The system under which merchant shipping is liable to pay local dues and passing tolls has been the subject of much complaint. Measures will be proposed to you for affording relief in regard to those matters.

Upon these, and all other matters upon which you may deliberate, I fervently pray, that the blessing of Divine Providence may favor your councils, and guide them to the promotion of the great object of my unvarying solicitude—the welfare and the happiness of my people.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Saturday, February 23, 1856.

The House of Assembly has been much occupied with the presentation of Petitions of various kinds. The despatches on the subject of the disallowance of the Rent Roll and Tenants' Compensation Acts have been presented to the House, and by it ordered to be printed in all newspapers; we shall have an opportunity of remarking upon them when we see them in print. A Law relating to Ejectments and Distresses for non-payment of Rent has been introduced, and received a first reading. A Bill to continue the Mackerel Fishery Act has been likewise forwarded a stage or two.

A pretty sharp discussion arose between the Hon. George Coles and Hon. Edward Palmer respecting the practice of the House. Mr. Coles wished to introduce a Bill and have it read a first time. The Speaker refused to entertain the motion, on the ground that the rule of the House, which requires a previous notice to be given, had not been complied with. Mr. Coles asserted that the rule only bound private members of the House, and that when a Bill was introduced by the Government no such notice was necessary, adding that the Bill was presented to the House by order of His Excellency. Mr. Palmer repudiated the idea of any interference of one branch of the Legislature with the proceedings of the other, and contended that it was a breach of privilege on the part of the Lt. Governor to send such an order, his doing which he very much doubted, as he—the Lt. Governor—was too well acquainted with the forms and privileges of the House to have attempted such an invasion of them, and protested against such an unconstitutional proceeding.

Mr. Coles replied, but, seeing the majority of the House against him, did what he ought to have done at first,—moved that the Order of the House be suspended, and that he have leave to bring in the Bill without notice—this was agreed to, and the Bill was read a first time.—It was a Bill to protect Magistrates from Actions at Law on account of erroneous judgments given by them.

On Thursday evening the 12th inst., a Temperance meeting was held in the School House near the Church, in Princetown Royalty. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Kier, Chairman—Mr. Arbuckle, Temperance Lecturer, being present unexpectedly, was called upon to address the meeting, which he did, by making some very important statements and suitable remarks. The following resolutions were then read from the Chair and carried unanimously, with one solitary exception to the second.

1. That much good has resulted from the efforts already made in the cause of Temperance.

2. That much still remains to be done, and therefore, all legitimate means should be used, still further to promote the cause.

3. That nothing short of a Prohibitory law will be effectual to the putting down intemperance, and therefore we pledge ourselves to use all legitimate means to obtain and sustain such a law.

4. That, in the mean time, all now present, who are willing to enter their names, pledge themselves to total abstinence, and do form a society with a view to promote the cause of temperance, to be called the Princetown Royalty Total Abstinence Society.

5. That a Committee of five be nominated, to circulate petitions to the Legislature, to obtain the names of such as may be willing to become members of the Society, and to draw up rules to be laid before a meeting to be hereafter convened, for the appointment of office-bearers.

Addresses were delivered, during the evening by the Rev. Daniel M'Curdy, R. S. Patterson, Isaac Murray, Henry Crawford, John M'Leod, and Allan Fraser, Ministers, who had met in Presbytery on the former part of the day. The meeting was also addressed by Donald Gordon, student.

After intimation given that Mr. Arbuckle would lecture on Thursday evening, in the same place, On "Mental Culture," and on Monday evening, on Temperance, in the Baltic School House, the meeting adjourned.—Communicated.

To Lieut. Colonel the Hon. John Hamilton Gray.

Sir,

Hearing that you are about to set out for Great Britain, we, the Trustees of St. James's Church, cannot allow you to depart without giving expression to the sentiments of high respect your generous conduct to that Church has inspired.

From your return to this your native place, to the present time, you have never ceased to take an active interest in all matters having a tendency to promote its prosperity, and the many and liberal contributions and donations to it made by your amiable lady, who has so much endeared herself to the Congregation, justly entitle you to the thanks we shall ever gratefully feel, and which we now beg to tender you.

Rest assured, Sir, wherever God in his good Providence may lead you, and in whatever capacity you may be called upon to act, that you carry with you our hearty prayers for your health and happiness, both temporal and spiritual.

Permit us also to say, both individually and collectively, that we shall at all times rejoice to hear of your welfare.

We bid you now, Sir, farewell.

H. D. Morpeth,
Robert Potts,
E. L. Lydiard,
James Watts, jr.,
J. W. Morrison,
James Anderson,
Thos. Stratton,

Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Feb. 14, 1856.

REPLY.

Spring Park, Feb. 15th, 1856.

Gentlemen,

I feel most signally honored at receiving such a testimonial from your body.

That my humble endeavours to aid in the promotion of what so much tends to the moral advancement of those among whom my lot has been cast during the last three years, should meet with such an approval, is most pleasing, and affects me more than I can express.

Need I say, that both Mrs. Gray and myself, will ever entertain the sincerest interest in all that concerns the prosperity and welfare of the congregation of Saint James's Church. And with every sentiment of respect and esteem to yourselves individually I now bid you farewell.

I am
Gentlemen,
Yours most faithfully.
J. Hamilton Gray.

To
Messrs. H. D. Morpeth and others. Trustees of St. James's Church, Carlottetown.

ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

To His Excellency Dominick Daly, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-chief, &c., &c., &c.

May it please your Excellency:

We, Her Majesty's faithful subjects, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, respectfully thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you were pleased to open the present Session at a period so convenient for the ordinary transaction of public business.

It is a source of the highest gratification to know that the labours of the husbandman have, during the past year, been blessed with an abundant harvest—a blessing, we feel assured, which will give an impetus to industry and perseverance in agricultural pursuits.

We are rejoiced to learn, that the decrease in the revenue for the past year is unimportant; and that while there is nothing to apprehend from that fluctuation for the stability and soundness of the resources of the Colony, it is gratifying to know, that the revenue for the year has been more than sufficient to meet the ordinary expenditure.

We shall give a careful attention to the Public Accounts, as soon as they are laid before us, and we will cheerfully make the necessary provision for the public service.

We fully concur with your Excellency in opinion, as to the necessity of revising and consolidating the laws for the collection of the revenue, with the view of checking illicit traffic, so injurious to the trade and commercial relations of the Island; and it will be our duty to give the best consideration to this important subject.

The interest we have endeavoured to manifest in the progress of the war is not only undiminished, but rather quickened by the recollection of the splendid achievements which crowned the arms of the allied Sovereigns during the past year. Though far removed from the scene of conflict, and happily exempt from the sacrifices it entails, we are nevertheless earnestly solicitous, that the crowning glory to the arms of our beloved Queen and Her august allies may be speedily found in the restoration of an honorable and permanent peace.

It is with unfeigned surprise and regret we have learned, that the Act of the last session "to impose a rate or duty on the rent rolls of the proprietors of certain rented township lands in this Island," and also the "Act to secure compensation to Tenants," have been denied the royal confirmation. Confident that your Excellency is at all times desirous to promote the prosperity of this Island, we are satisfied, that the failure of those measures, so equitable in their privileges, and so essential to the well-being of the Colony—was not owing to the want of your Excellency's personal recommendation; but rather in the exercise of an influence long and seriously felt, always foreign and always baneful to the best interests of the Colony. The communications promised by your Excellency in reference to the measures which Her Majesty has been so unexpectedly advised to disallow, shall receive an early and deliberate consideration.

It affords us much satisfaction to learn, that the transactions under the operation of the Land purchase Bill have been such as to fully justify the high expectations formed of that measure, with regard to the conversion of Leaseholders—an advantage which we are fully sensible could be greatly augmented, if a due regard for other interests allowed a larger amount to be placed at the disposal of the Government under the Bill alluded to.

We are rejoiced, though not surprised to learn that the inhabitants of the Island so highly appreciate the moral and social advantages resulting from a general diffusion of education, as is evident from the unprecedented number of schools that have been called into active operation by the free education Bill. We believe that no part of Her Majesty's dominions, of the like area with Prince Edward Island, can exhibit such marked improvement in what tends so much to promote public happiness, tranquillity and prosperity as a constant and liberal extension of education.

We are fully sensible of the advantages which the agricultural portion of the community have derived from the operations of the Agricultural Society. Every other interest is involved in the prosperity of our agriculturists, and a Society which confers benefits upon that industrious class demands encouragement from every other. But much as agricultural industry may be encouraged through an Agricultural Society, its progress mainly depends upon an active and thriving commerce. To secure this, it is necessary there should be a free, uninterrupted and expeditious communication with other countries, and especially with the neighbouring Colonies. So important an auxiliary to trade requires a liberal appropriation of the public finances, and we trust, that during the present Session we shall be found to take no narrow and contracted view of a matter which so deeply concerns the prosperity of our country. In the progress of our deliberations on these and other objects affecting the public interests, we shall be happy at all times to avail ourselves of your Excellency's well known zeal and ability, and we doubt not that our united efforts may tend to promote the welfare of the people of Prince Edward Island,

POLICE COURT.

Feb. 20. Nancy Mitchell, generally known as Nancy the Squaw, charged with stealing two silver spoons from Mr. David A. Barry about Christmas last, not proved.

In course of the examination of this case it came out that Nancy had left two spoons about that time with Ellen Kilfoy at the east end of the city, and said Ellen Kilfoy on being brought into court, acknowledged to have taken two spoons from Nancy some time since for the purpose of finding out the owner of them, but as she did not give the proper notice either by advertising or having them cried, the court ordered her to find bail for her appearance at the next sitting of her Majesty's Supreme Court if reqired to answer any charge that might there be preferred against her on account of said silver spoons.

James Ellis, on the information of Donald A. M'Phee, selling liquor withoutlisence, convicted, fined Five pounds with costs, or be imprisoned one month.

21. Thomas Pollard, for assault and battery on Jane Pearn, convicted, fined 10s with costs, or to be imprisoned five days. Committed.

22. Ann Cahill, for assault and battery on Maria Smith, convicted, fined 30s with 10s. 6d. costs or to be imprisoned one month. Committed.

Cletus Campell, for assult and battery on Margaret M'Leod, convicted fined 40s. with 2s 3d. costs, or to be imprisoned six weeks. And for an assault and battery on Dugald M'Leod, convicted, fined 10s. with 2s. 3d. costs, or to be imprisoned an additional fourteen days, to find sureties to keep the peace, and be of good behaviour for twelve months and stand committed till such fine and costs be paid and such security given. Committed.

William Godfrey, drunk and disorderly convicted fined 5s. with costs, or to be imprisoned forty-eight hours.

Wesleyan Missionary Anniversary.—The Annual Collection in aid of the Funds of the Wesleyan Missionary Society will be taken up in the Wesleyan Chapel to-morrow, morning and evening. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening next. The Chair to be taken at 7 o'clock.

Warrants from No. 784, of the date of the 19th of July, 1855, to No. 880, of the date of the 16th of August, 1855, (both inclusive), will be paid at the Treasury on demand, together with the interest due thereon

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to direct that the names of the following gentlemen be inserted in the Commission of the Peace for Prince County:—

Donald Ramsay, and
James Kilbride, of Lot 11, Esqrs.

THE CITY COUNCIL have made the following appointments in the Fire Department, viz:

Henry Palmer, Esquire, to be chief Engineer, in the room of Daniel Hodgson, Esq., who declined to accept that office.

Mr. Mark Butcher to be Engineer, number five in the room of Henry Palmer, Esq., appointed chief Engineer.

Mr. William Pethick to be Engineer number three in the room of Hon. Charles Young, resigned.

The City Council have also made the following appointments, viz:

Mr. John Bovyer, to be the City Assayer of weights and measures.

Mr. Nicholas Harvie, to be one of the City Pound keepers.

ROBT. HUTCHINSON,
Mayor.

William B. Wellner, City Clerk.
Feb. 18, 1856.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, &c.

TO BE SOLD by AUCTION, on Thursday, the 28th instant, at the Store of Mr. Nicholas Brown, Kent Street, the whole of his

STOCK IN TRADE.

Comprising in part—Blue, Black and Green CLOTHS, Blankets, Shawls, Horse Rugs, Room and Stair Carpetings, Cloth Caps, Hats, Ladies Cloaks and Cloaking, Ready made Clothing, Silk and Cotton Velvets, Silks, Satins, Circassians, Coburgs, De Laines, Gossamer, Boots and Shoes, White and Grey Cottons, Cotton Warp, Damasks, Striped and White Shirtings, Moleskins, Doeskins, white and coloured Drills, Vestings, a large quantity of Berlin Wools, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, a large quantity of Tailors' Trimmings, a quantity of superior Cutlery, consisting of Ivory Handled Knives and Forks, &c., chests Tea, Coffee, Molasses, Rice, Soap, Candles, and several other articles.

The whole of the above articles were Imported the last Autumn, and will bear inspection.

☞ Terms—All sums under £5 cash; from £5 to £15, three months; above £15, four months, on approved Notes of Hand.

WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer.
February 15, 1856.

IMPORTANT SALE OF

Household Furniture, Stock, Crop, Farming Implements, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION at "Dunhattan", the residence of Captain McIntosh, about two miles from the City, on the Princetown Road, on THURSDAY, the 27th MARCH, the whole of his valuable

Household Furniture, Stock, Crop. Farming Utensils, &c., &c.

For Terms of Sale, &c., *vide* Catalogues, to be had on application to the Auctioneer.

ALSO,

TO LET OR FOR SALE "DUNHATTAN," the Freehold Property of Captain M'Intosh. The Farm consists of 36 acres of cleared Land, in a good state of cultivation, well enclosed, and subdivided with posts and rails. The House is nearly new, well finished, and commodious, and will be Let with 5 acres, 10 acres or the whole of the land, as may be required.

☞ For further particulars, apply to Captain M'Intosh, on the premises, or to the subscriber,

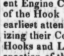
JAMES MORRIS, Auctioneer.
Charlottetown, Feb. 7.

City of Charlottetown, FIRE DEPARTMENT.

THE City Council having appointed me Chief Engineer in the above Department, I hereby give notice to all Engineers, to meet at the City Council Chamber, on Monday Evening, the 25th February inst., at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing the Board, appointing Officers, &c.; and I hereby call on the Captains and officers of the different Engine Companies, also the Captain and officers of the Hook and Ladder Company, to direct their earliest attention to their respective duties, in organsizing their Companies and getting the Engines and Hooks and Ladders in order, ready for a general inspection of the whole on Queen's Square, opposite the City Council Chamber, at an early day, to be fixed for that purpose.

Isl 1i HENRY PALMER, Chief Engineer.
Chief Engineer's Office,
20th February, 1856.

TO LET.



THE PREMISES in KING STREET, now in the occupation of Mr. Nicholas O'Brien—possession given 1st day of May next. For further particulars apply to

JOHN BRECKEN.
Feb. 20, 1856.

☞ For remainder of new Advertisements &c. see last page.