Bent's bridge, Annapolis town,	40 0 0
Re-build Fairn's bridge, Annapolis town,	6 0 0
Finish Bear River bridge,	50 0 0
Repair the road at the Point, Annapolis town,	20 5 0
On the post road from Sander's bridge to the top of Brown's hill,	10 0 0
To repair the bridge by Henry Prat's,	10 0 0
Over the Phinney aboiteau,	10 0 0
By Stephen Parker's mill,	10 0 0
By Calnek's bridge,	10 0 0
Granville ferry slip,	5 0 0
To be appropriated by the government,	144 0 0
	£476 0 0

## UNDRAWN MONEY.

Amount of road and bridge money remaining undrawn, and added to the road grant of this year by a resolution passed by the legislature,	73 9 10
Appropriated as follows, viz :	
To pay advance to Daniel Hall,	8 0 0
John Rice,	10 0 0
Obediah Nealy,	12 13 4
John Pearce,	3 1 0
On the cross road on the line between the township of Granville and Wilmot,	5 0 0
On the Liverpool road from Gray's cottage to Annapolis,	34 15 6
	£73 9 10

## KING'S COUNTY,

*Resolved*, That the sum of seventeen hundred and twenty-eight pounds granted for the cross roads and bridges in the county of King's, as also the sum of four hundred and seventy-six pounds granted for the great road service within said county, be subdivided as follows, viz :

For repair and sustaining the east bridge over Cornwallis river, agreeable to proviso of the resolution passed by the legislature in the session of 1856, £400 0 0

## TOWNSHIP OF CORNWALLIS.

1856.		Over-expenditure.					
No.	55—Joel Porter,	1	1	3			
	63—Richard Mahar,	0	9	3			
	97—Samuel Sharp,	0	5	7			
		<hr/>			1	16	1
	4—Alexander McConnell,	0	7	6			
	6—Joseph Morris,	1	3	3			
	10—Joseph Spicer,	6	5	0			
	17—James Clem,	0	12	6			
	19—Jeremiah Hut,	0	7	0			
	24—Timothy Sulavan,	0	4	0			
	43—Robert Collins,	0	13	6			
	70—G. S. Rockwell,	1	0	0			
	73—William English,	0	6	1			
	77—William Kelly,	0	15	3			
	91—William Borden,	1	10	6			
	97—William Foot,	0	12	9			
	108—Wellington Clerk,	0	9	6			
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	Stephen Porter, on Hall's harbor road,	5	6	6			
	John O. Penio, opening new road, Canning,	16	10	0			
	John Borden, in building a bridge,	5	0	3			
	N. Porter, Hall's harbour road,	2	15	0			
	Henry White, in building bridge S. M. road,	3	3	9			
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## ORDINARY ROADS.

From Long Point road to Cove road, and to make an alteration at Mill Pond hill as laid out,	20	0	0
On road past P. McBride's to Oglevie Brook pier,	5	0	0
On road past Armstrong's to Oglevie Brook pier,	10	0	0
To complete alterations on road past Borden's to pier,	15	0	0
On road past Mrs. Hall's and Morris' to Givan wharf,	6	0	0
James Goold's and Glancy's,	7	0	0
William West's to the Bay,	5	0	0
To complete alterations on road past E. Condon's,	10	0	0
On road past P. Sarsfield's to Chute's cove,	6	0	0
Jeremiah Hut's to Chute's cove,	5	0	0
Enoch Arnold's to Canada creek,	5	0	0
To complete bridge and road at Dooly hill,	6	0	0
On cross road from William Loveless' to J. McMullen's,	6	0	0
On new road from Barnaby mill breakwater to Kelley's,	12	0	0
On road past R. Foot's down Bently mountain,	6	0	0

On road through the Irish settlement and to make bridge,	£16	0	0
From Woodworth road, Master's mountain, to Hall's harbor,	6	0	0
Ilsley's to Long Beach and Orsborn's ship yard,	6	0	0
Rand's saw mill to Scot's Bay road,	10	0	0
On Black Hole road to Safe harbor,	10	0	0
Mountain road up Woods' hollow,	8	0	0
Road past George Newcomb's to Woodworth road,	6	0	0
Ira Woodworth's road to Stephen Bennett's,	6	0	0
Scot's Bay road to Canning,	12	10	0
Scot's Bay mountain, hill and road,	14	0	0
Alteration of hill and road over Mill creek, Pero,	5	0	0
Road past past Henry Irving's to Baxter harbor,	6	0	0
From Cornwallis bridge to Town House and C. Tobin's,	8	0	0
Town House to steam mill,	5	0	0
John Strong's to Jackson's mills, post road,	6	0	0
To open new road past R. T. Lyons'	12	0	0
To open new road past Foresyth's saw mill,	5	0	0
From post road on road past John Taylor's,	10	0	0
Collins' road on road past Elijah Taylor's,	4	0	0
To extend alterations past Woodman's,	8	0	0
To repair road and bridge past Jordan's,	7	0	0
On road to Town House past Gibson's to Ells'	8	0	0
New road past William Foresyth's,	5	0	0
North end Huntington point road,	5	0	0
Six Rod highway, near Hemming's,	6	0	0
Road past Joel Porter's to Givan wharf,	8	0	0
Jackson's mills to David Skinner's,	6	0	0
Over Big Hollow, near B. Mahar's,	5	0	0
From C. Foot's, past W. North's. to harbor,	5	0	0
From Huntington Point road to Hall's harbor,	6	0	0
On road past Noah and Samuel Rockwell's to Hall's harbor,	6	0	0
Gorden Sandford's to Split Hollow, Barr's creek,	5	0	0
Homes Crocker's to Little Lake,	8	0	0
From Canada Creek past Hagerty's, on Bluff,	6	0	0
To complete alterations of road, English mountain,	8	0	0
To open new road past William Kelly's to Ilsly road,	15	0	0
On Sydney Shaw's west line,	6	0	0
From Woodworth road to the bog,	10	0	0
To Ferry Creek Landing,	7	0	0
On road from Old Black Rock road to Canady Creek,	6	0	0
Past C. V. Rawding's to Canady Creek,	6	0	0
Past Joel Parrish's, and make the alterations,	15	0	0
To complete alterations on road past W. Roberson's,	5	0	0
New road through Borden's field to landing,	4	0	0
Alteration on road past John Woodworth's,	4	0	0
On road past J. Spicer's to Givan wharf,	5	0	0
Osborn's ship yard to Baxter's harbor,	8	0	0
Nathan Foot's to Dooly's, and to Wm. West's,	5	0	0
On new road from C. Burbridge's to road past Hemming's,	10	0	0
Road and bridge past Grand Dyke River,	6	0	0
Big bridge and road past C. West's to Pero,	16	0	0
To open up new road past Edward Foster's,	12	0	0
Henry White's to South mountain,	5	0	0

From



From Kidston road past Ragan's to Mees' road,	£6	0	0
On South End Cove road to Goold's road,	6	0	0
From Cornwallis bridge to Gisner mill pond bridge,	2	11	7
	£980	0	0

## CORNWALLIS GREAT ROADS.

From township line to Cold Brook on post road,	10	0	0
Cold Brook to Penio's,	12	0	0
Penic's to the Bog and to Canady Creek, and to complete alterations on Mountain hill,	86	0	0
Berwick, past Crocker's to Skinner's,	24	0	0
Skinner's to Nathan Fisher's,	14	0	0
Fisher's past Nichols' to the Givan wharf,	18	0	0
To complete repair of Cornwallis bridge, Kentville,	16	0	0
	£180	0	0

1856.

## AYLESFORD OVER-EXPENDITURE.

No. 119—William Eason's,	£11	13	4			
127—E. Donnelon,	0	14	9			
143—Amos Davinson,	0	10	10	12	18	11
Andrew Roberson on Messenger bridge,				23	5	0
John Birk, on Sherbrooke road,				3	0	0
John Jaques on Nichols' bridge,				13	16	6
William Kirkpatrick on bridge,				2	16	0
				55	16	5

## ORDINARY ROADS.

To open up new road past Foster's mills to Ormsby road,	8	0	0
From Morden road past Foster's mills,	8	0	0
From Canan road on Parker road to school house, thence to Cornwallis line,	6	0	0
To Lake George,	10	0	0
Lake George to 12 mile bridge,	6	0	0
12 mile bridge to Dalhousie,	8	0	0
On road past Otter Lake and Foot's to Duck Swamp,	6	0	0
S. Armstrong's to Cornwallis line,	5	0	0
Bishop's mills and B. S. Palmer's,	5	0	0
From Clermont road, near the Bay, to French cross,	25	0	0
Post road on Bishop's road to top of mountain,	7	0	0
Clermont road to top of mountain,	8	0	0
Top of mountain, Clermont road, to the Bay,	7	0	0
Foot of mountain, Ormsby road, to the Bay,	10	0	0
Ormsby road to Morden road, near the Bay,	12	0	0
Ganan to Gates' mills,	5	0	0
Ward road on Glebe road to Jackson road,	6	0	0
Lunenburg line in Dalhousie to Wilmot line,	6	0	0
To complete first section of alteration Morden road and roads past Patterson's,	6	0	0
From Nichols' road past Ewing's to Parker road,	8	0	0
Neely road past David Saunders'	10	0	0
On the north end of the Bishop road to the Bay,	12	0	0
Road past Enoch Parish's,	6	3	7
To open up alteration of road from Morden road to Buskirk's,	50	0	0
	£296	0	0

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## AYLESFORD GREAT ROADS.

On main road from town line to Elisha Harris'	£10	0	0
Elisha Harris' to Nichols'	35	0	0
Baptist chapel to Wilmot line, and to complete alterations at Millers'	25	0	0
For the Vails' River bridge,	25	0	0
Spinney bridge,	20	0	0
To complete alterations at Morden hill by Wetton's,	10	0	0
From Morden hill alteration to French Cross,	11	0	0
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	£136	0	0

## HORTON ROADS.

To repay over-expenditures :—			
To Thomas Bishop,	£0	8	9
Daniel Bishop,	4	14	0
Elisha Rogers,	6	10	0
John D. Kelly,	15	18	1
Stephen Dodge,	3	16	0
Benjamin Condon,	5	1	6
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	36	8	4
From Edward P. Borden's to county line, Hantsport,	5	0	0
Daniel Crowell's to Thomas Earl's,	5	0	0
Thomas Fitzgerald's to Hantsport,	25	0	0
Daniel Crowell's to county line, old Mount Denison road,	5	0	0
John L. Pelton's to post road, near Hantsport,	10	0	0
Post road towards Little Chester, New Fielding road,	10	0	0
Walbrook, Round Clay Hill, to Half-way River,	10	0	0
Daniel Bishop's to Benjamin's saw mill,	10	0	0
Benjamin's saw mill to Jere Graham's,	10	0	0
Daniel Bishop's to Five roads,	10	0	0
Daniel Bishop's to John L. Pelton's,	5	0	0
John Ryan's to old post road, near Bishop's,	5	0	0
Daniel Coyle's to Five roads,	5	0	0
Vaughan's mill to Bezanson's mill,	5	0	0
James Vaughan's to Reed's corner,	5	0	0
James Davison's mill to stone bridge, new road,	40	0	0
Stone bridge to Martin's bridge,	20	0	0
James Davison's mill, by Silas Davison's, to Daniel Caldwell's,	5	0	0
Black River school house, by Reddin's, to C. Atwell's,	5	0	0
Thomas Davison's to Barebine bridge,	5	0	0
Charles Miner's to Black River, (new road,)	10	0	0
Charles Miner's, by A. Johnston's, to Abner Kinnes', (new road,)	7	10	0
John Atwell's to Abner Kinnes', (new road,)	7	10	0
John Atwell's to James Vaughan's, (new road,)	10	0	0
Abram Dorman's, past Ells', to Scovill road,	5	0	0
Ezekiel Benjamin's to Sandy Point, (alteration )	20	0	0
James Stevens' to Thomas Scofil's, (Tinker Hill alteration,)	10	0	0
Jere Kinne's to Wolfville, including Kinne's bridge,	15	0	0
Bishop's mill, by Scovill's mill, to Condon's mill,	25	0	0
Condon's mill to Sherbrooke road,	10	0	0
Greenwich, past Cahill's, to Sandy Point,	7	10	0
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From Sandy Point to Canaan,	£5	0	0
Thomas Hancock's through Deep Hollow,	25	0	0
James West's to Edward Witter's,	5	0	0
Wood & Mosher's mill to township line.	10	0	0
Arthur Murphy's, by James Woodworth's, to P. Murphy's,	10	0	0
Matthew Trenholm's over Fitch bridge,	10	0	0
Unappropriated, at disposal of government,	13	1	8
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	£442	0	0

## HORTON GREAT ROADS.

From county line, Hantsport, to Lockhart's corner,	£35	0	0
Lockhart's corner to Reid's,	25	0	0
Reid's to Wolfville,	30	0	0
David Casey's to Gaspereaux bridge,	25	0	0
Gaspereaux bridge to county line,	25	0	0
Unappropriated, at disposal of government,	20	0	0
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	£160	0	0

## HANTS COUNTY.

## GREAT ROAD GRANT.

To rebuild the one half of bridge at Parker's,	£90	0	0
From Parker's bridge to Keys' bridge, and to pay over-expenditure to John Wickwire, of £10 14s.,	160	0	0
Half-way house to Martin's, and to pay an over-expenditure to Lockhart Sweet, of £112,	300	0	0
Martin's to Windsor bridge,	150	0	0
Thomas Medden's to Falmouth line,	25	0	0
Falmouth line to George Swinehammer's,	25	0	0
George Swinehammer's to Gildert's,	23	0	0
On road and bridge past Brown's hill,	50	0	0
From Avon bridge to Great Bog,	15	0	0
Great Bog to Half-way River, and to pay Wm. Armstrong over- expenditure of £42,	80	0	0
Half-way River to county line,	15	0	0
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	£933	0	0

## NINE MILE RIVER.

To rebuild bridge at Grant's, Nine-mile River,	160	0	0
At Gardiner's,	40	0	0
At A. Thompson's,	10	0	0
From Wallace's mill to Rolston's,	15	0	0
Indian road towards Five-mile River,	5	0	0
Road past Burris',	3	0	0
Road past Richard Baker's,	3	0	0
Windsor road to Nine-mile River,	10	0	0
On road from John Grant's past Ladis',	16	0	0
From McPhee's bridge to McKenzie's, on new road,	8	0	0
On road past John McDonald's to Indian road,	6	0	0
From John Caldwell's to Indian road,	4	0	0
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On road past John O'Neil's,	£3	0	0
New road from Gore to McKinzie's,	6	0	0
Road past John Wright's to Indian road,	4	0	0
Road and bridge near Even McPhee's,	10	0	0
Past Thomas McDonald's hardwood land,	6	0	0
Bernard McGuire's,	4	0	0
New road from Ryan's creek to Nelson's, and to pay Peter Etter over-expenditure of £12 6s. 4d.,	52	6	4
New from Maitland to Beatie's,	100	0	0
From James McDougall's past McPhee's,	105	4	10
On road head of Kenticook to Maitland,	18	0	0
Past Geary's to Five-mile River,	5	0	0

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## NEWPORT.

To rebuild Kenticook bridge,	£200	0	0
Secure the pier at New Kenticook bridge,	30	0	0
Rebuild bridge near Oliver Dimock's,	50	0	0
Bridge and road near William McKay's,	20	0	0
Rebuild bridge near Jacob Wier's,	7	0	0
Repair Cockmagun bridge,	5	0	0
On road near Sterling's,	15	0	0
Road at Muddy Marsh,	10	0	0
Leading to town landing,	5	0	0
From Brooklyn and St. Croix bridge,	10	0	0
Devizes Mosher's to Isaiah Dimock's,	5	0	0
Isaiah Dimock's to Constantine's,	5	0	0
Miller's creek to Cockran's farm,	5	0	0
Cockran's farm to Thomas A. Harvey's,	5	0	0
Kentecook bridge to William Burgess',	10	0	0
Travel Sanford's,	10	0	0
On new road past George Salter's,	5	0	0
Near Isaac Sanford's,	5	0	0
From Kenticook road to William Salter's,	5	0	0
James Cockran's to Constantine's,	5	0	0
Parker's mill to Phillip Harvey's road,	5	0	0
Philip Harvey's road to John Dimock's,	5	0	0
On road past George Stephens',	5	0	0
From James Fisher's to Rawdon line,	5	0	0
On road leading past major Greno's,	5	0	0
Interest to be paid to bank of Nova Scotia,	10	0	0
To pay Abraham Dimock's account,	18	0	0
B. W. Cochran's account,	6	9	0
John Harvey's do.	12	1	0
Ezekiel Marsters' do.	4	4	0
Daniel Lockhart's do.	7	8	0
Nelson Wolaver's do.	4	18	0

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## KEMPT.

From Tennecape to A. Richey's west line,	£12	0	0
Richey's west line to Walton village,	5	0	0
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From Walton to Egypt farm,	£4	0	0
Walton to Rainy Cove,	5	0	0
Bass creek to Chiveree,	4	0	0
Newport line, past Encum Harvie's, to Chiveree,	8	0	0
On new road from Chiveree to Cambridge,	7	0	0
Road past Bradshaw's, and pay Joseph Caldwell £3 3s. 9d.,	11	0	0
Goshen farm,	3	0	0
From Petite bridge to Newport line,	22	0	0
Rainy Cove to Bass Creek,	±	0	0
	£85	0	0

## NOEL.

To repair Tom Cod bridge,	6	0	0
Rebuild Kenticook bridge,	160	10	7
From Isaac Withrow's to John McDougall's,	10	0	0
John McDougall's to Kenticook bridge,	5	0	0
Noel mill past John Falkner's mill,	5	0	0
Noel to Tennecape, and bridge,	30	0	0
On new road at Burncoat,	5	0	0
From Jacob Hennigar's to Densmore's mill,	4	0	0
Kenticook bridge to Rawdon line,	8	0	0
Grove meeting house, past J. A. Scott's, to Covert's road,	3	0	0
On road past Joseph Thompson's,	3	0	0
James Harvey's,	4	0	0
From Hugh Burns' to A. Ettinger's,	3	0	0
Burton's towards Nine-mile River,	4	0	0
On road past Sloan's,	5	0	0
	£255	10	7

## RAWDON.

To repair Herbert bridge,	40	0	0
From Meander river to Windsor road,	5	0	0
On road past Bond's mill,	5	0	0
From John Dimock's past Francis Parker's,	4	0	0
From James Withrow's to Fahie's road,	24	0	0
Fahie's road to county line,	24	0	0
Alexander Sims' to Cahill's shop,	5	0	0
Withrow's mills to Beaver Bank road,	5	0	0
To Douglas' road, past Wilson's,	4	0	0
Rawdon church to Newport line, past Caldwell's,	5	0	0
Edward Murphy's to Newport, past Stephens',	5	0	0
On new road past John Smith's,	5	0	0
Alteration past William Dimock's,	5	0	0
From old Windsor road to Welsh's farm,	10	0	0
Welsh's farm to Beaver Bank road,	5	0	0
To open up road from railroad near half-way house and Beaver Bank,	5	0	0
	£156	0	0

## FALMOUTH.

To ballast Avon bridge, and pay Edward Taylor £118,	125	0	0
Repair forks bridge,	6	0	0
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From Barkhouse's to Horton line,	£15	0	0
Muddy bridge to Barkhouse's,	10	0	0
Muddy bridge and causeway, and to pay Nat. Davidson £7 10s.,	3	10	0
For cross road, and to pay Daniel Bishop £2,	5	5	3
From Thomas Manning's to old post road,	10	0	0
On new road back of Manning's, and to pay F. Payzant £3 14s. 9d.,	13	14	9
To repair and gravel road from James Elderkin's to captain Darmand's,	7	0	0
Captain Darmand's to Stoddart's,	7	0	0
Stoddart's to half-way bridge, and to pay Joseph Shaw £19,	26	0	0
From post road to Hantsport,	23	0	0
Hantsport to Horton,	8	0	0
For new bridge across windmill creek,	25	10	0
From post road to Dan Bishop's,	10	0	0
	£305	0	0

## WINDSOR.

From St. Croix bridge to post road,	20	0	0
Isaac Dewol's to upper Avon bridge, the one half to be expended between the bridge and Treholm's,	15	0	0
Old Ponhook road,	7	0	0
Curry's factory to forks,	12	0	0
For Dawson's road, with £7 undrawn in 1856,	8	0	0
To rebuild Winkworth bridge,	25	0	0
For alteration of road at Prospect hill,	10	0	0
Old Ardoise road,	7	0	0
New cross road, from Thomas Collins' to Windsor road,	8	0	0
From Benjamin Sweet's to Winkworth,	7	0	0
	£119	0	0

## COUNTY OF COLCHESTER.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine pounds, for the service of the roads and bridges of the county of Colchester, and seven hundred and seventy-three pounds of the great road money, be applied as follows :—

To repair road from A. Matheson's to main road, near W. Waugh's,	£2	0	0
Murdoch's bridge to John Mingo's,	5	0	0
John Mingo's to county line, and from J. Forbes' to Muckler's, Point Brule,	6	10	0
R. Cutten's to Donaldson's,	5	0	0
Donaldson's to G. Gotty's, junr.,	2	10	0
G. Gotty's to J. Mattatall's, and to pay J. Lombard for over-expenditures on said road,	8	0	0
J. Mattatall's to Cumberland county line,	4	0	0
McIntosh's to J. Peugh's,	4	0	0
J. Millard's to McIntosh's,	4	0	0
McIntosh's to McMullen's,	3	0	0
Lockerbie's bridge to Millard's,	3	0	0
Millard's to Simple's,	6	0	0

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To repair road from Simple's to county line,	£4	0	0
Point Brule road to Bentley's,	3	0	0
To complete bridge near D Bentley's,	5	0	0
To repair road from Bentley's to Isaac Langel's, on the Point,	7	0	0
N. Wetherby's to J. Langel's,	4	0	0
Buckley's to N. Wetherby's,	4	0	0
J. Chambers' to J. Wetherby's,	5	0	0
J. Chambers' to Lockerby's,	5	0	0
J. Millard's to A. Ross',	6	0	0
Murlock's to McLeod's,	4	0	0
Bellfire mills to W. Mattatall's,	3	0	0
Moore's mills to P. Burke's,	3	0	0
Burk's to Rood's,	3	0	0
Corktown to Kemptown,	5	0	0
Tatamagouche to Oliver's bridge,	8	0	0
Oliver's bridge to R. Bell's,	4	0	0
R. Bell's to R. Irvine's,	4	0	0
Meeting house to A. Langille's,	5	0	0
Bell's bridge to Donald McLeod's,	3	0	0
Donald McLeod's to county line,	8	0	0
Atchison's road to Lake road,	10	0	0
Atchison's road to A. Munro's,	5	0	0
Kennedy's to Rood's,	4	0	0
Byers' mills to D. McLeod's, by Harwick's, and to pay over-expenditure on said road,	10	0	0
Byers' mills to George Johnston's,	2	0	0
Wilson's bridge to William Bell's,	3	0	0
Moore's mills to J. Watson's,	3	0	0
A. Langel's to Ham's,	4	0	0
A. Langel's to Cox's,	3	0	0
H. Gass' to E. Totten's,	3	0	0
D. Koss' to main road, head of bay,	1	10	0
William Hayman's to R. Murray's,	3	0	0
To pay A. Langel for building a bridge,	25	0	0
Pay half cost of Dewar's bridge,	22	7	2
John Munro for sum expended some years ago on road through Tatamagouche, on his account being duly audited and vouched,	12	0	0
Repair road from Onslow town line to Charles Graham's,	9	0	0
Charles Graham's to widow Ross',	6	0	0
Widow Ross' to William McKay's, River John road,	10	0	0
William McKay's to county line,	5	0	0
John McKay's mills to R. Murray's,	7	10	0
Robert Murray's to DesBarres' grant,	5	0	0
Paul McDonald's to Pictou county line, Bellican road,	6	10	0
Charles Graham's to Salmon River,	5	0	0
J. McKay's mills to Pictou line, by Murray's,	7	0	0
Widow Ross to Pictou line, by McKay's, on new line,	7	0	0
Widow Ross' to Tatamagouche, by A. McKay's mill,	8	0	0
A. McKay's mill to Wm. McKay's, on McBean's road,	8	0	0
Wm. McKay's to Pictou county line, on McBean's road,	3	0	0
Murdoch Sturdivan—To build a bridge near his house, and repair road,	5	0	0
To make and repair road from Doyle's to Cumberland line,	10	0	0

To make and repair road from Doyle's to Harrington's,	£20	0	0
Daniel Morrison's past Edw. Morrison's,	5	0	0
Leading past Jacob Durning's,	3	0	0
From William Moore's to John Campbell's,	8	0	0
Main road to Economy Point,	5	0	0
River Philip road,	7	0	0
Main road to Henry Densmore's,	5	0	0
Cerner near J. McLaughlin's to E. branch,	4	0	0
Little Bass to Big Bass River, (new line.)	40	0	0
Neil Campbell's to Bass River, and to pay J. W. Davidson over-expenditure 1856,	16	0	0
Paul Carr's to Cumberland line, 60s. of it to be expended north of S. Wilson's,	15	0	0
Silas Crow's to Cumberland line,	5	0	0
Joseph Spencer's to Acadian mines, and to pay Goodall over-expenditures in 1856,	13	0	0
Acadian mines to Wallace road,	9	0	0
John Dill's to George McLelan's,	3	0	0
From William Slack's to James McElmun's,	3	0	0
Folly to Cumberland line,	15	0	0
East side Folly Lake,	3	0	0
Road leading past Daniel Totten's to Debart River,	3	0	0
Joel Slack's to Charles Flemming's,	3	0	0
John McDormont's to Onslow line,	6	0	0
Robert Each's to R. Fletcher's,	3	0	0
Samuel Chisholm's to Samuel Pratt's,	3	0	0
John Little's to Francis McLean's,	5	0	0
Spencer's Point to main road,	5	0	0
Alexander Diarmind's to Chiganois,	3	0	0
Road leading past widow Pearson's,	4	0	0
Perry's leading past McElmun's mills,	3	0	0
McNutt's to Debart River school house,	4	0	0
Debart River school house to widow Fletcher's,	5	0	0
Fletcher's mills to McCully's,	5	0	0
Robert McLaughlin's to William Young's,	5	0	0
To repair and cut down the Layton hill,	4	0	0
From John Cotnum's to Peter Totten's,	7	0	0
G. W. McLelan—For cash paid T. Cook, repairing road to Acadian mines in 1855,	1	6	6
Do. For plank and repairing Great Village bridge, 1855,	1	16	6
Do. Do. L moon bridge, 1856,	1	2	0
To repair road to Crauberry landing,	4	0	0
From John Dill's to William Slack's,	3	0	0
Chiganois bridge,	7	0	0
To repair and alter road at Portique Mountain,	10	0	0
Complete road at Clark Hollow,	14	3	8
Francis Fulton—For over-expenditures in 1855,	13	15	6
Thomas Cook—    Ditto on road to Acadian mines,	18	8	7
William McKim—    Ditto ditto,	9	10	9
Samuel McLean—For bridge at James McElmun's,	4	18	0
Less to be paid out of undrawn money, Nos. 32, 80, 207, 189 and 164,	0	14	4
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From Truro to Harmony, by Wilson's mountain,	£5	0	0
Hollingworth's,	10	0	0
To repay expenditure by Richard Christie, between Harmony and Shubenacadie,	23	1	7
From Henry Christie's to William Cameron's,	3	0	0
Greenfield towards Henry Christie's, (n.w.)	5	0	0
To pay Alexander McKenzie for money expended on old Greenfield road,	3	0	0
To repair road from Upper Brookfield to Robert Carter's,	6	0	0
Robert Carter's to Daniel Carter's,	5	0	0
Past John Fisher's,	2	0	0
From Daniel Carter's to Shubenacadie, and new section round Collins' hill,	10	0	0
Green's creek to Black Rock,	10	0	0
To open a new line round Crow's hill, near Black Rock,	15	0	0
To repair road from Black Rock to Boar's Back,	10	0	0
To pay 3-5ths of expense incurred in cutting down hill through Old Barns, in 1856, by James N. Crow's, such 3-5ths not to exceed	62	12	11
To make section of new line up Beaver Brook, by Parks',	10	0	0
To repair road from John Parks' to Shubenacadie, (base line,)	5	0	0
Shore road between M. McCurdy's and John Barber's new line,	5	0	0
Road from shore road to landing,	5	0	0
William Hingley's to Halifax road,	5	0	0
Halifax road to Irvine settlement,	5	0	0
Brookfield, by John Kennedy's,	5	0	0
To open road from David Irvine's to Pictou road,	7	10	0
To pay William McLeod for expenditure building bridge on South Blank, North River,	12	10	0
To repair road between Samuel McNutt's and Asa Harris', by David Whippy's,	5	0	0
From Whippy road to Robert McCallum's,	2	10	0
Samuel Bartlett's to William McLeod's, North River,	6	0	0
Edward Taylor's to E. Mountain, past J. Blair's,	5	0	0
New Pictou road to David Johnson's,	2	10	0
Andrew Christie's to John Clifford's, past Jac. Lynd's,	5	0	0
Mrs. Dickson's,	6	0	0
James Johnson's to Jac. Lynd's mill,	5	0	0
Old Pictou road to McKenzie's mills, past Wall's, 1-3rd thereof to be expended beyond Dr. Ross',	6	0	0
Kempt Town to Earl Town,	6	0	0
Pictou road to Proudfoot settlement,	2	10	0
North River to line of Earltown, and to pay John Hatch £4 expen- ded on bridge at McNutt's, James Neill 30s. at Snooks', and 57s. on roads and bridges,	25	0	0
Wilson Lynd's up South Branch,	5	0	0
Meeting house, Onslow, to Crow's mills,	6	0	0
Crow's mills to Chiganois bridge,	4	0	0
Chiganois bridge to Alexander Burnhill's,	3	0	0
Eph. Staples' to John McDormond's,	5	0	0
William Staples' towards New Annan,	6	0	0
Pictou road to McKenzie's mills,	7	10	0
To repair bridge on Salmon River, at D. Eaton's,	6	3	4
From New Larig to Upper Stewiacke,	20	0	0
To make new line from Pembroke to new church,	20	0	0
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To repair road from S. Dyarmond's to cross roads, Gammell's mills to Guysboro' road,	£7 0 0	4 0 0
To build bridge at Dunlap's saw mill, repair road to Dean Settlement, and from that road to Middle Settlement,	5 0 0	
To repair road (new line) from Upper Stewiacke to Musquodoboit, by John Henry's, and to pay John Henry over-expenditure,	12 0 0	
To repair road from Otter Brook to Pembroke,	5 0 0	
To build a bridge over Meadow Brook, and to pay Hugh Dunlap, esqr., expenditure thereat,	12 0 0	
To repair road from Putnam's Brook to intervalle,	7 0 0	
To pay John Archibald expenditure on bridge at Jefferson's mill,	6 0 0	
To build a bridge over Stewiacke, below mouth of South Branch, on pro- prietor of E. Tupper's farm contributing thereto £10,	59 0 0	
To repair road from South Branch to Middle Stewiacke, Middle Stewiacke to Lower Stewiacke,	5 0 0	13 10 0
Brookfield, and to pay E. Ful- ler expended thereon 25s.,	22 10 0	
To build bridge near Robt. Fisher's, and embankment between A. Fish- er's and Putnam's,	6 0 0	
To build bridge over Cay's Brook, Upper Stewiacke,	5 0 0	
To repair and finish new section between Lower Stewiacke and W. Boggs',	8 0 0	
To complete bridge over St. Andrews, to repay William Faulkner expended thereon £6 11s 3d., and to repair road between bridge and Halifax road,	16 11 3	
To open and repair new line between Gay's River and Parker's bridge, and to repay John Annand expended thereon in 1856, 64s. 4d.,	20 0 0	
To pay William Faulkner money expended on Lower Stewiacke bridge,	16 11 3	
To repair new line from Gay's River to Benjamin Campbell's,	10 0 0	
To pay Joseph Boomer for expenditure in building bridge near his place,	3 12 3	
To repair road from Holdsworth's to Shubenacadie, Corbet's to Thomas Johnson's,	4 0 0	3 0 0
To pay half expense of erecting bridge across Gay's River,	50 0 0	
To repair road from Holdsworth's to old Halifax road, William Boggs' to Green's Creek, Frame's to Duncan McPhee's,	4 0 0	10 0 0 3 2 9
To repay advances by government for bridge over Henderson's creek,	54 6 2	
To build half of bridge at Shubenacadie,	90 0 0	
To repair road from Shubenacadie to Truro, and to pay Robt. Smith ex- pended thereon £14 16s. 9d., and for materials procured there- for, £15,	165 0 0	
To repay advances for repairs to Truro bridge,	42 3 10	
To reflow Onslow bridge, repair road beyond do., and make brush heaps to restrain channel—to pay S. Archibald expenditure on bridges in Onslow £3 0s. 1d.,	70 0 0	
To pay John McKeen expenditure on Tatamagouche road,	50 0 0	
To repair road from A. McNutt's to Welsh's, Welsh's to Conkey's, Conkey's to Kent's, Kent's to Waugh's meeting house, Truro to Pictou line, and to pay S. Archibald ex- pended thereon £4 12s. 5d., and A. Mc- Ginty £4 3s. 2d.,	35 0 0	35 0 0 5 0 0 10 0 0 75 0 0
To build bridge on French River, repaying £33 15s. 9d., and £100 go- vernment advances in respect thereof, and W. Faulkner £6 13s. 9d. in respect of survey and plans,	550 0 0	

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To cut down Berry hill,		£8	0	0
William Faulkner - For road survey in 1856,		10	5	6
To repair road from McNeil's to Folly bridge,		12	0	0
William Corbet's to R. Corbet's,		7	0	0
Spencer's to Fall Brook,		12	0	0
Fall Brook to Cumberland line,		6	0	0
William Gray—For over-expenditure on Folly bridge,		3	14	4
Charles Sutherland—	Do.	5	2	3
Robert Corbet—	Do.	1	11	9
Thomas Morrison—	Do.	2	16	6
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## COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND.

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand five hundred and seventy pounds, fifteen shillings and nine pence, that is to say: one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine pounds cross road money—six hundred and forty pounds great road money, granted for the county of Cumberland in 1857,—and sixty-one pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence of undrawn monies reappropriated, be sub-divided as follows, viz:—

## EASTERN DISTRICT.

To repay David McCormick for over-expenditure,		£8	0	0
Advances on Dewar's bridge,		22	7	1
Made by A. McFarlane, for repairs of bridges and roads damaged by freshets,		66	10	1
From Dewar's bridge to Wallace harbor, and to repay John Waugh £1 over-expended,		30	0	0
Wallace bridge to Pugwash,		20	0	0
Black River to Colchester line,		70	0	0
River Philip bridge to Davis',		50	0	0
Wallace harbor to William E. Angevine's,		15	0	0
W. E. Angevine's to David Purdy's,		55	0	0
Wallace bridge to Kerr's mills,		10	0	0
Kerr's mills to W. G. Angevine's, and to pay J. N. B. Kerr £1 over-expended,		10	0	0
Henry Tee's to Colchester line,		10	0	0
Purdy's to county line, by Higgins',		20	0	0
Adam Bebee's to New Annan,		16	0	0
Purdy Betts' past Swallow's,		5	0	0
To repair main road by Stevens' to McKenzie's mill,		8	0	0
From widow Webb's by Moore's to Isaac Rushton's old place,		8	0	0
James D. Purdy's to George Rushton's,		5	0	0
David Teed's by R. Liner's to Moses Teed's,		5	0	0
Tuttle's to Burbidge's mills,		5	0	0
James D. Purdy's to Wesleyan chapel, by Tuttle's,		8	0	0
Porter's to James D. Purdy's,		15	0	0
Fountain's, Westchester, to Castlereagh,		5	0	0
William Vail's to Philip Stonehouse's,		15	0	0
Philip Stonehouse's to Colchester line,		15	0	0
East Branch road to John Paine's, by Johnson's,		5	0	0
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From Fullerton's to East Branch road,	£10	0	0
Oxley's to George Johnston's,	10	0	0
George Johnston's to Westchester road,	6	0	0
Upper River Philip bridge to Plaister Creek, and to pay Robert Donkin £2 over-expended,	20	0	0
Plaister Creek to Robert McNutt's,	10	0	0
Pugwash to James Dewar's,	8	0	0
James Dewar's to Fillmore's,	10	0	0
Forshner's to Fillmore's,	15	0	0
Dewar's road to Thompson's,	5	0	0
River Philip by Grey's road, through Victoria,	15	0	0
Henry Main's to John Watson's,	5	0	0
Romer Embree's to Tuttle's mills,	8	0	0
William Page's to Pugwash, (new line,)	15	0	0
William E. Angevine's to Carruthers', and to repair bridge,	6	0	0
Miles Thompson's to Page's road, past Wilkinson's,	6	0	0
Henry Brown's to Victoria Settlement road,	6	0	0
Colter's road to Grey's road, past Mitchell's,	6	0	0
Philip McKim's to Harrison's clear,	6	0	0
Jacob Betts' to Gehin's,	6	0	0
Gehin's to Victoria Settlement, by Street's ridge,	12	0	0
Victoria to John Fillmore's,	10	0	0
To repair Lake road from Thompson's to William McLeod's west line,	10	0	0
From Wallace bridge to Adolphus Purdy's,	12	0	0
William Hurd's to Six-mile road,	10	0	0
Methodist meeting house to Gulf road,	5	0	0
Tuttle's to George McIver's,	6	0	0
Main road to Gulf, by Tuttle's,	10	0	0
Pugwash to aboiteaux, past Miller's,	10	0	0
Oxley's to George McIvers',	6	0	0
Gulf road to Fox Harbour point,	5	0	0
Heustis' past Oxley's to Brown's,	15	0	0
Fox Harbor to Tait's,	5	0	0
Tait's to Knapp Forshner's, and repair bridge,	15	0	0
Dewar's to Six-mile road, past Stevens',	10	0	0
Stevens' to Peter Angevine's, (new line,)	15	0	0
Stevens' mills to Wallace harbour,	25	0	0
John McIntosh's to Stevens' road,	5	0	0
Six-mile road to Robertson's,	8	0	0
Stake school house to Dewar's,	8	0	0
Post road to Horton's, by Fulton's,	5	0	0
Horton's to Caufield's point, by Smith's,	5	0	0
To repair north shore road,	10	0	0
Stake road, from Horton's to Smith's,	5	0	0
From Ween's to Maligash Point, by McLeod's new line,	15	0	0
John Smith's to McNab's,	6	0	0
To repair the lower aboiteaux, Malagash,	10	0	0
Road from meeting house to Malagash Point,	5	0	0
To rail and finish new bridge, Malagash,	6	0	0
To repair the road from Carruthers to Charles Oxley's,	12	0	0

## CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To pay Asher Black, for bridge, Eddy road,	£29	6	4
For repairing bridge over Maccan river,	15	3	0
For repairing aboiteaux over LePance M. P. road,	92	2	6
For building bridge over Nappan river,	70	9	9
H. Fullerton, esquire, for balance repairing Wood's bridge, 1853,	6	14	9
For repairing bridge on main road to Parrsboro',	1	0	0
To repair the main road from Willis Baxter's (bridge inclusive) to Davis' mills in addition to £4 18s. 9d. undrawn 1856,	50	0	0
From Amherst to Fort Lawrence,	40	0	0
Nappan bridge to Amos Fowler's,	15	0	0
Parrsboro' line to Nappan bridge,	50	0	0
Black River to Thomas Roach's,	40	0	0
William Taylor's, Tidnish, to the Goose River road,	10	0	0
Toby's mills to Bent's,	43	2	8
Burn's mill dam to Chapman settlement,	20	0	0
Isaac Stuart's through Little Fork,	10	0	0
Fork settlement to post road, near H. Logan's,	10	0	0
Leister road near D. Bent's to Goose River road,	10	0	0
Liffy Chappell's to Toby's mill,	5	0	0
Henry Ryan's through Porter Town to post road,	10	0	0
Purdy's mills to Edward Niles', including bridge,	20	0	0
John Fage's past Hood Chapman's,	10	0	0
To repair Nappan road near William Keiver's, past Samuel Stuart's, to coal mines,	30	0	0
The road from Battie's shop past Stephen Smith's,	6	0	0
Symes road to Calvin Bent's,	10	0	0
From Leicester road past George Thompson's to River Philip,	10	0	0
Bridge across E. Brownell's mill pond to Burns' mill, bridge inclusive,	10	0	0
To repair the Shinnemeeas road near James Burns', past Timothy Brownell's, including bridge,	5	0	0
From Little River to Benjamin Smith's road,	25	0	0
Leicester road to River Philip, by Tait's,	5	0	0
Little Fork past Hunter's to Salt Springs,	15	0	0
Bend of main road above Benjamin Smith's to Robert Ripley's,	5	0	0
Edward Gordon's to school house near Black River,	15	0	0
Maccan mountain to Five Islands,	15	0	0
Smith's road past John Bigelow's Black Ferry road,	15	0	0
Goose River to Leicester road, by Benjamin Smith's,	10	0	0
Salt Springs, River Philip road, (new line),	10	0	0
Ellwood's to Salt Springs,	7	10	0
Burns' bridge past George Hunter's,	15	0	0
To repair cross road past Daniel Etler's,	5	0	0
From Maccan bridge to River Hebert, including bridge,	50	0	0
William Sharp's to James Rogers', round shore,	10	0	0
Lower Cove to Coal Mine road,	30	0	0
To repair road over Boar's Back,	10	0	0
From Pugsley's bridge to Ragged Reef,	10	0	0
Joseph Hannah's to New Canaan settlement, past E. Pugsley's,	5	0	0
To repair the main road near West Brook, on Canaan road, to Parrsboro' line,	5	0	0
From Colinwood Oxley's to Sweet's,	5	0	0
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From Felly Brook to River Philip,	£10	0	0
Shipley's past John Forrest's,	5	0	0
'tait's, River Philip, past captain Handley's, to Ell Creek,	15	0	0
Shore road near Ward's mill past Rufus Gordon's,	5	0	0
On Bird's road at Nappan,	5	0	0
Baird's road to Leicester,	8	0	0
Leicester road, from Wall's place past Jacob Monies', including building bridge near Monies',	20	0	0
From River Philip road to H. Diking's,	5	0	0
To make alteration near Alexander Hannah's,	7	10	0
Repair Kerr's bridge, Maccan,	20	0	0
Pay Hance Hunter over-expenditure Goose River road, 1855,	1	13	0
Charles Donkin, esquire, survey road from Pugsley's to forks,	5	0	0

## PARRSBORO' DISTRICT.

To repay John Mullins on bridge, over-expenditure,	25	0	0
C. Tupper, advanced Lewis Jenks for plan, Parrsboro' road,	2	0	0
On main post road past Gabriel's to Gaius Lewis', new line,	77	0	0
From Harrington's River to Moose River,	10	0	0
To repair the bridge near Edmund Fowler's, and road to C. Davison's,	12	6	9
From Moose River to Swan Creek,	10	0	0
Swan Creek to Mill Village,	10	0	0
Andrew McAloney's to Beaver Dam bridge, past J. Newcomb's and McKay's,	10	0	0
To repair Beaver Dam bridge,	7	10	0
From W. Dow's to Alfred Vickery's,	5	0	0
Diligent River school house to W. Dow's,	5	0	0
Cameron's mills to Welton's,	10	0	0
Robert Salter's over Wood's mountain,	5	0	0
John York's to landing, past Salter's,	7	10	0
Advocate Harbor to Cape D'Or,	5	0	0
Three Sisters to Advocate,	10	0	0
Advocate Harbor to Elderkin's, Apple River,	40	0	0
Maloney's to A. Spicer's, past J. Allan's,	5	0	0
To rebuild bridge near Spence's Island,	26	6	0
From Spicer's to W. Morris',	5	0	0
Alexander Grant's to J. Wilson's, past Grant's,	5	0	0
W. Morris' to Thomas Pritchard's,	7	10	0
Main road to Alexander Graham's,	7	10	0
Thomas Pritchard's to Ratchford River,	12	0	0
Ratchford River to Kam's Head river,	10	0	0
Ram's Head River to Elijah Fowler's,	7	10	0
Elijah Fowler's to cross road,	7	10	0
J. Vickery's to Bentley's,	7	10	0
To repair the main road past Pleshorne's,	5	0	0
Road leading from Parson's past J. Hatfield's,	5	0	0
From A. Smith's past J. Morris' to main road,	5	0	0
Albert Smith's to William Curry's,	5	0	0
Curry's to Delaney's clear,	5	0	0
Cross roads to J. Hannah's,	18	0	0
Bridge near Fullerton's to J. Hannah's,	25	0	0
Union meeting house to Jenks' meadow,	15	0	0
Jenks' meadow to Sand River,	7	10	0
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From Parrsboro' line past Rusco's, besides £5 undrawn last year,	£2 10 0
Robert Fullerton's to county line,	5 0 0
John Skidmore's to James Brown's,	5 0 0
Caleb Lewis' to William Skidmore's, (new line,)	5 0 0
Gaius Lewis' to Henry Jeffers',	7 10 0
Main road ditto,	5 0 0
Sadams' to James Taggart's,	5 0 0
Black Rock to T. D. Dickson's,	15 0 0
Black Rock to Diligent River,	40 0 0
Mill Village to Partridge Island,	10 0 0
To repair and open road from William McLeod's to Grey's road, in eastern district of county,	15 0 0
To repair and open road from Isaac Rushton's old place to Nathaniel Rushton's, in eastern district of county,	7 0 0
This sum reserved for contingencies, to be hereafter appropriated,	46 3 10
	£2570 15 9

COUNTY OF PICTOU.

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand three hundred and four pounds granted for the cross roads in the county of Pictou, as also the sum of £640 for the great roads in said county, be sub-divided as follows, viz :

	£2304 6 0
For preparing plan of the county, per resolution of house,	15 0 0
	£2289 0 0

OVER-EXPENDITURE.

Finishing west end of road from church to Sutherland's, Rogers' hill,	76 17 9
Side drawn bridges on Rogers's hill,	1 7 6
Glenfalloch road £13 10s., interest on ditto, 12s. 1d.	14 2 1
Building bridge over Toney River, at Johnston's mills,	26 0 0
Covering bridge at Langille's mills,	3 11 5
Road from Angus Sutherland's up west side Dalhousie,	54 3 3
New road north side Hardwood hill,	20 18 6
Road from Loch Broom bridge,	24 19 0
Road past Henry's towards River John,	17 1 6
On Fisher's grant road and wharf,	8 13 3
Repay advance repairing Milford bridge,	8 8 0
Building bridge east branch Toney River,	6 18 3
New road from McDonald's mills to Fitzpatrick's,	10 3 0
Bridge on Green Hill road,	2 2 0
Cross road at Cape John,	10 0 6
Road from McIvers' to James Fraser's, Toney River,	5 6 9
Cross road at Mount Dalhousie,	10 11 5
From Toney River church to Clarke's,	5 0 0
Main road south side Mount Dalhousie,	50 0 0
Repairing Borrying ground road,	10 0 0
New road from Lime rock to jail house at Graham's,	43 3 0

Repairing main road from West Branch to Colchester line, £6 0 0			
Balance due No. 8, last year, (by mistake)	1	15	0
Balance due No. 38 last year,	1	18	0
Instalment on account Loch Broom bridge,	59	0	0
Repairing road at Toney River,	7	7	6
Road at Mount Dalhousie,	15	0	1
Road Cape John,	6	0	0
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	506	7	9
On new road from church to Sutherland's, Rogers' hill,	50	0	0
On new road from church to McKenzie's mills,	15	0	0
New road from Sutherland's to Norman Douglass', Mount Dalhousie,	30	0	0
Road from Rodduk's mills to C. John road,	7	0	0
Road from Callus' to Garloch church,	30	0	0
Open and repair road from McPherson's to mill brook,	10	0	0
Build bridge across West River, and repair road from D. Campbell's to Garloch,	5	0	0
Repair Telegraph road, Town Gut, to River John road,	5	0	0
Open road through College grant from West Branch to Donald McLean's,	10	0	0
New road from church, Rogers' hill, by Hardwood hill, north side,	20	0	0
Cross road from Old Settlement, Mount Thom, to post road,	10	0	0
Road from Toney River to Carriboo River,	10	0	0
To repair bridge at West River.	5	0	0
To repair new road through Wilkins' grant to Stewiacke,	7	0	0
Road from Fitzpatrick's to McDonald's mills, Mount Dalhousie,	7	10	0
Hardwood hill to Black River,	7	10	0
Cross roads Eight Mile Brook to Lower Settlement,	7	10	0
Three mile house to Grog Brook,	5	0	0
River John to Cape John Road,	7	10	0
George Redpath's by Charles Stewart's to cross road,	7	10	0
Finish bridge across Four Mile Brook,	7	10	0
Repair road from Harbourne's towards River John,	10	0	0
Repair road from post road up east side River John,	15	0	0
Durham to cross roads, Rogers' hill,	15	0	0
For repairing Loch Broom bridge,	100	0	0
Cross road, Mount Dalhousie,	7	10	0
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	£917	17	9

## TOWNSHIP OF EGERTON, OVER-EXPENDITURE.

On road from Samuel McDonald's to Archibald's	12	7	4
On Middle River bridge towards New Glasgow,	25	12	2
From church at Holmes' to Grant's bridge,	14	6	0
On bridges at McBell brook and Albion Mines,	5	17	0
Re-building bridge at his place,	30	0	0
Bridge over Wright's brook, Little Harbor,	5	3	6
Near Duncan McGregor's,	5	15	0
Over McQuarrie's brook,	5	11	0
Over Big Gut, Middle River,	25	0	0
Large bridge at Albion Mines,	18	1	3
Bridge and road at Cameron's brook,	5	3	0
Balance due per account No. 68, last year, Grant's bridge,	139	3	3
On new road from Churchville towards New Glasgow,	5	13	6



As per account on file, No 23, last year,	£6 0 0	
Ditto No. 69,	25 14 0	
Ditto No. 80,	0 5 3	
Repairing road from Loading Ground,	2 18 7	
Bridge at Oggs' brook,	3 10 0	
Over-expenditure at Little Harbor, 1854,	9 7 0	
Re-building bridge at Rev. Mr. McGillveray's, Between St. Mary's and East Branch East River,	10 0 0	1 15 0
		357 2 10
To re-build bridge north McLellan's brook,	30 0 0	
To repair road from N. Glasgow to Fisher's grant, Mrs. Chisholm's to Sutherland's River, John McKay Smith's to the Glen,		5 0 0 25 0 0 5 0 0
To open and repair road from New Glasgow to McMillan's brook, be- sides £17 10s. undrawn,		22 10 0
To build bridge at Donald Barclay's,		15 0 0
Road from Ballentine's to McQueen's, L. Harbor and bridge at Mac- Donald's brook,		15 0 0
William Cameron's to John McLean's,		5 0 0
Repair road from Roy's Island to main road, Little Harbor, New Glasgow to Little Harbor, Robert McNaughton's to Fox Brook, West Branch by Arthur's mills to Stewiacke road, Churchville towards New Glasgow, Loading Ground to New Glasgow, West Branch East River to Grant's lower bridge, Hopewell to Gordon's, east side West Branch,		5 0 0 5 0 0 10 0 0 10 0 0 10 0 0 30 0 0 15 0 0 7 10 0 7 10 0
Bridge and cross roads at Gordon's mills,		5 0 0
Big Brook to Kieth's, West Branch,		5 0 0
C. McDonald's school house to main road at William McDonald's, West Branch,		5 0 0
Road from Ferry Wharf up east side Middle River, Hopewell to head of West Branch, west side, Archibald's to Samuel McDonald's, Middle River, East side of Middle River, Rocklin mills to old church, Cameron's shop to Thompson's brook, East Branch East River, Iron Mines to New Glasgow,		5 0 0 7 10 0 7 10 0 7 10 0 15 0 0 10 0 0 15 0 0
Building two bridges near James Fraser's, Saddler,		15 0 0
Road from Simon Thompson's to D. McDonald's, Weaver,		5 0 0
For repairing New Glasgow bridge,		30 0 0
For road from Grant's bridge up west side West Branch, Between Alexander Fraser's marsh and head of Middle River,		10 0 0 5 0 0
Road from C. McDonald's to James Cameron's,		5 0 0
		1645 0 7

## TOWNSHIP OF MAXWELTON, OVER-EXPENDITURE.

Building bridge over Baillie's brook, Gusset road,	£42 10 9½
Opening road west side B. River from old to new road, Between Blue Mountains and B. River,	35 18 10 20 15 1
From Dunn's mills to Patrick McGrath's,	7 10 0

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Opening road from Brown's mills to Piedmont,	£7	18	6			
Bridge at John McDonald's,	5	15	7½			
Thomas B Smith's to D. McDougall's,	10	0	0			
Craigie's to William Brown's,	14	0	0			
Opening new road to St. Mary's	41	11	4			
Balance re-building French River bridge,	50	9	0			
West end Piedmont road,	15	0	0			
From Malcolm Ross' to Alexander Grant's, B. River,	7	10	0			
Piedmont road to Gilles' meadow,	56	6	0			
On Mitchell's road,	14	15	2			
From Dunn's mills to McDearmed's,	14	17	6			
Instalment of one-third sum borrowed for St. Mary's road last year, viz: principal £66 13 4, interest £9,	75	13	4			
Repairing bridge over Mili Brook, Knoydart,	16	9	0			
Instalment on B. River bridge, principal £100, interest £12,	112	0	0			
						549 0 2
To repair landing near Lowden's mills,						5 0 0
From Paul Grant's to B. River, by M. Blair's,						5 0 0
Sluices, &c. on road up west side B. River, to D: Douglass'						10 0 0
Road east side B. River from Marshy Hope downwards,						5 0 0
From Brora Lake to Alexander McLeod's,						5 0 0
Brora Lake to Garden of Eden,						5 0 0
New road, Blair's, towards Blue Mountain,						10 0 0
Road from Forbes' lake to main road B. River,						5 0 0
Big Island to Merigomishe,						5 0 0
Back road Knoydart, from Duncan McLean's westward,						15 0 0
Lamont's road, Merigomishe,						5 0 0
From Marshy Hope to Thomas Irving's,						5 0 0
To repair Huggan's road,						5 0 0
Roads and bridge at Black Creek, St. Mary's,						9 19 2
						£2289 0 0

## ABSTRACT OF THE ABOVE.

Township of Picton,	£917	17	9½
Egerton,	727	2	10
Maxwelton,	643	19	4½
Expense of preparing map as above,	15	0	0
	£2304	0	0

## GREAT ROADS.

To repay advance by government to John Grant, River John road,	15	0	0
Malcolm Sellers,	10	0	0
James Reid, Mount Thom,	42	16	2
A Gordon balance due on road to Town Gut,	4	15	0
To Thomas Mc'Cabe, repairing bridge near River John,	3	15	4
John Henry, building bridge near River John,	19	3	5
Adam McKenzie, re-building Rose Hall bridge,	226	4	0
Repay advance to John McCone, Pictou to Lurham,	15	2	5
James Reid and Adam McKenzie, sundry repairs,	4	5	0
			To

To Kenneth McLean, River John, repairing bridge,	£0 15 9
Adam McKenzie, balance due him, 1855,	54 7 0
Ditto on account new cut at B. River, and repairs on road towards new Glasgow clearing, balance due him £145 18 1,	243 15 11
	£640 0 0

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COUNTY OF SYDNEY.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the ordinary road service,—and the sum of four hundred pounds for the great road service in the county of Sydney, for the current year,—be appropriated as follows :—

To repay Donald Robertson for repairing the Monroe bridge, Antigonish,	£4 10 7
Eleas Matty for over-expenditure on new line of road from Tracadie to McNair's Cove,	15 7 0
Duncan McInnis and William Carigan, for building the bridge at Rory McDonald's, Ohio,	59 14 3
John McDonald and Colin McDonald, for over-expenditure on road from Grant's mill through Brown's mountain, new line,	52 16 0
Adam Kirk, for over-expenditure on the road from Monroe's bridge to Crocket, on main post road to Barney's River,	10 1 3
Colin Chisholm, for building a bridge at Antigonish harbour, on the road to Cape George,	3 7 0
Donald Chisholm, for repairing the road, sluices and bridges between the county line and McBride's,	2 5 2
Samuel Cameron for over-expenditure on the new line of road from Big Brook, Pitcher farm, to Duncan Gillies,	5 15 6
Donald McMillan for over-expenditure in opening the first section of the new line of road leading from Lochaber to South River, past Campbell's church,	41 13 9
William Murray for over-expenditure in repairing the road from chapel, Lochaber, to Polson's lake,	7 16 0
Porphifer Petipas for expenditure on the road leading from the main road, Tracadie, to harbour's mouth,	9 9 3
Angus McGillivray for over-expenditure in repairing the road from Hugh McGillivray's to Pictou county line,	6 14 0
Hugh Chisholm for expenditure on Glen Roy's bridge, old Manchester road,	22 2 8
Abraham Landry for repairing the bridge at Frank Brusard's to Pomket Cove,	32 19 0
Rory McDonald for expenditure on the new line of road between Pomket forks and the Black River,	9 4 9
William Hunter for over-expenditure on road from widow Carol's to Hugh Dun's,	10 0 0
Lachlin Cameron expenditure on the eastern end of the bridge at McDonald's mill, S. River,	1 16 9
John Fraser for repairing road between Pompet forks and Fraser's grant,	10 0 3
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To repay Duncan Grant expenditure in opening a new line of road from Pomket forks through Fraser's grant,	£15 0 0
Ronald McDonald expenditure on a bridge on the road leading from Beaver Meadow to Back Settlement, to main post road,	5 0 0
Donald McIsaac for expenditure in repairing a bridge on the main post road from Antigonish to St. Mary's,	1 17 3
Hugh McPherson for repairing a bridge at Arisaig,	4 2 0
William Thomson for expenditure on the new line of road from William Thomson's to the Ohio road, near the chapel,	15 5 6
William Chisholm for repairing a bridge on the road between Little River and Indian chapel,	5 11 9
John McDonald for repairing road from James Campbell's to Glen Hide,	1 1 0
Valentine McKinzie and Donald Fraser for over-expenditure on the main post road from Hugh McDonald's, esquire, to St. Andrew's,	252 0 0
Adam McKinzie expenditure in repairing Wilkie's bridge, on the road leading from Antigonish to the Cape,	8 3 0
John Stuart for repairing a bridge at Lochaber, on main post road to St. Mary's,	4 0 4
Valentine McKinzie and Donald Fraser, for expenditure on road from Antigonish to St. Andrew's, west side S. River,	14 16 9
John McGillivray for expenditure on road from Big Marsh to Gulf road,	7 0 0
Archibald McDonald in repairing the road from Fraser's grant road to Guysboro' road,	10 1 2
Lauchlin Cameron and Duncan Cameron over-expenditure on the new line of road from Donald McIsaac's to Peter McFarlin's, eastern side of South River,	46 7 0
William Boile for over-expenditure on the road from Fraser's grant to Tracadie,	10 4 0
Celestian Doiron for expenditure in repairing Brusard's bridge at Pomket,	5 0 0
Julian Delorie and Isail Boudrot for over-expenditure on the road from Barrias Beach to new main post road to Gut of Canso,	20 0 0
Richard Bailey expenditure on the road from Thomas Bailey's to Angus McNeil's,	10 0 0
Donald McDonald for expenditure on building a bridge at Beaver Meadow,	53 8 10
Archibald Chisholm expenditure on the road from Trotter's farm to William Chisholm's, (Thomas' son,)	16 0 9
Adam McKinzie in repairing Wilkins' bridge, on the road from Antigonish to Sherbrook,	4 6 0
Luke Levangie on road from Harbor au Bouche to Back Settlement,	5 0 0
This sum placed for future expenditure at the disposal of the government,	751 5 6
	£1561 0 0

## GREAT ROAD GRANT.

To repay Adam McKenzie for expenditure in erecting a new bridge over Whidden's river, west end of the town of Antigonish, and repairing the bridge over the river near Samuel Thomson's, at east end of the town, and repairing the bridge over Jones's River, near Nields',	152	0	0
This sum placed for future expenditure at the disposal of the government,	248	0	0
	<u>£400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## COUNTY OF GUYSBOROUGH.

*Resolved*, That the sum of four hundred pounds, granted for the service of the great roads in the county of Guysborough for the present year, be applied as follows, viz. :—

To over-expenditure by D. Lawlor, on bridge near Lawlor's, in 1856,	£75	0	0
Repairing road near Lawlor's,	7	17	6
By D. Kennedy, between Lawlor's and Neal's,	10	7	10
By D. Covey, between Rogers' and county line,	6	4	0
Between Mink bridge and county line, by M. Doyle's,	2	5	11
By J. A. Tory, building bridge at Miller's Cove, and opening road by Francheville's point,	30	12	2½
To alter and repair road, and to pay over-expenditure £80 7s. 6d. by Thos. Glencross and J. Hattie between Archibald's mill and county line,	133	6	8
To over-expenditure by D. Gunn, on eastern road,	1	2	6
By W. Sutherland, on eastern road,	1	10	6
By W. & A. Tory, on Milford Haven bridge,	5	19	0
To build a bridge at Beaver Dam, and repair road between Hurley's and Neal's,	45	0	0
To open and improve the new line of road from Milford Haven bridge to W. Simpson's, and to pay Irad Whitman over-expended in 1856, £10,	50	0	0
To repair Goose Harbor bridge,	30	13	10½
	<u>£400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*Resolved*, That the sum of one thousand five hundred and sixty-one pounds, granted for the service of roads and bridges in the county of Guysborough, and the further sum of nine pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, undrawn and appropriated for the same service, be applied as follows :—

To repay advance by government for relief of fishermen,	£500	0	0
Amount of over-expenditure on Salmon River bridge, by J. Jamieson,	129	10	0
By M. Meagher, on Whitehead road,	30	0	0
By Geo. Scott, at bridge near Spanks',	95	15	0
By A. McDonald, N.W. Br. Sal'n. River,	13	8	9
By G. Spanks, on road from new bridge at his place,	2	11	0
By M. Farrell, on road from post road to R. Smith's,	4	19	0
To			

To amount of over-expenditure by John Brophy, on road from Rogers' towards S. R. Lakes,	£10	0	0
By Pat. Walsh, on Romans' valley road,	1	1	6
By J. Ryan, on old Saint Mary's road,	2	6	0
By W. Taylor, sawing materials for Salmon River bridge,	2	14	0
By H. Horton, sawing materials, ditto,	1	8	0
Improve the new line between McNair's Cove and Pirate Cove, and to pay J. B. Hadley £3 expended in 1856,	45	0	0
Repair the road from McKay's cross roads to Paul Lect's,	10	0	0
Paul Lect's to J. Stropel's,	10	0	0
Pay McPherson, Mattocks and Summers £30 expended by them in 1856,	30	0	0
John Campbell's over-expenditure,	10	3	0
Alexander Fraser expended by him in building a bridge in 1856,	5	16	9
Repair the road from Broad Cove to Mahar's west line, and to pay expenditure of £8 17s. 8d. in 1856,	8	17	6
Repair the road from Mahar's west line to James Hamilton's, on reserve road,	5	0	0
Repair the road between Clam Harbor bridge and school house near Seranterm's,	15	0	0
Assist him in opening a road from Gut road, at his place, to Oyster Pond,	5	0	0
Repair road from Half-way run to county line,	10	0	0
Half way run to Peter Wall's,	10	0	0
James Hamilton's to Patrick Murphy's, and to pay over-expenditure,	7	14	8
P. Murphy's to Tracadie, on new line,	10	0	0
Anderson's to Pirate's Cove,	10	0	0
And bridges from Poor's brook to Goose Harbor, and to pay over-expenditure £3,	10	0	0
From Myers' bridge to Goose Harbor bridge, and to repair the bridge near Myers',	11	17	3
County line to township line, by P. Davis',	4	0	0
Pay sum expended by Edwd. May, between McNair's Cove and Cape Porcupine,	12	10	0
Repair the road from Carpenter's to Morris' mill, and from thence to meet Guysboro' road,	9	10	0
S. Hart's to Thomas Keating's,	10	0	0
Open new line between East River and foot of Lochaber lake,	50	0	0
Over-expenditure by John Murray, between Lockaber lake and Goshen,	7	16	0
Pay advance to David Archibald, and to repair road between Sherbrooke and Archibald's tannery,	40	0	0
Repair road from Archibald's mill to Forks bridge,	15	0	0
Over Cochran's hill,	20	0	0
Pay John Sinclair over expenditure by him on road from Goshen, and to improve road to Country Harbor,	58	0	0
Repair and alter road between Sherbrooke and Ely's Cove,	20	0	0
Improve road between St. Mary's river and Bear Brook,	22	7	0
Aid in repairing bridge over Ecum Secum river, and to improve road thence to Clay Head,	30	0	0
Repair road between Liscomb and Clay Head,	10	0	0
Improve road between Archibald's tannery and Indian Harbor lakes,	20	0	0
To			

To repair road west side Indian Harbor lake,	£12	10	0
East side ditto,	12	10	0
Between Holland's and Indian Harbour,	12	0	0
Improve road between Indian Harbor and Wine Harbor,	10	0	0
Improve road between Wine Harbor and Ely's Cove,	15	0	0
Repair East River bridge, and road thence to cross roads at Cameron's,	15	0	0
Improve road from forks to school house at end of E. River road, and to pay S. Cumminger over-expenditure in 1856,	27	10	0
Repair road between school house, end of E. River road, and East River bridge, and to pay over-expenditure by A. Cameron,	22	10	0
Repair road between cross roads and Bear Brook,	10	0	0
Improve road between Bear Brook and Sydney county line,	12	10	0
Improve road from Archibald's to Stewart's, Country Harbor,	19	0	0
Stewart's to Isaac's harbor,	20	0	0
Isaac's Harbor to New Harbor,	19	0	0
Improve road west side Country Harbor,	12	10	0
Improve new line of road from McNeil's back lands to Giant Lake,	12	10	0
	£1570	15	5

## COUNTY OF CAPE BRETON.

*Resolved*, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-six pounds, granted for the service of great roads, and eighteen hundred and twenty pounds for the service of cross roads—in the whole amounting to two thousand four hundred and forty-six pounds—in the county of Cape Breton, for the year 1857, be applied as follows:—

## OVER-EXPENDED ON CROSS ROADS.

By Michael Fraser, on North-west Arm road,	£17	18	9
Archibald Campbell, on road to Bridgeport,	8	16	8
Alexander Beaton, on road at George's River,	10	0	0
John McDonald, on Upper Mire road,	7	16	0
John Martin, on road at Grand Lake,	15	0	3
Dennis Lamey, on road at Ball's Creek,	6	8	0
John McPhee, for repairing bridge,	3	0	0
Donald McDonald, for bridge at Mire,	2	17	9
Hugh McGillivray, for bridge at Low Point,	40	17	7
Donald McKeagan, on road at Mire,	2	15	0
Joseph Dobson, on road at the creek,	7	0	0
John Sheehan, for bridge at Bridgeport,	15	0	0
Philip McKay, on road at Kilkenny Lake,	5	0	0
Fenton Mahon, on road at ditto,	5	0	0
Philip Hayes, for bridge on Bridgeport road,	10	0	0
John Ryan, on Big Hill, French road,	15	0	0
James Howie & Nicholas Boutilier, for repairing Big Glass Bay bridge,	22	13	8
Donald O. Handley, on road at Long Island,	10	0	0
William Daley, on road at North-west Arm,	8	19	7
Alexander Moore, for bridge at George's River,	2	17	6
Arnold Holmes, junr., for bridge at Cow Bay,	10	0	0
Angus McPhee, for road at Low Point,	5	0	0

To Cornelius Sullivan, for road at the Ponds,	£10 0 0
Donald McDonald, for road and bridge at North-west Arm,	10 0 0
Peter Andrews, for bridge at North-west Arm,	27 1 9
Angus McInnis, for repairing road,	0 17 6
This sum to provide for outstanding liabilities on the road and bridge service,	66 6 2
By Alexander Moore, for George's River bridge,	20 0 0
Alexander McKinnon, for Muggah's bridge,	41 9 9
William Bradford, for Mire road,	5 0 0
John Nicholson, for bridge at Prosser's,	7 0 0
Patrick Whalen, for Glass Bay bridge,	1 7 0
Patrick Whalen and James Howie, for repairing road at Glass Bay,	7 0 0
John Fergusson, for Caraboo Marsh road,	14 0 0
Malcolm McDonald, for repairing road leading to Mire,	10 0 0
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	£452 0 11
This sum at the disposal of the government, and to meet any over-expenditures not herein provided for,	1367 19 0
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	£1820 0 0

## SUB-DIVISION OF £626 GRANTED FOR GREAT ROADS.

## Over-expenditures on great roads :—

Thomas Moore, for Leeche's creek bridge,	£20 0 0
— Andrews, for repairing Gibbon's bridge,	20 0 0
Andrew Malone, for repairing North-west Arm road,	6 18 6
John D. Clarke, for arrearages due on Bras d'Or bridge,	25 0 0
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	71 18 6
This sum at the disposal of the government, and to repay over-expenditures on great roads not therein provided for,	554 1 6
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	626 0 0
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	£2246 0 0
This sum being change of appropriation, to be at the disposal of the government,	£39 16 6

## COUNTY OF RICHMOND.

*Resolved*, That the respective sums of three hundred and sixty pounds for the great road service, also fifty pounds unappropriated in 1856—making together the sum of four hundred and ten pounds; fifteen hundred and sixty-one pounds for the ordinary road and bridge service, together with the sum of twenty-four pounds twelve shillings and seven pence, undrawn and appropriated for the year 1856, be appropriated as follows :—

## GREAT ROAD SERVICE.

To pay the government for advances in 1856,	£32 1 6
Repair the road from B. J. bridge to E. county line, and pay over-expenditure,	15 0 0
From River Inhabitants bridge to Alexander McPherson's,	20 0 0
McPherson's to John Madden's,	25 0 0
	From



From John Madden's to Keating's house,	£30	0	0
Keating's house to Saint Peters,	20	0	0
Saint Peters to Donald Campbell's, R. Island,	15	0	0
Campbell's to R. McLeod's mill,	40	0	0
McLeod's mill to county line,	40	0	0
To cut a road from Scott's river to D. McDonald's, eastern line, and pay			
surveyor,	30	0	0
Flamboise to Forchu, and pay surveyor,	30	0	0
From Arichat to Grand Lake, on main post road,	30	0	0
Grand Lake to Grandique,	20	0	0
This sum unappropriated for great roads,	62	18	6
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	£410	0	0

## ORDINARY ROAD SERVICE.

To repair road between Ship Harbor and Bear Island,	12	0	0
On road between Bear Island and Ship Harbor,	12	0	0
From Mill Brook to Carriboo Cove,	10	0	0
McCarthy's to main post road,	14	0	0
John Proctor's to James Walsh's,	10	0	0
David McPherson's to John McNamara's,	10	0	0
River Inhabitants to Lennox Passage	10	0	0
River Inhabitants to Kempt road,	10	0	0
Basin, River Inhabitants, to Kempt road,	10	0	0
Bridge at River Inhabitants towards West Bay,	12	0	0
West Bay, cross roads, to Ballam's beach,	10	0	0
Kempt road to Dougald McDougald's, including swamp,	20	0	0
D. McDougall's half way to Black River,	10	0	0
Black River half way to McDougall's,	10	0	0
Alexander McRae's to McLean's (Ban,)	12	0	0
James Pringle's to Thomas Palmer's,	10	0	0
Thomas Palmer's to Hugh McDonald's,	10	0	0
Hugh McDonald's to Donald Sutherland's,	10	0	0
Donald Sutherland's to main road near Strachan's,	10	0	0
Patrick Kyte's to Edward Ham's,	7	10	0
Allan Morrison's half way to cross roads,	9	0	0
Cross roads half way to Allan Morrison's,	10	0	0
Cross roads at Morrison's to Ross' mill,	10	0	0
River Tear towards Patrick Kyte's,	10	0	0
Patrick Kyte's to Hugh McDonald's,	12	0	0
Post road near Madden's to River Bourgeois,	10	0	0
Shore of River Bourgeois to main post road,	10	0	0
Saint Peters to Cornelius Riely's,	14	0	0
Riely's to rear of McNeil's,	10	0	0
Brymer's to Alexis Grassie's,	12	0	0
Alexis Grassie's to William Murphy's,	12	0	0
Murphy's to William Fitzgerald's,	9	0	0
Lardoise to Salmon River, half way,	10	0	0
Salmon River to Lardoise, half way,	10	0	0
Sydney road to Indian Island,	9	0	0
Tempe Bonut's to Stroking Pond,	9	0	0
Lardoise to Hugh McLean's,	10	0	0
Hugh McLean's to McAskill's,	10	0	0
McAskill's to D. Finlayson's corner,	16	0	0
			From

From Grand River to Lewis' Cove,	£10	0	0
On road from Grand River to Loch Lomond,	20	0	0
From McNab's to Loch Lomond,	10	0	0
Malcolm McAskill's to the church,	10	0	0
Main road Grand River to the mill,	9	0	0
Hector Kempt's to John Matheson's,	10	0	0
John Matheson's to Peter McLeod's,	7	10	0
St. Esprit to Flamboise,	20	0	0
Main road to McKay's mill, Larchevique,	5	0	0
River Moullin to main road,	10	0	0
Alexander Ferguson's to McRae's mill,	14	0	0
Flamboise to Merrison's mill,	10	0	0
Kempt road to McRae's mill,	7	10	0
River Tear bridge towards River Bourgeois,	10	0	0
Cross roads Kempt road to B. River road,	10	0	0
Scott's river towards D. McDonald's E. line,	12	0	0
Kenneth McLeod's to widow Shaw's,	10	0	0
Donald Morrison's to assumed county line,	10	0	0
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	£1026	10	0

## OVER-EXPENDITURES.

To pay Patrick Kyte from River Tear bridge to P. Kyte's,	16	4	0
Edward Hearn, from P. Kyte's to Edward Hearn's,	10	0	0
Patrick Kyte, road at River Tear bridge,	4	9	0
Charles McNab,	4	16	1½
Charles McNab,	10	12	2½
Alexander Murchison, Grand River bridge to L. Lomond,	41	12	6
Alexander Murchison, on west side Grand River,	14	0	0
Donald Ferguson, Grand River bridge to F. Lake,	4	3	6
Donald Ferguson,	14	7	11
Donald Ferguson, junr.,	8	5	10
Roderick Morrison,	7	3	3
Duncan McRae,	30	3	6
Josiah Hooper,	27	17	1½
Kenneth Morrison,	7	0	0
James Pringle,	22	4	6
Donald McLean,	5	0	9½
Murdoch Smyth,	10	0	0
Dougall McDougall,	10	10	0
James McKenzie, for surveying,	3	16	0
James DeVereaux,	3	8	6
Malcolm Cameron,	6	9	6
Archibald McDermid,	0	8	3
This sum unappropriated for cross roads,	186	10	1
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	£1475	12	7

## TOWNSHIP APPROPRIATION.

<i>Over-expenditures—</i>			
To pay Peter Beriot,	30	11	6
James Campbell,	14	4	8
Matthew Maddock,	1	6	6
Simon Forgeron,	3	10	0
Stephen Briand,	0	19	0
Joseph Martell,	0	15	9
	Cross		

*Cross roads—*

From Grandique road to Martinique,	£7	0	0
To build two bridges from Martinique to Grand Ruisseau,	50	0	0
Repair Grand Ruisseau bridge,	15	0	0
Road from Grand Ruisseau bridge to Little Arichat bridge,	8	0	0
From Little Arichat bridge to the chapel,	10	0	0
Arichat chapel to D'Escouse road,	10	0	0
To make the new road at Mrs. Hubert's,	40	0	0
From Arichat to Loribert's hill, on D'Escouse road,	20	0	0
Loribert's hill to D'Escouse,	35	0	0
To build bridge at head of Arichat harbour,	12	0	0
From head of Arichat harbour to Petit de Grate road, and pay surveyor,	45	0	0
Grandique to D'Escouse, and build bridge at Poulamond,	20	0	0
Bonas' to Rocky Bay,	6	0	0
Rocky Bay to D'Escouse, by Doyle's,	10	0	0
Alexander Madden's to D'Escouse road,	10	0	0
Woods' to McNeil's bridge, and repair the same,	10	0	0
On the road north side Petit de Grate harbour,	10	0	0
On cross roads at G. E. Jeans' to D'Escouse road,	10	0	0
From D'Escouse to Cape LaRonde,	8	0	0
Cape LaRonde to LeCorteur's,	8	0	0
LeCorteur's to Doyle's,	8	0	0
Doyle's to Woods', at D'Escouse road,	8	0	0
Simon Richard's to brook rear of Kavanah's point,	8	0	0
Brook rear of Kavanah's point to head of Arichat harbor,	8	0	0
On road south side Petit de Grate harbour,	8	0	0
From Gros Nez to Petit de Grate,	8	0	0
Cross roads rear of Janvrin's to Bew's,	8	0	0
Bew's to Ballam's, at Petit de Grate,	8	0	0
Cross roads past Bew's towards Janvrin's establishment, Petit de Grate,	8	0	0
North side Grand Ruisseau harbour,	8	0	0
To build slip at Grandique,	20	0	0
To this sum unappropriated for township,	24	12	7
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	£1995	12	7

## COUNTY OF INVERNESS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of two thousand one hundred and twenty-five pounds and nine shillings, be granted for the ordinary road and bridge service, and the sum of five hundred and forty-six pounds and eleven shillings, for the main post roads for the county of Inverness, for the year 1857.

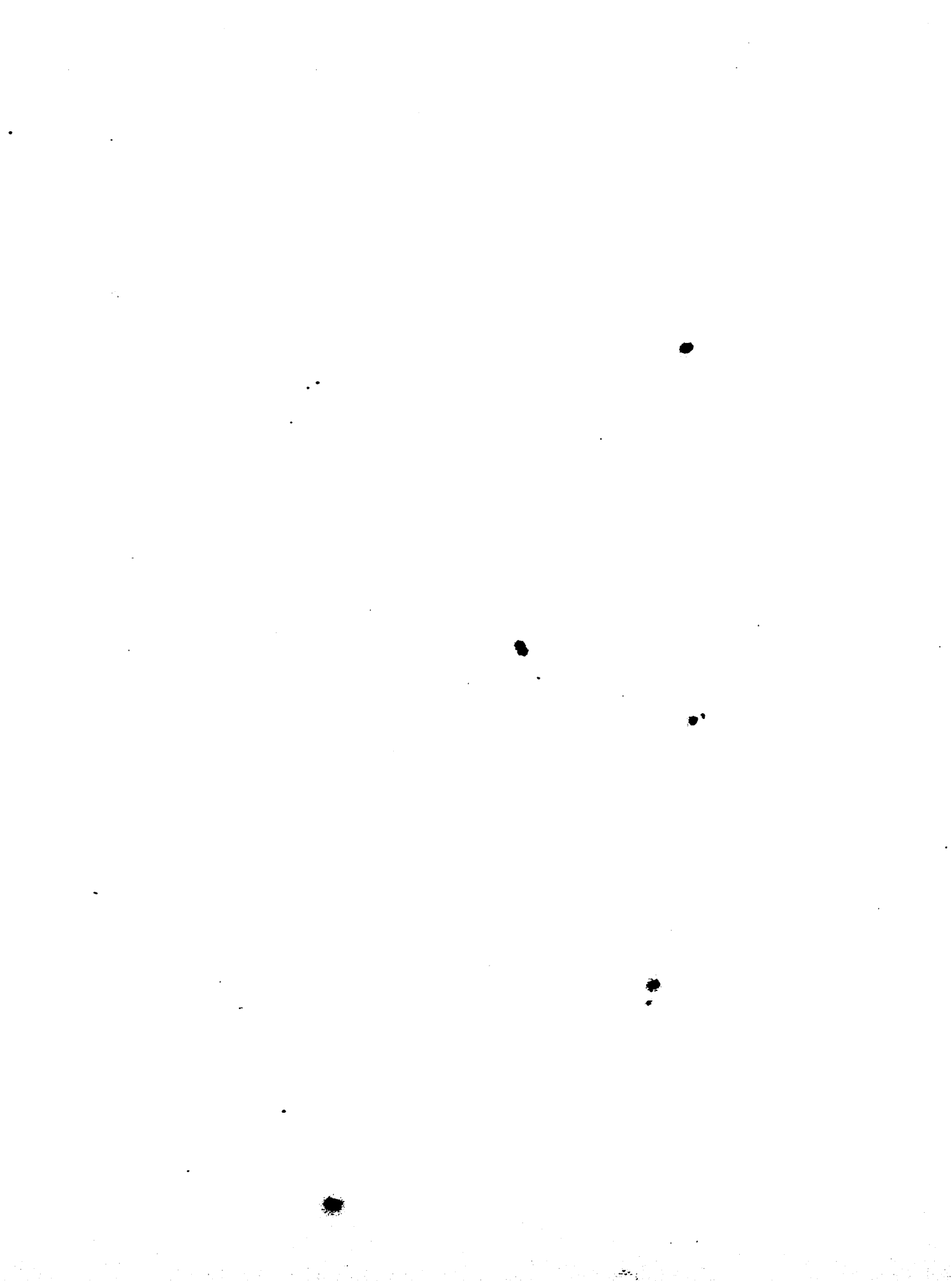
From lower bridge, River Inhabitants, to Dowlin's brook,	£12	0	0
Dowlin's brook to Archibald Cameron's brook,	8	0	0
Archibald Cameron's brook to upper bridge River Inhabitants,	8	0	0
Upper bridge River Inhabitants to cross roads River Dennis,	8	0	0
Cross roads River Dennis to Duncan McIsaac's,	8	0	0
Duncan McIsaac's to Ronald McEachen's,	10	0	0
Ronald McEachen's to Little Judique bridge,	6	0	0
Main road at Judique to the barren road,	7	0	0
Little Judique to Big Judique, shore road,	7	0	0
Main road at Judique to cross roads River Inhabitants,	20	0	0
			From

From cross roads River Inhabitants to cross roads River Dennis,	20	0	0
Cross roads River Dennis to Samuel McLean's, at Omen's,	10	0	0
Shore at Walker's to River Dennis road,	10	0	0
River Dennis road to cross road at Chisholm's mill,	7	0	0
John McDonald's, rear Judique, to River Inhabitants,	10	0	0
Shore at Graham's to River Dennis road,	8	0	0
Main road at Long Point to cross roads at Angus McDougall's,	8	0	0
Main road at Roderick McNeil's to River Inhabitants,	8	0	0
Low Point to River Inhabitants,	100	0	0
Clough's mill to Long Stretch,	8	0	0
Plaister Cove to Long Stretch,	8	0	0
Main road at D. McAskill's, to cross Long Stretch bridge, to main road, east side,	8	0	0
River Inhabitants to River Dennis bridge, at Oven's,	10	0	0
River Dennis towards Big Brook,	5	0	0
River Inhabitants to Donald McLauchlan's, West Bay,	6	0	0
Head of St. George's channel to River Inhabitants,	8	0	0
Head of West Bay to Big Brook,	5	0	0
County line at West Bay to Allan Cameron's brook,	15	0	0
Allan Cameron's brook to George McKinzie's,	15	0	0
George McKinzie's to Selig's brook,	15	0	0
Selig's brook to Samuel McLeon's bridge, River Dennis,	15	0	0
Cross roads River Dennis to Whycocomagh,	10	0	0
Omen's, at River Dennis, to Chisholm's bridge, north side,	8	0	0
To finish the bridge at Seal Cove,	15	0	0
From River Dennis road to Mabou,	8	0	0
Church, Indian rear, to county line at Little Narrows,	25	0	0
Main road to the ferry at Little Narrows,	5	0	0
Whycocomagh to Lake Ainslie, by mountain,	5	0	0
Church, Indian rear, to Blue Cove,	37	0	0
Saw mill, Whycocomagh, to county line, and to build bridge,	20	0	0
Neil McLearn's Cove to county line,	15	0	0
Indian rear, by Campbell's, to Mabou,	10	0	0
Turk Settlement to John Campbell's bridge, Indian rear,	8	0	0
Indian rear to Lake Ainslie,	10	0	0
Indian rear to James Smith's,	12	0	0
James Smith's to widow McKeen's,	10	0	0
John McDonald's, Skye Glen, to Brigan,	4	0	0
Indian rear to McPherson's mountain,	4	0	0
Widow McKeen's to main post road,	10	0	0
New Canada to the road at Mabou river,	6	0	0
New Canada to Norman Patterson's,	6	0	0
Widow McKeen's to Lake Ainslie,	8	0	0
New bridge at Mabou to N. E. bridge,	15	0	0
North-east Mabou to D. McMaster's,	8	0	0
McMaster's to Rankin's,	8	0	0
North-east Mabou to James Doyle's,	8	0	0
James Doyle's to Lake Ainslie township line,	8	0	0
Junction of Cape Mabou road, near Nicholson's, to coal mines road,	6	0	0
John Fraser's to Red Brook, Cape Mabou,	7	0	0
Red Brook to Broad Cove banks,	7	0	0
Main post road to Cape Mabou, by Campbell's mill,	7	0	0
DeCost's to Archibald McPhee's coal mines,	7	0	0
Archibald McPhee's to McDonald's mill,	7	0	0
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From Sight Point to junction of coal mines road, thence to the mill,	£10	0	0
Sight Point new line to junction of coal mines road,	10	0	0
Sight Point to Angus McIsaac's, No. 1, Broad Cove,	10	0	0
Angus McIsaac's, No. 1, to Broad Cove intervale,	8	0	0
Angus McIsaac's, No. 1, to Brord Cove intervale,	8	0	0
Main post road at Broad Cove to John Kennedy's, by the old chapel,	8	0	0
Broad Cove Chapel to S. W. Margaree,	8	0	0
Broad Cove intervale to Sight Point,	6	0	0
Broad Cove intervale to the road on top of Cape Mabou,	8	0	0
Broad Cove intervale to Loch Ban,	8	0	0
Loch Ban to Broad Cove intervale,	7	0	0
Port Hood to Indian Point, new line,	20	0	0
Port Hood to Hugh the tailor's,	8	0	0
Hugh the tailor's to the Indian Point road,	8	0	0
Main post road at S. W. Mabou to Indian Point bridge,	7	0	0
S. W. bridge Mabou, north side, to David Walsh's,	8	0	0
S. W. bridge Mabou to Robert Power's, thence to Sugary,	6	0	0
Robert Power's to the bridging place at John McDonald's,	8	0	0
John McDonald's S. W. to River Dennis road,	8	0	0
Robert Power's to rear interval,	6	0	0
S. W. bridge to Black Livingston's bridge,	8	0	0
Black Livingston's bridge to Norman Patterson's,	8	0	0
Norman Patterson's to half way to River Dennis,	8	0	0
Half way to Norman Patterson's to River Dennis,	8	0	0
River Dennis to Hugh Cameron's,	8	0	0
New bridge at Mabou to Turk Settlement,	8	0	0
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New bridge, Mabou, to Murray's bridge,	10	0	0
Murray's bridge to McFarlane's,	10	0	0
Black Livingston's bridge to John Beaton's,	6	0	0
Soney Brook to Lake Ainslie,	8	0	0
John H. McKeen's to Lake Ainslie,	15	0	0
Main post road at Hawley's to the dyeing mill,	7	0	0
David Smith's to main post road at widow Campbell's,	5	0	0
William McKeen's to Black River,	8	0	0
Loch Ban to John McIsaac's, west side Lake Ainslie,	20	0	0
John McIsaac's to James McDonnell's,	8	0	0
James McDonnell's to head of Lake Ainslie,	12	0	0
Head of Lake Ainslie to McMullen's Point,	12	0	0
Head of Lake Ainslie to Little Narrows,	6	0	0
McMullen's Point to outlet Lake Ainslie,	12	0	0
Main road east side Lake Ainslie to cross the bridge at outlet to the road on west side,	6	0	0
Outlet Lake Ainslie to McFarlane's bridge, east side,	8	0	0
Outlet Lake Ainslie to McFarlane's bridge, west side,	6	0	0
New bridge, Lake Ainslie, to Doherty's brook,	10	0	0
Doherty's brook to Loch Ban,	10	0	0
Loch Ban to S. W. Margaree,	6	0	0
McFarlane's upper bridge to bridge at chapel, west side,	12	0	0
McFarlane's bridge at chapel to Young's bridge, east side,	15	0	0
McFarlane's upper bridge to the road at chapel, east side,	12	0	0
McFarlane's bridge at chapel to Young's bridge, west side,	8	0	0
McFarlane's bridge to Broad Cove chapel,	10	0	0
Main road at Mowatt's up Big Brook,	8	0	0

From

From Big Brook to S. W. Margaree,	£8	0	0	
Mouth Margaree to Norry White's, east side,	15	0	0	
Norry White's to James Doyle's,	15	0	0	
New bridge, Margaree, to Philips',	10	0	0	
Philips' up the N. E. Margaree,	8	0	0	
N. E. Margaree to Big Intervale, E. side,	10	0	0	
N. E. Margaree to Big Intervale, west side,	10	0	0	
Lake Ainslie to Middle River,	10	0	0	
Lake Ainslie to River Johnston,	7	0	0	
Mouth of Margaree to Big Pond,	20	0	0	
Big Pond to Cheticamp chapel,	20	0	0	
Cheticamp to Little River, and round the shore,	8	0	0	
Little River to half way to Grand Antz,	8	0	0	
Grand Antz to half way to Little River,	8	0	0	
Smith's, at Skye Glen, to Ainslie Glen,	6	0	0	
Intervale Judique to S. W. Mabou,	8	0	0	
Interval Judique to bridging place at J. McDonald's, S. W. Mabou,	8	0	0	
River Inhabitants up the west side,	8	0	0	
Stephen King's to River Inhabitants,	8	0	0	
McKinzie's Point, West Bay, to main road,	6	0	0	
Indian Mountain towards Whycocomagh,	6	0	0	
For new line from Plaister Cove to Whycocomagh,	100	0	0	
From Lower Broad Cove to forks of Margaree,	10	0	0	
To repair bridge at James Doyle's, N. E. Margaree,	35	0	0	
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From New Canada to Blue's mill, River Dennis, when said road established by a committee,	7	0	0	
From McLellan's mill, Broad Cove, to Lake Ainslie, new line,	7	0	0	
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To repair Murray's bridge, S. E. Mabou,	10	0	0	
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For main post road,	£267	2	6	
Per account No. 1,	5	12	0	
Per account No. 2,	5	8	8	
Per account No. 3,	10	5	3	
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		347	9	0
		£2672	0	0







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