

**THE CROWN LAND QUESTION IN NOVASCOTIA.**—Nova Scotia is blessed with a compact of Officials, whose secret intrigues are supposed to be effective with the Colonial Office. If this be true, it will tend to lessen materially the high opinion that has been formed in the Colonies of the efficiency and good intentions of the present Colonial Secretary. Until we see evidence of the fact, we shall continue to disbelieve that Lord Grey would take so suicidal a step, as that of advising the disallowance of an important measure passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia on the secret recommendations of parties in the Colony, who, although in office, are the representatives of only a minority of the population. Such an act would at once destroy all confidence in the Downing street authorities.—The rejection of a bill for reducing the price of the Crown Lands in Nova Scotia—no matter by whom advised—is a high handed measure, which cannot fail to create bad feeling in the Colony.—*Toronto Examiner.*

**Editorial continued.****PUBLIC MEETING.**

A Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of Queen's County, convened by the High Sheriff in compliance with a Requisition addressed to him for that purpose, was held in the Old Court House in Charlottetown, on Saturday the 4th December.

Charles Stewart, Esq. High Sheriff, took the Chair, and having briefly announced the object of the Meeting, which was, to take into consideration the adoption of a complimentary Address to Sir Donald Campbell, Bart., to be presented to him on his assuming the Government of this Island.

Theophilus DesBrisay, Esq. was chosen as Secretary. Hon. George Coles moved that a Committee to consist of nine gentlemen be forthwith appointed to prepare the said Address. The following gentlemen, having been severally proposed and seconded, were appointed a Committee for that purpose :

His Honor the Chief Justice, Hon. William Swabey, James H. Conroy, Esq. M. P. P. Hon. Thomas Heath Haviland, Edward Palmer, Esq. M. P. P. Hon. George Coles, Hon. J. S. McDonald, Daniel Brenan, Esq., Hon. Donald McDonald.

Moved by Alex. McLean, Esq. M. P. P. seconded by Hon. Wm. Swabey—

*Resolved,* That it be an instruction to the Committee, in preparing the Address, to avoid the adoption of all sentiments of a political or party nature.

The Committee having retired, after a short interval, returned with the draft of an Address, which was read by his Hon. the Chief Justice; and on motion of John Longworth, Esq., M. P. P., seconded by Heath Haviland, Esq., M. P. P., was unanimously adopted.

[The Address, together with His Excellency's Reply, will be found below.]

Moved by Hon. T. H. Haviland, Seconded by Hon. W. Swabey—

*Resolved,* That the High Sheriff be requested to wait upon His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell as soon as convenient, after his arrival, to ascertain when he would be pleased to receive the Address.

Moved by Hon. George Coles, Seconded by J. H. Conroy, Esq., M. P. P.—

*Resolved,* That the High Sheriff, the Committee, and as many other gentlemen as may think proper to attend, should wait upon His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, to present the Address at the time fixed upon by him to receive the same.

The High Sheriff having left the Chair, and his Honor the Chief Justice being called thereto.

Moved by Hon. George Coles, Seconded by Henry Palmer, Esq.—

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the High Sheriff, for his promptness in calling the Meeting, and for his conduct in the Chair.

His Excellency met the Committee appointed to present the Address, this day, Saturday, at 1 o'clock, in the Legislative Library, Colonial Building, where the High Sheriff read the Address as follows :

*To His Excellency SIR DONALD CAMPBELL, BART., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island of Prince Edward, Chancellor, Vice Admiral, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY ;

We, Her Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Clergy, Magistrates and other Inhabitants of Queen's County in this Island, at a Public Meeting convened by the High Sheriff, desire to offer to Your Excellency our sincere congratulations upon your appointment to the

Government of this Colony, and that it has pleased Divine Providence to prosper your passage to our shores.

We feel assured that our gracious Sovereign, in confiding to Your Excellency the interests of her subjects in this Island, has had in view the happiness and prosperity of her people.

We can confidently assure Your Excellency of the loyalty and attachment of the people of this Island to the Throne and Government of Her Majesty, and that they will at all times duly appreciate such measures as Your Excellency may, from time to time, initiate and recommend for their welfare and happiness—that they will not be found wanting in readiness to uphold the rights and principles of the constitution under which they have the happiness to live.

On behalf of the Meeting,  
(Signed) CHARLES STEWART,  
Chairman.

THEO. DESBRISAY, Sec'y.

Before reading his reply, his Excellency made a few remarks, of which the following is, as nearly as we can recollect, a faithful report :

HIS EXCELLENCY stated that though it was usual to give written answers to addresses of the nature he had just had the honor to receive, but seeing around him and out of doors respectable persons of different orders of society, he might be pardoned if he availed himself of the opportunity of stating the impressions with which he had come to the Colony, and which were confirmed by the limited observations he had been able to make; but first of all he would publicly announce, that on all occasions the doors of Government House should be open to individuals of all classes who might conceive his advice could, in any way, be beneficial to their interests: and he said this in all sincerity of heart; because he felt that such a line of conduct would not only be his duty, but entirely accord with his inclinations. He had made it his study, before coming out, to become as far acquainted with the concerns of the Colony as his means permitted, and he had found no one with whom he had communicated, who differed at all in describing its resources and capabilities ample, and affording the truest prospect of prosperity. It would be his pride and pleasure if by any devotion of his time and exertions he could contribute to the development of the ample resources which were at command. He had been in the habit of conversing with Colonists from all parts of Her Majesty's dominions, and in respect to any personal disappointments as to this Colony, he never heard them attributed to any existing want of general resources. He felt great gratification on his entrance into the fine harbour to view the growing opulence of the Town, and particularly was he gratified in beholding the public buildings, and especially the number of places of worship devoted to the Almighty by different classes of Christian worshippers. He would now proceed to read his Answer to the Address which he had received.

**[HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.]**

*To the Clergy, Magistrates and other Inhabitants of Queen's County,*

GENTLEMEN ;

I return you my best thanks for your congratulatory Address on my appointment to the Government of this Colony, and on my safe arrival under the blessings of Divine Providence, among you.

I have the fullest reliance on the loyalty and attachment of the People of this Island to Her Majesty's Throne and Government, and I beg you to accept the assurance that in fulfilling the important trust confided to me by our gracious Sovereign, my earnest endeavour shall be directed to the adoption of such measures as may prove most conducive to the peace, happiness and prosperity of the Colony.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**

The first Meeting of this Institution, for this season, took place on Wednesday evening last, when T. Heath Haviland, Esq., Vice President, read a Paper on "Chivalry, and its effects on the present state of Society."

**NEWS FROM MEXICO.**

The New Orleans Picayune Extra, dated 22d Nov., contains later despatches from Mexico. A letter from Queretaro, says that 71 deputies were then in the city, and several others were on the way, and it was believed that very soon there would be sufficient to open the session. The first business is the election of a President. The candidates are Peria, Almonte, and Herrera. News had reached there of certain designs of stock-jobbers at the capital, to form Mexico into two great states, and to annex them to the American Union. General Patterson had received a visit from a Commissioner with peace propositions. It was rumoured at Matamoros that the state of San Luis, Tacatecas and one other, had declared in favor of Paredes' monarchical scheme, and proffered him 18,000 troops. Senor Iturbide is fixed upon for the

throne, in case of European intervention, which is confidently calculated upon. Many Mexicans in that quarter are hostile to the arrangement, and are ready to join the United States to prevent its consummation.

**PASSENGERS.**

In the Packet Rob Roy, from Picton, on Thursday morning—His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell, Bart., and Son; Joseph Pope, Esq., Speaker of the House of Assembly; Joseph Wightman, Esq., Hon. Charles Young; Mr. Holman, and others.

**MARRIED.**

At Charlottetown, on Thursday evening last, the 9th inst., by the Rev. Dr. Jenkins, E. C., Mr. JAMES COLES, jun., to MARGARET LEAH, eldest daughter of Mr. W. B. Davison, of this town.

**DIED.**

On Tuesday the 7th instant, SENHOUSE, relict of the late Lieut. Colonel Anwyl, of Vron, near Bala, Merionethshire, North Wales, and eldest daughter of John Barrow, Esq., of this town.

**SHIP NEWS.****ENTERED.**

Dec. 4—Schr. Velocity, Lutes, Halifax; Goods.—6th. Rob Roy, Turnbull, Picton; do. Unicorn, Moore, Halifax; do.

**MEMORANDA.****Arrivals in Europe from hence.**

Liverpool, Nov. 5—Violet.—14th—Greyhound and Agnes. 17th—St. Andrew. Swansea, Nov. 10—Pitton. Bideford, Nov. 12—Civility. Deal, Nov. 13—Hymen. Southampton, Nov. 14—Jenny Lind. Falmouth, Nov. 16—Lady Mary.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Nov. 20—The Brig Don Colina and the Brig Mary McWhinnie, both from Prince Edward Island, to London, have put in here leaky, and must discharge cargoes.

The Dove and the Rapid, from hence, have also arrived at St. John's.

The Brig Annabella, Bennet, master, sailed from Georgetown for London, on the 13th ultimo.

The Brig Matilda, Sykes, master, for London, owned by Mr. John B. Cox, merchant, of this town, left this port on Friday the 3d inst., and in the gale on the following day went on shore at the Wood Islands, and has since become a total wreck.

The Schooner Mahone Bay Packet, went on shore at Squaw Point Reef in Hillsborough Bay, a few days ago, and has since been condemned and sold.

The Brig Veronica, John Mitchell, master, belonging to this Island, was wrecked on the 19th ultimo, on Rossitor's Point, in Colville Bay. She has since been condemned, and is advertised to be sold.

**DRESS-MAKING BUSINESS.**

MRS. LONG, lately from Exeter, England, respectfully acquaints the Ladies of Charlottetown and its vicinity, that she has commenced the above Business at her Residence, Corner of Great George and Kent Sts. where she will be happy to receive orders in any of the present styles of Dress-making; and she hopes that her work will be such as to merit the encouraging patronage of the Ladies of this community.

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**BUILDING LOTS,**

To let on Lease or for sale.

24 BUILDING LOTS, commencing about 250 yards above the old Ferry Wharf, opposite to Charlottetown. One of the said Lots is well calculated for a Tannery. Apply to

JAMES N. HARRIS,  
Commission Agent and Auctioneer.

December 11.

**The Old Establishment Revived.****GUN AND LOCK-SMITH BUSINESS.**

TOOLE & TAYLOR beg leave to inform the inhabitants of Charlottetown and the Island in general, that they are carrying on the above Business in all its Branches, at the Old Establishment, next door to Mr. John Jury's, Sen. Kent Street, where work can be done on the most moderate terms and at the shortest notice.

Bell Hanging neatly done—Brands neatly cut, and Trusses for Rupture made on an approved principle. Guns altered in first rate style.

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**LONG & WALKER,****BOOT-MAKERS.**

THE Subscribers have commenced the Boot making business, at the House lately occupied by Mr. J. Pippy, corner of Great George and Kent Streets where they will be prepared to receive and attend to all orders in their business, and where, by moderate charges and close attention, they hope to receive a portion of the public patronage. Fancy Boots, with Cork soles, made to order.

JAMES LONG,  
GEORGE WALKER.

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**Steam Navigation Company.**

CHARLOTTETOWN, November 22, 1847,

AT a Meeting of the DIRECTORS of the Prince Edward Island STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY held this day, it was determined in consequence of a large number of Shareholders having retired from the Company, that the remaining Shareholders shall be permitted to receive the amount of their Shares upon the terms advertised in the Royal Gazette of the 20th July.

CHARLES HENSLEY.