

"I have caused renewed representations to be made to the Government at Ottawa concerning the claim of the Province to the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in respect of the Eastern Extension Railway. This matter was brought under the consideration of the Dominion Government in the month of December 1874, and no conclusion having been reached I deemed it advisable to send Members of my Government to Ottawa early in the present Session of Parliament, to endeavour to obtain through the co-operation of the Senators and Members of the House of Commons representing the Province, a settlement of this and other matters. I am glad to be able to say that, with few exceptions, the Members representing the Province cordially co-operated with the Members of my Government.

"The Provincial investment in the Eastern Extension Railway was made for a work undertaken by the Province in 1865 as part of the Intercolonial Railway, and in view of a previous assurance of the Imperial Government that New Brunswick should not be prejudiced by commencing that portion of the work in anticipation of a final arrangement for the construction of the whole line, and that the Imperial guarantee when given (as it subsequently was given by the Imperial Government and accepted by Canada), should cover this portion of the road. The road was subsequently adopted by the Dominion Government as part of the Intercolonial Railway, but the Province has thus far received from Canada only two hundred and fifty thousand dollars out of the four hundred thousand dollars put into the road by the Province. There can be no doubt of the right of the Province to receive the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars on this account, with Interest.

"The subject of the Tracadie Lazaretto was also again brought under the consideration of the Dominion Government, with a view to having the same taken over by that Government.

"Representations were also made on the subject of the Penitentiary Act, so far as it relates to this Province. On this subject I am of opinion that under the Act of Union the Government of Canada should at least in this Province provide for the imprisonment and punishment in the Penitentiary of all persons who may be sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour. The papers on these several subjects will be laid before you.

"*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"I have given directions that the Accounts of the Receipts and of the Expenditures of the past year, and a detailed statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session, should be laid before you. I trust that you will find that the Estimates of Expenditure for the current year have been prepared with as strict a regard to economy as is consistent with the requirements of the public service.

"*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

"*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"I am gratified in being enabled to say that Providence has during the past year blessed the labors of our husbandmen with an abundant harvest; but I regret that the general business of the Province has been subject to the same depression as exists in other portions of the Dominion.

"Having full confidence in your zeal for the public good, I feel assured that your deliberations will tend to the enactment of such measures as may best promote the happiness and prosperity of our people."

GOVERNMENT NOTICE.

HIS Honor the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to grant License to Solemnize Marriage to the Rev. Lorenzo Gorham Stevens, Pastor of "Trinity Mission Church," in the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte.

JNO. JAS. FRASER.

Secretary's Office, 24th December, 1877.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that I will sell at Public Auction at the house of Abslem Woods, near the Intercolonial Railway, north of Kouchibouguac River, on Monday the twenty fifth day of March next, at twelve o'clock noon, several lots of Saw Logs now lying in brows on the Kouchibouguac River and its branches, Tweedy and M-Innis Brooks, and also in yards in Acadieville and Tweedie's Brook Settlement tracts, Kent County,—comprising in all (marked and unmarked) eight thousand three hundred and forty five pieces (8,345), marks used as follows:—

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Further information regarding the situation of the above mentioned Logs will be furnished at the time of sale.

Said Logs having been seized under an Act of the Provincial Legislature relating to Trespasses, passed April 10th, 1875.

JOHN STEVENSON, JR., *Seizing Officer.*

Acadieville, February 20th, 1878.

NOTICE.

WILL be sold at Public Auction on twenty ninth March next, at John Mittin's, Prosser Brook, Albert County, at two o'clock, P. M., a quantity of Logs cut in trespass on Hayward Brook. Further particulars about the above mentioned Logs will be furnished at time of sale.

J. R. RUSSELL, *Seizing Officer.*

CROWN LAND OFFICE, 5th February, 1878.

THE following Lots of vacant Crown Land will be offered for sale at this Office on the first Tuesday in March next, commencing at noon. All improvements to be paid for at the time of sale, or as soon thereafter as the Surveyor General determines the present value thereof. All for payment down—no Discount. Upset price 80 cents per acre, in addition to expense of survey.

Not to interfere with the right to cut Timber or other Lumber under Licences applied for previous to the application for the Land, if already surveyed; or if not surveyed, previous to the receipt of the Return of Survey at this Office.

GLOUCESTER.

50 acres, N.W. of lot 67, in block 18, Saumarez, John Young.
68 acres, lot 125, block 18, N. side Big Tracadie River, David Commo, Jr., and Xavier Thebido.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

100 acres, lot 93, block 17, Glenelg, Joseph D. Trevors.

KENT.

53 acres, lot 98, St. Anthony, Albert M. Smith.
100 acres, lot 33, Galloway Settlement, Finlay M'Intosh.

ALBERT.

100 acres, lot 17, R. 3, Mechanics, George T. Graham.

SAINT JOHN.

25 acres, Sn. part lot 4, Old Quaco Road in Simonds, Samuel Patterson.

YORK.

50 acres, N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1, R. 1, block 2, Southampton, H. B. Rainsford.

18 acres, front part of S. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 16, S. E. range, Harvey Settlement; improvements to be paid for; W. T. White.

CARLETON.

100 acres, lot 95, En. side N. Br. Becaguimec River, D. M'Leod Vince.

100 acres, lot 21, R. 5, Knowlesville, D. M'Leod Vince.

100 acres, lot 43, R. 8, Glassville, Israel Merritt.

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BENJ. R. STEVENSON, *Sur. Gen.*