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FOR THE EXAMINER. DRAFT OF THE ORIGINAL SPEECH FOUND.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

I have again called you together at the usual season for the transaction of the business of the Colony, and I hope your labors will be zealously directed to the public welfare.

The Island was favored, in the last season with plentiful agricultural crops, and the farmer has been well rewarded in the labor of his calling.

A Despatch which I have recently received, acquaints me, that the Colonial Minister gladly acknowledges the promptitude with which the Legislature of this Colony hastened to give effect to what they supposed, was the desire of Her Majesty's Government.

The Large amount of the purchase of the Selkirk Estates—sanctioned by your last year—has been attended with the most satisfactory results.

In consequence of a clause in the Land Purchase Act, restricting the interest on Debenture Loans to five per cent. it was found impossible to negotiate these while Treasury Warrants yielded six per cent.

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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature of this Colony was re-opened on Thursday last with the usual formalities. Several of the Volunteer Companies made a respectable muster in front of the Colonial Building, and presented arms to the Lieut. Governor when entering the Building.

SPEECH.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council; Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly; The period being arrived at which the business of the Legislature is usually resumed, I have called you together, and have much satisfaction in again meeting you, in Assembly, to deliberate on the affairs of this Colony.

Nearly six years have elapsed since a Census of Prince Edward Island was taken. I would, therefore, direct your attention to the propriety of this year, renewing that Census: more especially as the Imperial Government, having determined on taking one of Great Britain in April next, considers it desirable, that in all the Colonies a similar course should be simultaneously adopted.

The Land Commission, which your Address to Her Majesty procured, has, as you are aware, investigated with the utmost care, and with the greatest diligence those questions submitted to it. The award of the Commissioners will, I am assured by them, be made as early in the ensuing Summer as practicable. That a Decision

so important, and so anxiously looked for by you should have been delayed, is a subject of regret both to the Commissioners and myself. Such delay was, however, unavoidable.

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The address informs us that for a long period of years the signers have endeavored to meet "their honest engagements in the payment of their rents." We are truly sorry if this statement be true, for their other representative, to whom no allusion is made in the address, stated publicly that nearly all the tenants would not pay one farthing of rent, and when the estate was purchased by the Government, no less than £114,000 was due on arrears of rent.

These "learned Theologians" have, in the plenitude of their philanthropic desire to make their fellow Colonists as jolly as they profess to be, given public notice, for the first time, that "judicial, constitutional, remedial measures," are now in force, to meet that agricultural millstone.

There is a beautiful specimen of ingenuous modesty in the following sentence, which we commend to the special notice of the general reader. "Reflecting on our own past experience and present prospects, we naturally feel sympathy with the tenantry, who may hopefully depend upon us! providing they follow the conservative policy that will doubtless make all classes peaceable and prosperous."

That Mr. Dundas should have thanked the signers of such an address, is melancholy enough, but that he should so far have identified himself with the implied threat of physical violence to suppress opposition to his Government, is something more than loud for melancholy thoughts.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HATS! HATS!! Registered No. 107718. Pursuant to 5 and 6 Vic Chap. 100.

The New Alethion Hat.

MANUFACTURED ONLY BY Cooper, Box & Co., London. BENJAMIN DAVIES, Cheapside Queen Square. THE public are respectfully informed that a further improvement has been effected in the New Great-prize Alethion Hat, which in addition to its many other excellent qualities will now be lighter than heretofore.

RETAIL. TEA. TEA.

THE BEST in the CITY at the price, 3s. per lb. WARRANTED. For Sale at "VAUX'S" Queen Street, February 25, 1861.

Shop and Premises to Let.

TO BE LET, from 23rd May next, that eligible fire proof SHOP and premises fronting on Queen Street, at present occupied by Isaac C. Hall, Esquire. Enquire of DANIEL BRENNAN. N. B. Possession may be had sooner if required. February 25th, 1861. 1st 2m

For Sale or to Let. THE OFFICE and WAREHOUSE in WATER STREET,

recently occupied by Mr. ALAN MCKINNON. It is a good Business Stand, and suitable for Wholesale or Auction and Commission Business. Terms liberal. For particulars, apply to Feb. 25, 1861. 3m P. W. HYNDMAN.

Land for Sale. THE subscriber offers at Private Sale, the following

valuable property; 150 acres Wood Land on Lot 43, fronting on the line between Lots 43 and 44, having a front of 144 chains to the 100 acres; 21 acres being part of the reserved lands adjoining Georgetown. Town Lot No. 8, First Range, Letter E, in Georgetown, and Pasture Lot No. 82, in the County of St. John. Also, 50 acres Land, four of which are cleared on Lot 32, fronting on Anderson's Road, 7 miles from Charlottetown. Three Building Lots in Charlottetown. For further particulars apply to JOHN MCGILL. Charlottetown, July 25th, 1861. 6m

WAGGON AXLES, &c. WAGGON AXLES and BANDS, CART BUSHES, PLOUGH MOUNTING, CHAIN TRACES, &c. &c. Feb. 25th, 1861. 6w BEER & SON.

SALE OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, At the Temperance Hall.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the TEMPERANCE HALL, on THURSDAY, 7th MARCH, at 11 o'clock.— A large quantity of Household Furniture, CONSISTING OF—

- Dining and Extension Tables 3 Centre Tables, 12 Card Tables 1 Ladies' Work Table, 4 fancy Side Tables 3 Mahogany and Walnut Desks 1 French Bedstead, 1 Hat Rack 1 Book Stand, 2 Mahogany spring seated Sofas Chests of Drawers, large easy Chairs Rocking Chairs in Hair Cloth, Painted Sinks Bedsteads, Chairs, Looking Glasses Rosewood and Mahogany, 1 Invalid Chair 1 set DRAWING ROOM FURNITURE Green Velvet, very superior, all to match 1 Black Marble top Centre Table, 1 Wardrobe, 1 Bedroom Set, A complete 1 Patent Spring Bottom Bedstead, 2 Mattresses, 1 Whittom, 1 small Bath Lot Pictures, lot of Matting.

The above articles are all new, and can be seen the day previous to the Sale. Terms Easy. Sale Positive. No Reserve. WILLIAM DODD, Auctioneer. Feb. 18, 1861. 1st & Mon.

RARE CHANCE. POSITIVE SALE. NEW GOODS.

Tea, Sugars, Crushed do., Burning Fluid, Soda, Molasses, Candles, Striped Shirts, Drillings, Bed Ticks, Gingham, Hats & Caps, &c. &c. &c.

THE Subscriber will SELL BY AUCTION, at his SALE ROOM, Queen Street, on THURSDAY, the 13th MARCH—

- 10 Pans MOLASSES 20 Pieces STRIPED SHIRTING 5 lbs. SUGAR 20 do. Grey COTTON 15 lbs. do. 5 do. Bed Tick 10 lbs. Crushed SUGAR 5 do. Blue Drill Boxes RAISINS 5 do. Denims 30 Chests TEA 10 do. Gingham 40 Quarter Boxes do 20 do. Hulled Linings 5 Regs CURRANTS 60 lbs. Black and W. B. Thread 5 Regs Baking Soda 5 Gross Cotton Reels 15 Doz. BUCKETS 20 Pieces Cotton Handkerchiefs 20 Doz. BROOMS 10 Felt HATS (assorted) 5 Cases BURNING FLUID 5 Cases Women's RUBBERS 30 Chests TEA A variety of other articles 20 Boxes CANDLES DRY GOODS, all of this season's importation. 60 Drums FIGS.

TERMS.—All sugars on £10 cash; over £10, Three months; over £50, Four months, on approved Notes of Hand. ALEX. MCKINNON, Auctioneer. Charlotte own, February 18, 1861.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, at the PROVINCE BUILDING, in Charlottetown, on TUESDAY, the 13th day of JUNE next, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, under a power of sale contained in a mortgage made by Thomas Smith and wife to James H. Peters. All that piece of GROUND, situated in Charlottetown, and known as Town Lot No. 92 in the first hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, together with 20 Houses and Buildings thereon. Terms Cash. Dated this 23rd January, 1861. Feb. 4. JAMES H. PETERS.

Notice to Shippers. LONDON TO CHARLOTTETOWN DIRECT.

THE good Ship "WILLIAM DOUSE," 500 tons burthen, Captain, will sail from the West India Docks, for Charlottetown direct, the 28th March.

This fine Vessel has always discharged her Cargoes in perfect order, and will now have prompt dispatch, leaving part of her Cargo engaged. She has excellent accommodations for Cabin and Steerage Passengers, to whose comfort every attention will be paid. For FREIGHT or PASSAGE, apply to GEORGE DUNCAN & Co., 147 Leadenhall St., London or to the owners.

FREIGHTS taken at moderate rates. CHARLOTTETOWN, February 13, 1861. W. DOUSE & SONS.

Tea, Sugar, Tobacco. FOR SALE by the Subscriber, at his Sale Room, Queen Street—

- 10 lbs. Congo TEA, 10 lbs. SUGAR 40 half- chests do. 15 puns. MOLASSES 10 lbs. Crushed SUGAR 1 pun. HIGH WINES 10 boxes Flat TOBACCO 20 boxes RAISINS 20 half-boxes RAISINS 30 quarter-boxes do. 60 Drums FIGS 40 CHEESE 6 crates assorted CROCKERWARE.

250 Bbls. Extra Labrador HERRING, put up in Bbls. for family use. 50 Bbls. Baldwin APPLES, 20 do Russet do 20 do Greening do JASON WEBB, opposite the Bank. Ch. Town, Dec. 24, 1860.

ADDRESS FROM THE INHABITANTS OF BELFAST.

To His Excellency GEORGE DUNDAS, Esq., Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island, &c. &c.

We, the undersigned inhabitants of Townships No. fifty-five, fifty-six, fifty-seven, and fifty-eight, comprising the Selkirk Estate, recently purchased by our Government, beg leave to approach your Excellency at the present time, with the expression of confidence in your Excellency and your Administration.

We were unable to avail ourselves of the privilege afforded by the Royal Commission, of being present at the late Session of the Legislature, the roads and ferries being almost impassable; and, therefore, feeling it our duty to embrace the earliest opportunity to assure your Excellency that, although denied that privilege, yet we do not yield in loyalty to our Sovereign, or respect and esteem for her Representative, to the other more fortunate municipalities residing in the Capital and its suburbs.

For a long period of years, while we recognized the rights of the inhabitants who owned the soil of our farms, and we endeavored to fulfil our honest engagements in the payment of our rents, nevertheless we felt it most disavowing to keep on, year after year, paying from our hard earnings so large an annual sum of money, particularly when we considered that it was never to end.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, 14th FEBRUARY, 1861. GENTLEMEN,—

Had it been possible to increase the satisfaction which, in common with my Government, I feel in having been so fortunate as to second effectually your desire to improve your condition, that additional satisfaction would have been created by the hearty and gratifying acknowledgment of our efforts in the Address you have presented to me.

When I visited your district eighteen months ago, I was most favourably impressed by the honesty and manliness with which you avowed the rights of the man who owned the soil, and assured me of your earnest wish to fulfil, as far as lay in your power, the engagements which you had voluntarily entered into with him; and I now assure you, that those settlements of rightness and probity are mainly one of the strictest us extensions which were made by my Government and myself to enable you to acquire the freehold of your farms.

Your position is now secure, and you can regard with complacency the farms which are indisputably your own. But had I been able to assist you in any other manner, like so many of your fellow Colonists, now anxiously awaiting the decision of that Commission for which the voice of the whole Island cries, I should have said to you as I would say to them—

"You know I am your friend; I have your best interests at heart, and my earnest wish is to see you happy and promote the fulfilment of that expectation you cherish. I would have your own farms, therefore, be guided by me; I await with patience the award of that tribunal composed of men who have no interests to serve but those of justice and truth. Do not testify impatience. Agitation must react, injuriously, on yourselves. Turn a deaf ear to all those visionary schemes which, pending the investigation of the Commissioners, are as crude and premature as they are impracticable.

When the Government has taken the share of a loan, to be guaranteed by the Imperial Government, or some supposed shorter solution of the difficulty. I class them all under one category, and unhesitatingly advise you to reject them.

Never, I believe, has so far an opportunity occurred as the present, to settle questions and determine disputes which have, for a long period of years, disturbed the harmony of the Island, and unsettled the minds of its people. Never again will the occasion offer. Let me, therefore, earnestly entreat you not to run such prospects; for in this respect the issue is with yourselves. After the lapse of a short period we shall have that award which the Commissioners are now engaged in preparing from the mass of evidence before them. Continue to bear yourselves as the hardy honest men I believe you to be. Respect, as ever, the contracts you have entered into; do to others as you would they should do to you, and you will thus secure the paternal solicitude of the Imperial Government, the friendly co-operation of the large land owners, and the sympathy and regard of every upright man."

GEORGE DUNDAS, Lieut. Governor.

To Messrs. Donald McLeod, J. P., Thomas Brunick, Duncan Mann, J. P., Angus Boston, Malcolm Montgomery, John Campbell, John Stewart, James Lamont, J. P., Martin O'Brien, Daniel Fraser, J. P., and 936 others, inhabitants of Townships 57, 58, 60 and 62.

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