

LEGISLATURE OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, 7th February, 1835.

Mr. Wyer, Chairman from the Committee on Light Houses, appointed on the 20th January last, submitted a Report, which he read and is as followeth:—

“That upon examining the correspondence with the Government of Quebec on the subject of Saint Paul's Island, they find that the efforts of His Excellency Lord Aylmer to induce the Parliament of Lower Canada to adopt some plan for the construction and maintenance of Light Houses on that Island, have hitherto proved unavailing; yet as His Excellency has not had an opportunity of laying the Resolutions of this House, dated 21st March last, upon that subject, before the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, Your Committee still hope that they will, at their next meeting, accede to the proposals of this House therein contained; but, even if they should not, Your Committee still think that a duty as contemplated in those Resolutions is necessary, as they find that the annual expense for the support of the Establishment on that Island, has for some years past been about £300, which has been provided for out of the general Fund of the Province. They therefore recommend that a Bill be prepared in accordance with the said Resolutions, imposing a duty on all Vessels (coasters excepted) entering the Ports of this Province in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.

Your Committee further report, that they find by reference to the Laws of Prince Edward Island, that an Act was passed the last Session of its Legislature levying a Duty of Two-pence per Ton on Vessels clearing out therefrom, to be applied in aid of and supporting Light Houses; They therefore recommend that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, requesting His Excellency will be pleased to correspond with the Administrator of the Government of that Island on the subject of Light Houses on Saint Paul's Island, in order to ascertain if the Legislature of that Colony will contribute towards so beneficial a purpose.

Your Committee on inspection of the Report of the Commissioners of Lights for the Bay of Fundy, find that they have not expended the grant made by this House at their last Session, of £400, for placing a Beacon or Buoy, on the Quaco Ledge, in consequence of the inutility of such expenditure. Your Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of the said Commissioners, recommend that the said sum of £400 be re-appropriated to the Commissioners, for the purpose of erecting a Light House on the Thrum Cap, off the west head of Quaco Harbour.

Your Committee also recommend, that in accordance with the communication of Harris & Allan, the contractors for erecting and completing the machinery for a Fog Bell on Partridge Island, to the Commissioners of the Harbour Lights, that the sum of £40, for the erection of a Building to support or contain the Bell, be appropriated for that purpose, as the Light House to which it was intended to be attached was found to be a situation very unfavorable for the conveyance of sound—as the Bell, on trial, could not be heard at a sufficient distance to be of the service intended.

Your Committee further recommend, that the Light House at the entrance of Saint Andrews' Harbour, be placed on the establishment of Lights under the direction of the Commissioners of Lights, for Machias Seal Islands and Head Harbour, and that suitable provision be made for the support of the same.

“All which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WYER, Chairman,
GEORGE D. ROBINSON,
PHILIP PALMER,
WM. M'LEOD,
ISAAC WOODWARD.

“Committee Room, 7th February, 1835.”

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table was there again read.
Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

TUESDAY, 10th February.

On motion of Mr. Wyer,

Whereas, The necessity of erecting Light Houses at the Southern entrance of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence is daily becoming more urgent, from the great increase of the trade of the North American Colonies, and from the frequent and fatal shipwrecks which occur in this part of the said Gulf; and

Whereas, Saint Paul's Island has been considered the most proper site for two Light Houses for the protection of vessels entering the Gulf; and it is necessary that renewed exertions should be made, in conjunction with Lower Canada and Prince Edward Island, to carry into effect an object so desirable for the preservation of property, and to the cause of humanity; Therefore

“Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency would continue the correspondence with the Governments of Lower Canada and Prince Edward Island, with a view to induce those Governments, in conjunction with this Province, to set about the erection of Light Houses upon the Island of Saint Paul's, for the safety of Vessels navigating in and through that part of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence, and with a further view of removing the reproach which necessarily attaches to the North American Colonies, in neglecting so necessary and humane an object.”

Ordered, That Mr. Wyer, Mr. M'Leod, and Mr. Gilbert, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

Mr. J. M. Wilmot, by leave, presented a Petition from Noah Disbrow, John Jordan, C. H. Hatheway, James Moran, George Brown, and 71 others, Freeholders of the County of Saint John, praying that such an alteration may be made in the Act for the Election of Members to serve in General Assembly, as may confine the voting for Members, in the said County, to the Freeholders thereof, and that the Freeholders of the City of Saint John may be precluded from voting for Members for the said County; and further, that the Representation of the said City and County be so altered by reducing that of the County to three Members, and adding one to the City Representation; which he read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be received and lie on the Table.

THURSDAY, 12th February.

Mr. Crane, from the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Great Roads and Bye Roads, submitted a report; which he read, and is as follows:—

“The Committee appointed to take into consideration the state of all the Roads of Communication in the Province, and to report the same to the House; and also to report what Sums it may be necessary to grant for repairing and improving, as well the Great Roads as Bye Roads, report, that they have taken into consideration the amount required for the improvement of the Roads, and are of opinion, that the sum of £17,560 should be applied towards the improvement of the Roads throughout the Province, and they recommend the same to be appropriated as follows:—

GREAT ROADS.

From Saint John to the Nova Scotia Line, including for Saint John Great Marsh, 200l. and for Westmorland Marshes, 200l., - £1400

“ Saint John to Saint Andrews, - - - - -	1000
“ Fredericton to Saint John, via Nerepis, - - - - -	450
“ Dorchester to Shediac, - - - - -	150
“ Shediac to Bend of Peticodiac, - - - - -	150
“ Ditto to Richibucto, - - - - -	450
“ Richibucto to Chatham, - - - - -	300
“ Newcastle to Restigouche, - - - - -	1000
“ Fredericton to Canada Line, - - - - -	1250
“ Ditto to Finger Board, - - - - -	350
“ Bellisle to Saint John, - - - - -	100
“ Fredericton to Newcastle, - - - - -	1500
“ Ditto to Saint Andrews, - - - - -	300
	£8,400

BYE ROADS.

York, - - - - -	£750
Carleton, - - - - -	750
Sunbury, - - - - -	380
Queen's, - - - - -	730
Gloucester, - - - - -	750
King's, - - - - -	950
Westmorland, - - - - -	950
Charlotte, - - - - -	950
Kent, - - - - -	550
Northumberland, - - - - -	850
Saint John, - - - - -	640
	£8,250

“Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM CRANE,
J. R. PARTELOW,
J. W. WELDON,
HUGH JOHNSTON,
THOMAS O. MILES,
SAMUEL FREEZE,
WILLIAM END,
JAMES TAYLOR,
J. M. CONNELL,
PATRICK CLINCH,
J. A. STREET.

“And the following are recommended as Special Grants:—

Saint John Mill Bridge, - - - - -	£250
Saint John to Hopewell, - - - - -	150
Oromocto to Nerepis, via Gagetown, - - - - -	250
Richmond to Houlton, - - - - -	200
Magaguadavic Second Falls to the new Settlement on the } Fredericton Road, - - - - -	60
	£910

ABSTRACT.

Great Roads, - - - - -	£8,400
Bye Roads, - - - - -	8,250
Special Grants, - - - - -	910
	£17,560

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J. W. WELDON.

“Committee Room, 12th February, 1835.”

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table, was there again read.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted;

And on motion of Mr. Weldon,

Further Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. End, from the Committee appointed to take under consideration the several Petitions praying measures for restricting the Sale of ardent Spirits, made a report; which he read, and is as follows:—

“The Committee feel it their duty to bear witness to the great and lasting benefits which have already resulted, and may still, under Providence, be confidently expected to result, as well from the exertions of the Temperance Societies as from the co-operation of persons friendly to the cause of Temperance; and Your Committee are satisfied that a Cause, whose single object it is to dissolve that chain by which so many have been bound to infamy, vice, and the neglect of every duty, civil and religious, must find a willing advocate in every reasonable member of the Human Family, without reference to Country or Creed, or any of those prejudices which have too often paralyzed the exertions of the benevolent and humane.

“Your Committee, however, cannot recommend the adoption of any Legislative measures of a nature prohibitory or coercive, which they think would tend rather to retard than advance the object of the Petitioners.

“Your Committee have taken into consideration the Laws of the Province enacted for the regulation of Inns and Taverns: They are of opinion that some amendments are necessary, and they have prepared a Bill for that purpose; but they respectfully submit, that all Legislative interference must be futile and insufficient without the co-operation of the Benches of Magistrates in the several Counties, who should perform the important duty devolving upon them in an independent and conscientious manner; and on this subject, Your Committee do not hesitate to say, that many of the evils, now so justly complained of, arise in a great measure from the practice of granting Tavern and Retail Licenses to persons by whom the Public is rather distressed than accommodated.

WILLIAM END,
E. A. WILMOT,
J. M. CONNELL,
W. CRANE,
JEDEDIAH SLASON.

“Committee Room, 12th February, 1835.”

The Report being handed in at the Clerk's Table was there again read.
Ordered, That the Report be accepted.