

The saving of manure is the next, and though last here, not the least important matter for consideration. Every thing of a vegetable or animal kind, unless for other purposes, on a farm, should be gathered and saved for manure. A convenient compost yard and pit should be provided. The dung from the stables, the weeds from the fields, the chaff and offal straw, cornstalks, &c., the kitchen waters, contents of chambers, and all of such things, should be cast into the pit. The pit should be so situated that the drainings of urine, &c. from the stables should pass into it. A shed should be built over it to protect it from rains, and the effects of the sun's rays. Plaster of Paris should be sown over the surface of the manure pit once a week during warm weather, to catch and fix the volatile ammonia that will be continually passing off. If such a thing as a leisure day happen, (which, by the way, I do not see how a good farmer can ever have even a leisure moment,) the leaves from the woods may be profitably gathered and thrown into the pit. Twice a year, say in April and October, the contents of the pit should be taken out, thoroughly mixed and piled up to digest for a week or two or even a month. In forming the piles, if you have any swamp mud or bog earth, you may very properly add two or three loads of this to each load of the contents of the pit, taking care to mix them well. After the pile has stood a sufficient length of time, the compost may be carried out and spread over the land, either as a top dressing, or to be plowed in before seeding.

These are my views of the improvement of worn out and all other land. I submit them with great deference to the farmers of my country. Should they disagree with me in any or all particulars, I trust they will attribute my errors to at least good motives. I desire to do some good in my day, and the agricultural interest is, above all others, the most worthy of my efforts in my opinion. It certainly has my best affections and wishes.

GIDEON B. SMITH.  
Baltimore, November, 1844.

**Legislative News.**

**New Brunswick.**

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, February 22.**

Mr J. A. Street, from the Committee appointed on the eight day of February instant, to take under consideration the various Documents communicated to the House on the subject of the contemplated new Line of Road through this Province to Quebec, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again Read; and is as follows:—

The Select Committee to whom were referred the several Messages of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, under date of 3rd, 7th, and 20th instant, and laid before this House 4th, 8th, and 21st instant, relative to the contemplated new Military Road about to be made and opened, by and at the expense of Her Majesty's Home Government, between Quebec and Halifax, and to the means of keeping such Road open and in repair when made, within the limits of this Province, having had the subject under consideration, Report:

"That in the opinion of your Committee, the opening and making of the Road in question, independently of Military considerations, cannot but be viewed as an object of the highest interest to this and the adjoining Provinces, not only as affording at all seasons of the year a safe and easy communication between the Canadas, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, but as the means of opening up an extensive tract of valuable Land now in a wilderness state, and thereby tending greatly to advance the internal improvement of the Country. An undertaking of such magnitude, and importance should therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, receive every encouragement and assistance, consistently with the Finances of the Province, from the Provincial Legislature, not only for the purpose of promoting the settlement of that section of the Province through which this road shall pass, but also for the purpose of assisting to repair and keep up the said Road, within the limits of this Province, when the same shall be made and opened.

With this view, your Committee beg leave to recommend to your Honorable House, to pass an Act in the present Session, authorizing the Executive Government of the Province for the time being, to make free locations or grants of all or a certain portion of, the ungranted and unlocated Lands on both sides of the Road forty rods, and back, of the like width, a sufficient distance to take in fifty acres for actual settlement, under the necessary regulations and restrictions, for the purpose of securing the object of the grants or locations; and to make the said Road (when properly made and opened) one of the Great Roads of the Province, within the limits thereof, thereby securing to the Road a portion of the Legislative appropriations for repairing the Great Roads of the Country.

Such a measure, your Committee conceive will not only at once afford to the Executive Government the means of facilitating and en-

couraging the settlement of the Wilderness Lands on this Road, but secure to the Home Government a reasonable portion of the finances of the Province, towards keeping said Road, when made, in repair.

Your Committee have therefore prepared a Bill, in accordance with the recommendations of this Report, which they now respectfully submit herewith.

J. A. Street,  
James Brown,  
John Jordan,  
W. H. Botsford,  
E. A. Wilmot.

Mr Rankin moved for leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the Members of the Fire Engine Company in the Town of Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, from certain Duties therein mentioned. Leave granted. The said Bill being brought in was; when the Hon. Mr Speaker brought under the notice of the House, that the Twenty fourth Rule, which requires certain publicity to be given to Bills of a private or local nature, had not been complied with. The question was taken for the dispensing with the said Rule, and that the Bill be read a first time, and it was decided in the negative.

Mr Brown, from the Finance Committee, submitted a Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Committee of Finance, appointed to prepare an estimate of the sum of money to be granted in Supply during the present session, having attended to that part of their duty, presented the following Report:

That from Documents which have come under their notice, and the probable estimates which they have been able to make, they are induced to believe that the Casual and Territorial Revenue will about meet the demands on the Civil List for the current year;—that the one per cent. duty under the Loan Act, will meet the amount of Interest payable, on Warrants and on the Loan for the current year; and that the Light House, Marine Hospital, and Emigrant funds, will respectively meet the charges on the same.

That the Revenue for the current year, arising from all other sources, will probably amount to

£60,000 0 0
From this sum deduct the several sums annually payable by Legislative enactments now in operation, viz:—
Salary of the Master of the Rolls, £500 0 0
Judges' Travelling charges, 250 0 0
Clerk of the Crown on the Circuit, 250 0 0
Clerk of the Pleas in Supreme Court, 900 0 0
College Grant, 1,100 0 0
Provincial Penitentiary, 310 0 0
Second Instalment of Loan, 6,000 0 0
Adjutants, Sergeant Majors, and Reports in Supreme Court, 500 0 0
10,100 0 0

Leaving the amount to be granted in Supply, £49,900 0 0  
Respectfully submitted.

James Brown,  
David Wark,  
W. H. Street.

Ordered, that the Report be accepted.

February 24.  
Mr J. A. Street, by leave, presented a Petition from Richard, Hayne, Esquire, and one hundred and sixty others, Freeholders and Settlers in the counties of York and Northumberland, praying Legislative assistance towards making a road leading from Stanley to the South West Branch of the River Miramichi; as also towards the erection of a Bridge over Taxes River to replace the one carried away by the Freshet of 1843; which he read. Ordered, That the said Petition be received and referred to the Road Committee to report thereon.

February 27.  
Read a third time as engrossed, a Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Gloucester to assess the said county to pay off the county Debts. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

February 26.  
Read a third time as engrossed, a Bill to amend an act to establish the value of certain British Coins in this Province, and to amend the acts relating to the establishment of a Legal Tender. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

On motion of Mr. Partelow, that the House proceed to the Order of the Day of the twenty fourth day of February instant, to go into Committee of the whole in consideration of Ways and Means of raising a Revenue in this Province. The Order of the Day being read, the House according thereto resolved itself into said Committee.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the matter referred to them under their consideration, had passed the following Resolution:—"Resolved, As the Opinion of this committee, that the present Duties now imposed upon Articles imported into this Province should be continued with certain modifications and exceptions." The Resolution being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was there again read. Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and the Resolution, as reported from the Committee, adopted by the House.

March 1.  
Read a third time as engrossed, a Bill to amend the Charter of King's College. Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

To the Lieutenant Governor the sum of £150 towards the support of the Roman Catholic School established in the City of Saint John.

March 3.  
On motion of Mr J. A. Street, the House

again went into Committee of the whole on a Bill to establish and regulate the Registry of the Electors of Members to serve in the General Assembly of this Province. Resolved, That the further consideration of this Bill be postponed until the next Session of the Legislature.—And upon the question, the Committee divided Yeas—Hon. Mr Allen, Messrs. Hannington, Smith, Botsford, Alexandre, Palmer, Thompson; Partelow, Taylor, Jordan, Hazen, J. Earle, Connell, Perley, Wilmot, Naby—Hon. Mr Speaker, Hon. Mr M. Leod, Messrs. Barbarie, Stewart, S. Earle, J. A. Street, W. H. Street, Payne, Scollar, Boyd, Barker, Hill, Wark, Brown, Rankin. And the division being equal, he had decided the question in the negative.

On motion of Mr Fisher, the House went into Committee of the whole on a Bill further to amend the Law relating to Bankruptcy. The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein, and he was directed to ask leave to sit again. Ordered, That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Mr Hazen moved for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the regulation of Seamen shipped on board of or belonging to all Ships or vessels registered in or belonging to the Province of New Brunswick, while such Ships shall be within the precincts thereof. The Order of the House, limiting the time for bringing in Bills, being in this instance dispensed with, leave was granted, and the said Bill being brought in, was read a first time.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that the Committee appointed to consider and report upon sundry Petitions, praying for a return of Duties paid on Timber and Lumber cut on Crown Lands, and also on granted Lands, between the first day of January, 1843, and the passing of the Act 7 Victoria, cap. 18, imposing an Export Duty on Timber and Lumber shipped from this Province, and coming to market too late to come within the exceptions of the said Act, be discharged; it being the opinion of this Committee, that the operation of the said Act conferred a great boon on the Lumbering Interests of the Province, and was the means of reducing greatly the facilities to which parties having Licences to cut Timber and Lumber would otherwise have become subjects; and moreover, that on the passing of the said Act the Legislature had no intention of entertaining such applications.

To which an amendment was moved—to expunge the whole of the said Resolution, after the words "opinions of this Committee," and substitute the following:—

"That all the Export Duty paid or that shall be paid upon Timber and Lumber cut on Crown Lands under Licence, prior to the passing of the Act of 7 Victoria, cap. 18, and in which the Licence Duty has been paid, and brought to market after the period limited for the said Act to go into operation, should be returned to the Petitioners, but not on that which was cut on granted Lands."

And the question being taken upon the said proposed amendment, the Committee divided, as follows:—Yeas—16. Nays—21. And it was thereupon decided in the negative.

The question was then taken upon the original resolution, when the Committee again divided as follows:—Yeas—20. Nays—11. And so it was carried in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Partelow, Ordered, That the Report from the Auditor General on the Accounts of the Board of Health for the Counties of Gloucester and Northumberland, and the Accounts accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr J. A. Street, The House again went into Committee of the whole on a Bill to incorporate the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick, and for the better regulating the Practice of the Law in the said Province.

Resolved, That the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three months." And upon the question, the Committee divided as follows:—Yeas—16. Nays—15. Whereupon it was carried in the affirmative. Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche, the sum of £— to reimburse the said Parish for money expended towards the temporary care and support of transient Emigrants during the year 1843 and also for the temporary care and expenses incurred in removing one John Larrey, a transient Lunatic Pauper, to the Asylum at Saint John. It was thereupon decided in the negative.

To Samuel Porter, of the Parish of Ladlow, in the County of Northumberland, the sum of £5 16 8 to remunerate him for the support of Abigail Porter, the Widow of an old Soldier, for seven months previous to her death, which took place on the twenty ninth day of December, 1843.

To Richard Burbridge the sum of £—, being the balance of his Account for taking charge of the Hospital at Chatham, in the County of Northumberland, during the year 1843. Upon the question for sustaining this Resolution, it was decided in the negative.

**Colonial News.**

**Canada.**

Quebec Gazette, March 5.  
Montreal, March 3.—The two Houses of the Legislature having taken their usual holiday on Saturday, are set to work to-day at 3, p. m., it is supposed much refreshed. The Assembly has 33

orders of the day before it, all matters repeatedly before the House, some of them for more than a month. The Customs Duties is the first order. Of the Legislative Council 21 members are present in town, out of 33, of which it is composed. Some others may, however appear on the call of the House to day. Perhaps it is too much to expect that all the members should attend during three or four months, at their own expense, and to the neglect of their families and affairs, without, in reality, being able to render an adequate service to the country. Almost every bill of importance is a money bill, and must, therefore, originate in the Assembly. The Council has indeed the power of rejection, which can rarely be beneficially exercised.

The Weather.—March has come in with characteristic rudeness. On Sunday last a north east snow storm commenced, which continued throughout Monday, and after an interval of calm yesterday, has returned with increased severity to day.

Fire and Loss of Life.—Yesterday evening, about nine o'clock, a fire broke out in Mr Michel Julien's Dry Goods Shop, St. John street, which we are sorry to learn, was attended with loss of life. The fire had made such progress when it was first discovered, that all attempts to extinguish it were unavailing, and the house was totally consumed.

One half of the house was occupied by Mr Michel Lamontagne, Watch-maker and Jeweller, and it was with difficulty that the most valuable articles in his shop were saved. He has lost all his household furniture, and we learn £550 in bank bills, together with watches and jewellery to the amount of £250, which were in the upper part of the house. Mr Lamontagne had insurances effected only to the amount of £400 on his stock in the shop, and £250 on his household furniture, at the Canada office.

Mr Julien's house was insured for £600, and his stock in trade for £400, at the Quebec office, and we learn that nothing was saved.

We regret to learn, that a short time after the fire had been subdued, the body of a young man, named Peter Richardson, was found in the ruins, who had no doubt fallen a victim in generously attempting to rescue what he could from the consuming element. The body was immediately taken to the police station house and recognized this morning, although much disfigured, by his sorrow-stricken father. A Coroner's inquest was held and a verdict returned accordingly.

The weather being calm at the time and the building being of stone, to those circumstances, combined with the usual efficient exertions of our Fire Companies, is to be attributed the confinement of the fire to the house where it originated.

**Quebec Gazette, March 3.**

Want of space prevents us from publishing in this day's paper the proceedings in the House of Assembly on Friday last. A resolution appropriating the sum of £40,000 for losses sustained during the late rebellion in Upper Canada, was carried by a majority of 13—yeas 43; nays 30. Subjoined is the answer returned by His Excellency to the Assembly's Address of congratulation on his elevation to the peerage, published in our last:

"GENTLEMEN:—I return you my warmest thanks for your kind congratulations. The honor bestowed on me by our Queen I ascribe, next to Her Majesty's gracious goodness, to the maternal interest which she takes in the welfare of the People of this Province, and to Her approval of my earnest endeavours to promote that object. Those endeavours, I assure you, shall be unremitting; and I humbly hope that by the blessing of the Almighty, Canada may be prosperous, contented and happy, whereby the most anxious wish of my heart will be accomplished."

From the Toronto Banner.  
Threatened Breaking up of the American Union.—The people of Massachusetts seem at last in earnest about Slavery. Meetings of a convention of all parties were held at Faneuil Hall, in Boston, on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, when an Address to the people of the United States was agreed to, strongly condemning the Annexation of Texas, and expressing their resolution not to hold it binding on them. An amendment was moved that the moment Taxes was annexed, Massachusetts would leave the Union, and form a coalition with any other free State which would join with her. It was not carried, for they are not quite ripe for it, but it must be very soon. We say, "Go a-head old Massachusetts!" there is some British spirit in you at any rate. Just hoist the Bri-