

No. 5.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Honorable S. L. TILLEY, Fredericton.

Have telegraphed Hale to see you. Defer the issue until Wednesday. I may not be able to leave for St. John before this day week. Telegraph me as soon as Order is made. I thought Order was made at time I was authorized to procure new Stamps.

(Signed) CHARLES CONNELL.
Woodstock, 28th April, 1860.

No. 6.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Honorable CHARLES CONNELL, Woodstock.

All right. Desirable that all should be at St. John by Thursday next, if possible.

(Signed) S. L. TILLEY.
Fredericton, 28th April, 1860.

No. 7.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Honorable C. CONNELL, Woodstock.

Shall Postage Stamps be detained and Deputies ordered to retain old ones until further orders.

(Signed) JAMES HALE.
Fredericton, 28th April, 1860.

No. 8.—Telegraphic Despatch.

The Honorable C. CONNELL, Woodstock.

Contractors here promised full Council to consider claims. Your presence necessary Thursday evening at furthest.

(Signed) S. L. TILLEY.
St. John, May 2nd, 1860.

(Copy)

To His Excellency the Honorable J. H. T. MANNERS-SUTTON,
Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c. &c.

We advise your Excellency to approve of and order to be distributed the one cent, ten cent, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps, procured by the Postmaster General; and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent Postage Stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the five cent Stamp already procured by the Postmaster General.

(Signed) S. L. TILLEY, P. MITCHELL,
A. J. SMITH, CHARLES WATERS,
W. H. STEEVES, DAVID WARK.

May 8th, 1860.

(Copy)

Secretary's Office, May 12th, 1860.

SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request you to distribute the one cent, ten cent, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps procured by you, and to desire you to take the necessary steps to have struck off a five cent Stamp bearing the likeness of the Queen, for future distribution.

I have, &c.
(Signed) S. L. TILLEY.
The Hon. C. Connell, &c.

(Copy)

Post Office Department, 15th May, 1860.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your favor informing me that you had been desired by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to request that I would distribute the one, ten, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps procured by me, and to take steps to procure a five cent Stamp for future distribution. You will inform His Excellency that I was authorized by Minute of Council in December last, to procure a one, five, ten, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamp, and that all these denominations are now in the Office of this Department ready for distribution.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CHARLES CONNELL.
The Hon. S. L. Tilley.

(Copy)

Secretary's Office, 17th May, 1860.

SIR,—I have laid before His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor your Letter of the 15th instant, relative to the distribution of Postage Stamps, and I am directed to inform you that he has referred it for the consideration of his Council.

I have, &c.
(Signed) S. L. TILLEY.
The Hon'ble C. Connell, &c. &c.

I have felt it my duty to lay before Your Excellency this Correspondence, together with the Minute of Council, and have no desire to make any comment thereon, as I think it will speak for itself.

I may remark, however, that I cannot discover by that Correspondence, No. 1 to 8, that it was the intention to withdraw from me that support in the action I had taken in procuring the Postage Stamps as authorized by the Minute in Council referred to.

My administration of the Post Office Department is before the public, and it is for them to say whether it is satisfactory or not.

I think I may state with certainty that the revenues of the Department will be reduced by the recent action of the Government, as I made arrangements for the delivery and sale of Postage Stamps at every Post and Way Office throughout the Province on the 1st May. I do not intend that the legitimate authority belonging to the Chief of that Department shall be limited or circumscribed while I have the honor of being at its head.

After a very careful and deliberate review of the whole matter, under all the circumstances, I believe that my continuance in office would not be beneficial to the Department.

Holding the opinions that I have submitted to Your Excellency, I feel that I cannot, consistently with the duty I owe to my constituents and the public, continue longer to hold an office and position as one of Your Excellency's advisers in opposition to my views of public duty. I therefore respectfully beg to submit to Your Excellency my resignation of the office of Postmaster General, and as one of Your Excellency's advisers, and further request Your Excellency's permission to publish and give my reasons for so doing and the correspondence connected therewith.

I have, &c.
(Signed) CHARLES CONNELL.
His Excellency The Hon. J. H. T. Manners-Sutton, &c. &c.

To His Excellency The Honorable John Henry Thomas
Manners-Sutton, Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c. &c.

MAY I PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We have had under consideration the Memorandum of Your Excellency of the nineteenth instant, accompanied with the Letter from the Postmaster General, resigning his Office and his Seat in the Council, with the reasons he has assigned therefor.

Knowing from the discussions with Mr. Connell that he was prepared to retain his office and seat in the Council, if an Order was made to issue the Stamps procured by him, including the Stamp bearing the likeness of the Head of the Department, we are therefore justified in concluding that the Minute of Council of the 8th instant, in which Your Excellency was advised to approve and order to be distributed the one cent, ten cent, and twelve and a half cent Postage Stamps procured by the Postmaster General, and to order a new five cent Postage Stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the five cent Stamp already procured by the Postmaster General is, notwithstanding the other reasons assigned by him, the real ground of his resignation.

Without entering into the discussion of the powers of the different Heads of Departments, we observe that we have no desire to limit or circumscribe the legitimate authority of the Postmaster General, or of the Head of any other Public Department, and in advising Your Excellency upon this question, we have not desired nor attempted to do so, as by the Act relating to the Post Office the approval of the Governor in Council is required to the issue of Postage Stamps.

Your Excellency is aware that no Order was made by Your Excellency in Council authorizing the obtaining or issuing of the Stamps. We admit the Postmaster General had the consent of his colleagues to obtain Decimal Stamps, but they were procured and being distributed before they were submitted to Your Excellency in Council for approval, or before the impress they bore was known to the Council, and when submitted it was the opinion of the Council that the five cent Stamp should bear the likeness of Her Majesty.

The reference to the expenditure of the Board of Works does not sustain the position Mr. Connell assumes, as it was for the payment of balances due for services of 1859, which had not been completed or called for up to the 31st of October, being the close of the fiscal year, for advances for Bridges and other public works in course of construction, and for the current expenses of the Department. These therefore form a part of the Estimates for public expenditure, which were first approved by Your Excellency in Council, and then submitted to the Legislature, the detailed Accounts of which are made up quarterly and audited by the Auditor General.

We agree that the Government should control all Provincial Institutions, and we have always applied our energies and the influence of our position to secure that object; the Minute of Council relating to the University Act, and the Act itself, so far from diminishing the power of control vested in the Provincial Government, actually enlarge it, and we believe the delay in organizing the University warranted by the necessity of adopting all preliminary precautionary measures to secure efficient men to manage it, as the future success of the Institution must mainly depend upon these arrangements.

We have reason to believe that the Saint Andrews and Quebec Railway Company have exhausted the greater part of their capital in the construction of the present Road. We had hoped that the Facility Act of last Session, with the arrangements said to have been recently made in England, would secure the early completion of the Road to Woodstock; and we need scarcely remind Your Excellency, that all the engagements made by the Legislature in aid of this undertaking, have been most scrupulously fulfilled, and that so far from the Government exercising no supervision over the Road, two Directors were appointed under the Law to superintend it on behalf of the Province, who have reported from time to time the progress of the work. We are not aware of any proposition having been made by Mr. Connell during the time he was in the Government, for the purpose of securing a more thorough supervision of this work, or for the extension of Railways through or connected with the River Counties.

The Law authorizing the construction of the Railway from Shediac to Saint John was passed in 1856, and the work was commenced by our predecessors in the Summer of that year, and pro-