intimated that there was but small prospect of the bill passing both branches.

Dr. Tupper compared the attitude of the Government to that of the Japanese approaching the Queen-cringing and prostrate. Not only had their leader been obliged to abandon every measure he had attempted, but was obliged to submit to have a number of his own electors turned over to one on whom they were dependent for existence.

Hon. Mr. Howe thought the practise of the of peace. Japanese of one challenging another to rip themselves up would be somewhat inconvenient in this country. He did not think that because 650 out of 1800 electors had petitioned against his friend Mr. Cochran, that it could be said he (Mr. C.) had no constituency. Out of 80 magistrates but 22 had signed the petition.

The bill was passed by 23 to 21.

Dr. Tupper asked the leader of the Government to lay on the table the Memorials of the 24,000 electors, who had declared their want of confidence in the present Government, and praying His Excellency for a dissolution.

THURSDAY, April 11.

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved a resolution concerning the payment of \$5,000 to Mr. D. Cameron for alleged railway claims.

Hon. Mr. Howe moved an amendment which was carried.

Mr. Grant reported from the Committee relating to the seizure of sugar at Canning, that the majority were of opinion that the charges were not sustained. Several members spoke on the subject.

FRIDAY, April 12.

The House in Committee took up the bill relating to the disability of office-holders retaining their seats in the Legislature without reernment rendering persons inelligible to seats, Kenzie had accepted the office. the bill repeals clauses 2 to 6 of chapter 2 Re- The report of the majority was adopted, 22 vised Statutes. The Bill excludes Judges of to 19. Probate, Registrars of Deeds, Prothonetaries, Postmasters, Queen's Printer, Chairman of Board of Works, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Medical Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, Railway Contractors, Supervisors of Great Roads and Deputy Surveyors of Crown Lands.

The Railway and Post Office Committees reported.

Dr. Tupper did not wish to take the Provincial Secretary by surprise, but moved that a new writ be issued for the election of a member for East Pictou, at the same time as that for Kings, in consequence of Mr. Geo. McKenzie having accepted an office of emolument under government,—that of one of the Board of Examiners of Shipmasters. Some excitement was caused by this unexpected motion. Mr. Howe considered the office of so trifling a nature that it should not be included under offices of emolument.

Hon. Attorney General said that Mr. Mc Kenzie had declined accepting the office. The motion was lost 19 to 22.

Hon. Mr. Howe introduced a Railway amendment Bill.

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Mr. Henry moved, in amendment, a resolution for abolishing the Railway Office in Granville Street, and transferring the duties to the Board of Works.

Mr. Townsend called attention to there being too small a number of members in attendance. On counting, it was found that but 23 were present, and the most extraordinary circumtance occurred, of the house being counted out for

SATURDAY, March 13.

Mr. Longley presented the Report of the Committee to Investigate concerning Intemper-

Several members spoke in approval of the labors of the Committee. Hon. Mr. Johnston moved that a number of copies be printed.

Mr. McLellan reported from the Committee on

Humane Institutions. Dr. Tupper spoke on the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and considered that a liberal grant should be made to enlarge its accommoda-

Hon Mr. Howe announced to the House that a telegram had just been received stating that Fort Sumter had been attacked and was being jects of the deep sea fisheries, and the Inter-colobombarded. After remarks, expressive of deep regret at this intelligence, from several members, Hon. Mr. Johnston suggested to the Provincial Secretary the propriety of the house, by resolution, expressing their sympathy at this sad state of affairs in the United States.

Hon. Mr. Howe introduced a bill to adjust the Representation. It was laid on the table to be published and taken up next session.

In the afternoon Hon. Mr. Howe moved the following:

Resolved, That this House has heard, with deep sorrow and regret, of the outbreak of civil war among their friends and neighbors in the United States. That this House, without expressing any opinion upon the points in controversy between the contending parties, sincerely lament that those who speak their language and share their civilization, should be shedding each other's blood, and desire to offer up their fervent prayers to the Father of the Universe, for the restoration

Hon. Pro. Secretary referred to the motion of Dr. Tupper yesterday, and moved that a committee of seven be appointed to enquire whether Mr. McKenzie had accepted the office, and if so whether his doing so vacated the seat, Cases sued under similar circumstances in the House of Commons. Others argued that they would not bear that interpretation.

Dr. Tupper moved an amendment that as the Speaker had ruled that the resolution before the House was in order, that therefore the Committee

be chosen by ballot; which was lost 20 to 18. The House adjourned for an hour to allow the revising Committee to nominate seven.

On reassembling the Attorney General reported. This brought on a spirited debate which lasted till near midnight.

Mr. J. McDonald moved a resolution authorizing the government to proceed forthwith in building the railway from Truro to Pictou. The House adjourned about 2 minutes before

12 o'clock, midnight.

MONDAY, April 15.

The majority of the Committee,-Messrs Brown, Heffernan, Morrison, and A. Campbell -appointed to investigate the case of Mr. G. McKenzie having accepted an office of emolument, reported that his seat was not vacated. The minority,-Messrs. Longley, Pryor, and Donkin,-also reported, protesting that the maelection. Several amendments were proposed. jority had refused to send for the most important Instead of all offices of emolument under Gov- witness, - Captain Coffin, -and that Mr. Mc-

At 4 o'clock the House was summoned by His Excellency to attend in the Council Chamber, when the Legislature was prorogued by Earl Mulgrave reading the following

SPEECH.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of

The business of the Session having been matured, it affords me much pleasure to relieve you from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

The demise of Her late Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, has called forth your sincere condolence, and given you an opportunity of again expressing the deep interest you feel in all that affects the happiness of our Gracious Sovereign.

The session which we are about to close, has been marked by an improvement in practical legislation, which commands my entire approval. The Government in assuming and the Legislature in yielding to the Executive the initiation of

money votes, have for the first time, adopted the usage of the mother country; and I have no doubt that a fair trial of the system will prove that you have acted wisely in conforming to the practice of the Imperial Parliament. I thank you for the provision which you have

made for the maintenance and extension of the Volunteer System. The experience of each day shows how strong the hold this movement is taking on the intelligence and patriotic felling of the young men of this Province. Six new Companies are now in course of forma-

tion, and no exertion shall be wanting on my part to render the whole Volunteer force of Nova Scotia as effective as possible.

The enlightened policy which has induced you so liberally to provide for steam communication upon the coasts and estuaries of your country, and for the opening and improvement of roads connecting important sections of its territory, will, I am well assured, be hailed with satisfaction by those for whose benefit they are designed.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of As-

I thank you for the very liberal supplies granted for the service of the present year, and you may rely on their judicious and faithful applica-

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council. Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of

Among the valuable measures matured by your joint deliberations, I am gratified to perceive a bill for supressing corrupt practices at elections, and for securing the independent exercise of the franchise, without which there can be no true freedom and no security that public opinion will be

duly represented in the Legislature. I have not failed in forwarding to Her Majesty's Government your addresses on the important subnial railroad, to express the hope that these questions will be considered with the care which the strong interest you have professed in them would

seem to warrant. In releasing you from your legislative duties, I trust that you will bear with you to the communities in which you reside and to the districts you represent, a full conviction of my sincere desire to promote the happiness of all Her Majesty's subjects confided to my care, and of my determination to govern this country with impartiality and in-

General Intelligence.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE. Halifax, 10th April, 1861.

APPOINTMENTS.

Hants Co.—The Rev. James Hill, the Rev. John McLeod, the Rev. James (Jeremiah?) Bancroft, John Manning, and William Glen, to be School Commissioners for West Hants. The Rev Robert Crane, and William C. Casey, to be School commissioners for East Hants.

Cape Breton Co.—Angus Gillies to be a Justice of the Peace.

Guysborough Co.—William Hart to be Controller of Customs and Navigation Laws and Regiswere cited to show that this course had been pur- Guysborough, in place of Thomas McColl, resigned. Samuel R. Russell to be Registrar of Probate for the District of Guysborough, in place of William Hart resigned. Edmund H. Francheville totbe one of the Coroners for the County of Guysborough, in the place of J. W.C. Grant, re-

Colchester Co. John Peppard, of Londonderry, to be a Commissioner of Sewers for Londonderry and Onslow.

Kings Co.—Albert D. Munro to be a School Commissioner. William B. Ward, Adolphus Bishop, Banks Winsby, Leonard Fitch, and John Miner, to be Justices of the Peace.

Lunenburg Co .- John E. Stewart to be Collector of Colonial Duties for the Port of Chester, in the place of Charles J. Lordly, resigned.

SMALL Pox.—The report for last week is,— Admitted 13,—Died 1,—Discharged 5, Total cases in Hospital 37.

We learn that the beautiful property near the North West Arm, owned by Messrs. Wm. Pryor & Sons, has been purchased by the Archbishop Connolly for the sum of £1100.—Sun.

We understand that Dr. Tupper has accepted an invitation to lecture before the Acadia Athenceum, at Wolfville, on Friday, the 19th inst, on the subject of "Colonial Union."-Colonist.

A Washington Correspondent of the Eastern Mail, Maine, reports that N. B. Snell, Esq., of Fairfield, Maine has been appointed United States Consul at Halifax.

The large drum cast at Chebucto Foundry, for the Dartmouth Canal, is a formidable looking affair. It was cast in two parts, one of which was sent to Dartmouth a few days ago, the other is ready to go. We should suppose the weight to be about 20 tons. Its diameter is 14 feet, the circumference about 43 feet.—Sun.

HUNGRY CATTLE !- There is a pinching scarcity of hay in the out-settlements. Never did ice-bound mariners in the polar seas more ardently long for the return of warm weather, than do the farmers just now. Never mindthe grassy hills will soon be beautiful. Bridgetown

THE PREVAILING QUESTION.—Who will succeed Doctor Webster in South Kings?—1b.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—The Ship D'Israeli and the Brig Bedouin, both owned by George McKenzie, Esq., M. P. P., left New York about four weeks ago for England. The Bedouin foundered at sea, and strange to say her crew was picked up on the Atlantic, by the D'Israeli. We have not been able to obtain prrticulars.—Eastern Chronicle.

Mr. Wm. Donovan, of Chester, was drowned at Moren's wharf on Thursday night. The body was found next morning in a standing position.

More Gold Discoveries .- Some very beautiful and rich specimens of Gold-bearing quartz have recently been brought to town from the neighbourhood of Pope's Harbour and Tangier. Specimens of precious metal, both in its erude form and melted into a bar, have, for some days, been on exhibition in the shop of Mr. Robet G. Fraser, Granville Street; and Mr. Howe has been regaling the eyes of the Ms. P. P., by showing some of the same product in the House. It has been announced that the Government has at length ordered a survey of the gold bearing region into mining lots and will direct mining licenses to be issued to those applying for them. We can scarcely doubt that a considerable outlay either by a company, or by substantial individuals, in the region alluded to, would ensure a handsome return; for the Gold produced is of unsurpassed quality and the quartz in which it is found is exceedingly rich in Gold.

MRS. GORE'S WILL.—The will of Mrs. Gore, the novelist, has peen proved by her son, Mr. Augustus Frederick Wentworth Gore. The personality was sworn under £14,000. Mrs. Gore also possessed an estate, called The Lodge, near Halifax, Nova Scotia, with about 12,000 acres of land in that country besides 400 shares in the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway, valued at £17,000. Mrs. Gore has left a son and daughter. Her daughter, who is the wife of Lord Edward Thynne, M. P., came into the full enjoyment of £6,200 on her mother's decease, and the testatrix has given her a further sum of £5,000. Mrs Gore has bequeathed to her son all the remainder of her property, real and personal, and of every description, in England and elsewhere, and has appointed him her residuary legatee. Mrs. Gore gives a singular direction to her son. It is to this effect that "he is to prevent, as much as in his power lies, any posthumous notice, or biography, or republication of my works, and I wish him to look over and burn any of my papers, giving to his sister any object as a memorial of her mother."

Latest from the United States. HOSTILITIES COMMENCED.

TROOPS CALLED TO WASHINGTON

[By telegraph to the Merchants' Exchange.]

CHARLESTON, April 12.

The batteries on Sullivans Island, Morris Island, and other points, opened on Sumter at four o'clock this morning. Fort Sumter has returned the fire. Bombarding on both sides continued all day, Sumter replying at long intervals. Anderson ceases to-night, to rest his men-continues in the

Three Steamers lying off, but utterly impossible

to reinforce. Gale raging. Thousands of troops entering city.

Attempt will be made to carry Sumter by storm. -Appearance of breach in walls. Portions of parapets shot away. Confederacy had two men wounded in Floating

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 12.

The war bill passed both houses to-night without amendment and signed by the Governor. The bill appropriates a million to arm and equip the Militia, and authorizes a temporary loan.

LATER.

An explosion has occurred in Fort Sumpter. It is thought the officers quarters are on fire. Anderson ceased firing one hour. Shot and shell continue to be fired into

STILL LATER.

BOSTON, April 15,

Sumpter-surrendered on Saturday-Anderson and command was to leave at 11 o'clock last night for New York. Steamer Isabella had four men mortally wounded. Confederates report no loss. Sumpter badly honeycombed by rifled cannon at Cumming's Point. Moultrie in ruins. Fleet unable to support Anderson.

Washington, April 14.—War Department busy -Troops arriving by special trains-Governor of New York calls for 25,000 men-Pensylvania 100,000-Ohio 50,000, and large appropriations in money support. Governments of other States more favorable to-day."

MONTGOMERY, April 14.-Lieutenant Warden, Federal Navy, taken prisoner—despatches seized. News creates wild rejoicings. Calls for additional

RICHMOND, April 14.—Virginia Convention adjourned without replying to Governor Pickens' request to know course. Conflicting feeling regarding news-some rejoicing-others regretting.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Great activity in shipping and naval departments. Number of Regiments tendered their services. Half million appropriation passed yesterday. Herald Office protected by police—rumored attack on it by mob.

BALTIMORE, April 14.

Union sentiment in ascendant and men with cockades and secession emblems chased by crowds and protected by Police.

A telegram from New York on the 11th states

The Steamer "Coatzocalcos" has arrived from Texas, with 400 troops. Remaining there, are 1000 troops of the Federal Government, which the Steamers "Empire City" and "Star of the West" will bring away.

President Lincoln has positive knowledge of a contemplated attack on the City of Washington. He has communicated with the several Governors of the Northern and Western States to call out the Militia, and have them in readiness to march, at a moment's warning

The Governor of Pennsylvania will call out the Volunteer Militia, on the first sign of dan-

TIMELY WARNING .- Every mother should be prepared to act in the capacity of both nurse and physician to her children: she can, if she will, discharge these duties much better than any one she can employ. If she does not, she ought to know that there is a medicine prepared by an old nurse and female physician, which has stood the test of many, many years, and is the most perfect thing on earth for children teething; it also cures Wind Colic, Dysentery, Diarrhæa, and is sure to regulate the bowels. We say to every mother, do not let your own prejudices, or the prejudices of others, stand in the way of the relief that will be sure—yes absolutely sure—to follow the use of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It is sold everywhere, at 25 cents a bottle. Office, 13 Cedar-street, New-York.

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