

hang it in a dry place; in two or three days, as soon as dry, take down and scrape with a blunt knife till clean and supple. This completes the process, and make you a most excellent saddle cover. If when you kill mutton you treat your skins in this way, you can get more for them from the saddlers than you can for the wool and skin separately disposed of otherwise.

N. B.—Other skins which you desire to cure with the fur or hair on, may be treated in the same way.

News of the Week.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE. NEW BRUNSWICK.

SPEECH

Of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, at the Opening of the Legislature:

Mr President and honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Mr Speaker and honorable gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

Having called you together at the earliest period that has been practicable after the termination of the elections, which were unavoidably deferred to a late season of the year, I meet you with an impression that, as we are assembled to deliberate on the affairs of the Province under circumstances of more than ordinary interest, you will be animated by that public spirit which is required to enable us to fulfil the expectations of the country.

You will participate in the gratification which Her Majesty's subjects in general have felt in the recent and brilliant successes which have signalled the operations of Her Naval and Military Forces in the East, and which have offered so prominent an occasion for National gratitude and felicitation in the prospects which those successes have opened to British enterprise.

I congratulate you also on the ratification by Her Majesty of a Treaty with the United States, for the settlement of the Boundary between those States and the British Provinces; an event by which a protracted dispute, calculated to have disturbed the peace of both countries, has been happily terminated, and which is likely to prove advantageous to Commerce.

The abundant Harvest of the last season with which Providence has blessed the labours of the people, as well in the United Kingdom as in these Colonies, has demanded the expression of our thankfulness. The relief it has afforded under the depression to which the country has been subject, has drawn attention to the Agricultural resources of the Province. I have taken advantage of this disposition, by encouraging the formation of extensive settlements on the Crown Lands, under regulations calculated to prevent the evils attendant on the desultory occupation of them. I recommend that Legislative provision should be made to check the illegal occupation of the Crown Lands, and also of the Indian Reserves, and to secure the Revenue derivable from them.

A revision of the Election Laws will also become necessary in order to protect the constitutional rights of the Freeholders, and for the security the public peace at Elections, which are likely to be of more frequent occurrence under the Act of the last Session.

As the Laws for the support of the Parochial Schools in the Province will shortly expire, I have prosecuted such further enquiries into their condition as will be a guide to you in

applying a remedy to the defects of the system. From its importance to the welfare of the rising generation, I recommend the subject to your early attention.

It is unnecessary that I should recapitulate to you the measures which have appeared to me to be called for, to improve, on English principles, the Institutions of the Province, and which have so much engaged the attention of the country: but there is one subject which it is incumbent on me at this time to recommend to your particular notice; I allude to the timely adoption of such a system of Finance, as will be calculated to restore confidence in the integrity of the Province and retrieve the public credit.

Mr Speaker, and gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

Since the close of the last Session my attention has been unremittingly given to the means of alleviating, so far as it has been practicable, the embarrassments arising from the failure of the Revenue, and the depreciation of the Provincial Credit. The Accounts for the past year, which have been fully audited, will be laid before you, from which you will observe that extraordinary means will be required to relieve the public creditor. In proposing to raise such moderate Duties as would not press unduly upon Commerce, I anticipate that there will nevertheless be adequate means to provide with economy for the public service, and for those objects which in a new country require the protection of the Legislature.

Mr President, and honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr Speaker, and gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

Her Majesty's Government having acquiesced in the proposal to ascertain the practicability of opening a Canal to connect the Gulf of Saint Lawrence with the Bay of Fundy, this Survey is now in progress, and another important work has been liberally undertaken by Her Majesty's government in the Survey of the Bay and its Tributary Rivers. From these and other researches, of which Reports will be laid before you, I am led to anticipate that the great natural resources of the Province will engage attention in the United Kingdom. That it should prove an attractive region to those who, attached to the constitution of their country, would bring with them a knowledge of its Arts and Institutions, will I am confident be in accordance with your feelings; and I can desire no higher gratification than in fostering the growth of those principles which have raised the English Nation to her present pre-eminence, and which, under Providence, will ensure the prosperity of succeeding generations.

UNITED STATES:

Boston Mercantile Journal.

The Court martial.—The report of a Court Martial having been ordered for the trial of Commander Mackenzie and officers of the Somers, is confirmed. This decision is said to be in compliance with the demand of Mackenzie and his brother officers; and will, of course, terminate the proceedings in this case, as all interference by the civil authority will now be unconstitutional, even if the civil originally, had jurisdiction in this case. The N. Y. Commercial says it is reported that the court is to be very large—to consist of some ten or a dozen post captains and commanders, at the head of whom commodore Biddle is to be placed as president. The court is to assemble very soon at the Navy Yard,

and so the whole case will have to be gone over again.

COLONIAL.

NOVA-SCOTIA.

Halifax Journal Jan. 30.

OPENING OF THE PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.—At two o'clock on Thursday last, his Excellency Lord Falkland came down in the usual state to the Council Chamber, attended by the Officers his Provincial Staff. His Excellency was received in front of the Province Building by a guard of honor from the Rifle Brigade, and in the Council Chamber by Major General Sir Jeremiah Dickson and other Officers of the Garrison, his Worship the Mayor and Alderman and several other Citizens.

On his Excellency's taking his seat the attendance of the House was commanded and the Session opened with the following

SPEECH.

Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have called you together at the earliest period that the state of the Public Business has rendered it convenient for me to do so, or that (as I have reason to believe) the avocations of individual members would admit of their attendance.

You will, I am sure, deem it a matter of congratulation, that since I last met you, a Treaty has been concluded by Her Majesty, with the United States—by which the boundary Line of the Queen's North American Possessions, is definitively settled.

I am happy to be able to state to you, that the Fisheries have been more than usually productive during the past season: while we have abundant reason to be grateful to the Divine Giver of all good for a plentiful and safely stored Harvest.

As might have been anticipated, from the general depression of Commercial Interests, (a depression from which, however, Nova Scotia has suffered but little, comparatively with other countries,) there has been a decrease in the Revenue: but it is gratifying to find, that while the claims on the Provincial Treasury have been punctually discharged hitherto, the resources of the Province are such as (if husbanded with a judicious economy) leave no doubt of our ability to meet such engagements with equal regularity in future.

The first report of the Commissioners for Indian Affairs is ready for your inspection; and I hope that an investigation of the facts therein set forth will make it appear, that the money so generously appropriated to a benevolent purpose has been expended with due discretion; and that a proportionate benefit is likely to accrue to the oppressed and suffering Race, for whose relief it was designed.

I trust you will, on examination, be convinced, that in every matter of public concern the conduct of which has been confided to the Executive Government, the interests of the Colony have been vigilantly protected.

It has been my duty during the recess to maintain a correspondence with the Secretary of State for the Colonies on several subjects of deep importance. This Correspondence, in which the views of her Majesty's Government on the various topics it embraces are fully developed, shall be communicated to you without delay.

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

The Accounts for the past, as well as the Estimates for the current year, shall be forthwith laid on your table. I fully rely on your disposition to provide liberally for the Public Service.

Mr. President, and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

The attention of the Government has been directed to the revision of the Law of Debtor and Creditor, and the co-operation of the Legislature will be invited, with a view to the establishment of a system adapted to ameliorate the condition of the one and secure the rights of the other.

A plan for regulating in future the disposal of Crown Lands, based on the principles propounded in a Despatch from the Secretary of State, communicating the opinion of the Commissioners of Land and Emigration on this question, will be presented for your consideration.

A measure conceived with a design

to extend the privileges of Constituency of Nova Scotia, and which is calculated to render available to the Province at large the services of persons well qualified to comprehend its wants and advance its interests, but whom local circumstances might under the present Law, temporarily exclude from the Legislature, will be submitted to you, and will, I trust meet with your concurrence.

It will be necessary for me shortly to ask your aid in maturing other measures of general interest: but which can be more conveniently brought under your notice by Message.

Of your sincere desire to assist me, and those who are my constitutional advisers, in our united efforts to promote the welfare of Nova Scotia, I entertain the most perfect conviction; and I therefore feel assured, that as you will enter on the discussion of all subjects it may be incumbent on me to bring before you in a spirit of candour and devotion to the welfare of your Country, I shall derive from your labours during the present Session the same advantage that I have heretofore reaped from your deliberations.

Editor's Department.

MIRAMICHI:

TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 7, 1843.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

THE Courier with the Southern mail arrived on Saturday morning, at 7 o'clock.

County Restigouche.—At a Public Meeting held at the Court House, Dalhousie, in the county of Restigouche, on Saturday, the 28th January, for the purpose of taking into consideration several communications received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

JAMES PAUL, Esq. High Sheriff, in the chair.

THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY, Esq. being requested to act as Secretary. Proposed by Robert Ferguson, Esq. and seconded by Mr George B. Cowper,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, the existing Scale of Duties is as high as the depressed state of Trade will bear; but that in case increased taxation is necessary for sustaining the Revenue, this meeting are of opinion that a moderate duty upon all articles of Import (excepting Corn, Bread Stuffs, Live Stock and Agricultural Produce, the growth of the British North American Colonies) would be the most expedient.

Proposed by John Montgomery, Esq. and seconded by Mr W. S. Smith,

Resolved unanimously, that this meeting are of opinion, that a moderate Export Duty on Timber and Lumber might be instituted to advantage for the License Duties now imposed.

Proposed by Mr Wm. Hamilton, and seconded by Mr John U. Campbell,

Resolved unanimously, that in the opinion of this meeting, the Warehousing system of requiring the Duties to be paid only as the articles are taken out for consumption, would be far preferable to the present mode of taking bonds for the Duties.

Proposed by Adam Ferguson, Esq. and seconded by Mr W. Smith,

Resolved unanimously, that in the opinion of this meeting, the scale of Tonnage Duties for Timber and Lumber cut on Crown Lands, proposed by the Hon. Thomas Baillie, Surveyor General, in his Letter to the Lieut. Governor under date of the 7th Jan. although rather high, is a fair average according to the value of the different sizes and qualities of timber.

Resolved, that the foregoing Resolutions be engrossed, and forwarded by the chairman to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and for publication in the Gleaner.