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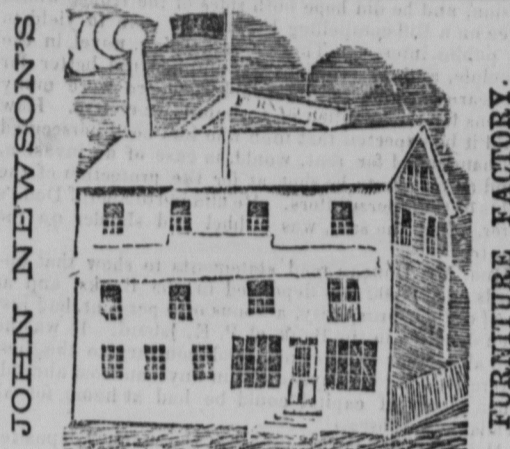
**ALMANACK FOR MARCH.**  
MOON'S PHASES.  
First Quarter, 2nd day, 0h. 36m., morn., E.  
Full Moon, 8th day, 4h. 10m., even., E.  
Last Quarter, 15th day, 11h. 16m., even., W.  
New Moon, 24th day, 2h. 47m., morn., N. E.  
First Quarter, 31st day, 8h. 13m. morn., S. W.

DAY	MONTH	DAY WEEK	SUN		High		Moon		DAY'S	LENGTH
			rises	sets	Water	sets.	sets.	h m		
1	Sunday		h m	h m	h m	h m	h m	h m		
2	Monday		4 43	5 43	4 31	0 8	10 59	15 11	2	
3	Tuesday		39	46	6 39	2 19	5			
4	Wednesday		37	48	6 50	3 18	9			
5	Thursday		36	49	7 59	4 9	12			
6	Friday		34	50	9 3	4 59	15			
7	Saturday		32	51	9 59	5 43	18			
8	Sunday		31	52	10 51	rises.	21			
9	Monday		30	53	even.	7 11	23			
10	Tuesday		28	54	0 19	8 20	26			
11	Wednesday		26	55	1 4	9 30	29			
12	Thursday		23	57	1 50	10 33	34			
13	Friday		19	58	2 33	11 36	39			
14	Saturday		17	59	3 21	morn.	42			
15	Sunday		15	6	4 13	0 30	46			
16	Monday		14	2	5 10	1 24	48			
17	Tuesday		13	3	6 7	2 17	50			
18	Wednesday		11	4	7 5	3 29	53			
19	Thursday		9	5	7 59	3 42	56			
20	Friday		7	6	8 48	4 17	59			
21	Saturday		5	7	9 33	4 50	12	2		
22	Sunday		3	8	10 17	5 20	5			
23	Monday		1	9	10 55	5 49	8			
24	Tuesday		5	9	11 31	sets.	11			
25	Wednesday		5	8	12 morn.	7 55	14			
26	Thursday		5	6	13 0	9 2	17			
27	Friday		5	4	15 0	10 10	21			
28	Saturday		5	2	16 1	11 9	24			
29	Sunday		5	0	17 2	8 morn.	27			
30	Monday		4	19	2 55	0 9	31			
31	Tuesday		4	21	3 48	1 9	35			

**Prices Current.**  
CHARLOTTETOWN, March 13, 1868.

Provisions.		
Beef, (small) per lb.		4d to 6d
Do by the quarter,		3d to 6d
Pork, (carcase)		5d to 6d
Do (small)		3d to 7d
Mutton, per lb.		4d to 5d
Lamb, per lb.		3d to 5d
Veal, per lb.		6d to 7d
Ham, per lb.		1s to 1s 4d
Butter, (fresh)		11d to 1s 2d
Do by the tub,		8d to 9d
Cheese, per lb.		8d to 10d
Tallow, per lb.		8d to 10d
Lard, per lb.		3d to 3d
Flour, per lb.		2s to 2s 3d
Oatmeal, per 100 lbs.		1s 2d to 1s 6d
Barley, per dozen,		3s 6d to 5s
Eggs, per bushel,		2s 9d to 3s
Oats, per do.		
Vegetables.		
Potas, per quart		1s 9d to 2s 6d
Potatoes, per bushel,		
Poultry.		
Geese,		2s 6d to 3s 6d
Turkeys, each,		4s to 7s 6d
Fowls, each,		1s to 1s 8d
Chickens, per pair,		1s 3d to 1s 6d
Ducks,		
Fish.		
Codfish, per qtl.		20s to 30s
Herrings, per barrel,		25s to 40s
Mackerel, per dozen,		
Lumber.		
Boards (Hemlock)		4s
Do (Spruce)		4s to 5s
Do (Pine)		7s to 9s
Shingles, per M		13s to 18s
Sundries.		
Hay, per ton,		70s to 80s
Straw, per cwt		1s 6d to 2s
Timothy Seed,		15s to 18s
Clover Seed, per lb.		1s 3s to 1s 4d
Homespun, per yard,		4s to 6s
Calinians, per lb.		6d to 9d
Hides, per lb.		4d
Wool,		1s to 1s 4d
Sheepskins,		3s to 5s.
Apples, per doz.,		
Partridges,		

**A. HERMANS,**  
**GUN-SMITH.**  
**BELL-HANGER AND TIN-SMITH.**  
DEGS to inform his friends, and the public generally,  
that he has again commenced business on Dorchester  
Street, next door to the Reading Room Building,  
where he is prepared to execute all orders in his line  
with neatness and despatch.  
ON HAND,  
**A neat assortment of Tinware,**  
**Kitchen Utensils, &c. &c.**  
Including the patent BUN TON COFFER POT, which received  
the Gold Medal Prize, at the Paris Exposition  
of 1857. Also, BUN TON LANTERNS, which will  
surpass everything in the Market, and suitable for either  
Farm use or on board Vessels.  
A few WATER COOLERS on hand, which together with  
a large variety of other Stock will be sold cheap for  
Cash.  
Mr. HERMANS is Agent for SAWYER'S CRYSTAL  
BLUE, a new, economical and superior article used in  
washing, whereby a saving of fifty per cent is guaranteed,  
and for which he begs to solicit the patronage of  
Laundry Maids, &c.  
On town, July 24, 1867.



**JOHN NEWSON'S**  
**FURNITURE FACTORY.**  
The subscriber is introducing more MACHINERY  
into his Establishment, by means of which he  
will be able to give the Public a better article, and  
cheaper than ever.

**SOFAS and LOUNGES**—cheap.  
**JOHN NEWSON.**  
**CHAMBER SUITS**—cheap.  
**JOHN NEWSON.**  
**CENTRE, Leaf, Kitchen, Toilet, and Dressing**  
**TABLES**—cheap.  
**JOHN NEWSON.**  
**SPLENDID Hardwood-seated CHAIRS**—cheap.  
Common do., at 3s. 6d. **JOHN NEWSON.**  
**A GREAT assortment of BEDSTEADS**—cheap.  
**JOHN NEWSON.**  
**BUREAUX, CINQUES and COMMODOES**  
cheap. **JOHN NEWSON.**  
**GILT MOULDING, LOOKING-GLASSES**  
**PLATES, &c.**—cheap. **JOHN NEWSON.**  
**FEATHERS and MATRASSES**—in variety.  
**JOHN NEWSON.**  
January 22, 1867. 1y

**PACKET**  
**SCOURIS & CHARLOTTETOWN.**  
THE FAST-SAILING and COMMODIOUS Schooner "A. R.  
McDONALD," will run between Scouris & Charlotte-  
town, calling at the intermediate ports, as soon as the  
navigation permits.  
**DOMINICK DEAGLE, Master.**  
January 29, 1868. 1y  
**Legislative Library.**  
February 25th, 1868.  
**L. C. JENKINS, Librarian.**  
1s 1d ex pat 3d

**ALTERATION IN BUSINESS.**  
**Notice to Debtors.**  
THE Subscriber hereby notifies that a complete  
change being about to be made in the business car-  
ried on at Orwell, heretofore, by the late Patrick Ste-  
phens, deceased, and subsequently by the under-  
signed,  
And this is to give notice to those parties indebted  
to Mary Stephens, Executrix, and to the undersigned,  
by Judgments, Notes of Hand, and Book Accounts,  
that unless they pay their respective accounts in full  
this Fall, they shall be sued without further notice on  
the closing of the Navigation.  
All kinds of merchantable produce taken in payment.  
**R. J. CLARKE,**  
Orwell Cheap Store, Sept. 18, 1867. 1e 1d

**Butler's Rosemary Hair Cleaner.**  
AN elegant preparation for the Toilet and Nursery,  
possessing, in the highest degree, the property of re-  
moving Scurf and Dandruff from the Head, and by its in-  
vigorating qualities, increasing the growth of the Hair.  
**W. R. WATSON.**  
City Drug Store, Nov. 23, 1867.

**COTTON DUCK.**  
HAVING been appointed Agent for the sale of the  
celebrated  
**Russel's Mills Cotton Duck,**  
the Subscriber is prepared to receive orders for all the  
different Numbers, in quantities to suit purchasers.  
Charlotte town, May 22, 1867. **I. C. HALL.**

**STELLA COLAS**  
**Rimmel's Stella Colas Bouquet,**  
dedicated by permission to this  
talented Artist.  
Alexandra, Guards, Fragrance,  
Princess of Wales, Rimmel's, Lilly of the Valley  
Jockey Club, Wood Violet, Millefleur,  
Essence Bouquet, Patchouly, Violet,  
New Moon, Hay, Loves Myrtle,  
West End  
The Bard of Avon's Perfume, in a neat box; Sydenham Ean  
de Cologie, Treble Lavender Water, Extract of Lavender  
Flowers, Verbena Water, Tercentenary Sachet, Perfumed,  
Tercentenary Souvenir, Shakspeare Golden Scented Locket  
Extract of Lime Juice and Glycerine, for making the Hair  
soft and glossy; Rose Leaf Powder, an improvement Oil  
Violet Powder; Bloom of Ninnion, for the Complexion.  
Depilatory Powder for removing superfluous hairs without  
injury to the skin; Napoleon Pomade, for Biting the  
Mustaches, and Instantaneous Hair Dye, for giving the Hair  
and Whiskers a natural and permanent shade without trouble  
and danger.  
Rimmel's Rose Water Crackers, a new and amusing device  
for evening parties.  
**W. R. WATSON.**  
Drug Store, Dec. 22, 1864.

**VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY**  
**FOR SALE.**  
**ROGERS' MILLS,** Western Road, on Township No.  
5. These Mills are in good working order, placed on  
a good and never-failing stream, with 150 acres of good  
Land as this Island can afford, well covered with large  
Hard and Soft Wood. This property is valuable to a  
person of small capital. There is an industrious and  
thriving settlement—Bloomfield—fast improving the lands  
around this property, and Lumber always in demand.  
There is a Cottage at the Mill, a small clearance of 6 or 8  
acres, with a Dwelling House and Stable. The Mill is  
new, well-made, and double-gear.  
Information may be had on application to Mr. Rogers, on  
the premises; Benj. Rogers and Herbert Bell, Alberton; or to  
the subscriber in Charlottetown.  
**I. C. HALL.**  
January 20, 1867. 2m

**DEBATES AND PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**  
WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1868.  
This being the day appointed by pro-  
clamation for the meeting of the Legis-  
lature, at three o'clock His Excellency  
the Lieutenant Governor came to the  
Council Chamber, and, being seated in the  
Chair of State, commanded the attend-  
ance of the House of Assembly, who  
being come, His Excellency was pleased  
to open the Session with the following

**SPEECH:**  
Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen  
of the Legislative Council:  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House  
of Assembly:  
I am glad to meet you at the Commence-  
ment of another Session, and to have re-  
course again to your assistance and advice.  
During last Session you passed an  
Act to authorize the raising of a Loan: It  
was deemed advisable that, during the re-  
cess, a Delegate should proceed to Eng-  
land to carry out your intentions in this  
matter; and, also to apply to the various  
Proprietors of Township Lands resident in  
England, with the view of ascertaining  
from them the terms upon which they would  
be willing to dispose of their Estates.  
I regret that the negotiations with these  
Proprietors have not, thus far, been pro-  
ductive of any results: Nevertheless, the efforts  
of the Government continue to be directed  
to a full and final settlement of all questions  
connected with the Land Tenures.  
As one of your principal objects in passing  
the Loan Act was to enable the Government  
to make extensive purchases of Land, it  
has not, as yet, been deemed advisable to  
proceed with that Loan.  
Papers on these subjects will be laid be-  
fore you.  
I have recently received a petition from cer-  
tain Persons who have purchased their hold-  
ings on the Selkirk Estate. The petitioners  
allege that the amount paid by them, as  
instalments has already been more than  
sufficient to pay for this Estate, and that it  
was not the intention of the Legislature in  
passing the Act under which this Property  
was purchased, that a larger sum should  
be exacted from the Tenants than would  
redress the purchase self-sustaining.  
I deemed it necessary to refer this Petition  
for the consideration of the Law Officers,  
and I have directed that their opinion should  
be laid before you, in full confidence that you  
will mature such measures as may be deemed  
equitable and convenient on this subject.  
A Bill will be submitted to you for relax-  
ing the provisions, enacted by the Land  
Purchase Act, for the Sale of Wilderness  
Lands on Public Estates, with the view of  
encouraging their speedy settlement and  
disposition.  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House  
of Assembly:  
The Public Accounts for the past year will  
be laid before you.  
I am glad to observe, that notwithstanding  
the commercial depression of the past  
year, the Revenue was larger than could  
have been anticipated, and including that  
derived from the sale of Public Lands, was in  
excess of the expenditure.  
I have directed that estimates for the cur-  
rent year be submitted to you, and ask with  
confidence such supplies as may be required  
for the public service.  
Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen  
of the Legislative Council.  
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House  
of Assembly.  
When I released you from the Legisla-  
tive duties of last Session, I expressed the hope  
that you would, at your next meeting, take  
into your consideration a measure, calculated  
to impart to your system of education a degree  
of efficiency and practical benefit more con-  
sistent with your liberal provision for that  
service.  
A measure for consolidating the present  
Laws on this subject, and for amending  
them in certain particulars, will be submitted  
for your consideration.  
The Committee which you appointed last  
Session, to report the best method of im-  
proving the Highways throughout this Island  
has concluded its labors, and its report will  
be laid before you.  
I would direct your special attention to a  
subject of such manifest importance to the  
people whom you represent.  
I venture to hope that the success which  
attended the Exhibition of articles of local  
industry during last Autumn, will encourage  
you to repeat and extend the stimulus  
which such exhibitions undoubtedly give.  
I now leave you to the performance of the  
duties of the Session.  
The speech being ended, the House of  
Assembly withdrew, and His Excellency  
was pleased to retire. After prayers by  
the Chaplain, the Hon. James Yeo was  
introduced to the House by the Hon. Mr.  
Beer and the Hon. Mr. Lord, as one of  
the members elected to represent the  
first district of Prince County, who  
thereupon took the customary oath, and  
was conducted to his seat. The House  
then proceeded to the appointment of the  
following

**COMMITTEES:**  
To prepare an Address in answer to  
His Excellency's Speech—Hon. Messrs.  
Walker, Palmer and Balderston.  
To receive tenders for printing and  
binding the Journal of this House—Hon.  
Messrs. McDonald and Gordon.  
To regulate the expenditure of this  
House—Hon. Messrs. Lord and Walker.  
On engrossed bills—Hon. Messrs.  
Gordon, Beer and Walker.  
To make arrangements for the publica-  
tion of the debates and proceedings of  
this House—Hon. Messrs. Beer and  
Haythorne.  
To revise the journal—Hon. Messrs.  
Walker and Palmer.  
On expiring laws—Hon. Messrs. Palmer  
and Beet.

**POSTAGE.**  
Hon. Mr. MACDONALD moved the fol-  
lowing resolution, which was agreed to  
by the House.  
"Resolved, That the postage on all let-  
ters and printed papers, both foreign and  
inland, to members of this House, and  
the postage on the same when inland  
only, from members of this House, shall  
be charged to the contingent accounts of  
the House."  
Adjourned till to-morrow at three  
o'clock.  
THURSDAY, March 5.  
**ADDRESS—ANSWER TO SPEECH.**  
Hon. Mr. WALKER, from the commit-  
tee appointed to prepare an address to  
His Excellency, in reply to his speech at  
the opening of the present session, pre-  
sented the following draft thereof, which  
was read a first time and ordered to be  
read a second time to-morrow:  
To His Excellency GEORGE DUNDAS, Esquire,  
Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-  
Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince  
Edward, and the Territories thereto be-  
longing, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and  
Ordinary of the same. &c., &c., &c.  
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:  
We, the Members of the Legislative Coun-  
cil, in General Assembly convened, respect-  
fully tender Your Excellency our thanks for  
your Speech delivered at the opening of the  
present Session.  
Your Excellency having deemed it advi-  
sable that, during the Recess, a Delegate  
should proceed to England, to carry out the  
intention of the Legislature respecting the  
Act of the last Session passed to authorize  
the raising of a Loan, and also to ascertain  
the terms upon which the Proprietors of  
various Township lands would be willing to  
dispose of their Estates, it is to be regretted  
that the negotiations with those Proprietors  
have not been productive of any beneficial  
results.  
As the making extensive purchases of lands  
was one of the principal objects of the Legis-  
lature in passing the Loan Act, we can fully  
understand that necessarily, it has not, as  
yet, been deemed advisable to proceed with  
the contemplated loan.  
When your Excellency is pleased to lay  
before us the opinion of the Law Officers on  
the case of the petitioners, who have pur-  
chased from the Government parts of the Selkirk  
Estate, and who have applied to your  
Excellency to be relieved from the payment  
of any more of the prices at which they pur-  
chased than will be sufficient to pay for the  
total amount which the Estate cost the Gov-  
ernment, the Petitioners' claim shall be  
our earnest consideration, with the de-  
sire, and in the hopes of our concurring in  
such measures as may appear equitable and  
convenient on the subject.  
The Bill to be submitted to us for relax-  
ing the statutory provisions for the sale of  
Public Wilderness Lands will readily meet  
our attention, and we trust when matured it  
may be rendered conducive towards the  
more speedy settlement and disposition of  
those Estates.  
We will cheerfully proceed to consider the  
subject of Education, and when the measure  
for consolidating the present Acts on this  
subject is presented, we will be glad to see  
our earnest endeavors will be applied to  
wards rendering more perfect the system of  
education which at present prevails, so that  
its practical benefits may prove more con-  
sistent with the Public provisions made  
for that object.  
In whatever manner the subject of the Im-  
provement of the Highways—one of such  
vast utility to the people of this Colony—  
shall be laid before us, it shall claim our  
anxious attention, and in giving it our con-  
sideration we will gladly avail ourselves of  
the valuable information respecting the best  
method of improvement, we anticipate, will  
be found in the Report of the Legislative  
Committee on this subject, when laid before  
us.  
It is very gratifying to us to hear of the  
success which attended the Exhibition of  
articles of local industry last Autumn. What-  
ever encouragement is offered by the other  
Branch of the Legislature to further stimu-  
late this object of Colonial enterprise, shall  
receive our willing concurrence.  
Council Chamber,  
March 9th, 1868.  
Adjourned till to-morrow at eleven  
o'clock.

**FRIDAY, March 6.**  
**TENDERS FOR PRINTING JOURNAL.**  
Hon. Mr. MACDONALD, from the com-  
mittee appointed to receive tenders for  
printing and binding the Journals of this  
House for the present session, reported  
that they had received three Tenders,  
viz: One from Mr. Henry Cooper, offer-  
ing to print the journals at £1 7s. 6d.  
per sheet of eight pages, and to bind  
each copy for 3s. 6d.; one from Mr.  
Thomas Reilly, at £1 9s. 6d. per sheet,  
binding 3s. 6d.; and one from Messrs.  
Hughes and Malone, at £1 14s. 6d. per  
sheet, upon superior English paper, a  
specimen of which accompanied the ten-  
der, and was marked No. 1, and £1 10s.  
upon paper marked No. 2; binding per  
copy, 3s. 6d.  
The House then resolved itself into a  
committee of the whole on the above re-  
port, Hon. Mr. MacDonald in the chair.  
After some desultory debate, it was re-  
solved, upon motion of Hon. Mr. Gor-  
don, that the tender of Mr. Cooper be  
accepted, it being the lowest.

**TENDERS FOR PRINTING DEBATES.**  
Hon. Mr. BEER, from the committee  
appointed to receive tenders for the pub-  
lication of the debates and proceedings of  
this House, reported that they had re-  
ceived two tenders, viz: One from Mr.  
Thomas Reilly, at 19s. 6d. per sheet of  
four pages, to bind each copy for 9d.,  
and to publish in the Herald newspaper  
for £10 15s.; and one from Messrs.  
Hughes and Malone, at £1 3s. per sheet,  
and to publish in the Examiner for £12.

**MONDAY, March 9th.**  
**PUBLISHING DEBATES.**  
Hon. Mr. MACDONALD asked if any  
provision had been made for having the  
debates and proceedings of this House  
published in any of the newspapers be-  
sides the Herald.  
Hon. Mr. BEER said that if any of the  
other newspaper publishers should pub-  
lish the debates in a satisfactory manner  
they would probably receive a grant at  
the end of the session, as some of them  
did last year. He thought it was under-  
stood that the Clerk of this House should  
notify them to that effect.  
Hon. Mr. LORD said this was the only  
Legislature, as far as he was aware,  
which granted any remuneration for pub-  
lishing their debates in the newspapers.  
In the neighboring Colonies the news-  
paper publishers published them for the  
benefit or information of their subscribers  
without such legislative assistance.  
Hon. Mr. DINGWELL observed that the  
contractor to whom the reporter would  
send his manuscript would be paid, and  
he thought it would be unfair not to pay  
all who would publish them in a satisfac-  
tory manner, as people in the country  
should be informed of the views and  
sentiments of their representatives in  
this branch of the Legislature. It should  
be left to the House, however, to grant  
such remuneration, at the end of the ses-  
sion, as they considered just and reason-  
able.  
**PRINTING JOURNALS.**  
Hon. Mr. LORD asked if the contrac-  
tor for printing the journals would be  
required to have the work completed with-  
in any given time. He did not know  
that it was any great consequence to the  
members of the House as long as it was  
done before the next session; but, at the  
same time, as the work had to be paid  
for, he thought it should be completed  
within a reasonable time. Besides, as  
one-half of the amount would probably  
be paid at the end of the session, good  
security should be required for the per-  
formance of the contract.  
Hon. Mr. MacDonald submitted the  
following resolution, which was agreed to  
by the House:  
"Resolved, That the Clerk of this  
House be instructed to have the publica-  
tion of the Journals completed within six  
months from the time of the prorogation  
of the Legislature: that the contractor  
be required to enter into bonds with suf-  
ficient security for the performance of his  
contract, and that one-half of the esti-  
mated amount of the contract be paid at  
the close of the session, and the balance  
when the work is completed to the satis-  
faction of the committee."  
**ADDRESS—ANSWER TO SPEECH.**  
On motion of the Hon. Mr. MacDon-  
ald, the House resolved itself into a  
committee of the whole to take into con-  
sideration the address in answer to His  
Excellency's speech at the opening of the  
present session—Hon. Mr. Walker in the  
chair.  
First paragraph.  
Hon. Mr. MACDONALD: The para-  
graph which has just been read refers to  
the question of a loan which was pro-  
posed to be negotiated for by the Act  
passed last session, so as to enable the  
Government to purchase the remaining  
proprietary estates on this Island. It  
was considered advisable to send a dele-  
gate to England to open negotiations for  
a loan, in accordance with the provisions  
of that Act, and also to enter into com-  
munication with the proprietors, in order  
to ascertain upon what terms they would  
be willing to sell their estates. The  
gentleman selected was the Attorney  
General, in whom, I believe, almost  
every person places the greatest confi-  
dence, and who was considered the most  
suitable, inasmuch as he is connected  
with persons on the stock exchange in  
England. He accordingly entered into  
communication with the proprietors, and  
though the prices they asked were, in  
most cases, so high, that the Government  
could not think of purchasing, yet he  
placed matters upon such a footing that  
further negotiations can be entered into  
at any time, if it is thought desirable to

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mittee of the whole upon the above re-  
port, and after some time spent therein,  
it was resolved, on motion of the Hon.  
Mr. MacDonald, that Mr. Reilly's tender  
be accepted, it being the lowest, and that  
he be instructed to publish the debates of  
a uniform size with those of last session.  
**JOINT COMMITTEE.**  
A message was brought from the  
House of Assembly by the Hon. Mr.  
Coles, with a resolution to the effect that  
they had appointed a committee, consist-  
ing of the Hon. Col. Secretary, Hon.  
Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Haviland,  
Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Yeo, and Hon. Mr.  
Davies, to join a committee of this  
House for the purpose of keeping up a  
good correspondence between the two  
branches of the Legislature during the  
session. Hon. Messrs. MacDonald,  
Walker and Gordon were then ap-  
pointed a committee on the part of this  
House to join the above named commit-  
tee of the House of Assembly.

Hon. Mr. PALMER: I do not intend,  
your honors, to offer anything different  
from what is contained in that paragraph,  
but I cannot help observing that what I  
said in this House last year has recurred  
to my mind with great force, that is, that  
little hopes could be entertained of pro-  
curing the loan, and that we would serve  
the interests of the country better by  
passing a measure to authorize a further  
issue of treasury notes. Experience  
has shown me, and I think it must have  
convincing others, that such a measure  
would have afforded some relief, for there  
has been a great dearth of money felt  
through the last year, and particularly  
during the last six months. And though  
there is a considerable amount of de-  
posits in the banks, yet it is well known  
that a large portion of the community is  
suffering for want of an adequate amount  
of circulating medium. It was not so  
much for the purpose of placing the  
Government in a position to purchase  
proprietary lands, as to relieve the com-  
mercial depression of the community,  
that the loan bill was passed last year,  
and I am of opinion that the object  
would have been more speedily and more  
effectually attained by an issue of treasury  
notes. However, the Government  
thought otherwise, and they made an  
experiment which has not proved suc-  
cessful; whether anything else is con-  
templated, it now rests with them to say.  
Procuring the loan is one thing, and  
getting the proprietors to consent to sell  
is another. They are not so intimately  
connected as we are liable to imagine.  
We may, perhaps, get the loan in the  
ensuing spring or summer, but that is no  
guarantee that the proprietors will sell  
their estates. It now remains for the  
Government to say whether it would be  
a greater relief to have an issue of  
treasury notes than to wait for any good  
we may expect from the operation of the  
loan bill, together with the chances that  
the proprietors will consent to sell their  
lands. I would be happy to see that  
matter taken into consideration before  
the session is over, and such a measure  
matured as would warrant a further issue  
of treasury notes.

Hon. Mr. BEER: I must confess that  
I deeply regret that no progress appears  
to have been made in the purchase of  
proprietary estates. I did hope, when  
that large proprietor, Mr. Cunard, con-  
sented to sell his estate, that there would  
be little difficulty in procuring the consent  
of the rest, especially as they are nearly  
all small proprietors; but, to my sur-  
prise, I find they are very stiff and un-  
willing to sell, so that I suppose this  
land question is to be an everlasting  
subject before the politicians of this Colony.  
It has been agitated ever since I came to  
this country, thirty-six years ago. Many  
successive governments have come in  
and gone out upon this question. The  
present Government is desirous, I be-  
lieve, of having this question settled, but  
it appears as if all Governments were  
afraid to take that decided stand which I  
think they should take. And now that  
the great bulk of the proprietors have  
sold their lands, and the tenants have  
purchased their holdings from the Gov-  
ernment, I think it is time that some  
measure should be adopted to compel the  
remaining ones to take a fair remunera-  
tion, so as to have this question settled.  
Not that I would be an advocate for tak-  
ing their lands from them, but that  
they should not be allowed to stand in  
the way of having this long agitated  
question brought to a close. I therefore  
wish to know whether the Government  
contemplate bringing forward such a  
measure. It would increase their popu-  
larity, and the British Government can-  
not do any more than refuse to pass it.  
Many instances are on record wherein  
important questions have been brought  
before them perhaps a dozen times, and  
at last acceded to, such as the emancipa-  
tion of the slaves in the West Indies.  
Private rights have frequently to give  
way for the public advantage upon pro-  
per compensation being given. The old  
Seigniorial titles in Canada have been  
abolished and they were of far greater  
importance to those who held them than  
are the small estates now held by pro-  
prietors in this Island. The "Encumbered  
Estates Bill" in Ireland, and many  
other instances might be referred to in  
proof of this point. It is high time that  
this question was settled, and I want to  
know whether the Government is pre-  
pared to bring forward a measure for  
at any time, if it is thought desirable to

purchase those estates. With regard to  
the question of a loan, Mr. Hensley  
found that, though money was very  
cheap, yet there was a general want of  
confidence felt in monetary circles, and,  
therefore, it was not thought advisable to  
take up the loan at that particular time.  
It also happened that there was another  
loan upon the market under similar cir-  
cumstances, and it appeared that they  
only had a tender for a very small por-  
tion of the sum they required. It was  
not, therefore, deemed advisable by that  
Government—the Government of Tas-