THE PROVINCIAL FINANCES For the Colonial Farmer.

MR. EDITOR .- The public are now made aware by the Report of the Auditor General, on the Public Accounts for the past fiscal year, and the Financial Statements laid before the House of Assembly by the Provincial Secretary, that the Government claim a ment policy, two things are very apparent:

hesitation in presenting them last session, true that in order to be able to show this surplus, no public creditors were refused every reason be satisfied with the exhibit. stances provided for by the Act of 1868. If Every one who wishes well of his country law and constitutional usage in this importand who had feared we were living upon ant respect are not to bind this Government our unearned income, would heartily rejoice then the law should be repealed, and conat finding his fears groundless. The Sec- stitutional usage declared no longer appliable retary and the Government have pledged to the Province. In 1868 the legislature themselves to the correctness of the "Statements"; members of the Government it is traints upon the Executive, in the spending said who could scarcely credit the exhibit of public money necessity, and provided these themselves, have sought for and obtained checks. But this Law the Government as the personal assurance of the Secretary, that persistently ignore as they do the claims of his statements are to be relied upon, and on those counties whose representatives are in the strength of this improvement in our opposition. The remedy for thecountry financial condition, the Government has in case the House refuses to ratify any been able once more to face the people's particular expenditure is according to the representatives, and is demanding a restoration by the people of the confience which was being rapidly withdrawn from them. personally responsible; of course, said he, in a speech last session, not only could As this alledged improvement in our finan- the House in such case turn the Governces has been the prominent ground put ment out of office, but it might also forward for continuing the Government in hold its members personally responsible for power, it is important to enquire whether the money improperly expended. It did not there has been in fact any improvement, or occur to the Attorney General at the time whether the Secretary has resorted to a poor to indicate what the result would be, should piece of financial jugglery, in order to show a the members of Government decline to palance which had no existence in fact. consider themselves personally responsible It ought not to be difficult to ascertain with and return the money, but this was alperfect accuracy, how much money he had together too commonplace an enquiry. It on hand on any given day, and it cannot be would be interesting to know what language there. presumed that he did not know on the last the Attorney General has found in Lord day of the fiscal year what his surplus, if he Durnham's despatch from which he gathers had any, was. We must presume he informed himself, and if he did he is chargeable with an unworthy attempt to deceive and mislead the country in overstating the amount. That he did not have that surplus; that he could not have had it : and that it is more than doubtful if he had any surplus at all, I think I shall be able to establish. By the Auditor's Report for 198, it appears that \$15,041.18 were expended by the Public the financial statements. The public will Works' Department before October 31st, understand how difficult it is to bring home which is not charged in the payments for the charge of mistake or misrepresentation the year. By page 202, \$241.72 was paid against a Government as to the state of its on Immigration account which is not charg- inances, even if such mistakes, &c., largely exed. By page 244, a sum of \$546,16 on ist. One has to deal with such information as Diamond Borer account was expended, also is furnished by the Government itself, and not charged; these sums, if they were the Government knowing all the facts, will rather only ones paid, would reduce the surplus to risk the consequences of refusing the infornation or furnish it garbled and incorrect. that more were not paid. The parading of then make disclosures which would lead to a surplus of \$128,000 when by no possibility its overthrow. The most which the present could there have been more than \$113,000, is as unwarrantable as if there had been no surplus at all. To mislead the country to the extent of \$13,000, is as censurable in when they do that they entirely destroy the principle as if the amount had been ten times value of the statements as a whole. To have taken their seats, and one breathes which not only a most solema enactment of greater. But supposing the Secretary correct show that this has already been accomplished. in the amount of surplus stated, by what process has he obtained it? Simply by deferring or withholding payment of overdue bove, is a charge of an advance to Mr. accounts until the close of the fiscal year. Is it not little better than a political fraud to aw the light before it appeared in the parade a surplus in hand while at the very present "statements." Now when was inc. swards rattling making their appeared in the plated in their charter.

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Now when was inc. swards rattling making their appeared in the plated in their charter. parade a surplus in pand while at the very mement creditors for an amount perhaps largely in excess of that surplus, are clamoring for payment of their accounts. As far the Green and the opposite, with spurs clink. As far the opposite, with spurs clink. Mr. Rogers moved an amendment by which he money paid? If you can accept the through the door on the left of the Throne, he was paid something that is corrupt, illigal and scandalous. This official is pleased to say that he over the owners of land through which the owners of land through the door on the left of the Throne, heralding the coming of the genial-faced, more paid? If you can accept the statements. Now when was ing, swords rattling, making their appearance the owners of land through which the owners of land through the owners of land through which the owners of land through the owners of land through which the owners of land through which the owners of land through which the owners of land through the owners of land through which the owners of land thr as the Government have seen fit to enlighten Feb., and no other inference can be drawn popular and talented Governor General of definition he defines over expenditure no one as the Government have seen fit to enlighten us, there would appear to be about \$80,000 from the heading to the returns submitted, and the place where the items appear. paid after, if not before the 31st October, and the place where the items appear. shores, Lady Dufferin. that date. Deducting this sum from the upon enquiry. Officially I believe no ex-\$113,000, and the surplus shrinks to \$33,000, planation has been yet offered but some of which sum is still further subject to abatewhen the members of the Government have acment by the loan to the St. Stephen and knowledged that the payment was made in St. John School boards, of \$17,000, and the several sums extending over two or three mising nothing in particular and noth expenditure up to the 31st October, upon the years. I do not dispute the payment and for mising nothing in particular and nothing in Norman School Building which would be ought I know, it may have been properly general. at least \$16,000 more. It will thus be seen | made; though it would puzzle the that the big surplus has entirely disappeared. Attorney General to find any law authorizing not a dollar remaining, which ought properly two persons each to receive a salary for the to be taken into account as constituting a same service in the same office, during the surplus at the erd of the year. It will same period; but I d) say there must be be said perhaps, in answer to this mode of something radically wrong with the deputting the case, that the icans to sundry partment and with the system that will School Boards of \$27,978.55, and the special admit of a payment of \$3,000 being buried doans to St. John and St. Stephen School up for years and concealed, while Public Baards, of \$17,000, are assets and equivalent | Accounts follow Public Accounts, and Finanto cash, but they are certainly not cash nor cial Statements and Returns follow each other available as such. The Secretary puts it session after session, all presenting balances forward that the \$17,000 loan was made by struck with the greatest show of accuracy The People's Bank, and guaranteed by the Province. Without raising any question before us, we are told the net cash balance now as to the authority of the Government in the Bank on the 8th February was \$130,-to guarantee loans to the School or any other 772, but by the statement received from the Boards. I put it forward as a fact that the Bank itself, it was \$134,000, only a trifling money was really loaned by the Govern- descrepancy of \$4,000 it is true, but suffiment, and stands charged against any balance cient to show that something is not just in the Bank to the credit of the Province. right somewhere, or that somebody's book-No one can suppose that the town of St. keeping is much at fault. With respect to John or St. Stephen came to the People's the balance of the 8th February, it is difficult Bank as borrowers; and I venture to predict, to understand how it can have existed. At if inquiry was made, that if either of these this time last year the general conviction Boards have given security for their special was the Government had no money. Notloans, it is to the Government and not to the withstanding the return brought down after Bank they have given it. A brief reference twenty-two days of elaborate preparation, to some of the items of the Secretary's state- showing \$167,871.61 on hand; the House trouble in Stanley. Mr. Freeze is to be in ment will show hew I arrive at the concludid not believe, and no one b lieved, the Stanley to day, for the purpose of presiding sion, that the \$80,000 was paid before, or was Government had any money—the very at the first meeting, of the two new dis- some quarters which allows the returns to certainly due, before the 31st October, and atmosphere was impregnated with that con- tricts, to be held to morrow. He has also pass unchallenged. therefore should have been paid, or that in viction. We know now they had to get promised to hold a Temperance meeting "untruthfully informing the public as to how their an advance of \$100,000 from the Dominion der the auspecis of the Prohibitory League. affairs stood, this sum should have been deduct-

ed from the reduced surplus of \$113,000. The first item is cash advanced on account of By-Roads,...

This sum was certainly not paid for work done on By-Roads after 1st Nov., it must have been earned

Loans to sundry School Boards, I have stock; this stock was purchased Advances on acct. of erection of School Houses, which School Houses were 6,503.61 no doebt erected before the 1st Nov.

dvanced to County Gloucester to pay board and lodging to Jurors, Carquet cases, this claim being over a 395.44 during the year, the Government claim to 37,498,31 be largely in funds. There would seem to Every dollar of which belongs to the service of the previous year.
Advanced to George Botsford, (payments of which it is said by members of the Government. have been

running over two or three years, .... Not \$80,000 as I have put it above, but

surplus on hand, on the 31st October last, of would be supplied by the fact, now admitted Albert Railway; the Albert Railway Comover \$128,000, and had a balance of net cash by the Secretary, in answer to a question pany have been paid \$125,000. If their Receipts and Expenditures for the past year a legit; mate surplus of \$128,000 in hand on mistated. mittee which could fully investigate; ex- berrowing, or rather withdrawing, why cut down this item and increase that, would returns, Journals of 1876, amine vouchers and report to the House; should the fact be concealed. It is a direct lead one to suppose that the amount voted and it was time enough in all conscience to violation of law, it is true, to expend the for each particular service would bear table enough to suppose that it was a man- and then only in cases of emergency; but come to any such conclusion. Instead of Amount received up to

couvre resorted to take the wind out of the the Government surely is not weak enough admitting itself to be chargable with oversails of the opposition; others that it was a to fancy that it is any the less a violation of expenditure to the gross amount which the mere pretence on the part of the Govern- of law, or will be so regarded, to go through sums expended in each service exceeds the Amount received from ment at taking the public into their full con- the empty form of borrowing their ewn appropriation for that service, the Govern- 23rd Feb., to 31st Oct., 368,141 28 fidence and at making a show of unbosoming money from the Bank. To violate law has ment subtract the aggregate estimated exthemselves before the country. To my mind always been an easy matter with the present denditure from the aggregate actual expenthe preceeding is a very suspicious one. Such Government, and now as their days are num- diture and call the difference the true sum undue anxiety to disclose to the public that which constitutional usage does not require them to disclose, until called upon by a vote observe the letter, while they trample under the difference the true sum overexpended. This is inaccurate. By the Government process the excess for the last observe the letter, while they trample under year is put at \$49,751, whereas it is in of the Assembly, is not the innocent and undesigning act of men who twelve months ago themselves placed upon the Statute Book. amount unexpended of the several votes. required nearly a month to ascertain and It may be urged in answer to my charge This distinction it is important to bear in Drawn up to 23rd Feb., 1876, (see inform the House of the condition of the that the Secretary misleads the country when mind, for these balances are very frequently Provincial finances. It may be they are he claims his \$128,000 surplus, that this is afterwards paid out without any revote, and prompted by much the same motive as the the sum shown by the warrant account to appear as "old appropriations." This "old man who makes haste to confess part of be to the credit of the Receiver General, appropriation" expenditure has of late his guilt, in hopes that further inquiry may and if no more money had been expended years grown to be quite a feature in our system not be instituted; or like the receiver of than the amount for which warrants issued of finance, and ought to be put a stop to. stolen goods, who when his house is being that sum would actually be on hand. I A sum voted in any year for a particular searched by the officers of the law, endeavors concede both these propositions but they service should lapse if not expended in that by stimulating the search, to create the im- cannot help the Secretary. The public are year, and if the Government desire to revive pression that he is innocent—and to draw nevertheless misled, and not only the public it, they should ask for a revote, as is done at close of the fiscal year. We defy any one to away attention from the real place where but their representatives, and it is the duty Ottawa. the property is concealed. Whether it will of those who hold positions of public trust to the property is concealed. Whether it will of those who hold positions of public trust to the property is concealed. Whether it will of those who hold positions of public trust to the property is concealed. appear or not hereafter, that one or other of the continue it is sistable conclusion is, unless false returns these motives is at the bottom of the Govern-tatives are not deceived or misled. It should make haste to discontinue it, for in its

is idle to lay a statement before the country effects it is pernicious. The Government and the Secretary then understated his the course of the opposition in refusing to in truth represents not the amount of spruce being used in many places where the spruce being used in many pla grant supply until these returns were furnish- in truth represents, not the amount of amount appropriated, while many particular Province had no such balance in hand, as the ed, which was scouted at and voted down last session, is now pronounced right, and ought to be there; and it is worse than idle amounts are naturally lost sight of by the that the Government are conscious of having to permit the legislature to make its money House after the year has past, and when they year, 1876, and if it had not that amount left, by their financial statements and their appropriations under the delusion that the appropriate again they do so without having then it cannot have \$130,000 to its credit true state of affairs has been fully represent- it pointed out by Government that "old ap- now, for its income since that date has been a most unfavorable impression upon the ed; that the expenditures as shown by the propriations," it may be to the sum of \$20,warrants does not agree with the actual 000 or \$30,000 will be added to the expen-We are asked to believe from the state- expenditure, only makes matters worse. If diture of the year. This point however is not diture. In order to have the balance claimed ment of the Provincial Secretary, that on the finances were properly administered there of much importance to our present rulers who the Secretary ought to have had to his credit the 31st October last he had a surplus of can be no such disagreement. The conspend fifty or sixty thousand dollars a year on the 23rd of last February \$244,896.68. \$128,876.71 on hand. If it be true that he stitutional principle is that no expenditure in excess of the legislative vote, quite with Those who remember the debates of last actually had this surplus; and if it be also shall be made, except it be covered by a the air of a man who thinks it a disgrace to warrant, and no warrant should issue beyond be caught living within his income. I may the amount of the legislative appropriation, ask you, Mr. Editor, to insert another letter it recorded on page 109 of the Synoptic depayment who eight to have been paid, then or the expenditure authorized especially by or two upon the political situation. I am free to acknowledge the country has law, except in the extraordinary circum-

solemnly declared certain checks and resfore I must content myself with presenting hurriedly to you, what I saw in just as hurriedly a manner. Attorney General, to hold the Government even edgeways, but unsuccessfully, as only a few, (whose friends had secured them tickets) however was, through the kind attentions of

his valuable theory. It seems to me that to have propounded such an utterly ridiculous idea to the House as he did with all the members had been removed and temporary gravity of an inspired oracle proves the Atorney General to be capable at times of very great things; but it also proves that ae holds a very moderate opinion of the inelligence and independence of the supporters of his Government. But to return to

Yours, &c.

For the Colonial Farmer.

LETTER FROM OTTAWA.

hand, &c., until your sight wearies and one nation or furnish it garbled and incorrect, Royalty itself appearing. A great disapopposition can reasonably expect to do, is to ix the stigma of inaccuracy or misrepresenhuge shoulder capes extensively trimmed ation upon some part of the statements, and with white ermine. The bustle is over, they

Our patience is at length rewarded by the

The throne is occupied, the ladies and

It is repeated in French and passed by a back again, unless the Government " pay it courtesy to the Speaker of the House of Commons-the Hon. Timothy W. Anglin, whom some few of your readers already the wisdom of our forefathers threw around know-who stands surrounded by over 100 the Public Treasury? of the members of the Lower House at the lower end of the Chamber,

The biggest show on earth is now over the cannons roar, the sabres of the cavalry intelligence of the House and the country. are drawn. The infantry present arms, the | we have only to reflect upon the fact that Governor drives to Rideau Hall, the crowd the so-called balance would not have had disperses, wondering why it came, and-and and Ottawa is herself once more.

Her Parliament no grander exhibition of of the year 1876, and a few previous years todyism and red-tapeism could possibly be ex- had been charged against those years. In a ibited by Her subjects than by Canada at the opening of her halls of wisdom. I wonder sometimes if Darwin is not correct

n his theories regarding man's origin. Good Health.

MOTES FROM STANLEY.

For the Colonial Farmer.

The School question is causing great past year. The monstrous character of such other notices crowded out. Government upon the July subsidy immed- at Cross Creek on Sunday night. One of the jately after the close of the session. During old School houses about which much trouble

1000 and expended \$636,000. The expendi- work of an incendiary. There seems to be a good bit of portaging through Stanley this winter. A series of special services have been held

> labours of the Rev. R. W. Weddall. February 16th 1877.

## year at this date there was no money; this year although expending all they received the Comment claim to

be but one explanation for this fact, if it is

true, and that is-that a large draft has

already been made upon the subsidy for July.

Another fact which, unless explained, would throw further doubt upon the existence of this balance, is that while the Government the Assembly a financial statement which we three times what the first bridge at that point soy they have only drawn \$100,000 of the publish in another column. It looks well cost, piers and all. No new piers were built on the 31st October last, and if no other \$412,000 at our credit with the Dominion on upon the face but will not bear examination, for this \$6600. How so enormous a price ground for that belief were forthcoming it the 14th of March last, and reserved for the and can only be satisfactory to those whose came to be paid may be gathered from the memory is as short as the Secretary's appears following facts. Mr. Whitman Haines was available on the 8th of February, of \$130,- from Mr. Covert, that on the 3rd day of estimate is correct, that they have only drawn to be. The great point in the financial the contractor. He sublet the getting of 000. Before referring more particularly to November last, he he procured an advance \$100,000 from this credit, they must have statement is the balance on hand; upon this what cedar he required to the Hon. Levite between the Departments and banks, etc. the surplus of the 31st October, it is worthy of remark that the Governor's speech of remark that the Governor's speech of \$100,000. How is it and if they have so paid it, as it is not take the friends of the Government rest as a certain the balance on hand, the friends of the Government rest as a certain the friends provided not only that the Accounts of the possible to believe that the Secretary had charged, the 8th February balance must be tain bulwark against their foes. Before his contract to Joseph Michaud for \$600, discussing this we wish to present a short who sublet his contract to Joseph Michaud, to the matter. should be laid before the Legislature, but the 31st of October, and within three days The great length to which this letter has calculation for the consideration of our readers. Sr., for \$250, who made a good thing by his Hon. Mr. Crawford introduced a bill to also that a statement of the Receipts and thereafter found it necessary to solicit an already reached, precludes me at present from The balance in the Bank to the credit of the job. Mr. Theriault and his sub-contractor amend the law relating to parish courts. Expenditures, from the close of the fiscal year to the day of the opening of the Legislature, should also be submitted. In engaging in the speech from the throne to gaging in the speech from the throne to furnish the last mentioned statement, the comes it that with a large surplus always on usual amount of discussion will take place fiscal year, which was \$128,876.71. Did from Mr. Haines did not appear. This state-Government certainly pursued a most un-usual course. No precedent can be found from the People's Bank? It can scarcely be through the form of asking the House to statements should be dealt with as the Public say that any part of the loans is without has a voice in apportioning the expenditure. as per statement on page 12 of the financial tained through the medium of sworn testimony,

furnish the information when called for the or unauthorized by law, and without warrant, service, but he is a rash man who would Provincial income for '76, \$634,850 39 23rd Feb., '76, Financial

Add the amount on hand 23:d Feb, \$169,003 60

which was the amount at the dis-

amount at the disposal of the

posal of the Province between that late and the close of the fiscal year. Subtract this last sum from the

Province, find a fallacy in this calculation. The irre-

a little under \$2000 greater than the expensession know, and those who don't will find bates of 1876, that the opposition claimed that the amount on hand ought to have been \$244,000, but the Government said No, and voted down a Committee. This discrepancy of nearly \$80,000 was never explained away. but is now made to do duty as so much cash MR. EDITOR,-In my last I promised that on hand. The discussion relative to the in this I would present the ladies of Ottawa Secretary's apparent balance \$167,000, and

as they appeared at the opening of the Senate. his actual balance which was nothing at all, the grand opening. In any one issue it would or as is stated in well informed circles. \$30,000 be impossible to give you even an outline of less than nothing, did not touch this point at the pomp and ceremony displayed, and there- all. Although it is in direct violation of law, we can understand how an apparent balance can be swept away under the Departmental The hour of 3 p. m. had arrived. Thousands check system; but how a discrepancy of so which the words were used leads us to be of the great unwashed had wandered toward vast a sum can occur in the Receiver Genthe Buildings with the hope of getting in eral's Warrant account is inexplicable When we direct our attention more par-

this apparent amount was got at, we do not both Senators and members of both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, given free entree know which to admire most the cool manner to the floor of the Senate, and from that in which the plainest laws were disregarded, of this paper. His charges of misrepresentastandpoint he whispers now what he saw or the supreme contempt displayed by the tion and of efforts to traduce his good name Government for the intelligence of the House may growl, but such a gorgeous display of and the country. For examplification of the magnificence was never heretofore attempted first point we may mention that since the 31st on a similar occasion by any other nation on of October \$157,137.49 has been expended this mundane sphere. The desks of the without the authority of the Legislature, and all times accorded him a reputation for inseats, three in number, on each side of the in direct violation of the Act of 1868. It Chamber had been erected, covered with will be remembered that when the \$500 some scarlet cloth for the reception of the grant for the M. & M. Exhibition was under elile of Ottawa, and they came arrayed in full discussion last year, the Attorney General evening dresses, long trains, short sleeves and low necked, in mauve and purple, green and said in order to secure the vote, "We have blue, white and black, and every other con- paid the money, and if the House don't vote ceivable shade; buttoned elbowward in eight | it, we will refund it out of our own pockets. buttoned kid gloves, opera glasses and fans in At the time we pointed out how dangerous a wonders if some celestial beings were not precedent had been established, and the result has been worse than our fears. More than one But here they come and all voices are hundred and fifty thousand dollars over and expended, and the Legislature not consulted. pointment is felt. as only the Supreme Court | When the sum was only \$500, it might do cloaks reaching almost to their feet, with will hardly do now. Take the Chief Commissioner for an example of the mapper in easier. A quarter of an hour elapses before the Legislature, but the fundamental principal the booming of the artillery guns warn us of that the popular branch of the Legislature

controls the Treasury is set at naught-and Botsford of over \$3,000. This item never Lacques of all sizes and ages, bald headed missioner's Department for an example of but will discuss it in good time. We have plated in the Mr. Rogers moved an Had he said \$60,000 he would have been but the money is gone and cannot be got

> forgotten the value of the safeguards which In illustration of the second point that the returns display a thorough contempt for the Mrs. Young's lecture was attended by the

even an apparent existence, if what was When Her Most Gracious Majesty opens properly chargeable against the expenditure few words the Government make a balance by deferring payments of accounts till after in that department of his trade. He has the close of the fiscal year ; and they have the levery variety under the sun. cool effrontery when the Board of Works has to get over \$52,000 in the depth of the country to believe that they so managed affairs as to roll up a large surplus in the a course is only equalled by the stolidity in

We do not dispute the Raturn from the People's Bank that the Province had \$130,000 to its credit on the 8th of February instant: the year they received in round figures \$634,- has arisen has been burnt down. It is the but we do want to know where this money came from, and, if it was drawn only from talk of clear financial statements. Want of looking a little the worse for wear, we advise space prevents a further discussion of this them to make a note of it. - North Stur, Dansubject now. We shall recur to it again, ville, Vt.

We have been informed, but not by the Chief Commissioner, that the \$1300.00 paid was in part payment for a new bridge several miles up the Stream, and is not chargeable

against the bridge at the mouth, which has the work of the session would be facilitated last session respecting the desirability of the Essex and Yorkshire, and ask what steps The Provincial Secretary has laid before therefore not cost \$7900 but \$6600, or only

Public Works Report.

away," or as it ought to be called Iroquois General's Report for 1876. The contract Central Railway Act. work done. Secondly, that it was unnecessary, as the old bridge would last for years, due in July, 1876, and January, 1877, and if Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Halifax,. \$587,329 55 and the public money has practically been so at what date.

the Government shingle machine; and thirdly, that even if the bridge was out of 3rd of November, one hundred thousand repair its reconstruction was unnecessary, as dollars on account of the subsidy due on the To provide for the publication of another excellent bridge crosses the same 1st January, 1877. stream about a quarter of a mile farther up, and could have been used by travellers along Thursday next. the great road without the least inconvenience. Next Aroostook Bridge. The contract in the Chair, requiring costs in certain cases. price as per the return above cited was \$6250;

contract required pine. Nashwaaksis Bridge contract price \$950 : amount paid \$1800.

These are some of the public works which have come under our personal observation. The aggregate cost is about \$20,000, fully one half of which investigation would show has been paid without value being received. It will be said, as it has already been said by the Telegraph, that it is absurd to bring up these old matters; but until some statute of limitations makes it penal to drag them to the light of day we shall insist on an explanation. We charge it upon the members of the Assembly, as their solemn duty as the guardians of the public treasury to investigate the public works expenditures. The quickest way to fell a dry tree is to strike it in its rottenest part; and the shortest and most effectual way to send the Government to the ground is to attack the public works depart-

The Provincial Secretary in his Budget Speech, charged those Journals which had attacked his financial administration with lieve that the remark was intended for the FARMER, at least so it was understood by nearly every one who heard him. Now we could possibly squeeze themselves into the ticularly to this balance which was said to be as it relates to this paper, is false, and the have only to say that such a statement, so far well as he can know anything, that there is not and never has been any reason for personal hostility between him and the Editor are but efforts to blunt the points of the weapons his own mismanagement has sharphe sympathy of the House. We never questioned his personal honesty; but have at motions. tegrity; but we have charged, and we repeat of Rev. Samuel D. Yeates and forty-four that he has been guilty of contemptible subterfuges in order to conceal the financial condition of the Province, and if their exposure leads the Secrotary to tremble for fear land, with the General Synod of North suffer, he has himself only to blame. A lack read from the table.

of manliness is the cause of it all. We have received a letter from a Kincardine Colonist which is too long for insertion this week. The chief point made is that Capt. Brown was not the originator of the proposed exodus to Kansas, but that their Mr. Barker introduced the bill to authorize hushed, all eyes are directed to the door on above the amount authorized by law has been departure was suggested by the Colonist, and the Municipal Council of the Country of Capt. Brown was engaged in it only out of York to assess and collect amounts due or to sindness to the Colony. Our correspondent become due by parishes of the said County is very severe upon Mr. Troup, and says if and to ament the law relating to the County, Judges are coming, arrayed in long scarlet to talk of refunding; but such an answer the Government had told the truth and had Councillors of said County, with a petition not sent " false telegraphs" to Scotland, the in favor of each. Colony would never have come to the Province.

A Madawaska correspondent promises some interesting disclosures, relative to Public

The Reporter may rest assured that we integrity of our system of Government.

Turk in Europe" on Tuesday. We thought way Act. the Dr. handled his subject very well. His elocution, though not all that could be desired. not afraid of his consonants. The Houlton Times says the potato trade

there has been something remarkable. change of name, they sought power to increase high military official amid much very polite out of their own pockets." Has the country During the time the travelling was good at the capital and to vest the management of least one hundred trains arrived daily, bring- affairs in four directors, one of whom should Samuel Dayton and others asking for free ing from 1,000 to 2,000 bushels of potatoes.

Godey's Lady's Book for March can be obtained at Hall's Book Store. Subscribers to this Magazine for 1877, get a beautiful Chromo called "The Mother's Joy." The March number is up to the usual standard, great a hurry to get the measure through, Long Island, N. Y., on Sunday. and is a fine one in every particular.

argest audience which ever assembled in the City Hall. We cannot say that we found ments to meet the objections of Mr. Jones, the lecture very interesting or instructive. Mr. J. L. Beverly makes a specialty ancy Stationery, and is certainly very strong

The House went into Supply on Friday. The discussion on the motion was very warm. winter to meet pressing engagements, to ask | We will review the various points touched upon in future issues.

A number of communications, book and

on the 24th of February last. We followed There are many helps for those who desire to introduced. at Nashwaak Village with very good results.

It is several years since a revival broke out statement but can get no light open the light open It is several years since a revival broke out statement, but can get no light upon this acceptable than Hall's Hair Renewer and day for Friday passed. here. Many of the young have decided for God. point. What we want to know is how much Buckingham's Dye for the whiskers. Both The Methodist Church on the Nashwaak cash was on hand on the 24th of last February, these preparations are kept for sale at all our Circuit is flourishing under the indefatigable and until this is ascertained it is useless to drug stores, and if any of our friends are

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY.

After routine, the Speaker called attention

Mr. Burns said he understood the Provincial He observed that the statement submitted diture for the current year. The Provincial Secretary said anything not | Subsidies from General Government, \$470,000 embraced in the statement submitted would be brought down on his attention being called

The Provincial Secretary submitted the Tibbett's application moved for by Mr. Miscellaneous Receipts,...... 3,000 and Davis. Pursuant to notice, Mr. Marshall moved

and Upham Railway, which the Secretary Auditor General,....

of 1876 to be \$1600. Against this expendi- Albert Railway, which the Secretary said "Free Grants Act,"..... ture we make three objections. First that it would be submitted without a resolution. \$537,144.88 is fully \$1000 in excess of the value of the Pursuant to notice, Mr. Covert enquired Centennial Exhibition, ......... whether the Government had received any Debates of House of Assembly .... advances on account of the Dominion subsidies | Immigration, .....

expended only in clearing out Mr. Theriault's The Secretary replied that on the 22nd day Blind Asylum, Halifax, ..... hundred thousand dollars on account of the To provide for expenses of testing subsidy due on the 1st of July; and on the

Mr. Tweedie gave notice of enquiry and also notice of resolution for papers on

Mr. Austin committed a bill, Mr. Tweedie The bill as explained by the mover, provides Normal School Building, that if a defendant shall make affidavit that he has good grounds for defence, and belief in his favor, that the Judge shall make an shall give security for costs. He said the lands in Simonds. suits from being brought, as they often were porate the Moncton Gas Light and Water by worthless people, involving loss of time Co., with petition of J. Crandall and others Advance County of Gloucester to pay v defendants in making defence and mulcting | in favor thereof. hem in costs, besides, when it turned out he plaintiff had neither case nor money. After discussion, progress was reported, Act. Mr. Murchie in the chair. and the bill was referred to committee, con-

sisting of Messrs. Austin, Butler, Davidson, Jones and Cottrell. Mr. Willis from committee to wait on the Lieut. Governor with the address for papers respecting special subsidy and adjusted claims eported that duty performed, and His Honor

aid he would reply by message. Mr. Willis from similar committee in eference to immigration papers, reported having waited on the Lieut. Governor, who aid the papers would be furnished.

the first Tuesday in November to the second part thereof since negotiation for transfer Tuesday in October; Mr. Marshall in the Mr. Ryan introduced a bill to amend in-

ender all personal property within a parish whom surveys of such transferred lands were duction from value for debts due borrower | tion of such survey. account of such property. He said that der the pressent law Assessors deduct all ebts of ratepayers from the value of property | sent an address. the parish or district in which he resides, and making the law operate unfairly upon the

Hon. Mr. McQueen presented the petition

others, inhabitants of Westmoreland, praying that an act may pass incorporating the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Westmore-

After recess, pursuant to notice, Mr. Willis noved for the Normal School papers, which the Secretary said would be brought down The rule being suspended, and after some

discussion on objections raised by Mr. Austin, The rule being suspended, Mr. Jones in-

roduced a bill relating to the Upper Road District in Woodstock, Carleton County. Hilisboro Branch Railway Act, which, as explained by the mover, is to authorize the As explained by the mover, the bill provides to extend its road further down have not forgotten the Provincial Exhibition, the river, to deeper water, than was contem-

Exhibitions, namely, the maintenance of the with the Company as to the price, apply to two justices and obtained an award in the and continue the Central Railway Act Agreed same manner as a company may now do un-The Rev. Dr. Waters lectured on "The der the provisions of the St. Andrews Rail-

Hon. Mr. Fraser committed a bill to change the name of the firm of McCausland, Upham | sections were passed with very little discus-& Co to Fredericton Leather Company, and sion, the Attorney General said it was not explained that the company was incorporated under the General Act, and, besides the pass some provisions in succeeding sections.

change, etc., in the name of the Company, volving charge on the revenue. The bill was agreed to. Mr. Murchie recommitted the bill to further amend the General Assessment Act. Mr. Willis thought the mover was in too and had not given time to have it compared, with the Consolidated Statutes, in order that the necessity for it might be ascertained. Louisiana for Hayes and Wheeler. Mr. Murchie said he had prepared amend-

and which, being moved and briefly discussed. were accepted and the bill agreed to. hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars guns. have been paid towards the construction of The British steamer Lobos, from Newhaven that road and no change of its logation has Jan. 23, with arms and ammunition for the been ordered within a year.

and other departments up to the seventh cargo is reported damaged. Burn's request.

Our personal appearance is a matter in the current year by message in the usual without factious interruption, which our friends and acquaintances have a form, and on his moving to make supply the At a meeting of the Atlantic and Pacific York (City of Fredericton,) right to a choice whether we shall inflict order of the day for Friday next, Mr. Willis Telegraph Company a report was precented upon them an exterior uncared for and unat- said there was no cause for such a hurry in by Preseident Eckert, proposing the contractive, a countenance marred by a neglected the matter as there were papers moved for struction of 10.000 miles new lines, covering George Botsford, Esq. grizzled beard, or a crown guiltless of covering, and not yet before the House, while some new territory, and campleting the system. half covered, or thatched with white hairs, or important committees had not reported. The A cash subscription of \$600,000 was made, whether we shall in deference to our fellows, House might be well occupied by discussing and the work of construction will begin imregular and legitimate sources, where it was them presentable and acceptable in society.

ington of typhoid-pneumonia.

Mr. Beveridge introduced a bill to amend | days. The Russians are actively working in the Act relating to the location of the Victoria Persia to induce the Shah to join them in

In reply to an enquiry by Mr. Smith the is the possession of disputed frontier territory. the fact that several standing and other Secretary said that the Government, during mmittees had not yet reported, and said recess, had under consideration a resolution of tention to the outbreak of the rinderpest in by their reports being submitted with as French being enabled to read any information have been taken to prevent the spread of relating to agriculture in their own language, the disease. The Privy Council have issued but did not deem it advisable to print the a notice that the cattle plague has been deecretary to say on Friday when he withdrew Annual Report on Agriculture in the French tected at Bow and Stepney, both within the

The Secretary submitted the financial break was reported at Hull during the night down by command contained all he asked for. statements of last year and estimated expen- amongst the stock in the vicinity of the

The Provincial Estimates. Casual and Territorial Revenue..... 75,000 Fees Supreme Court,..... Fees Provincial Secretary's office,.. Fees Lunatic Asylum, ..... 1.600 Refund of School Loans,..... 20,000 Interest on loans to School Boards,.. 2.000

al government in any country in the world.

Certainly it was not contemplated that these

Certainly it was not contemplated that the decision will be reached to-morrow.

Certainly it was not contemplated th McQueen were appointed a committee to Public Health,...... 7,000.00 Elections, ..... The rule being suspended, Mr. Covert Public Printing, ..... 8,000.00 Bridge, referred to on page 192 of the Auditor introduced a bill to continue in force the Contingencies, etc.,............... 11,000.00 price of this work is stated on table No. 2 in Pursuant to notice, Mr. Rogers moved for Surveys, Gov. Inspections, etc., ... 3,000 00 the financial returns appended to the Journals a statement of the payments, correspondence, Marriage Certificates, .......... 1,000.00 minutes, surveys, etc., connected with the Provincial Debentures, ...... 34,000.00 Mining Operations, .... 5,245.15 mill-pond, so that lumber could be brought to of April, 1876, the Government received one St. John Public Hospital, ..... 1.500.00 powers of Local Legislature in

> unfinished portions of Allen's reports,.... Unforseen expenses,....

withholding liquor licenses, ....

Attorney General introduced a bill relating Mr. Elder introduced a bill to enable the order staying proceedings until the plaintiff Justices of St. John to sell and convey certain Advanced to Geo. Thompson, measure was calculated to prevent vexatious Mr. Humphrey introduced a bill to incor-

> Mr. Ryan committed a bill to amend the Hopewell Freestone and Mining Company's Progress was reported.

Mr. Elder committed a bill to incorporate Brothers of Christian Schools, Mr. Davidson in the chair. House adjourned. THURSDAY.

Nothing but routine this morning. After recess, Mr. Willis moved the following resolution:-For a statement of the quantity and location of all lands obtained by the Government or the Surveyor General's Department from the New Brunswick Rail-Mr. Jones committed a bill to alter the way Company for settlement purposes, the ime of holding the annual election of Coun- date of transfer, the extent to which lumbercillors in the Municipality in Carleton from ing has been permitted on such lands, or any were commenced, and the name of the license or licenses; also a detailed statement of moneys on account of stumpage, or in any orporation act of the Hopewell Freestone ways connected therewith received from the licensee or licensees of such settlement, lands, Mr. Murchie committed a bill to amend or any persons in his or their behalf, or any persons whatever, together with the name or IcLeod in the Chair. The mover explained names of the persons from whom such moneys 26, it would leave \$130,772 as net cash balance he bill as one to repeal section eighteen, and were received on account of such stumpage; available at Bank. estore it with such amendments as would also the names of the person or persons b

abject to assessment therein, and also to made, and the amount paid for or considera-Messrs. Willis, Covert and Crawford were appointed a Committee to prepare and pre-

Mr. McLeod moved the following resolution: For copies of all correspondence in any way relation to the resignation of the Hon. Edward Willis as a member of the Government of this Province

The motion passed, and Messra, McLeod. Burns and Stevenson were appointed a Committee to prepare and present the address. Mr Tweedie moved the following :- If the Provincial Government has, at any time, since 31st Octaber, 1875, procured a loan of any sum of money from the Maritime or any ether bank doing business in this Province. that his character as a member of society can America. The petition was received and and, if so, at what time or times such loan or loans were made, and the amount, and for

what purposes such loan or loans were procur-The Provincial Secretary said the Provincial Government has not at any time since the 31st Oct. 1875 procured a loan of any sum of money from the Maritime or any other Bank doing business in this Province, except a loan from the People's Bank for the Normal School building, and on which loan there has been advanced by the People's

Bank to date the sum of \$30,037.26. A bill sent down from the Legislative Council requiring Constables to give security before entering upon their duties, was

Mr. Barker committed a bill to amend the Act relating to the Election of Councillors in York County; Mr. Rogers in the Chair. tion, and after some discussion progress was

Mr. Austin committed a bill to amend the law relating to the sale of spirituous The amendment was accepted and the bill liquor in the parishes of Lancaster, Simonds, and St. Martins, in the County of St. John; Mr. Burns in the chair. After some twenty within the province of this Legislature to Progress was reported. Dr. Dow endeavored to present petition of

have the authority to accept drafts, draw ex- ferries in York. Ruled out of order as in-

## NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

A \$200,000 fire occurred at Sag Harbor, The Senate voted 38 to 28, accepting the as per schedule report of the Electoral Commission counting The Vienna Political Correspondence says: Russia has 600,000 men, or two fifths of her

army, organized. The army south of the bominion, as per schedule Caucasus on the Asiatic frontier of Turkey is 7th. Bonds of St. John and St. Stephen The Secretary submitted the statement in readiness for action, and number 115.000 School Boards to secure People's Bank for \$17,000. asked for by Mr. Rogers, showing that one men, 35 field batteries and 250 heavy siege

Turkish Government valued at \$1,750,000, The Secretary submitted the return of the arrived with boats and deck-house damaged balances to the credit of the Receiver General hatches and sky-lights washed away. The inst., and said that those of the eighth would | The Democrats in the House of Represen- King's, be brought down, in compliance with Mr. tatives held a second caucus last night, when Northumberland, the canservatives were again in the majority.

The Secretary submitted the estimates for The Electoral count will therefore proceed Victoria,

of the States then proceeded alphabetically. Rear Admiral Goldsborough died at Wash-The debate in the House of Lords on the 1876

metropolis, and also at Hull. A fresh outfirst outbreak, through the entire herd in which it occurred were immediately slaugh

the event of war. The inducement held out

In the Lords Earl Fortescue will all at-

The objection to the count of Nevada, on the ground of the ineligibility of one elector, has caused the recess of Congress until to-

Six Rear Admirals of the United States Navy have died within five weeks, viz., Goldsborough, Smith, Alden, Wilkes, Bailey

The objection to Nevada was speedily settled, and its votes counted for Hayes. The count then proceeded uninterruptedly to Oregon, on which objections were made and

latter is in Europe. made by the Province with available cash

Dom subsidies to Jan'y '77 \$255,142 09 5,813.97 Amn't on account Wood-750.00 Refund County School Loans, 925.75

264,159 39 393,036.10 Warrants as per list (since 31st Oct.) \$105,985.87

Cash advances on acco'nt bye-roads, Loans to sundry School Boards, Salance due by Agricultural Depr't, the advances to pur-Sundry advances to societies, 315.00 ---Advances on acen't of erection of school

Advarces on acc't of stumpage collec-Oct, 1876, Am't advanced to Geo. Botsford. services Leg. Council. Am't mortgage assigned by Comre'l 1,500.00 Advances, Legislative expenses session, Advances late Co. Treasurer Gloucester

board and lodging of jurors, criminal Advance delegation to Ottawa Balance Immigration accn't 31st Oct, Balance Board of Worksaecn't 31st Oct. Advances from Pp'ls Bank acc't Board of Works since 31st Oct, 1876, Advances by Bank to Chief Sup't of

\$176,052,03 Less balance undrawa of warrant No 783 Centennial Am't undrawn on warrants to pay interest on debts, 495.00

Cash in Prev. Secty's and Recv'r Genl's Office, Note.-In the foregoing statement, the nount drawn on account of special loan by the same bank for the City of St. John and St.

JNO, JAS. FRASER, Receiver General. Receiver General's Office, 9th Febr'y, 1877.

iabilities of the Province of New Brunswick at Date. 1st, Provincial Debentures outstanding on the 31st Oct. 1876. Provincial Debentures issued between 31st Oct. 1876 and 18th Feb. 1877,

ind. Estimated cost of the Normal School Building. d, Amount of Special School loans to St. John and St. Stephen by Peoples' Bank, guaranteed by the Ith. Amount required to fulfil existing railway obligations. h. There are certain liabilities on contracts entered into by the Board of Works and Supervisors for ordinary road and bridge services, which will

be payable out of the usual aanual Provincial Secretary and Receiver Genera's Office, 9th February, 1876. JNO. JAS. FRASER, Drawn up to 8th Feb. 1877, on account

of the special loan (without interest) by Peoples' Bank, in connection with the Normal School Building, PECIAL LOAN BY PEOPLES' BANK TO SCHOOL BOALDS, GUARANTEED BY THE PROVINCE, PAY-ABLE WITH BANK INTEREST. To City of St. John, LIABILITIES TO MATURE ON ACCOUNT OF EXISTING RAILWAY CONTRACTS. Martins and Upham Railway, say \$ 76,000 Grand Southern, say Petiteodiac and Elgin Railway—balance

due them in full

Albert Railway will be paid for by the money with the Secretary-Treasurer before nomina- at the credit of the Province with the Dominion. DEBENTURE ACCOUNT TO 8TH FEB., 1877. Balance 31st Oct., 1876 Nov. 7, 1876, Nos. 100 to 113, \$500 by authority 36th Vic., Cap. 36, redeemable 7th Nov., 1896 (in aid of Chatham

Branch Railway)
Dec. 26, 1876, Nos. 439 to 470, \$500 by authority 37th Vic., Cap. 8, redeemable 26th Dec., 1906 (St. Martins and Lpham Railroad) Dec. 26, 1876, Nos. 471 488, \$500 by authority 37th Vic , Cap. 8, redeemable 26th Dec., 1906 (Petitcodiac and Elgin Railway) Feb. 1, 1877, Nos. 489 to 536, \$500 by authority 37th Vic., Cap. 8, redeemable 1st Feb., 1907 (Grand Southern aJn. 17, 1877, Nos. 161 to 180 \$500 by authority of 38th Vic , Cap. 13, redeemable 30th June, 1895 (Wood-

stock Bridge) \$399,000 ESETS OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK. 1st. Balance of Public Accounts for 1876 and accounts herewith submitted. 2nd. Amount due for Counties on County School fund loans (as per schedule) under School Act, 3 d. Amount due on Geo. Botsford's bond 4th. Amount due on Daniel Lucy's bond as 5th. The Hayward propert, St. John, estimated at \$50.0. 6th. Amount at credit of the Province with

School Boards to secure special loan from Receiver Genera Prov. Sec'y and Receiver's office, 9th Feb., 1877, Balances due the Province on County Fund 4,234.25 2,865.15 1,188,95 3,017.40

Houcester, Queen's. 2,077.05 7,845.45 1,746,15 17.24 THE BOTSFORD FUND.

1,079.71 \$26,332,15 \$5,179.20

Bond dated 20th May, 1872, 4 year's interest to 31st Oct., 1876, New Brnnswick with the

72.00

After routine this morning, Mr. Burns gave took recess until two this afternoon.

notice of a motion for papers, and the House | Eastern question was resumed last night. | Dec, 31st-At credit of the Province of Argyle led the attack on the Government. supported by Kimberly and Derby.

To Receiver of New Brunswick Dr. Bond dated 21st Jan, 1865, payable in

\$372.00 Dominion, at date, \$312,615.74

Special Loans to School Boards,... 17,000 00 Normal School Building to 1st 2 18,000 00 Now. cetimated at..... The last item may be excessive as I have

no reliable date to guide me, but even so. the result is substantially the same. Last

ture made up as fsilows:-

Current Expeniture, ..... \$563,683.37

Paid on old appropriations,..... 12,951.62 County Fund School Loans,..... 26,410 50

16,000.00

and advances deferred into close of