

ROYAL GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, JANUARY 25, 1837.

Central Bank OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

HENRY G. CLOPPER, Esq. President.
Director this week, Mr. OLIVER SMITH.
Discount Days, . . . Tuesdays and Fridays.
Bills or Notes offered for Discount must be left at the Bank, enclosed and directed to the Cashier, before three o'clock on Mondays and Thursdays.

Bank of Fredericton.

ASA COY, President.
Director this week, Mr. JAMES HALE.
Discount day next week—Monday.
Notes or Bills for discount are to be left at the Bank, enclosed to the Cashier, before 3 o'clock on Saturday.

SAVING'S BANK.

Trustees for next week:
JAMES TAYLOR, Esq. HENRY SMITH, Esq.

CENTRAL

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Office open every day, at Mr. Minchin's Brick House, opposite the Parade, (Sundays excepted,) from 11 to 2 o'clock.
BENJAMIN WOLHAUPT, President.

Committee for the present month:
JOHN S. COY and THOMAS STEWART.
ALMS HOUSE and WORK HOUSE.

Commissioner for next week:
D. L. ROBINSON, Esquire.



LEGISLATURE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, January 12.

Read a third time as engrossed,
A Bill for the support of the Civil Government in this Province.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Crane take the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

On motion of Mr. Palmer,
Resolved, That this House will, on the 21st day of January instant, at 12 o'clock at noon of that day, go into the consideration of the Petition of Thomas Anderson, John Robb, John Morice, and 54 others, of the County of Westmorland, complaining of the undue election and return of William Wilson, Esquire, as a Member for that County.

Ordered, That the Petitioners as also the sitting Member attend this House, either by themselves or their Counsel or their agents, at the time appointed.

Mr. Johnston, Chairman of the Committee on Roads, submitted a Report, which he read, and handed the same in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The Committee appointed to inquire into the state of all the Roads of Communication in the Province, and to report what sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving as well the Great as Bye Roads, have had under their consideration the subject of the Bye Roads, and recommend:

That the sum of £14,125 be granted for the Bye Roads in the several Counties, and be divided thus, viz.:

County of York,	£1400
Carleton,	1400
Queen's,	1300
Gloucester,	1125
Westmorland,	1600
Charlotte,	1550
King's,	1500
Saint John,	1100
Kent,	900
Sunbury,	775
Northumberland,	1475
Total	£14125

HUGH JOHNSTON, Chairman.
Committee Room, 12th January, 1836.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.
Read a third time as engrossed,
A Bill to continue the Acts relating to Firewards in the Town of Fredericton.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. Allen take the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. L. A. Wilmut, by leave, presented a Petition from Asa Dow, and upwards of 300 others, Freeholders of the Counties of York and Carleton, praying an alteration in the Canada Great Road by carrying the same on the west side of the River Saint John from Burgoyne's Ferry upwards, and that a grant be made for exploring and laying out the same; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received, and lie on the Table.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Baillie, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency, laid before the House a Report from James A. Macaulay, Supervisor of the Canada Great Road, of the exploration made in pursuance of an address of the House to His Excellency at the last Session, of that part of the said Road lying between Phillips' Creek and Burgoyne's Ferry, accompanied by a plan of such exploration.

Friday, January 13.

Mr. Connell, by leave, presented a Petition from the President and Directors of the Woodstock and Fredericton Stage Coach Company, praying further encouragement towards the support of the line of Stages running on that road; which he read.

And upon the question, that the said Petition be received, and referred to the Committee of Supply, it was decided in the negative.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

The Honorable Mr. Baillie, a Member of the Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, various accounts from the Crown Land Department, in part of those required to be furnished by the Home Government, being for the year 1831 between 1st January and 31st December, and for the year 1836 between the 1st January and 30th September.

Monday, January 16.

Mr. Street, by leave, presented the following Petitions, viz.:—From Francis Peabody, and 133 others; Alexander Loggie, and 61 others; William Abrams, and 20 others; John Cuppage, and 102 others; and Thomas Willoughby, and 100 others; of the County of Northumberland, praying that the House will adopt such measures as in their wisdom they may think best calculated to avert the evils which may arise from the operation of the fifth Section of the Civil List Bill; all of which he severally read.

Ordered, That they be received, and lie on the Table.

Wednesday, January 18.

On motion of Mr. L. A. Wilmut,
The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Lands and Timber in certain cases in this Province.

Mr. Wyer in the Chair of the Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill before them, and the I. Section being under consideration, which provides for the sale or disposal of Lands to Squatters, it was moved to fix the price per acre by filling up the first blank with *Two Shillings* for immediate payment.

Whereupon the Committee divided as follows:—

Yeas.—Messrs Allen, Palmer, Hanington, Wilson, Ford, Street, Weldon, Connell, Freeze, McLeod and Gilbert.

Nays.—Messrs Stewart, Crane, Partelow, Robinson, Johnston, Burns, Morehouse, Taylor, L. A. Wilmut, Hayward, Brown, Rankin and Hill.—And it was decided in the negative.

The question was then severally taken, to fill up the blanks with *Two Shillings* and *Sixpence* for immediate payment, and *Three Shillings* by instalments.

When it was carried in the affirmative.

That the Committee then had the II. Section under consideration, which fixes the rate at which Licences shall be granted to cut Timber and Logs on ungranted Lands, when it was moved to fill up the blank, for square white and sapling red Pine, with *One Shilling and Sixpence*.

And upon the question, the Committee divided as follows:—

Yeas.—Messrs Allen, Ford, Stewart, Wilson, Weldon, Street, Taylor, Connell and Gilbert.

Nays.—Messrs Speaker, Hanington, Partelow, Robinson, Johnston, Burns, Morehouse, Freeze, McLeod, L. A. Wilmut, Hill, Palmer, Hayward, Brown, Church, Rankin and Crane.—When it was decided in the negative.

It was then moved for filling up the blank, for Pine and Spruce Logs per thousand, with *Three Shillings*.

The question being put thereon, the Committee again divided as follows:—

Yeas.—Messrs Ford, Hanington, Stewart, Wilson, Street, Weldon, Taylor, Connell, Gilbert and Palmer.

Nays.—Messrs Speaker, Allen, Crane, Partelow, Robinson, Johnston, Burns, Morehouse, Freeze, McLeod, L. A. Wilmut, Hill, Hayward, Brown, Church and Rankin.—And it was also decided in the negative.

That the Committee then filled up the several blanks in the scale, and settled the same at the following rates, viz.:—

Square Red Pine Timber, Two Shillings and Sixpence,	per ton;
do. White and Sapling Red Pine, Two Shillings,	do.
do. Birch, Spruce and Hemlock, One Shilling and Sixpence,	do.

For Pine and Spruce Logs, *Three Shillings* and *Sixpence* per thousand superficial feet; and

For all other descriptions of Wood, the sum of *Ten pence* upon every one hundred pounds of its estimated value.

And that he was then directed to report progress on the Bill, and to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and leave granted.

Thursday, January 19.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

Resolved, That the Accounts from the Crown Land Department, communicated to the House on the 18th instant, by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Johnston, Mr. L. A. Wilmut, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Taylor, do compose the Committee.

On motion of Hayward,
The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of a Bill to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Land and Timber in certain cases in this Province.

Mr. Wyer in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill referred to them,

again under their consideration, they had made several amendments thereto, and then agreed to the Bill under the title of "A Bill to restrain the provisions of the V. Section of an Act, intituled 'An Act for the support of the Civil Government in this Province,' and to establish sundry regulations for the future disposal of Crown Land and Timber in certain cases."

Ordered, That the report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed as amended, under the amended title.

Mr. Speaker communicated a Letter from E. N. Kendall, Esquire, presenting to the House a book containing a collection of sketches in New Brunswick; also a Table of Latitudes and Longitudes of some conspicuous places in the Province.

On motion of Mr. L. A. Wilmut,
The House went into Committee of the whole, on a Bill to explain the true intent and meaning of an Act, intituled 'An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers and Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province.'

Mr. Robinson in the Chair of the Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported, that they had gone into consideration of the Bill referred to them, and agreed to the same, with amendments, under the title of "A Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act, intituled 'An Act to extend the privilege of solemnizing Marriage to all Ministers or Teachers of the several Religious Congregations in this Province.'"

Ordered, That the Report be accepted, and the Bill engrossed as amended, under the amended title.

Friday, January 20.

Mr. Partelow, by leave, presented a Petition from William H. Street and William P. Ranney, of Saint John, Merchants and Co-partners in Trade, setting forth that on the night of the 14th instant the whole stock of Wines and Spirits contained in their warehouse was consumed by fire, and praying that the Parliamentary and Provincial Duties on the same may be refunded to them; which he read.

And the Rule of the House, limiting the time for receiving Petitions, being dispensed with as regards this Petition as well as also others that may come from Saint John under the same circumstances.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received, and lie on the Table.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,
Resolved, That the said Petition be referred to a Select Committee to report thereon, and that the said Committee be instructed to take into consideration and report upon all Petitions from Saint John that may hereafter be presented to the House during the present Session, praying a like return of Duties on articles consumed at that place during the recent conflagration.

Ordered, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Weldon and Mr. Brown, do compose the said Committee.

Read a third time as engrossed,
A Bill to incorporate *The Nashwaakias Manufacturing Company*.

Resolved, That this Bill do pass.

Read a third time as engrossed,
A Bill to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the establishment of a Tender to be made in all payments in this Province, and to make provision for the same.

Resolved, That this Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Crane do take the said Bills to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Read a third time as engrossed,
A Bill for electing a part of the Parishes of Saint Mary's and Douglas, in the County of York, into a separate and distinct Town or Parish.

Resolved, That this Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Allen take the said Bill to the Council, and desire their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Partelow moved for leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the Treasurer of the Province to pay the sum of ten thousand pounds borrowed for the public service of the Province. Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in, was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Brown,
The House went into Committee of the whole, in further consideration of the Report from the Select Committee to inquire into and investigate the present system of expending the Great and Bye Road appropriations.

Mr. Ford in the Chair of the Committee.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
The Chairman reported, that they had gone into further consideration of the business referred to them, and had passed a number of Resolutions, which he read, and handed the same in at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, and are as follows:—

1. Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, That the evils pointed out in that part of the Report now under consideration, which relates to the expenditure of monies on the Bye Roads, have arisen from the appointment of persons as Commissioners, in some cases, who have little or no practical experience, and from some of them having too many Roads under their superintendence, at the same time, and from such Commissioners who do not reside in the immediate vicinity of such Roads having no particular interest therein, and therefore not able to give that time and attention to each Road which the nature of the service requires.

2. Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, That in the future appointment of Commissioners, persons should be selected to expend the Bye Road grants, who live on or near the respective Roads, for which such appropriations are made, in all cases where men of experience and trust can be found so residing, and that such qualification in some instances, cannot be had, the most judicious persons in the respective Parishes where the grants are made should next be appointed to expend the said monies.

3. Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, That the subject matter of the foregoing Resolutions should be brought under the notice of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by an humble Address from the House.

4. Resolved, as the opinion of this Committee, That it is expedient to pass a Bill, during the present Session, to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province, and to make better and more effectual regulations for the same.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to carry into effect the fourth of the foregoing Resolutions, as reported by the Committee of the whole House, relative to the Great Roads of Communication throughout the Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Street, Mr. Hanington, Mr. Wyer and Mr. Hayward, do compose the said Committee.

A Petition has been received from the County of Gloucester, addressed to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, and signed by upwards of seven hundred persons, (of whom seven are Magistrates for said County,) of which we subjoin a copy:—

To His Excellency Major General Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bart. G. C. B. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the undersigned inhabitants of the County of Northumberland,

MOST HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That Your Petitioners have learned with alarm the nature of a Bill at present before the Provincial Legislature, entitled "A Bill for the support of the Civil Government of the Province," as in the fifth Section of the said Bill they recognize a provision seriously involving the future prosperity of this County.

That a system of sale of vacant lands and forests exclusively at Public Auction, if it become Law, must operate with peculiar severity upon this portion of the Province, which is yet in comparatively a wilderness state. That under such system your Petitioners shall be denied those facilities and advantages, so beneficially afforded the older Counties to encourage their early settlement; as well as that aid to Educational and Religious purposes, by gifts of land, and other sources of Revenue, which, through the Royal Bounty, many parts of the Province now enjoy.

That the Lumber Trade, at present the principal support of this County, cannot continue to exist, unless agricultural produce becomes abundant in proportion as the articles of manufacture become scarce, and this object can only be effected by prompt and extensive local cultivation. That finally, under the operation of the Section named, should it become Law in its present shape, the poor but industrious settler, who has been unable to secure his title will be driven out, and the produce of years of toil become the spoil of the Capitalist. Monopoly, the legitimate offspring of unrestricted public sales, will at once be introduced, and our land become a mere commodity of traffic, and not a field of promise inviting the skill and enterprise of the Emigrant and Agriculturist.

Your Petitioners would respectfully suggest that a discretionary power, in the hands of the Executive, over the disposal of lands, exercised in favour of deserving persons disposed to settle permanently in the wilderness, has hitherto been found advantageous to the best interests of the Province, and that the north eastern section, from whence the Territorial Revenue must hereafter principally flow, requires as lenient and judicious measures to foster its infant efforts at improvement, as were ever required by any portion of the Colony.

Your Petitioners beg to advance another serious objection to this Section, in the difficulty that must continually attend the Grantee of the Crown, when claiming or defending title under his Letters Patent, (declared therein to be utterly null and void unless made to the highest bidder,) requiring evidence, they humbly submit, of a very novel and extraordinary character.

Your Petitioners most humbly pray Your Excellency so to modify this Section, as to avert the threatened consequences here detailed, until the attention of His Majesty's Government can be further drawn to this momentous subject.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

YORK COUNTY ELECTION.—State of the Poll on Monday, at Jones', Prince William—Hart, 264; Robinson, 219; at Brewer's, Kingsclear, last evening, Hart, 297; Robinson, 236. The Poll finally closes on Wednesday next.

THE FIRE.

From the Saint John Courier, January 21.

With regard to the origin of the fire, several reports are in circulation, but which is true, or whether any of them are true, we know not. One is, that it arose from an overheated stove pipe communicating ignition to the surrounding material; another is, that it arose from a cask of whiskey or spirits which was being tapped, and which caught the flame from the candle; another, that it was the work of incendiaries.

Several vessels were in imminent danger at the wharves. The schooner *Woodman*, owned by Mr. Craft, of Carleton, lying at Johnston's Wharf, with a load of deals, was burnt. The masts of the schooner *Elizabeth*, and the foremast of the brig-

antine *Tom Cringle* and schooner *Ray*, lying in the Market Ship, were cut away to save their hulls from destruction.

Among the sufferers, we might rank many whose houses have not been burnt, and in this class we ourselves are included. All in King-street, as far as the corner of Germain-street, and all in Prince William-street, including the Custom House, Bank of N. B. &c. as far as Duke-street, had, in certain expectation of being burnt out, removed their property; and the appearance which the conflagration assumed, while the house of the Hon. William Black was burning, left little doubt on the minds of the people, that there would be a total destruction of the houses in the city lying to the south-east, as the wind was carrying the burning flakes like a shower of snow over the whole extent of the city in that direction, causing some houses to take fire in the roof; consequently, every family, without exception, packed up, and many of them removed their furniture, and other moveable property, to the north part of the city. The consequent confusion, loss and breakage, may be more easily conceived than described.

The total amount of the loss sustained has been variously estimated, but is generally considered to be under £250,000. About £75,000, we understand, are insured; of which amount, the New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company is liable for about £25,000—the remainder is divided between the Central Insurance Company, the West of Scotland, the London Phoenix, the Harford, and the Atlas (of Harford) and other American Offices.

Although we noticed a great want of any thing like order or energy, exhibited by many, during the conflagration, there was still much exertion on the part of the Engine and Fire Companies, and many of the citizens. The Military, too, are particularly deserving of praise; not only was the Ordnance Engine on the ground at an early hour and worked with considerable effect, but both Officers and men of the detachments of the Royal Artillery and 42d Light Infantry, stationed here, behaved in a manner which entitles them to the thanks of this community.

We understand that the reflection of the fire was seen at and above Fredericton, a distance of more than 90 miles; and that the first intimation Mr. Ball, (one of the sufferers, who was at the time at Mispick, 9 miles from town,) had of the calamity, was the falling of pieces of burnt paper, &c. in that neighbourhood.

Our friends in the country and abroad will in all probability be anxious to know what is likely to be the result of this direful conflagration which it has been our painful duty to record this day. It gives us much pleasure to state for their satisfaction, that not a desponding countenance is to be seen in the streets, the Merchants full of high hope and enterprising spirit which have always characterized them, are busy in rearranging their affairs, and planting themselves in new locations for business; confidence continues unshaken, and not a single stoppage or failure is expected. We can also state upon authority, that the Banks in the City have simultaneously resolved to continue their credits and give the most liberal accommodation to all classes in the community indiscriminately. All these circumstances cheer us with the prospect, that our City will exhibit with the opening Spring, and perhaps in a higher degree, its usual scene of active industry, and that the members of our mercantile community will be found, in a spirit of humble dependence upon the Giver of all good, pursuing, with unabated energy and perseverance, their just and lawful commerce. Let us all remember our City motto,—"O Fortunati, quorum jam mœnia surgunt;" and, though one of the fairest and most useful parts has been swept away by the besom of destruction, let us be assured, that by the blessing and protection of God, it will soon rise again with much fairer ornaments and in a style more adapted to its fast growing commerce.

As an instance of the spirit which prevails in the community, we may mention that the brick building, fronting the Market Square, owned by the Hon. C. J. Peters, which stood the fire, was yesterday purchased at Auction for £2205. The building is 20½ by 25 feet, and occupies the whole of the land attached to it.—We also hear of the land being leased at as high rents as it brought with the buildings standing thereon; and that arrangements are making by different individuals to commence re-building immediately.

We are much pleased with the resolutions that were passed at a great Public Meeting held at the Court House on Thursday last, and we hope that, with the aid of the Legislature, the objects which they contemplate will be all carried into effect.

We cannot omit saying that the thanks of this community are due to His Worship the Mayor, Messrs. Crookshank & Walker, Messrs. Robert Rankin & Co. and Jas. T. Hanford, Esq. for the resolution they have made not to sell their flour for more than 55s. per barrel. We think they have done this, not only in regard to the poor, but also in regard to the visitation itself, and, if so, it is ominous of good; for when we acknowledge God in his dispensations, we may look for his blessing. Let all others follow their example and make every description of provision as cheap as possible.

At a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of this City, held at the Court House on the 19th day of January, 1837, in compliance with a previous requisition numerous signed, His Worship the Mayor having been unanimously called to the Chair, and William Wright Esq. requested to act as Secretary. His Worship stated the objects of the Meeting; whereupon,

On motion of L. Donaldson, Esq.—seconded by Wm. Walker, Esq.—

Resolved, That a Petition be prepared and forwarded to the Legislature.

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