

of the Imperial Parliament were given now, and that they were authorized to communicate to the Parliament of Canada the assurance that, the occasion arising, England will have prepared an adequate naval force for Lake Ontario. They thought that if the guarantee were not obtained now it was probable that the Canadian Government and Parliament would think it desirable that the question of defensive works should await the decision of the Government and Legislature of the United Provinces.

On the part of Her Majesty's Government we assented to the reasonableness of the proposal that if the Province undertook the primary liability for the works of defence mentioned in the letter of Lieutenant Colonel Jervis, and showed a sufficient security, Her Majesty's Government should apply to Parliament for a guarantee for the amount required; and we said that Her Majesty's Government would furnish the armaments for the works. But we said that the desire and decision of the Provincial Legislature ought to be pronounced before any application was made to the Imperial Parliament. On the subject of a Naval Force for Lake Ontario, we said that, apart from any question of expediency, the convention subsisting between this country and the United States rendered it impossible for either nation to place more than the specified number of armed vessels on the lakes in time of peace. In case of war it would, as a matter of course, be the duty of any Government in this country to apply its means of naval defence according to the judgment it might form upon the exigencies of each particular time, and the Canadian Ministers might be assured that Her Majesty's Government would not permit itself to be found in such a position as to be unable to discharge its duty in this respect. This was the only assurance the Canadian Ministers could expect, or we could give.

Upon a review of the whole matter, the Canadian Ministers reverted to the proposal which has been mentioned above, that priority in point of time should be given to the Confederation of the Provinces. To this, we, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, assented. In conformity, however, with a wish strongly expressed by the Canadian Ministers, we further said, that if, upon future consideration, the Canadian Government should desire to anticipate the Confederation, and to propose that Canada should execute the works, they would doubtless communicate to Her Majesty's Government that decision; and we trusted that after what had passed in these conferences they would feel assured that any such communication would be received by us in the most friendly spirit.

On the third point, the Reciprocity Treaty, the Canadian Ministers represented the great importance to Canada of the renewal of that treaty, and requested that Sir F. Bruce might be put in communication with the Government of Lord Monck upon the subject. We replied that Sir F. Bruce had already received instructions to negotiate for a renewal of the treaty, and to act in concert with the Government of Canada.

On the fourth point, the subject of the Northwestern Territory, the Canadian Ministers desired that that territory should be made over to Canada, and undertook to negotiate with the Hudson's Bay Company for the termination of their rights, on condition that the indemnity, if any, should be paid by a loan to be raised by Canada under the Imperial guarantee. With the sanction of the Cabinet, we assented to this proposal, undertaking that if the negotiation should be successful, we, on the part of the Crown, being satisfied that the amount of the indemnity was reasonable, and the security sufficient, would apply to the Imperial Parliament to sanction the arrangement and to guarantee the amount.

On the last point, it seemed sufficient that Her Majesty's Government should accept the assurances given by the Canadian Ministers on the part of Canada, that that Province is ready to devote all her resources, both in men and money, to the maintenance of her connexion with the Mother Country, and should assure them in return that the Imperial Government fully acknowledged the reciprocal obligation of defending every portion of the Empire with all the resources at its command.

The Canadian Ministers, in conclusion, said that they hoped it would be understood that the present communications did not in any way affect or alter the correspondence which had already passed between the Imperial Government and the Governments of the British North North American Provinces on the subject of the Intercolonial Railway. To this we entirely agreed.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.
Governor General Viscount Monck, &c.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
July 4, 1865.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to the Commission of the Peace, viz:

FOR QUEEN'S COUNTY.
WILLIAM MCGILL, Esq., of Charlottetown
MR. JAMES ROSS, of Mount Stewart.

FOR PRINCE COUNTY.
MR. ANGUS McMILLAN, of Township No. 15.
WM. H. POPE, Col. Sec'y.

MILITIA.

Adjutant General's Office,
4th July, 1865.

HIS Excellency the Lieut. Governor has been pleased to command that William McGill, Esq., be restored to his former rank of Major of the 1st Queen's County Regiment of Militia.

His Excellency has also been pleased to command, that for the future the establishment shall be a 2nd Major to each Regiment of Militia.

By Command,
P. D. STEWART,
Adjutant Gen'l.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

[No. 28.]

Newfoundland—South-East Coast,
LIGHTS AT CAPE RACE AND CAPE PINE.

INFORMATION has been received at the Admiralty, that it has been decided to make the following changes in the lights at Cape Race and Cape Pine, on the south-east coast of Newfoundland, viz:—

The fixed light at Cape Race to be altered to a revolving white light, attaining its greatest brilliancy every half minute.

The revolving light at Cape Pine to be altered to a fixed white light.

It is expected that these changes may take place some time in August 1865, but the precise date, with further information, will be published in a subsequent Notice.

By Command of their Lordships,
GEO. HENRY RICHARDS,
Hydrographer.

Hydrographic Office, Admiralty, London, 12th June, 1865.

The substance of this Notice, as soon as it is received on board, is to be inserted in red ink on the Charts affected by it; and introduced into the margin, or otherwise in the page of the Sailing Directions to which it relates. See Instructions, Navigation and Pilotage, p. 172.

This Notice will affect the following Admiralty Charts:—Newfoundland, South-East Coast, No. 2915, and Gulf of St. Lawrence, No. 2516. Also, British North America Lights list, Nos. 14, 15, 12755. E & S.—6 | 65.

Council Office, July 4, 1865.

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in Council, has been pleased to appoint MR. HECTOR MCKENZIE, of Flat River, a Preventive Officer and Land Waiter, in terms of the Act of 19 Victoria, Cap. 1.

CHARLES DESBRISAY, C. E. C.

A PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

GEORGE DUNDAS, ESQUIRE,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto belonging, Chancellor, Vice Admiral and Ordinary of the same, &c. &c. &c.

[L.S.] GEORGE DUNDAS, Lieut. Governor.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of this Island stands Prorogued until Tuesday, the Eleventh day of July, instant.

I have thought fit, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Executive Council, further to prorogue the said General Assembly, and the same is hereby prorogued until Thursday the Seventeenth day of August next, of which all persons concerned are required to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of this Island, at Charlottetown, in the said Island, this tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the Twenty-eighth year of Her Majesty's reign.

By Command,
W. H. POPE, Col. Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the STOCK HOLDERS of the SUMMERSIDE BANK, will be held at Summerside, on THURSDAY the 27th inst., at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of making Bye-Laws and Electing Directors for the management of said Bank.

JAMES MUIRHEAD,
Chairman of Provisional Committee.
Summerside, July 1, 1865. 3w