

Hon. Mr. Campion's Estimates.

MR. CAMPION'S abilities are already recognized in the Legislative Council. His style of speaking is good—much better than that of many Hon. members of long experience—and the subjects he discussed are handled prudently and well.

ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1878. Subsidy from Dominion Government \$159,764 00. Public Lands Receipts 65,000 00. Due from Dominion Government for Railway damages paid by Local Government 30,425 00.

REVENUE FOR 1879 made us as follows:— Subsidy from Dominion Government \$160,000. Balance to the credit of the Colony on 31st Dec., 1878 23,668.

1880. In 1880 our expenditure should be considerably less, in consequence of the decrease of work in the Land Office and Registry Office, and as a consequence thereof, fewer officials would be needed in these Departments.

1881. In 1881, according to the terms of Confederation, we will probably receive from the Dominion Government about \$14,000 a year in addition to our present revenue.

SUMS NOT TO BE AGAIN EXPENDED. For valuations, expenses and purchase of lands there is only \$3,000 asked for, whereas \$40,303.25 were expended last year. \$37,303 25. John W. Scott, for assisting Auditor Frederick W. Hughes, Engrossing Clerk 300 00.

RETRENCHMENTS. Which the people of this Province demand, but which the Government positively refuse to make on the ground that it would necessitate a remodelling of the Civil Service Act.

Attorney General's salary should be reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,200 \$400 00. Prov. Secretary, \$1,600 to \$1,200 400 00. This officer should also be required to correct the auditing of the public accounts with his office; thus saving \$1,200 to the people of this Province. 1,200 00.

Prothonotary's Office— Prothonotary's salary should be reduced to \$1,600, from \$1,320, as it now stands. 320 00. Engineer of Pub. Works Dept.— Services of the Engineer in connection with Public Works Department should be dispensed with, at a saving to the Province of. 1,750 00.

Abolition of Council— Abolition of this Hon. House will save annually \$6,000 00. But I admit this saving could not be effected this year. This amount, added to retrenchments already referred to, viz. 13,195 00.

Grit Slanders.

GRITS have reported that Sir John McDonald committed suicide; and it is not surprising that they persist in reporting that he gets drunk—even though he only goes down to Toronto to attend to his private business. These reports have taken such a hold upon the ordinary Grit mind that many of them think Sir John is drunk all the time.

Easter Market. THERE is an exceedingly fine display of meats at the market to-day. Stalls are overstocked, and we dare say one-half will be disposed of. In the stalls of Messrs. Blake Bros. and Mr. Robert Brydges is to be seen some excellent beef.

Close of the Session.

THE close of the session was remarkable. A short time previous to the hour of prorogation, Mr. Calhoun submitted a resolution in which the Government were recommended to establish a Registry Office at Summerside. After some discussion, an adjournment of the debate was moved. To this motion Mr. Campbell moved the following resolution in amendment:—

Resolved, That it is unnecessary to increase the expenditure by granting a Registry Office in Prince County; but that it be resolved, as the opinion of this House, that the limited resources of this Province require a system of retrenchment by abolishing the Legislative Council, and a reduction of expenditure in all the various departments of the Civil Service.

Abolish Legislative Council... \$ 8,000. Save in Public Printing... 3,000. Reduce Colonial Secretary... 400. Assistant Colonial Secretary... 400.

The messenger withdrew; and still Mr. Campbell spoke on; and it did not seem to be the respect in which Mr. Campbell holds the Lieutenant Governor, he would have spoken for hours. But finally Mr. Campbell stopped. His resolution was summarily thrown out—or rather was not received at all—and Mr. Calhoun's motion, recommending a Registry Office at Summerside, passed on a hasty division.

SPEECH:

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: It is a matter of congratulation that your close and constant attention to public business enables me, at this early day, to relieve you from further attendance on your Legislative duties.

Mr. President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council: Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly: The amendments made by you to the Assessment and Registration of Voters' Acts will, I trust, ensure their more efficient working.

The consolidation and amendment of the County Courts' Act will, I have every confidence, promote the efficiency of those tribunals and advance the interests of suitors and the public generally.

In now taking leave of you, I earnestly hope that your labors will, under Divine Providence, tend to advance the prosperity of the Province.

THE Halifax firemen are not forgotten when, in the discharge of duty, they lose their lives. At the fire on Sunday night, Edward Frederick, Second Lieutenant of the Union Protection Company, was killed, leaving a widowed mother entirely dependent on him for support.

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