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LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd.

The House met at 11 a.m. Mr. Shaw asked the Commissioner of Public Works if a petition has been received from certain inhabitants of Sparrow's Road and Montague Head asking that the right of way at present existing between Sparrow's Road and Montague Head shall remain open,—and if so—what action the Government intend to take in connection with the prayer of said petition?

Hon. Mr. McLean said the petition had been received and the matter would have the attention of the Government.

Mr. Jas. E. Birch asked the Commissioner of Public Works if he has received a Petition from the inhabitants of Lots. 2, 3, 4, praying for a new road from the Centre Line Road to Union Road Lot 2, and if it is the intention of the Government to open such road.

Hon. McLean said it was under the consideration the government.

J. E. Birch asked the commissioner of Public Works to lay on the Table of this House a copy of all tenders for the construction of repairs to the new Kildare Bridge, also the specification of said Bridge.

Hon. McLean laid on the table the tender and specifications. Hon. William Campbell asked the Commissioner of Public Works to lay on the table of this House copies of all tenders received by the Government in connection with the Ferry Service for Charlotte-town and Rocky Point and West River, the name of the various tenders for each service, the amount of each tender, the names of the party or parties whose tender has been accepted, together with the contract, and all correspondence with said contractors, on each of said ferries respectively.

The returns of the Supervisor of road districts No. 1, 2, and 5 in the First Electoral District of Queen's County for the years 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897. A detailed statement of the expenditure of two hundred and twenty-three dollars on Montgomery Bridge in 1897, the names of the parties receiving said money, and the amounts received by each party respectively.

Hon. Mr. McLean in reply to Mr. Campbell's question presented the returns asked for and the copy of tenders asked for in the second question and said that a copy of the contract could be seen in the Commissioners Office. The information regarding Montgomery's bridge would be presented shortly.

Hon. Mr. Farquarson moved that the House go into committee to amend the Charlottetown Sewerage Act with Mr. McWilliams in the chair.

Following is the text of the bill:—
An act to amend the Charlottetown Sewerage Act.

(Hon. Mr. Farquarson.)

Whereas doubts have arisen as to the powers of the Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply as at present constituted to resign under the provisions of the Act of 61st Victoria Chapter 12. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Assembly as follows:—

1. That sections 28 and 29 of said Act of 61st Victoria, Cap. 12, shall apply to the present Commissioners, and that notwithstanding anything in said Act contained it shall be lawful for any one or more of said commissioners at any time to resign the office of such Commissioner by tendering his or their resignation or resignations in writing to the Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, or in the absence of the Mayor to the City Council for said City. And upon receipt of such resignation, a day shall be fixed forthwith by the Mayor, or in his absence by a majority of the Councilmen, for the holding of an election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and an election shall be held and conducted in all respects as provided in said Act. In cases of an extraordinary vacancy taking place and the person so elected shall have exercise and enjoy all the powers and rights of the Commissioner resigning.

Hon. Mr. Farquarson stated that there is doubt as to whether Mr. Laird could resign. The work is waiting and they want another Commissioner to take his place and he would like the bill passed as soon as possible.

Hon. Mr. Campbell said he did not

wish to oppose the measure. He was in favor of building up the city. The larger the city the more consumption for our farm produce, but he wanted to know what the alterations actually were.

After some discussion the bill was reported agreed to and ordered to be read Monday.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McMillan the House went into committee with Mr. Wise in the chair to amend the Incorporation Act of Summerside. The amendment provided for the changing of the official Chairman to that of Mayor and to give the council power for the publication of a list of defaulters. Progress reported.

Hon. Mr. Farquarson presented the annual report of public schools.

Hon. Mr. Gordon asked when the Public Works Report would be tabled.

Hon. Mr. McLean replied on Monday.

House adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m. today.

EDITOR'S MAIL.

The governorship.

SIR.—As your paper gets nearly all the communications I ask a small space. The Island members at Ottawa seem to have no end of trouble about choosing a governor for the province, I therefore propose that the present one be reappointed. His term has already been extended; why not give him a second term providing he will accept it? About one half our population consists of Irish Roman Catholics, Mr. Howlan is the first Irish Catholic governor since confederation and giving him a second term would be only an act of reasonable justice to his church and his people. I therefore ask that petitions be at once prepared requesting that Mr. Howlan be reappointed to the office of lieutenant governor for Prince Edward Island. Not wishing to occupy too much of your valuable space I subscribe myself truly,
AN IRISH CATHOLIC.

A Voice from King's County.

SIR.—In the GUARDIAN I learn that John G. Scrimgeour, is actually one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace.

Now, Sir, I think it is a disgrace to all concerned that a person who has had such a record during the last few years should be permitted to sit in judgment on his fellowman. I trust the local government will look into the matter and that Mr. Scrimgeour will be immediately dismissed as one of Her Majesty's Justices. As regards that bonded warehouse in Mr. Scrimgeour's cellar which we have read so much about of late in the GUARDIAN, we are glad to know Mr. Editor, that you have the sympathy of a very large majority of the best thinking people in the community with you in your efforts to expose evil. I believe had it not been for the fearless stand taken by the GUARDIAN the public would still have been in ignorance as regards the true state of affairs, but I think it has been made clear to a discerning people that a customs warehouse in Mr. Scrimgeour's cellar is not a necessity, nor is in the interest of the community, but on the contrary it is positively detrimental to the best interests of the county. Now, if the powers that be at Ottawa do not take notice of the actions of one of their employes when brought to their notice by an independent journal and deal with him as a reform government should, either by dismissal or reformation, it will be high time for the electors to choose a man for the next election who will voice their sentiments on the floor of Parliament.

I may say, Mr. Editor, in conclusion, that the reading public in this locality admire the GUARDIAN for the firm stand taken on the temperance question and also, the independent attitude taken on all questions that make for the good of the people at large and I hope Sir, you may long live to expose through the columns of the GUARDIAN wickedness in high places, as the large majority of our papers are so bound by party ties they fear to offend.

Yours, &c.,
READER.
King's County, April 17, 1899.



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