

That it is the opinion of the Committee, that the sum of £372 : 19 : 9½, be granted to the Overseers of the Poor for the City of St. John, for the year 1818 :

And that the sum of £478 : 8 : 7½, be granted to the Overseers of the Poor for the City of Saint John, for the year 1819 : it being the balance after reducing Doctor Thomas Paddock's account for 1819, to £60, as reported in 1819, and also deducting the account of Doctor J. Head, for the years 1818 and 1819. Ordered that the report be accepted.

The order of the day being read, the House went into further hearing of the parties upon the Petition of Amos Perley and sundry Electors of the County of Sunbury, complaining of an undue Election, and false return for that County.

A Message from the Council.

“Mr. Speaker.—The Council have passed a Bill, ‘to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to enlarge the time of the sittings of the said Court, when the same shall be expedient.’ To which they desire the concurrence of this Honorable House.”

Thursday, 16th March.

The Clerk of the Crown, in obedience to the order of yesterday, attended, and amended the return for the County of Sunbury.

On motion, ordered that Mr. Humbert and Mr. Miles be a committee to attend the Commissioners, to see Amos Perley qualified.

The committee attended accordingly ; and being returned, reported that Amos Perley, Esq. had taken the oaths prescribed by law—upon which he took his seat.

A Bill, “to explain, amend and continue an Act, intituled ‘an Act to encourage the raising Bread-Corn on new lands,’” was read the third time and passed and was sent to the Council for their concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, “to provide for cancelling the Treasury Notes that have been issued in this Province,” was read the third time,—passed and sent to the Council for their concurrence.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the further consideration of supplies to be granted for the public service.

A Message from the Council.

“Mr. Speaker.—The Council have concurred in passed a Bill, ‘to continue and amend an Act, intituled ‘an Act for raising a Revenue in this Province, and to repeal the one made in amendment thereof.’”

Mr. Agnew, chairman of the committee, reported the following resolutions,

Resolved, that there be granted to the Overseers of the Poor for the City of St. John, the sum of £372 : 19 : 9½, to reimburse them for expenses incurred in the support of poor Soldiers, Sailors, and Emigrants within the said City, for the year 1818.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the City of St. John, the sum of £477 : 8 : 7½, to reimburse them for expenses incurred in the support of transient poor Soldiers, Sailors and Emigrants within the said City, for the year 1819.

To the Overseers of the Poor for the Parish of Portland, the sum of £118 : 9 : 8, for expenses actually incurred by them in support of distressed Emigrants, old Soldiers, Widows of Soldiers and their children, in the years 1818 and 1819.

To Robert Leslie, the sum of £16 : 10, being the amount of his account for services performed as a Surgeon and Physician to sundry transient and distressed Poor in the City of Saint John in the year 1817.

To William Howe Smith, the sum of £58 : 7 : 6, being the amount of his account for services performed as a Surgeon and physician to sundry transient poor and distressed persons in the City and County of Saint John, in the year 1816, certified by the Overseers of the Poor of the said City.

To John Head, (Inoculating Surgeon, for the Vaccine Institution,) the sum of £25, as a small remuneration for the services performed by him.

To John Head, the sum of £34 : 15 : 10, being the amount of his account for medicine and attendance on transient Poor in the City of Saint John, in the year 1818.

To William Woodforde, Surgeon, the sum of £40 for services rendered sundry indigent sick persons in the County of York, for the years 1816 and 1817.

To William Boisford, Esquire, Solicitor General for this Province, the sum of £50 for past services.

To the Overseers of the poor of the Town of Saint Andrews, the sum of £89 : 5, the like sum being advanced by

them in the year 1818, in support of Emigrant Poor in that Town.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor or Commander in Chief for the time being, the sum of £150, to be expended by Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose, in the purchase of provisions for the immediate relief of the Welch Emigrant Settlers in the County of York, and seed for the ensuing season.

To the Commissioners for superintending the repairs of Government House, the sum of £400, to repair the same and the out-buildings.

To the Hon. Mr. Justice Bliss, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to swear in the Members returned to serve in the present House of Assembly, the sum of £26, for his services in swearing in the same.

To the Central Agricultural Society of New-Brunswick, the sum of £300, in aid of that Institution.

To the Commissioners to be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, the sum of £50, towards defraying the expense of a Courier for the present year, between New-Castle on the river Miramichi and Nepisiguit on the Bay Chaleur, (a continuation of the Great Road of communication.)

The Bill, “to increase the Fees of Marshals in the City Court of the City of Saint John, in certain cases.”—passed to be engrossed.

Read the second time, the engrossed Bill, “to repeal an Act, intituled ‘An Act to regulate the sale of goods sold at Public Auction or Outcry.’”

The House went into consideration of the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, “to exempt the Firemen of the Towns of Saint Andrews and Fredericton, from the performance of certain public services.”

The said amendments were read, and the further consideration of the Bill postponed for three months.

Mr. Humbert brought in a Bill, “to provide for sick and disabled Seamen, not being Paupers, within this Province.”

The House took into consideration the amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill, “to regulate the rates at which certain Gold and Silver Coin shall pass current in this Province.”

The said amendments being read, are as follow :

At A, insert “a lawful tender.”

At B, dele “six,” and insert “eight.”

At C, insert “except at a deduction of two-pence farthing for every grain so deficient.”

And the same being again read, were on the question severally put thereon, concurred in by the House.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Halifax Diocesan Committee of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, for the year 1819.

4. THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMITTEE, are upon the whole in a more favourable state than they were at the date of the last Report.

THE Committee have remitted to the Parent Society in the least year, a sum amounting (with what is now ready for remittance) to

£371 3 4

Making the Sum total remitted since the formation of the Committee in July 1814.

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The amount still due to the Parent Society for Books is about

450 0 0

The amount of Books now on hand, including the donation of the Society is about

700 0 0

The amount due to the Committee from various places and persons, for Books supplied is about

150 0 0

INFORMATION has just been received, of a remittance that may daily be expected from St. John, New-Brunswick, to the amount of £140, but it is not included in the foregoing statement.

5. THE NATIONAL SCHOOL under the charge of this committee, continues by its increasing usefulness, to afford the most abundant satisfaction.

An Examination of both Boys and Girls took place very soon after the publication of the last year's Report, attended by the Earl

and Countess of DALHOUSIE, the Members of His Majesty's Council, the House of Assembly, the Trustees and Superintendants of both Schools, many of the Parents of the Children, and numerous other visitors.

The appearance of the children—their perfect acquaintance with every thing they had to learn, and their general progress, could not fail to gratify all who were present—at the close of their examination in Reading, Writing, Cyphering, English Grammar, and Geography ; the children produced the numerous tickets of merit which they had received in the course of the preceding year, and appropriate medals and rewards were presented to the most deserving, from the Earl and Countess of DALHOUSIE—The rewards for the Girls' School were almost entirely supplied by the bounty of many Ladies who take a very lively interest in the prosperity of the Institution.

Since the time of this Examination every advantage, that was hoped for from the attention of the monthly superintendants for both Schools, has been obtained, and the committee cannot omit to offer their sincere acknowledgements for such important benefits, and especially to those Ladies who have given in their turn, almost a daily superintendance to the School—Nor is it possible for them to exceed what is due, in expressing their most particular and grateful acknowledgements for the advantages which the Institution has derived from the countenance, the example, and the personal attendance of the Countess of DALHOUSIE. But Her Ladyship and the other Superintendants have higher satisfaction than these thanks can afford, in knowing that the attendance of the children, both at School and at Public Worship has been more regular and more constant—they have improved in neatness of their appearance ; and in their general habits and behaviour ; they have made a rapid progress in the acquirement of useful knowledge, and it is humbly hoped, that by the blessing of divine Providence, a permanent foundation has been laid for their religious and moral principles and conduct.

The committee would be unjust to their own feelings and to the feeling of the Trustees of the School if they neglected to state with their warmest approbation, the continued zeal and ability of Mr. West in the management of the Boys', and the diligent attention of Mrs. and Miss Alan, in the management of the Girls' School.

Since the last Report, the number of Scholars who pay for their tuition has been diminished, which creates a new and additional embarrassment to the Trustees ; but while the primary objects of the Institution are advanced, they feel that they ought to be thankful—and this happily is the case ; for the Free Scholars have been increased in the last year from 128 to 203. The greatest number of children that had previously attended the School on any one Sunday, to proceed from thence to their respective places of public worship, was 150 ; but it has since been increased to 231. Many of the Children however, were so destitute of clothing, that without some assistance, they could neither have attended at the School, nor any place of worship. By the exertions of the superintendants however, this difficulty has been removed, and in addition to the large subscriptions which were formerly made, £50 has been collected in the present winter, and the poorest of the children have been supplied with neat and comfortable clothing.

The general accounts of the School have likewise experienced a favourable change, although the Trustees are still burthened with an heavy debt, for which they continue to be personally responsible. The amount of that debt, at the date of the last report, was £468, 18, 9. They have since received, by a second liberal grant from the Provincial Legislature, £200 ; a legacy from the late Reverend GEORGE WRIGHT, of £10, and a few benefactions of less amount ; and although some alterations were necessary in their building, for the more comfortable accommodation of the master, their debt is now reduced to less than £300 ; and they confidently hope, that as the work has hitherto prospered in their hands, so it will by the blessing of Providence, continue to prosper, and that benevolent friends will still be found to assist in relieving them from all embarrassments, and in forwarding the usefulness of this very interesting Institution.

Though the smaller Schools in different parts of the Diocese, into which the national

system of education has been introduced, have in most cases sustained some injury from an unexpected deficiency in the supply of the necessary books, and other apparatus, they have not ceased to be very useful ; and as measures have been taken to secure a sufficient stock of every thing that will be wanted for them, early in the spring, it may confidently be hoped, that they will soon advance with increasing benefits.

The reports which have been forwarded to the Committee from the National School at St. John, New-Brunswick, are of the most gratifying nature, and represent it to be of very high reputation, and an acknowledged blessing to that city. The number of pupils is very little inferior to the number at Halifax. The Institution is honoured by the very active patronage of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor ; and the most respectable persons in the city are its most zealous friends—The master, Mr. Bragg, fully answers the high expectations which were formed of him ; his wife has been well instructed in the system, and has now opened a School for girls, which is already in a very promising state.

A valuable building has been erected for the School, which contains one of the largest rooms in either Province, and was opened on Christmas-eve in a very interesting manner. A public and most satisfactory examination of the children was held on this occasion, and appropriate rewards were distributed to the most deserving by the Lieutenant-Governor. The Institution has been incorporated by a charter from his Excellency—a valuable grant of land has already been given to it ; and another is expected—a stock of School Books, and other necessary articles, sufficient for the whole Province for several years, has been imported from England ; and every School in New-Brunswick that introduces the Madras system, is gratuitously supplied with them—a choir of singers for the Church have been selected from the Scholars ; they have been carefully and ably instructed in psalmody, which is found perfectly applicable to musical instruction, according to the Madras system, and perform their part of the public service in the most engaging manner.—In short, the whole of the concerns of this important Institution appear to be already in as prosperous and promising a condition as its warmest friends can desire.

At the close of this report, the Committee are called upon, by every impulse of respect and gratitude, to repeat their sincere acknowledgements, of the important benefits which have been conferred upon their objects by the continued encouragement, the liberal assistance, and the condescending and patient attention of their Noble Patron, who has on every occasion most cheerfully given his valuable time and counsel, and opened his purse, when either could promote the designs of this Committee.

It is impossible to make this acknowledgement without lively satisfaction ; and the Committee have only to regret the cloud that overshadows it, when they look to the early removal of his Lordship from this Province, which must deprive them of such important countenance and assistance.—They will not however lose a grateful recollection of the favours and benefits with which they have hitherto been honoured, in any anticipation of the heavy loss they must soon sustain.

They have a pleasing consolation in reflecting that his Lordship has been called by the discriminating judgment of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to higher honours and a more extended sphere of usefulness. They have additional comfort in knowing also that another committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge which has been formed at Quebec, will gain the great benefits which they are to lose ; and they will have still further satisfaction in offering up their fervent prayers for every blessing that can attend his Lordship and his Family.

Halifax, January 31, 1820.

WILLIAM KENT,

INFORMS the Inhabitants of Fredericton, that he has commenced business as CABINET-MAKER, in Mr. JOSEPH STEVENS' new house, Regent Street ; and hopes, by strict attention, to merit a share of their favor.

Bureaus, Tables, Desks, Window Cornices, and all kinds of Household Furniture, made in the neatest manner.

Fredericton, 29th Feb. 1820.