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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, March 9.

Mr. Street, from the Committee appointed on the thirteenth day of February last, to take into consideration the subject of the Lazaretto on Sheldrake Island, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

The select Committee to whom was referred the petition presented to the House relative to the Leper Establishment on Sheldrake Island, in the County of Northumberland, together with the other documents and papers laid before the House by command of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in reference to that Establishment, and to the unfortunate people afflicted with Leprosy, having had the Petition and other documents under consideration, and after giving the subject their best attention, Report—

That your Committee are of opinion, the Lazaretto on Sheldrake Island has thus far, in a great measure, proved a failure: That it has neither had the effect of keeping the Lepers together, free from intercourse with the other inhabitants, nor of alleviating the sufferings or bettering the condition of the afflicted: That on the contrary, from the insurmountable aversion of the Lepers, their friends, and of the French people generally, to Sheldrake Island, it has been found not only impossible to compel all the Lepers to come to the Lazaretto, but also to prevent those that have been placed there from occasionally escaping therefrom, and returning to their friends in Tracadie: That the friends and connexions of the diseased, from the same cause have hitherto shewn every disposition to secrete and screen the runaways, from detection, rather than subject them to the misery of being sent back to the Island: That your Committee are informed, in many instances, nothing but force, and in some cases violence, could compel these unfortunate people to return to the Establishment: That your Committee are of opinion, the keeping up this Establishment at Sheldrake Island has been and will be attended with an expense to the Province, greatly out of proportion to any good hitherto derived, or likely to be derived therefrom. Under these circumstances, your Committee have turned their attention to the propriety of breaking up the Establishment in question, and of suggesting some other plan by which the sufferings of these unfortunate people may be alleviated and their condition improved, and at the same time the country may be secured as far as possible, against the evils that might, by possibility, arise from allowing to the Lepers free intercourse with the other inhabitants. With this view, your Committee recommend that a Lazaretto for the Lepers be established at Point au Bouleau, or some other convenient place at or near Tracadie, of a sufficient size for the accommodation of all the Lepers: That from the contiguity of an Establishment thus placed, to the diseased Districts, the aversion of the Lepers to the Lazaretto would vanish, and the difficulty of collecting and keeping them together be removed, and by this means both the interest and inclination of the Lepers, as well as that of their friends and connexions, would combine in keeping the diseased in the Lazaretto, as there could then be no inducement to escape or for their friends to secrete them.

In conclusion, your Committee are of opinion, that a Lazaretto of a sufficient size, for the accommodation of all the Lepers, might be erected at Tracadie, with the assistance of the materials that could be taken from the Sheldrake Island Establishment, for a sum not exceeding £300, and that the same might be kept up at an expense not exceeding £460 per annum, as will appear by an estimate which accompanies this Report, by which it will be perceived, that a very much less sum will be required than for keeping up the present Establishment at Sheldrake Island, besides rendering the condi-

tion of these unfortunate sufferers much more comfortable.

J. A. STREET,
WILLIAM END,
W. WILSON,
R. THOMPSON.

Estimate of the Expense of erecting a Lazaretto at or near Tracadie.

Building	£200 0 0
Additional Furniture,	50 0 0
Contingencies,	50 0 0
	£300 0 0

Annual expenditure of keeping same up, reckoning the number of Lepers at thirty, the greatest number of which there is an account:—

Say thirty Lepers, for Provisions, &c., at £10 each,	£300 0 0
Servant and Keeper,	60 0 0
Fuel and Clothing,	50 0 0
Allowance to Commissioner, to be appointed,	50 0 0
Clergyman,	20 0 0

Total amount of expenditure, per year, with a prospect of being annually reduced,

£460 0 0

Ordered, That the Report be accepted; and on motion of Mr Street, further ordered, That so much of the said Report as recommends the appropriation of money, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

March 14.

Mr End presented a Petition from John Doran, Hugh A. Caie, Esqrs., and 119 others, inhabitants of the Lower Districts of the County of Gloucester, praying that an Act may pass to restrict the exportation of Grain and Potatoes from that County for a limited period, for the reasons therein mentioned. Laid on the table.

Mr End brought in a bill to prevent the exportation of Grain and Potatoes from the county of Gloucester for a limited period. And upon the question, the House divided—Yeas 3; Nays 33.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the Finances of the Province, have prepared an Estimate of the Revenue of the present year, which they beg leave to submit: They set the Light House, Marine Hospital, and Emigrant Funds, against the respective charges on the same, and are of opinion that the Revenue, arising from other sources, may be estimated as follows:—

Ordinary Revenues, Auction Duties, and Pedlars' Licences,	£66,901 0 0
Land Sales,	7,000 0 0
Export Duties,	16,000 0 0
Loan Fund,	4,500 0 0
Supreme Court Fees,	700 0 0
	£95,101 0 0

From this sum, deduct the sums payable by Legislative enactments, and not usually granted in Supply—

Civil List,	£14,500 0 0
Master of the Rolls	800 0 0
Judges' Travelling Charges,	250 0 0
Clerk of the Pleas,	900 0 0
Clerk of the Circuits,	250 0 0
Supreme Court Reporter,	50 0 0
College,	1,100 0 0
Old Soldiers and Widows,	1,000 0 0
Sixth Instalment of Loan,	6,000 0 0
Interest on balance of Loan,	2,970 0 0
Interest on Savings' Bank Deposit,	1,800 0 0
Interest on Cash Credit and Loan in the Bank of New Brunswick,	1,980 0 0
Militia Expenses,	435 0 0
Members of Legislature,	3,200 0 0
	35,225 0 0

Leaving the amount to be granted in supply

£59,876 0 0

March 15.

Mr Brown, from the Committee to whom were referred the various Petitions and application for the suppression of Intemperance, submitted their Report; and he having read the same, handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read and is as follows:

The committee appointed on the thirteenth day of February last, to take into consideration the several Petitions, praying that measures may be adopted for the more effectual suppression of Intemperance, and also the Petition of the Reverend J. M. Stirling, and 13 others, inhabitants of the county of Sunbury, praying for a Grant of Money towards the completion of a Building for a Mechanics' Institute and Temperance Hall, and also the Petition of Asa Coy, G. W. P., and James Johnson, G. S., on behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the Province of New Brunswick, praying that a committee may be appointed to collect information during the present year, respecting the importation and use of Intoxicating Liquors, and the effects thereof upon Society, Report—

That in compliance with the prayer of the first named set of Petitions, the committee have prepared a Bill, under the Title of—"A Bill in addition to and in amendment of an Act to Repeal all the Acts regulating Tavern Keepers and Retailers, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof."

The committee regret that the state of the Provincial Finances prevents them from recommending the grant of money for the Sunbury Temperance Hall at the present time.

They recommend that the prayer of the Petition of Asa Coy and James Johnson, on behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance be complied with.

On motion of Mr Brown, Resolved, That a committee be appointed to collect information during the present year, respecting the importation and use of intoxicating Liquors and the effects thereof upon the interests of the Province, and to Report upon the same to this House at the next Session of the General Assembly. Ordered, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Wark, the Honorable Mr L. A. Wilton, Mr Connell, Mr Woodward, Mr End, Mr Cranney, Mr Miles, Mr Steves, S. Earle, Mr Jordan, Mr. Gilbert, Mr Montgomery, and Mr. Wilson, do compose the said Committee.

On Motion of Mr Gilbert, Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that two days Company Drill of the Militia Forces in this Province for the present year, be dispensed with. Ordered, that Mr Gilbert, Mr Thompson, and Mr Woodward, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

March 19.

Mr Gilbert from the committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the Address of the House of the fifteenth day of March inst, praying that the two days Company Drill of the Militia Forces of this Province may be dispensed with for the present year, reported—That they had attended thereto, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, the wishes of the House should be complied with.

To the Lieutenant Governor £50 in aid of the Grammar School presently taught by John Sivewright to whom the same shall be paid, in part of his salary, for teaching said School in the present year, on the usual certificate being given.

To the Governor and Trustees of the Madras Board the sum of £400 towards the support of that Institution.

To the Trustees of the Wesleyan Academy at Sackville the sum of £300 towards the support of that institution.

March 20.

Mr Hayward, from the Committee appointed on the thirty first day of January last, and to whom were referred all matters affecting the Lumbering interests of the Province, reported—That having the subject under their consideration, they had prepared two Bills, under the several Titles of—

A Bill to restrain the provisions of the Fifth Section of an Act, intitled 'An Act for the Support of the Civil Government in this Province,' and to establish sundry Regulation for the future sale and disposal of Timber in certain cases: and

A Bill for the adjustment of certain outstanding Bonds to the Crown; which he was directed to submit to the House. Ordered, That the Report be accepted. March 22.

On motion of Mr Woodward, Resolved That the House do now go into Committee of the whole on a Bill to increase the number of Representatives in the House of Assembly for the city of St. John. To which Mr Vail moved as an amendment—To expunge the word 'now,' and substitute the words 'this day three months.' And upon the question, it was carried in the affirmative and the further consideration of the said bill accordingly postponed for three months.

March 23.

Mr Carman brought in a Bill for the re-appropriation of the sum granted to the County of Northumberland at the last Session of the Legislature for the purchase of Seed. Leave granted. The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

March 26.

The committee appointed to take into consideration what sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving the Roads throughout the Province, had under their consideration the subject of the Bye Roads, and recommend to the House that an appropriation of £13,500 be made for the improvement thereof and the various Bridges in the several counties; the same to be apportioned as follows:—

Northumberland,	£1,296 0 0
Kent,	842 10 0
Gloucester,	875 0 0
Restigouche,	693 15 0

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Administrator of the Government for the time being, the sum of £— in payment of the balance due Francis Elliot for the erection of a Bridge over Bathurst Basin, in the County of Gloucester, including allowance for extra work in raising the height of the Bridge, in full of all demands for principal, interest, and extra work, for and on account of said Bridge, and as a final settlement of the transaction. The blank was filled up with the sum of £350.

On motion of Mr Woodward, The House went into Committee of the whole on a Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, intitled 'An Act in further amendment of the Law relating to the Registry of Deeds and other instruments.' The Chairman reported that the committee had the Bill referred to them under their consideration, and agreed to same. Ordered, That the Report be accepted and the Bill read a third time to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr L. A. Wilton, The House went into committee of the whole on a Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, intitled 'An Act to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions within this Province, with respect to Summary convictions and Orders.' The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, had made progress therein, and he was directed to ask for leave to sit again.

On motion of Mr R. D. Wilton, The House went into committee of the whole on a Bill for the encouragement of the Fisheries of this Province. Mr Gilbert in the Chair of the committee. Mr Speaker resumed the Chair. The Chairman reported; that the committee having the Bill referred to them under their consideration, the following Resolution was moved:—Resolved that the further consideration of this Bill be postponed for three months. And upon the question, the committee divided—Yeas 10; Nays 16. Whereupon it was decided in the negative. That the committee then made progress to the Bill, and he was directed to ask for leave to sit again. Ordered, That the Report be accepted and leave granted.

Read a third time as engrossed, A Bill for the adjustment of certain outstanding Bonds to the Crown. Resolved, that the Bill do pass. Ordered, that Mr Hayward take the said Bill to the Council and desire their concurrence thereto.