

Baldwin has done, we conceive a portion of the Public Money would be well expended for such purpose, and we would recommend the Form of return made out by Mr Baldwin, as admirably adapted for the purpose of presenting the information in a clear and intelligible light.

"As we are of opinion that the Breed of our Provincial Horses is fast degenerating, we have agreed to recommend a small sum of money towards the purchasing of Four Stallions of an approved breed, for labour and general purposes; we therefore propose that the sum of £500 should be appropriated for this purpose in four sums of £125 each, in aid of individual subscription for obtaining Horses for the following Districts:—

One for Carleton, York, Sunbury, and Queen's;
One for Charlotte and Saint John;
One for Westmorland and King's;
One for Northumberland, Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche.

"We recommend the sum formerly granted for the support of an Agricultural Paper be reduced to £40, and that the Publisher be not required to circulate any numbers gratuitously among the Agricultural societies.

"In conclusion, we recommend that the conditional Grant of the last year be continued for the encouragement of Agricultural societies.

"Respectfully submitted."

An Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue. Table of Colonial Duties and Exemptions from Duties.

ARTICLES SUBJECT TO DUTY.

Specific.

Apples, per bushel, 6d. brandy, per gallon, 2s. all other spirits and cordials, per gallon, 1s. 4d. candles of all kinds, except sperm and wax, per pound, 1d. sperm and wax, per pound, 2d. cattle, oxen, and all other cattle over one year old, (cows excepted,) each, £1 clocks or clock cases of all kinds, each, 10s. Coffee, per pound, 3s. fruit, dried, per hundred weight, 5s. horses, mares and geldings, each, £2. Leather, —calf and morocco skins, tanned or dressed, per dozen, 6s. harness and belt, per pound, 2d. sheep skins, tanned or dressed, per dozen, 2s. 6d. sole, per pound, 1½. upper per pound, 3d. Malt Liquors of every description, not being aqua vite, otherwise charged with duty, whether in bottle or otherwise, per gallon, 3s. Sugar, refined, in Loaves, per pound, 1d. refined, crushed, per hundred weight, 6s. of all kinds, except refined and crushed, per hundred weight 2s. 6d. tea, per pound, 1d. tobacco, manufactured, except snuff and cigars, per pound, 2s. wines, per gallon, 2s. 3d.

Ad-Valorem

On the following Articles, for every one hundred pounds of the true and real value thereof, videlicet:—

Boots, shoes, and other leather manufactures, 7½ per cent. bricks and tiles, 10 per cent. chairs, and prepared parts of or for chairs, 10 per cent. clocks wheels, machinery and materials for clocks, 10 per cent. household furniture, except the property of passengers and Emigrants, for their own use, and not intended for sale, 10 per cent. iron Castings, except such articles as are usually designated hollow ware, 7½ per cent. looking glasses, 7½ per cent. Oranges and lemons, 10 per cent. piano fortes, 10 per cent. snuff and cigars, 10 per cent. whale oil, except such as be the return cargoes of vessels fitted out for fishing voyages from ports in this Province, 10 per cent. wooden ware of all kinds, including matches, 10 per cent. all other goods, wares and merchandize, not otherwise charged with duty, and not herein declared to be free of duty, for every one hundred pounds of the true and real value thereof, 4 per cent.

Exemptions from Duty.

Ashes, baggage and apparel not intended for sale, barilla, books, printed, burr stones, canvas, carriages of travellers, not intended for sale, chain cables and other chains for ships' use, coal tar, coals, bullion and diamonds, composition nails and spikes for ship building, copper in sheets, bars or bolts, for ship building, cordage and oakum, corn and grain of all kinds, (except Wheat,) corn broom brush, cotton wool and cotton warp, dog stones, duck, dye wood, eggs, felt, fish of all kinds, fishing craft utensils, instruments and bait, fruits, fresh, and roots and vegetables of all kinds, except apples, oranges and lemons, furniture, working tools and implements, the property of emigrants, not intended for sale, Glue, Gypsum, ground and unground, hemp, flax, and tow, hides, green and salted, iron, in bolts, bars, plates, sheet, and pig iron, lines and twines for the fisheries, looking glass plates, lumber.—(see wood and lumber,) mahogany logs, boards, and Veneers.—(see wood and lumber,) manures of all kinds, meats, fresh, salted, and cured, mill saws, mineral salt, molasses, nets, fishing nets and seines, oil, blubber, fias, and skins, the produce of creatures living in the sea, the return of Vessels fitted out in this province for fishing voyages, seal, cod, dog, porpoise, palm, and rape, onions, ores of all kinds, pitch, planis, shrubs, and trees, poultry of all kinds, printing paper, quicksilver, rags, old rope, and junk, rice, ground and unground rosin, sail cloth of all kinds, sails and rigging saved from vessels wrecked, salt, seeds of all kinds, sheathing paper, ships, ship tackle and apparel, skins, furs, pelts or tails undressed, soap Grease, spikes and sheathing nails, steam engines, boilers, and machinery for mills, stone, unmanufactured, tallow, tar, tin in sheets and blocks, tobacco, unmanufactured, turpentine, varnish of all kinds, wood and lumber of all kinds, except cedar, spruce, pine and hemlock shingles, wool, zinc.

April 1.

To Henry W. Baldwin, the sum of £111 3 10, being the amount of over expenditure made by him in 1841, on the Road leading from the Restigouche Great road to the upper Bridge, Tatagouche river, and the upper part of the road to the said river approaching the Weirs.

To the Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester the sum of £150 towards paying off the County Debt.

On motion of Mr J. A. Street, Resolved, That the Petition from Donald McKay and others, inhabitants of the Parish of Northesk, in the County of Northumberland, praying that measures may be taken for the breaking up the Mill Reserves situate on the Tideway of the river Miramichi, in order that they may be thrown open to Public competition, which was presented to the House on the twelfth day of February last, and ordered to lie on the table, be now referred to the Committee appointed on the twenty ninth day of January last, to take under consideration all matters affecting the Lumbering Interests of the Province, to report thereon.

April 3.

Read a third time as engrossed, a Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick. Resolved that the Bill do pass.

A Message from the Legislative Council. Mr Dibblee, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to the resolutions of Appropriation dated the 29th and 31st days of March last and the first day of April instant, with the following exception:—The sum of one hundred and fifty pound to pay for reporting the Debates of the House of Assembly the present Session, viz:—To Doak and Hill fifty pounds; To James Hogg fifty pounds; To J. P. A. Phillips fifty pounds; In which the Legislative Council do not concur.

April 4.

Read a third time as engrossed, a Bill to increase the Representation of the County of Northumberland. And upon the question, that the said Bill do now pass, and be sent to the Council for their concurrence, the House divided as follows:—Yeas—The Hon. Mr Simonds, Hon. Mr Allen, Messrs. J. A. Street, W. H. Street, Stewart, End, Taylor, Scoullar, Connell, Fisher, Wark, Brown, Boyd, Rankin, Hill, Thompson, Payne. Nays—The Hon. Mr M'Leod, Messrs. J. Earle, Smith, Palmer, Partelow, Botsford, Jordan, S. Earle, Wilmot, Gilbert, Barker, Hanington, Hazen. And it was carried in the affirmative.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £— towards the support of the Establishment on Sheldrake Island, in the County of Northumberland, under the direction of the Board of Health for the Counties of Gloucester and Northumberland. It was moved—That the blank be filled up with the sum of £400. Yeas—15 Nays—13.

To the Justices of the Peace of the County of Gloucester the sum of £30 to enable them to remunerate a Courier to run between Bathurst and Pokemouche, by way of Shippegan, for the year ending first June, 1845.

To the Deputy Postmaster General the sum of £30 for the support of a Courier between Miramichi and Pokemouche, via Tabusiatac and Tracadie.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor a sum not exceeding £75 for each County in the Province for the support and encouragement of Agricultural Societies, according to the terms and conditions of the Grant of a like nature passed in the year 1843.

To the Deputy Postmaster General the sum of £100 to defray the expense of a semi-weekly Courier between Peitcodiac and Newcastle, to deliver and receive Mails at the different Post Offices and Way Offices on the Line.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £20 for the encouragement of a Packet between Shediac and Bedeque; the same to be paid Anthony Simpson, on a certificate being produced that the said Packet has been at all times fit to carry Passengers, and that she has been running at least once a week from the opening of the navigation to the close thereof.

To John Stevens, of Bathurst, the sum of £5 for having taught a School in the Parish of Bathurst for three months ending the twenty third day of October last.

April 5.

On motion of Mr J. Earle, Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order that all Permits for cutting Timber and Logs granted on Crown Lands since the first day of May last, be thrown open on and after the first day of May, 1845, to Public competition.

To which Mr Partelow moved an amendment—To expunge the whole of the said Resolution, after the word "Resolved," and substitute the following:—"That in order to afford relief in the premises, a Bill should be introduced for the purpose."

Mr Brown then moved an amendment to the said amendment—To expunge the whole thereof, as well as so much of the original Resolution, after the words "His Excellency will be pleased," and substitute as follows:—"To throw open all Lumbering Grounds for Public competition, except in cases where satisfactory proof shall first be given that the Applicant has actually lumbered on the Berth applied for during the past year, to the extent contemplated by Law."

The question being taken upon the last proposed amendment, it was decided in the negative.

The question being also taken upon the first proposed amendment, it was decided in the

negative. The question was then taken upon the original resolution, when the House divided. Yeas 7.—Nays 21. And so it was decided in the negative.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £100 to enable His Excellency to cause the division line between the Counties of Northumberland and Gloucester to be run and established. The sum of £300 to enable His Excellency to pay the Government Postages for the year 1845.

To Henry W. Baldwin, Esquire, High Sheriff of the County of Gloucester, the sum of £10 to remunerate him for actual labour in completing a very elaborate Statistical Return of Agricultural Produce raised in the County of Gloucester in the year 1844.

On motion of Mr Wilmot, Resolved, unanimously, that an Humble and Dutiful Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, upon the subject of the Post Office Department in this Province, and that the Hon. the Legislative Council be requested to join in such Address. Ordered, that Mr Wilmot do communicate the said resolution to the Council.

April 7.

Mr J. A. Street moved the following Resolution:—Resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause all the Mill Reserves granted since the passing of the Civil List Act, for Mills situate on the Banks of the Banks of the main navigable Rivers, and not on small streams from the Banks of which the Mill or Mills situate thereon shall depend for a supply of Mill Logs, be forthwith broken up, and that the same be thrown open to general competition, in like manner as other Timber Lands. And upon the question, the House divided as follows:—Yeas Mr J. A. Street, Mr Rankin. Nays 12. And so it was decided in the negative.

"Legislative Council Chamber, 7th April, 1844.

"Resolved, unanimously, that this House do agree to the proposed Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, upon the subject of the Post Office Department in this Province "Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs Botsford and Kinnear be a Committee to join such Committee as may be appointed by the Assembly to prepare the same.

"William Tyng Peters, Clerk."

On motion of Mr Wilmot, Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to join the Committee of the Legislative Council to prepare the said Address. Ordered, that Mr Wilmot, Mr Partelow, Mr Wark, and the Hon Mr M'Leod do compose the said Committee.

Colonial News.

Canada:

Quebec Gazette, April 1.

CLOSING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of Canada was prorogued on the 29th March. The following is the Speech of the Governor General on the occasion.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I thank you for your indefatigable attention to the laborious duties which you have had to perform during this unusually long Session. I trust that the Acts which have been passed will prove beneficial to the Province, and I consider myself justified in especially congratulating you on those for improving the Administration of Justice in Upper Canada, and those relating to Education and Municipal Institutions in Lower Canada, all of which are of the highest value, promise to render essential service to the community. I regret at the same time to notice that several important measures have been unavoidably postponed. On this account I am reluctant to part with you, for I am loth to lose your assistance while any thing remains to be done which the good of the country requires. Nevertheless, I am sensible that your presence, is much required at your homes, and that it would be unreasonable to expect your longer attendance at the present period. Whatever has been left incomplete, will, I hope, be accomplished at our next meeting.

I have had the satisfaction of assenting in Her Majesty's name to nearly all of the Enactments which you have passed, and the few reserved for the decision of Her Majesty's Government have been so dealt with under circumstances, which from positive instructions or otherwise, have rendered it imperative on me to pursue that course. The Act to amend the Ordinance Act of the last Session of the late Parliament comes necessarily under that description as it affects the property of the Crown.

I have received authentic information of the passing of an Act by the Legislature of the United States which may seriously affect the Commercial interests of this Province. I will not fail to submit the subject for the attention of Her Majesty's Government, and I am sure that it will receive the most earnest consideration.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

I return you my hearty thanks for the liberality with which you have provided the requisite means for the due administration of our Affairs. I shall anxiously co-operate with you in every measure of economy consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service. It is satisfactory to observe that the prosperous condition of our Revenue enables us after providing for a reduction of the Public Debt, by commencing the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Guaranteed Loan, to apply a considerable sum to additional Public Works calculated to produce great advantage.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

You are about to return to your homes to resume those occupations which in most cases are indispensable for the support of your families, and which are unavoidably interrupted with some degree of injury to yourselves by your attendance on Parliamentary Duties. I earnestly hope that you may be successful in your undertakings, and I beg you to convey to your several constituencies the assurance that Her Majesty's Government ardently desires the welfare of this Province, and is anxious that the whole of its inhabitants, without distinction, and with perfect equality, may enjoy all the rights and privileges of a Free People, and experience the prosperity, contentment and happiness which are naturally derived from unfettered industry, prudent enterprise, good fellowship and brotherly love. And now, Gentlemen, with the heartfelt wish that you may be partakers in these blessings, I will say farewell until we meet again. I cannot, however, conclude without expressing my warmest thanks for the aid and support which you have afforded to Her Majesty's Government by your loyal, zealous and patriotic labours.

April 2.

The Weather.—A general thaw has set in with the present week and the progress it has made in town during the two last days has been astonishingly rapid. On Monday and to-day we have had a clear atmosphere with warm sunshine, and yesterday, true to the character which the month of April proverbially bears, we had alternations of sunshine and showers, which have powerfully contributed to reduce the great depth of snow with which our streets are encumbered. Should the present favourable weather meet with no interruption, in about a fortnight our streets, notwithstanding the more than average quantity of snow which has fallen during the winter, will be clear at an earlier period than usual. The roads in the country are fast breaking up, and we are informed that the rossignol and other spring birds have already made their appearance in the vicinity of the town. The ice on the St. Charles and between the Island of Orleans and the Beauport shore, continues to hold, but the St. Lawrence in front of the city is nearly clear, the greater part of the battures having broken up.

New Brunswick,

St. John Observer, April 8.

Our April weather, thus far, has been cold and disagreeable. Large quantities of snow and ice yet remain in sheltered situations; and sufficient snow falls almost daily to keep the travelling in our streets wet and uncomfortable.—An old-fashioned snow storm has commenced this afternoon.

Wreck of Barque Hibernia.—A letter received by Messrs. Chubb & Co., from Brier Island, we regret to state, announces that the barque Hibernia, Capt Lyon, from Liverpool, bound to this port, with a valuable cargo of merchandize, went ashore on the North West side of Long Island, near Brier Island, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday night last, 1st inst, in a thick fog and storm, and is a total wreck, only a small portion of her cargo being saved. Crew saved.—The Hibernia was a fine new vessel, being only on her first voyage, and was owned by Christopher Boultonhouse, Esquire, of Sackville, Westmorland County, in this Province.

Since the above was in type we have been favored with the letter from which we extract the following additional particulars:—

"The ship went on shore on the N. West side of Long Island, on the night of the 1st inst. in a dense fog, and I regret to say she has since broken up, and yesterday when last I visited the wreck, scarcely a vestige of her remained together. The sails, a small part of her running rigging, and a very small proportion of her valuable cargo has been saved, none of which was landed until