

The house of Mr. John McDonald, Bailey's Brook, Pictou, with the whole of it consumed by fire on Sunday evening, the 21st inst. There was no one in the house at the time, and besides furniture etc., a quantity of wheat was burned.

NOVA SCOTIA LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY.—Mr. T. B. Smith asked the Government if a company had been formed to buy out the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company, and also to take charge of the Western Counties road, and operate the whole line from Yarmouth to Halifax.

Hon. Prov. Secretary said that the advisability and desirability of placing the railway from Yarmouth to Windsor Junction under the control of one company, if it could be effected, was a question that had engaged the attention of the Government, and the project was one to which they were desirous of lending their aid.

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Hon. Prov. Sec. in reply to a question asked on a previous day said the salary of the Librarian of the Legislative Library was \$1,000 per annum, from which amount he was required to provide any other assistants that he might need.

The House subsequently went into committee on Bills, and passed a number. The bill relating to railways was also passed.

TUESDAY.—The bill to amend the Act to incorporate the town of Windsor was under consideration.

A petition was presented by Mr. Vickery asking for the December sitting of the County Court to be held there in December.

Hon. Mr. Townshend presented a petition from His Lordship the Bishop of Nova Scotia, in reference to the Act relating to school lands at Wilmot; also, a petition from His Lordship the Bishop, in reference to school lands in the township of Cornwallis.

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Mr. Gayton suggested that the bill be read through. The bill was read. Mr. Gayton said in the year 1876 an act was passed applying to the whole Province, with the exception of the city of Halifax, requiring petitions for the granting of licenses. In the year 1877 these provisions were made applicable to the city of Halifax.

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could not get a license without closing at certain hours, and being always under the supervision of the police of the city. If the temperance men wanted to do away with the traffic this was just one of the right moves for them. The statistics showed that, under the present law, licenses had increased to the extent of nearly one-third.

Mr. Bartling said he could not agree with the hon. member for Halifax. He was a teetotaler, and he was going to advocate teetotal principles. The day was coming when everybody would have to admit those principles. Did the hon. member think that he (Mr. B.) was one of those who could, with the children of those 13,000 signers staring him in the face and in the face of the wives of the men who signed that petition, whose cries might reach up to the ears of Him who heard not as the ears of men heard—vote to establish a law to legalize the sale of intoxicating drinks. He would tell hon. gentlemen in this House of Assembly that the day for that had gone by. He hoped that every member would act in the fear of God in the matter.

Mr. Harrington said that in introducing this bill he had done so in the interests of temperance. There were too many licenses now in the city of Halifax, and he had no hesitation in saying that this bill would reduce the number of liquor sellers in the city, and would place the business in the hands of men who would make it as respectable as it could be made. He appealed to the temperance men, as one knowing something of this matter in the city of Halifax, to give this bill a trial, and he pledged his word that in two years instead of 180 licenses, the number before the present law came into force, the number would be less.

Mr. C. A. Smith said Hon. members seemed to speak as if the law, as it stood at present, imposed a hardship upon the people. If it imposed hardship upon anybody it was upon those who wanted licenses, and who had to go round and get their license petitions signed. The people were not obliged to go round for signatures. They acknowledged that the figures showed an increase in the number of licenses, but that increase was in spite of the restrictions, the temperance men intended to vote to defer this bill three months.

Mr. Shaffner said the bill required serious consideration. He considered that to yield the point now asked, and to allow a petition to hold good for three years without being renewed, would be just aiding what the people were strenuously endeavoring to put down, that was, the sale of intoxicating liquors. It was well known that the greatest amount of crime and suffering arose from the sale of intoxicating liquors, and he trusted the day was not far distant when total abstinence would prevail throughout the land, and when the importation of intoxicating liquors would be entirely prevented. If the house gave more liberties to this business, members would be told that they were sent here to make good laws, but that they had made them against the true interests of the country.

Mr. Kinney thought the whole principle of the bill resolved itself into a small circle. It was designed to enable persons who had once obtained the requisite number of signatures to a license for three years without a fresh petition. He was informed that today there were no licenses in the city; that they expired a few days ago, and that owing to the great difficulty of obtaining signatures the dealers were waiting till this bill passed to obtain their licenses. He was also informed that the value of real estate had depreciated in the neighborhood of liquor shops, and that owners of real estate were declining to sign license petitions for that reason.

The amendment was then carried by 21 voting for and 6 against it.

For the amendment.—Hon. Mr. Troop, Hon. Mr. White; Messrs. McKay, A. Campbell, Kenny, Shaffner, T. B. Smith, McCurdy, Gayton, Spence, McGray, Bantling, Ford, C. A. Smith, James, Hadley, A. N. McDonald, Blair, Bill, Hon. Mr. McDonald, and Mr. Vickery. 21.

Against.—Hon. Atty. General, Hon. Mr. McDougall, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. LeBlanc, Pugh and Harrington. 6.

Hon. Mr. Stairs, coming in after the vote was taken, asked that his name be recorded in favor of the amendment.

WEDNESDAY.—In reply to a question asked the Prov. Sec. said he had learned from Ottawa that the memorial on the Fisheries Award is under consideration of the Government.

Hon. T. B. Smith did not think he should submit to such treatment. Mr. McKay brought forward the matter of the payment of moneys for the Eastern Extension Railway.

Assessment as applied to Banks was then taken up and fully considered. The bill was carried by 27 to 5.

THURSDAY.—Bills were read a third time. Petitions for grants of Crown Lands, etc., were presented.

The Assessment Bill was again taken up in the House and discussed, and subsequently passed; Also, the bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Western Counties Railway Company, and the bill to incorporate the Nova Scotia Railway Company, limited, and other bills.

FRIDAY.—The Committee on Private and Local Bills, reported that the committee had had in hand the bill relating to school lands in Cornwallis, which was introduced by Mr. Bill, the majority of the committee desired that the bill should be reported up for the consideration of the House. They thought that some legislation would be required to make this grant of lands available for the whole township of Cornwallis, which was the evident intention of the grant.

A minority report had also been made signed by W. W. White and Charles J. Townshend, asking that the bill be deferred for three months.

The majority report was accepted, and the bill referred to the Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Prov. Secretary in reply to a question gave a statement showing the total liabilities of the Province on the 1st of January, 1880.

Mr. T. B. Smith gave notice that he would move on a future day that this House request the Government to telegraph to the Dominion Government asking whether they intend to pay over to the Province of Nova Scotia an equitable amount of the Fishery Award now held by them, and that an immediate answer should be requested.

The bill for registration of partnerships was discussed and allowed to lie over.

The bill relating to school lands in the township of Cornwallis was taken up.

Hon. Mr. Townshend made a long speech. He contended for the vested rights of the rector and church wardens and sought to have the bill deferred for three months.

Hon. Mr. MacDonald showed that these school lands belonged to the township.

Mr. McGillivray and Mr. Shaffner also spoke in his favor.

Hon. Mr. White contended that the grant was made to establish one superior school to be presided over by a graduate of Kings College, and the present Trustees were carrying out the intentions of the Grant.

SATURDAY.—The Prov. Secretary submitted the Estimates for the year: Debts due the Province in the 1st of January, 1880, \$249,851.24.

PROBABLE REVENUE FOR 1880.

Subsidy, including amount for Legislative Expenses...\$370,240 00

Mines, for Royalties, &c..... 80,000 00

Crown Lands..... 10,000 00

Fees and Marriage License, Prov. Secretary's Office... 7,500 00

Royal Gazette..... 2,500 00

Collection of Old Debts..... 20,000 00

\$490,240 00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE \$486,798 00

Agriculture.....\$ 12,538 00

Contingencies..... 700 00

Criminal Prosecutions..... 3,500 00

Education..... 200,000 00

Crown Land Department... 6,000 00

Immigration..... 500 00

Interest..... 10,000 00

Legislative Expenses..... 38,500 00

Local works..... 12,000 00

Hospital for Insane..... 12,000 00

Department of Mines..... 6,000 00

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By Order, F. BRAUN, Secretary. DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, Ottawa, 11th February, 1880.

The reception of the above Tenders is postponed until noon on FRIDAY, 9th April, next.

By Order, F. BRAUN, Secretary. DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, Ottawa, 22nd March, 1880. March 31.

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Miscellaneous..... 27,220 00

Poor's Asylum and Provincial Hospital..... 16,000 00

Public Printing..... 7,000 00

Salaries..... 16,850 00

Steamboats, Packets, &c..... 23,490 00

Transient Poor and Visiting peasary..... 2,000 00

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Blind Asylum..... 800 00

Inebriate Asylum..... 400 00

Normal School Bonds..... 5,000 00

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It is probable the Legislature will close its present session before our next issue. Some suppose on Friday.

Monday last was occupied in passing the Estimates. Objections were raised to some of the items, but they all eventually passed.

In the evening session the bill relating to School Lands in Cornwallis was further discussed and passed.

Birthdays and Sunday School Cards.