

year; the revenue being 17,000l. more than the preceding year. He therefore thought the country could bear the anticipated loss; without a necessity, in the present depressed state of trade, of imposing any additional burdens. The honourable member was of opinion, that all discriminating duties should be done away, and that rum, the property of a non-resident, should come into the province upon equally good terms as if it belonged to a resident. No invidious distinction in this respect existed in Nova-Scotia; neither were the exports of this Province subject to any additional tax in the West-Indies, if imported in a New-Brunswick vessel, and besides, the West India Produce thus imported here was generally paid for in the produce of the country, whence the country was generally benefited. Another reason was, that the revenue would not suffer by this measure, the greater part of the rum now imported being that, subject to the long duty. The honourable member said that his remarks with regard to rum would apply to sugar. He would recommend, that all sugar should bear a tax of 2s 6d, per cwt.; although he must say, that if the circumstances of the country would admit of it, he would be for abolishing all duties on sugar, molasses, and coffee, which were absolutely among the necessities of life; and he hoped to see the day when they would be excluded from taxation. He differed with his honorable friend, with regard to the propriety of increasing the duties on brandy and gin: He thought these articles already sufficiently taxed, and he hoped the committee would pause, before adding to those duties, as he felt confident that such a measure would only be an encouragement to the smuggler, and a consequent injury to the revenue. He recommended abolishing the duty on vinegar, which now operated as a direct tax on the exporter. No vinegar of sufficiently good quality for curing salmon could be obtained in the province, and the principle of that imported from the United States, being used for that purpose. He thought the duty should be removed. He would have no objection to a small duty on tea, as long as the Province was paying tribute to Nova-Scotia for a supply of that article, but he hoped it would not be long before the East India Company would send a tea ship direct to St. John, when he would be for admitting the article free of duty. He was happy to find that his honorable friend saw the propriety of allowing all raw materials to come in free of duty, as he felt certain that it never could have been the intention of the late house to tax such articles as tallow, salt, cattle, hides, &c but such had been the construction put on the revenue bill, and it had operated most oppressively. He could not think that the committee really could entertain an opinion that British manufactures should pay any duty; and, therefore till he heard that measure seriously proposed, he should not think it necessary to reply to his honorable friend. The honorable member concluded, by stating in general terms, his opinion, that commerce should be as free as possible, and that he intended, when the revenue bill should be brought up, to submit some alteration in the certificates for obtaining drawbacks and a mode, for the relief of the importer, of warehousing dutiable articles.

Messrs. S. Humbert, Cunard, Wyer, Gilbert, Chandler, Taylor, Allen, End, Scott, Brown, and others successively followed, and eloquently supported their views and opinions. As far as we have been able to collect, Messrs. Humbert and End clearly to advocate the propriety of the distinction between non-residents and residents. Mr. Cunard was of the opposite opinion. Mr. Chandler, in a long speech, confined himself almost exclusively to the subject of imposing a small tax on British manufactures, which he considered the only resort for supporting the Revenue, and seriously recommended.

Messrs. Weldon Slason, Taylor, Allen, &c. supported the measure. Messrs. Partelow and Cunard opposed it. Mr. S. Humbert assented to it with great reluctance.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this committee, it is expedient to increase the Revenue, by imposing a small additional duty on Brandy, Hollands, Geneva. Yeas—Messrs. Clinch, Hill, Dow, Brown, Gilbert, Harrison, Scott, Miles, Hayward, Slason, Taylor, Chandler, End, S. Humbert, J. Humbert, Weldon, and Allen. Nays—Messrs. Partelow, Barlow, Ward, Wyer, and Cunard.

Resolved, that in the opinion of the Committee, it is expedient to impose a small ad valorem duty on all British merchandise imported into this Province. Yeas and Nays—same as on first resolution.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to continue the duties on rum, and sugar imported into this Province, with the exception of the discriminating duties.

COMMITTEE ON THE ROAD REPORT—Resolved, that in the opinion of this Committee, the Report of the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration what sum was necessary for the improvement of the Roads throughout the province, be sustained, and that the same be referred to a Committee of Supply.

Monday, February 28.

TAVERN BILL.

[This bill having before being under discussion, we omit the lengthy debate that ensued on Mr Simonds proposing that the minimum of the penalty to be imposed on tavern keepers or retailers selling liquor on the Sabbath day, [except to travellers] should be 1s.—The Members generally having expressed their sentiments on the baneful effects on tipping on Sundays, and after considerable discussion on the question, the clause in favor of travellers was erased from the bill, and the maximum fixed at 5l. and the minimum at 20s.

Mr. Simonds next advocated the necessity of giving Magistrates a discretionary power to charge as high as 20l for licenses, where necessary, as in the city of St. John, Fredericton, St. Andrews, &c. This proposition also called forth much argument, without coming to any definitive arrangement on the subject.

Considerable discussion then took place, as to the minimum quantity of spirit which a retailer should be allowed to sell. Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Simonds, Chandler and S. Humbert, were for restricting it to one quart. Messrs. Wyer, Slason, Cunard and Clinch for one pint.—Mr. Partelow proposed, to settle the dispute, that it should be three half-pints, which would fill a nominal quart bottle.—The motion for ONE PINT was carried.—The price of a retailer's licence was fixed at a maximum of £7 10. and a minimum of 40s.

Tuesday, March 1.

HIGHWAY BILL.

In Committee.—Mr Partelow in the Chair—Mr Speaker stated some difficulties which might arise on the construction of the Bill, as to the power of Commissioners of roads, to lay out roads where none had ever before existed, and to widen or alter roads previously laid out; in consequence of which, the committee agreed to report progress, in order to gain time to deliberate on the matter.

The House went into Committee in further consideration of the Election Bill; but in consequence of the great importance of the measure, and the necessity of due deliberation, as well as in consideration that there was no immediate necessity for passing it this Session, the Committee resolved, (on the suggestion of Mr Chandler and the motion of Mr Partelow,) to postpone the consideration of the Bill till the next Session of the House; by which time, honorable members pledged themselves to be prepared to go into consideration of it.

Colonial.

ST. JOHN.—Travelling on the ice, is getting to be unsafe. Yesterday, a Mr. Hitchingham lost a valuable span of horses in the ice, opposite to Napier's, in Kenebeckacis. Two other horses also got in near the same place, but happily they were saved.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.—Early this morning the house of Mr. John Scott, sen., York River, was consumed by fire, and the principal part of the property in it destroyed.

HALIFAX.—A Letter from New York of the 28th Feb, says that in consequence of advices just received by the Liverpool Packet Shp of the 26th January, an advance of 37 1-4 cts. per bbl. on Flour, would no doubt take place the next day, when it would be worth \$7 to 7 1-8.

ARCHITECTURE.—We have pleasure in stating that our fellow townsman Mr J. Johnston, builder, has gained a prize of £60, which was offered in Canada for the best plan of a Penitentiary.—*Recorder.*

NAVAL MERIT.—We are happy to announce that the Underwriters of this place, have presented to Capt. George Benjamin, late of the Brig *Cecelia*, Two Hundred Pounds, for his laudable exertions in taking ite Bermuda the Brig *Cecelia*, after having been disabled in a violent storm.

BOSTON.—Mr Vaughan, the Br. Minister at Washington, being about to leave the country, a number of Members and citizens of Washington invited him to a ball at Carusal's Assembly room. Mr Vaughan accepted the invitation, and the ball was to be given on Tuesday evening.

BLANKS

Of various kinds for sale at this Office.
Nov. 5.

PRIME CUMBERLAND BUTTER and AN-NAPOLIS CHEESE.

The Subscribers offer for sale at their Store in Chatham 30 Firkins prime Cumberland BUTTER, and 1200 cwt. Annapolis Cheese, 30 puncheons high proof Demerara RUM, 10 hds, and 30 barrels superior Jamaica Sugar, 23 puncheons Molasses of excellent quality; 50 bls. Prime mess Pork, 40 do. Superfine FLOUR, 45 do. Meal; Brandy, Gin, Lemon Juice; Maderia Wine, Teas, Indigo India Silks, Iron new Blocks for ships; Staple Cordage of different sizes, 2 four inch five inch 2 six inch and 1 seven inch Hawser; 2 large Boilers for Brewing one of 80 and one of 120 gallons. Also a large assortment of

DRY GOODS.

adapted for the season; the whole of which they will sell low for Cash, or Good Merchantable White Pine Timber at the opening of the navigation, and as they intend bringing their concern to a close as early as possible they request all persons to whom they are indebted to present their accounts for payment, and all those indebted to them by note or book debt, to pay their accounts as early as possible

JOSEPH & SAMUEL.

Chatham, November 29, 1830.

DANIEL GREEN.

CHAIRMAKER;—lately from the City of St. John: Respectfully begs leave to inform the Public, that he has commenced the above business in Newcastle, where he will keep constantly for sale—Fancy and Windsor Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads carved, Window Frames, plain, carved or gilt. Furniture of all kinds, made, repaired or painted on the shortest notice. He feels confident from the long experience he has had, both in England and this country, and by strict attention to business, to merit a share of public patronage. Turning and carving done on the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.

M. B. One or two Cabinet Makers wanted to whom constant employ will be given. August 22.

CABINET MAKING, UPHOLSTERY, &c. &c.

JAMES COMBIE, Cabinet Maker, and Upholsterer, from ABERDEEN, respectively intimates to the Inhabitants of Miramichi, that he carries on work in these branches of business in the newest and most approved taste—and will be enabled to execute work substantially and handsomely to those, who may be pleased to honour him with their employment, and to whom it will be his most earnest study to give all desirable satisfaction.

In the Upholstery branch of the business he will be able to complete work in Window and Bed Curtains, Sofas, Chairs and all kinds of stuffed work—and in putting up Paper Hangings, in such tasteful and fashionable style, as may accord with the newest patterns, with which he will be furnished from time to time.

N. B. Funerals conducted on reasonable terms. All orders from a distance punctually attended to: the smallest favor thankfully received. Chatham, 26th November, 1830.

REMOVAL.

CHRISTOPHER CLARKE, begs to inform the Public in general, that he has removed to the STORE STORE, lately owned by Capt Charters, and adjoining the Store of Mr George Taylor.

Where he offers for Sale on his usual liberal terms and rather reduced prices, his very general and well assorted Stock of British DRY GOODS, and HABERDASHERY. Blankets, Flannels, and Hosiery, Hardware, Cutlery, &c Ironmongery, Crystal, Glass, Earthenware and Brown Ware, Maderia, Tenerife and Port Wines, and Dublin Porter, Cogniac, Geveva, RUM, Shrub and Peppermint; Hyson, Souchong and Congo Teas, Refined and Raw Sugars, Molasses, Sperm and Tallow Candles, White and Yellow Soap, warranted two years old—Dried Fruit—Almonds, Wall and Spanish Nuts, Spices, and a very general assortment of other Groceries, with about Two Hundred and Fifty Bushels Oats. Also, on Consignment—CORDAGE of all sizes, from 1/2 to four inches, Canvas, Sannon Twine, Cod and Mackerel Lines.

Chatham, 7th Feb. 1831.

LOST

Between Chatham, and a quarter of a mile below the Church a white LINEN SHIRT, made, Any person or persons who may have picked it up will have the goodness to leave it at the Printing Office, where they will be rewarded for their trouble
March 8.

NOTICE.

A NOTE OF HAND being drawn in Da House, January 26th, 1831, in favor of William Down, of £8 Currency. Any persons are forbidden to purchase the said Note, as no value has been received; the Note being payable the 1st July.

JAMES M'PHERSON.

Chatham, 22 Feb. 1831.

HISTORY OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

A few Copies for sale at this Office