

AN ACT

Further to continue and amend an Act intitled an Act imposing Duties for raising a Revenue.

Passed March 3, 1847.

Be it enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, that an Act made and passed in the eighth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intitled an Act imposing duties for raising a Revenue, and every clause, matter and article therein con- sistent and except only the Duties imposed by the said Act on Wheat, Wheat Flour, Corn Meal, Rye Flour, and Oatmeal, be and the same are hereby further continued and declar- ed to be in full force until the first day of April which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, March 29.

The committee on Agriculture report that they have attended to the business referred to them, and beg leave to submit the following Report: This is an extract.

The Committee are of opinion that further Legislative encouragement should be held out for the introduction of an improved breed of horses, and they recommended that the follow- ing sums be granted in supply, as Premiums for this purpose, and placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, or Administrator of the Government for the time being:

The sum of two hundred pounds to be paid for the best thorough bred Stallion not under sixteen hands high, nor less than four nor more than six years old.

The sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the second best stallion of the same description and size.

The sum of two hundred pounds for the best stallion of the Irish hunter breed, not under sixteen hands high, nor less than four nor more than six years of age.

The sum of one hundred and fifty pounds for the second best stallion of the same description and size.

The above horses to be imported from Eng- land, or Ireland during the current year, and before either of the premiums be paid, it should be certified to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor by competent judges to be appointed by His Excellency for that purpose, that the horse in every respect of the character, age and description required, and that the owner or importer thereof, is justly entitled to the premium.

The committee recommend that the grants in aid of Agricultural Societies be continued and increased to one hundred pounds, instead of seventy five pounds.

Mr Brown from the committee on Educa- tion, submitted a Report; and he having read the same handed it in at the Clerk's table, where it was again read; The following are extracts

GLoucester County Grammar School. From a very minute Daily Register, it ap- pears that there were thirty nine scholars on the list; eleven of whom were under ten years of age; and an average number of twenty in daily attendance. There were 38 in Reading, 33 writing, 24 in English Gram- mar, 30 in History and Natural Philosophy, 30 in arithmetic, 27 in Geography, 4 in Alge- bra, 1 in Navigation, 18 in French, 4 in Latin, 4 in Greek. The school is taught by J. Smith, a married man, thirty one years of age, and a Presbyterian. The Report and Returns are in accordance with the terms of the Act of Assembly, and shew the school to be in a prosperous state.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—The Daily Register shews thirty three pupils on the list; five of them under ten years of age. The school is taught by James Miller a married man, forty one years of age, and a member of the Church of Scotland. There is a return shewing the several branch- es of Education taught to each scholar, which with the Daily Register and Report, furnishes all the information by law required. This School appears to be in a very satisfactory condition.

No 2. The petition of F. L. H. LeFrance, Roman Catholic Missionary at Tracadie, in the county of Gloucester praying aid towards the liquidation of a debt contracted in the erec- tion of a public school house in that place, and also for a sum of money towards the support of a school therein: The committee submit this case to the consideration of the House.

No 5. the petition of William Hanington, James Long, and ten others, inhabitants of Cocagne, in the county of Kent, praying for a grant of money in aid of individual sub- scription for the support of an Academy. The committee recommend that upon compliance with the conditions prescribed by the Gram- mar school Act, the sum of £50 be granted, the same to be drawn when the school shall have been in operation one year.

No 7. the petition of Dugald Stewart Esq., and fifteen others, inhabitants of Dalhousie, in the county of Restigouche, praying for a sum of money to assist them in the erection of a suitable building for a public Grammar School in that place; Your committee cannot recommend the prayer of this petition.

March 30.

Resolved, That there be granted, to the Re- verend Andrew Barron, and the Managing Committee of the Roman Catholic School in Bathurst, the sum of £30 to enable them to continue the efficiency of that School.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Govern- or or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of £250 to be appli- ed in relieving sick, aged and distressed Indians

in this Province, and for procuring Seed Grain and Potatoes.

Mr. Wark, from the Committee on matters connected with the Post Office Establishment in the Province, submitted a Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read.

The Petition of Michael Campbell, Courier between Chatham and Pokemouche, praying for an additional Grant for his services during the present year; for which we recommend the sum of £40

The Petition of Thomas Drinnan, J. Dixon, and John Renne, praying compensation for ferrying the Mails across the Miramichi River, and of Henry Getty, for ferrying the Mail across the Nepisiquit River:

We are of opinion that these services should not be provided for from the Provincial Fund. The Petition of Patrick Lays, praying for aid to enable him to run a daily Stage between Dalhousie and Campbelltown.

As we cannot recommend that grants for Stage Coaches should be revived, we are of opinion that the prayer of the foregoing Peti- tion ought not to be complied with.

We further recommend that such Grants as were made last year for Post communication, and not herein referred to, should be continu- ed for the present year.

March 31.

Mr. Dibblee, Master in Chancery, inform- ed the House that the Council had agreed to the Bill to repeal the Duties imposed upon articles imported into this Province, under the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intitled 'An Act to regulate the Trade of the British Possessions abroad.

April 1.

Read a third time, a bill to incor- porate the British North American Electro- Magnetic Telegraph Association, That the Bill do pass. Mr. Boyd, from the Committee on Light Houses, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read; The following is an extract.

The Committee recommend that the sum of £123 0 11d. be granted to the Commis- sioners of Light Houses in the Gulf of St. Law- rence, to pay the balance due them as per their Account audited.

The Auditor General's Report on the Ac- counts of the Provincial Light Houses, toge- ther with the Accounts and Vouchers, have been under the examination of the Committee, and they have much pleasure in pronouncing them satisfactory. The Committee have re- commended that appropriations be made for the balances due on the expenditure of the Commissioners of Light Houses for the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy for the past year, as well as to grant a sum for contingen- cies for the present year.

It has also appeared to your Committee, that the small appropriations for Roads lead- ing to certain Light Houses would be benefi- cial, and the Committee have therefore recom- mended such appropriations.

The Select Committee to whom were refer- red the Following Petitions, viz:—

The Petition of the Rev. Joseph Grandell, T. Prince, Esq. William Miller, and two hundred and fifty three others, inhabitants of the Pa- rishes of Salisbury, Moncton, and Shediac, in the County of Westmoreland, praying that the right to certain Mines in that County may, under certain restrictions, be sold at auction in small lots, in perpetuity.

The Petition of A. B. Sharp, and sixty three others, inhabitants of the County of Carleton, praying Legislative aid to encourage the work- ing of the Iron Mines in the County of Carle- ton; having attentively considered the same, beg leave to submit the following Report:—

Notwithstanding the ascertained existence of inexhaustible and varied Mineral resources in this Province, yet to the present day, scarcely an effort of any magnitude has been made by Capitalists to turn them to a profitable ac- count.

The necessity of large investments for the advantageous prosecution of Mining operations and the deficiency of surplus Capital in this Province to invest for such purposes, render it absolutely expedient to hold out such induc- ements as will encourage the introduction of Capital from abroad, for this important pur- pose.

The present rate of five per cent, imposed by the Government, has so far produced no Revenue whatever, while it has, no doubt, prevented the undertaking of Mining operations in many instances.

The great advantages which will accrue to the Country from the successful and extensive working of our Mines, would be sufficient in themselves, as a source of Provincial wealth, without any tax on the Mineral.

The rapid diminution of our Wood Staple should induce a provident Legislature to direct the labour and capital of the Country to those natural sources of wealth which present an inexhaustible field for industry and enterprise.

The Iron Mines in this Province, although of superior quality, will require such a large outlay of Capital before they can be profitably worked, that the Committee are of opinion some extraordinary inducement should be held out to encourage the investment of Capital in this branch of Mining operations.

The Committee therefore recommend that Leases in perpetuity should in future be made by the Government, at public auction, subject to such rules, and at such nominal rent, as they may deem absolutely necessary; and in refer- ence to Iron Mines, they recommend that a Bounty of £250 be granted to the person, as- sociation or Company, that shall first produce 100 tons of malleable Iron, provided the same be produced within two years from the first day of May next.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That the Report of Alex. Goodfellow, Esquire on the subject of the contemplated Bridge over the South West Branch of the River Miramichi, which was laid before the House on the twenty ninth day of March last, by command of His Excellency, should be referred by the House to the Committee of Supply.

On Motion of Mr Partelow, Resolved, That the subject matters of the first, fifth, eighth and ninth Resolutions, now reported from the Committee of the whole House, and which generally relate to—Dilapidation of Buildings on Partridge Island—Savings Bank in Fredericton—Dredging Machine—and Bridge over River Miramichi; be referred to the Committee of Supply.

April 3.

Read a third time, A bill relating to the granting of Mill reserves. Resolved that the bill do pass.

Resolved, that there be granted—To James Wheten, a licenced teacher, the sum of £20 in addition to the Provincial allowance, in consideration to his giving instruction in the higher branches of education in the year 1846.

To Elizabeth Spratt the sum of £40 to re- munerate her for, having taught a school in the parish of Chatham for four years.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Govern- er the sum of £200, granted last Session in aid of the sufferers by the deficiency of the potato crop in the County of Gloucester, had not drawn from the Treasury, to be re-appropriated and expended on the road between Pokemouche and Shippegan, via, the Plains.

To Richard Carman, Esquire the sum of £— to remunerate him, for services per- formed as Receiver of Crown debts for the coun- ty of Gloucester. Upon the question for sus- taining this Resolution the committee divided and it was decided in the negative.

To Dugald Stewart, Emigrant Agent at Dalhousie, in the county of Restigouche, the sum of £3 10s. expended by him in relief of a destitute emigrant and family in the year 1844, to be taken from the relief emigrant fund.

To the overseers of the poor of the parish of Chatham, in the county of Northumberland the sum of 29 8 9, being expenses, incurred by them in support and relief of destitute em-igrants during the year 1846; to be taken from the emigrant fund.

To the Justices of the Peace for the coun- ty of Northumberland, the sum of £52 5s. 7d. being expenses incurred by them in support and relief of destitute and sick Emigrants dur- ing the year 1846.

To His Excellency, the sum of £50 towards the support of an Academy in Cocagne, in the county of Kent; the same to be drawn when it has been duly certified that the School has been in operation one year in accordance with the requirements of the Grammar School Act of 1846.

Mr. Dibblee, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to the Resolutions of Appropriation sent up from the Assembly, dated the thirtieth of March last, with the exception of the following Grants:—

To the Rev. Andrew Barron, and the Man- aging Committee of the Roman Catholic School in Bathurst, the sum of thirty pounds to enable them to continue the efficiency of that School.

To His Excellency, the sum of £200, in aid of individual subscription, towards building a Public Ship or Landing at Dalhousie, in the County of Restigouche; the same not to be drawn from the Treasury until it shall be satis- factorily certified to His Excellency in Coun- cil, that a similar amount has been raised by subscription, and bona fide paid towards this object, agreeably to the Report of the Naviga- tion Committee.

April 5.

Mr. Partelow moved for leave to bring in a Bill to revive an Act relating to the Inspecti- on of Fish for home consumption and exporta- tion, the like Order of the House, limiting the time for bringing in Bills, being in this in- stance dispensed with, leave was granted; and the said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

On motion of Mr L. A. Wilnot, the House went into Committee of the whole on a Bill to regulate the importation of Books, and to protect the British Author. The Chairman reported, that the Committee had the Bill refer- red to them under their consideration and agreed to the same, Ordered, That the Report be accepted and the Bill engrossed.

Mexican News.

From the St. John New Brunswick.

IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO. Confirmation of the Battles between Generals Taylor and Santa Anna.

We have at length received papers confirming the reports of an engagement between the Americans and Mexican troops, the first intelligence of which we published several days ago.

It appears that General Taylor was at- tacked by Santa Anna at Agua Nueva, on the 22nd of Feb., and after a sharp battle, the former fell back to the vicinity of Saltillo. Here he was again attacked by Santa Anna, and the engagement was long and bloody—both Generals claim- ing the victory, although from the tro- phies which fell into the hands of the Mexicans, we should consider they had the advantage.

According to the American account,

they lost only 700 men, while the Mexi- cans are said to have lost 4000; but a letter received from Santa Anna states that the American loss was 2000, which we think approaches nearer the truth, if we may judge from the number of Ameri- can officers killed and wounded in the fight, amounting to sixty three, among whom were Col. Henry Clay, Jr., Col. Yell, and Col. Harding.

A letter to the New Orleans Delta puts down the Mexican loss at 3000, and the American loss at 1100.

The Americans lost 2 standards, several pieces of artillery, and 20,000 rations.

It also appears that the Mexican Gen- eral Minon has obtained a victory at En- cantada, taking six pieces of artillery, killing 300 Americans, and taking some prisoners.

An American train of one hundred mules have been cut off between Camargo and Monterey.—All the escort was killed except three.

New Orleans Delta, March, 22.

On the 9th March, Dr. Turner, U. S. A. after many dangerous and hair breadth escapes, arrived in safety, at Matamoras. Previous to his arrival, the communica- tions between Monterey and our lines on the Rio Grande, had been closed for several days. Dr. Turner communicated to one of our correspondents a hurried account of the severe battle of Buena Vista, fought between Gen. Santa Anna's forces—about 17,000 strong—and Gen. Taylor's little army, between 4000 and 5000, mostly volunteers. The bat- tle began on the glorious anniversary of the birth of Washington, a fit day for the display of American patriotism and valor. The scene of this bloody fight was Buena Vista, the point upon which Gen. Taylor had fallen back from Agua Nueva, and is about seven miles from Saltillo.

The Mexicans advanced upon him with great boldness, bravely led on by their best officers, but were met by our gallant volunteers with the cool firm- ness of veteran soldiers. A fierce and long battle ensued, the Mexicans charg- ing with their bayonets to the very muzzle of our artillery, and receiving the deadly and destructive fire of our guns, with unflinching courage. Our men gave not an inch, but maintained their position on the bloody field the whole of the day of the 22nd, and on the next day until the evening, when the Mexicans retired to Agua Nueva, leaving their killed unburied, and all their wounded, on the field where they fell.— The killed and wounded on the Mexi- can side are estimated at 4000.

Some of the Mexican officers taken prisoners admit that their loss was at least 2070.—The American loss was about 700 killed and wounded. The victory has been achieved at great sacrifice on our part. The ardour of our volun- teer officers led them into the hottest of the fight and consequently the number of field officers killed and wounded is lamentably great. Every volunteer Col- but one was either killed or wounded.

The despatches of General Taylor, it is supposed, have been intercepted by the enemy between Monterey and Camargo.

The San Luis Potosi Journal, *El solda- do de la Patria*, publishes a brief letter from Caorice, dated the 25th ult., in which it is said, that an action was fought at Encantada on the 24th, in which Gen. Minon won a victory over the Americans, taking six pieces of artill- ery, killing three hundred, and making some prisoners.

The battle of the 23d lasted from early in the morning till about 3 P. M. when Santa Anna drew off his army, and re- tired to Agua Nueva, to await a rein- forcement.

It will be remembered that that Santa Anna's Corps de Reserve, commanded by Gen. Vasquez, had been delayed in its march, and has no doubt joined him a few days after the battle.

A letter from Santa Anna received at San Luis, dated Camp near Buena Vista, Feb. 23rd, says:—

"After two days' battle, in which the enemy, (the Americans,) with a force of 8000 or 9000 men, and 20 pieces of artill- ery, lost five of his positions, eight pie- ces of artillery, and two flags, I have de- termined to go back to Agua Nueva to provide myself with provisions, not hav- ing a single biscuit or grain of rice left. Thanks to the position of the enemy, (the Americans,) he has not been com- pletely beaten, but he left on the field about 2000 dead. Both the armies have been badly cut to pieces, but the trophies of war will give you an idea on which side has been the advantage. We have struggled with hunger and thirst during 40 hours, and if we can provide ourselves with provisions, we will go again to charge the enemy, (the Americans.)"