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PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES.

FROM MR. TAYLOR'S REPORTS.

MONDAY, April 2.
On motion of Mr. Cutler, the House agreed to take up the Bill (as the order of the day) to prevent certain persons from holding seats in the Legislature—to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Johnson, Chairman of the Victoria Scrutiny Committee, made a report, which was received and adopted, that the proceedings be postponed over until the next Session of the Legislature.
Mr. Cutler again asked what course the Government intended to adopt in reference to the office of Auditor General, and also that of Receiver General. He thought it high time that he received a definite answer on the subject, and he again, as one of the people's representatives, asked for the information on behalf of the people of the country.

House in Committee of Supply at 11 o'clock, and passed several small Grants, for the purpose of Navigation improvements.

The Grant to Z. B. Brown, in consequence of the seizure of his horses and some molasses, by Mr. Winslow, the Deputy Treasurer of Victoria, a year or two ago, again came up, and after some discussion, and explanations on the part of Mr. Tibbets, the sum of — passed.

Mr. English said he had been acquainted with Mr. Winslow from childhood, and considered him to be a high-minded and honorable young man, and would take his word as quick as that of any man in the County of Carleton. He had acted as Deputy Sheriff of that County for some time, and had given general satisfaction. He (Mr. English) had on some occasions been at variance with his father, but as for his sons he had a high respect for them, and believed that in the transaction now before the Committee, Mr. Winslow was actuated by principles of duty, and a determination to do his duty faithfully. He knew but little of Mr. Brown, but had heard him well spoken of.

A Grant, after considerable discussion, passed for £1,000, for the purpose of purchasing Seed the ensuing Spring for destitute persons, in the Province, where the crops were cut off by the frost last season.

At 1-2 o'clock the House went into Committee of the Whole on the College Report. Mr. Cutler did not approve of adopting the Report, and did not think that there would ever be a good system of education in the Province, as long as its management was divided between the Legislature and the people. He thought that the Legislature should take the whole management, or leave it wholly for the people to manage.

Hon. Mr. Smith had not altered his opinion since last year as to the College, although a Commission had been appointed to investigate the matter. Still they had not brought anything new to light. He would move a resolution to have the whole establishment sold, lands, rents, and all the property connected with it, and believed that about £12,000 could be realized; and build an institution at or near St. John for Educational purposes. The Hon. Member went largely into the subject, and concluded by saying that he would move his resolution whether Mr. Gray's resolution or Mr. Connell's amendment passed, as his resolution would come up as a distinct matter.

Hon. Surveyor General, as a member of the Commission, explained their proceedings, and said the object of the Report was to do away with the present charter of King's College, and introduce a new scheme altogether. He however thought that the whole matter had better stand over for another

year, as in his opinion but little could be done this year. He was not for destroying the College, or removing it from its present position, but thought that if the recommendations in the Report were adopted, it would yet be found to be beneficial to the Province. Progress reported and the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 3.
The House in Committee of Supply from 11 up to 3 o'clock. There was but little debate except on a resolution to pay the Sheriff of Albert £27 for expenses incurred by him in attending the Albert Scrutiny. Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Surveyor General, and Messrs. End, Steadman, Botsford, Ryan, McLellan, English, Gilmour, and McAdam supported the Resolution; and Hon. Messrs. Johnston, Ritchie, Smith, and Messrs. Harding, Stevens, Kerr, Hayward, and others opposed it on the ground that it was necessary for the Sheriff to attend, to vindicate his own character. On the question being taken the resolution was rejected.

At 12-2 o'clock His Excellency came down to the Council Chamber and gave his assent to 13 Bills.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on Mr. Cutler's Bill to exclude certain persons holding offices of emolument from having seats in the House of Assembly.

Hon. Solicitor General and Mr. Street spoke in favor of the principles of the Bill, but neither of them felt inclined to go as far as the hon. mover contemplated. Progress reported.

Mr. Connell moved his resolution in reference to having the office of Post-Master General made elective. Resolution carried by a large majority, only two dissentients, viz. Messrs. Steadman and McLeod.

Mr. Street thought that if the head of the Post Office Department was to have a seat in the House, his salary should be as high as the other Heads of Departments.

("Of course," from several hon. members.)

Mr. McPhelim remarked that if what he saw in the papers was correct, there was no necessity for the resolution, as the office was already made political, and a gentleman appointed to fill it. (Laughter.) Another thing, if the resolution was adopted, in order to carry out that which took place at a former session, it ought to be followed up with another, reducing the Governor's salary down to £1-500 a year, and perhaps he might soon be found moving a resolution on the subject.

Mr. Cutler said that if the hon. gentleman, the mover of the resolution, was to fill the office of Post-Master General, and the principle were carried out, and if his hon. colleague should move his resolution in reference to the Governor's salary, and if His Excellency should be removed in consequence—his hon. colleague (Mr. McPhelim) ought to take his place. (Mr. McPherson—"Then you would stand a chance of being his Aide-de-camp Much laughter.) Never mind about that, he would support the resolution. House adjourned at 5-1-2 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, April 4.

After the Journals were read, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole in Supply. Among the first resolutions passed was one moved by Mr. Gilbert, for a sum of money to a Mr. Fleming, of Queens County, to purchase a lot of land on which he had resided for many years without a grant; the hon. gentleman laid the case fairly and clearly before the Committee, and the grant passed.—An interesting debate arose on a resolution to grant £1,000 to open up a line of Road from the Tobique to the Grand Falls, thence to Resti-

gouche. This resolution was advocated in a matterly manner by the Hon. Attorney General, who gave a glowing description of that part of the country. Hon. Surveyor General would subscribe to every word uttered by the Hon. Member, but doubted as to the expediency of making the grant at present. Hon. Mr. Montgomery, Messrs. Connell, Botsford, English and McPherson also in an able manner supported it. Opposed by Hon. Solicitor General and Messrs. Kerr, Partelow, Gilmour, End, Ryan and McAdam. On the question being taken, the Committee divided as follows:—Yeas—Hon. Messrs. Ritchie, Smith, Fisher, and Brown, and Messrs. McLellan, Botsford, Lander, McNaughton, McPherson, Street, Montgomery, Wilmot, Ferris, Taylor, Gray, Hayward, Hatheway, Connell, Cutler, English, Boyd, Rice—22. Nays—Hon. Mr. Johnston and Messrs. Kerr, Partelow, Stevens, Gilbert, End, Sutton, Ryan, McLeod, McAdam, Gilmour—11. And a grant of £1000 passed. The Chairman reported the resolutions.

Mr. Stevens gave notice of an address to His Excellency, for the purpose of having the evidence against Thos. Gilbert, Esquire, Sheriff of Albert, in reference to the late Election in that County, referred to the Executive Government.

Hon. Attorney General said that he wished to give an answer to the question put to him yesterday by the Hon. Member for Sunbury, (Col. Hayward) in reference to the Militia Law. The Hon. Member said that the Government considered the existing Laws sufficient in the present state of the country; but if anything should happen to require the country to be placed in a state of defence, the Government would take every precautionary measure to effect that purpose, (Hear, hear, and trust to the Legislature and the country to sustain them in it.

Col. Hayward remarked that the answer was perfectly satisfactory.

Hon. Attorney General brought in a Bill relating to the Post Office.

The Bill on the College Report recommitted.

Mr. Hatheway made an able speech in favor of the Report, and expressed his desire to give time in order that the recommendation in the Report might be carried out.

Hon. Solicitor General, if pressed to vote now, would adopt the same course that he did last year, but would rather move that the whole subject remain over until the next meeting of the Legislature.

Mr. Street, in a long and able speech, supported the Bill, and expressed his belief that the College could be made efficient, so as to meet the views of the country, if the Report of the Commission was adhered to.

Mr. End expressed a desire that nothing further be done by the Legislature until another year, and moved a resolution to that effect.

Progress reported and the House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Thursday, 5th April.

Early in the day the House resolved itself in Committee of supply—Many grants passed. On motion of Mr. Partelow that there be granted to the Hon. Wm. B. Kinnear, the sum of £600, for his services, and those of his assistants, in preparing the Index to the Revised Statutes, and also in preparing them for the press. A long debate took place on the amount, and the Committee divided on £400,—yeas 15, nays 18. £250,—yeas 10, nays 21. £500,—yeas 15, nays 20. £300,—yeas 16, nays 18. The Committee again divided on £400 which passed.—Yeas 19, nays 7. Hon. Mr. Ritchie moved an amendment that the above sum be in full for such services, which was carried. The sum of £18, also passed for rent, &c.

£100 to aid the Valley School in St. John, passed. Mr. English gave notice of a resolution for the purpose of placing the Initiation of money votes in the hands of the Executive Government—laid on the table for the information of honorable members.

A bill relating to the St. Stephens Railway passed.

A long and able debate took place on a bill introduced by the Honorable Provincial Secretary, relating to the sewerage, and a proper supply of water for the city of St. John. The section for a Provincial guarantee of £75,000 for that purpose was lost, but the City and County Members gave notice that they would move for a reconsideration of that section when the bill was recommitted. Progress reported, and the House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Friday, 30th March.
The House went into committee of the whole and passed a bill to facilitate the New Brunswick Iron Mining Company.

Mr. Connell would inform the Committee that he had made some slight alterations in the bill in order to meet the objections made by some Honorable Members—bill passed without further discussion.

Honorable Attorney General's Jury Bill recommitted. The Honorable Member explained that he had made several alterations at the suggestion of some Honorable Members.

Hon. Mr. Smith moved some amendments which were carried to provide for the payment of Jurors—each Petty Jury man to receive five shillings a day, and sixpence a mile for travelling charges; and in criminal cases the same amount, but to be taken out of the Provincial funds, twenty-one petty jurors to be summoned,—Seven to try all civil cases, and at least five must render a verdict. The number of Grand Jurors the same as under the present Law, in the trial of criminal cases the same number must try the case under the existing Law, and be unanimous in their verdict.—Bill passed.

A warm discussion again took place on the St. John Corporation Bill. Hon. Mr. Ritchie in the most strong language condemned the Common Council for wishing such a bill to become Law.—He considered that it would be such an act of spoliation, such as he had never before heard of, and that it would be more damnable than even the Pennsylvania repudiation. Messrs. Wilmot, Gray & Harding made a few observations & spoke highly of several members of the Council Board. Progress reported.

This being the last day for placing amounts on the supply book, the remainder of the day occupied for that purpose.

House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Saturday, March 31.
Progress made in a bill relating to a burying ground in St. John.

A bill passed without debate to amend the Act relating to sick and disabled seamen.

The Statute Labour Bill recommitted and the amendments having been agreed to, it passed without further discussion.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie moved the House into Committee on a bill relating to Fire Insurance Companies. The Hon. Member explained its objects and gave an account of the large amounts of money that went out of the country from year to year for insurances in offices in other countries, and thought that the people of the Province were now in a position to do such business among themselves.

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