

householders of School District, present at said meeting, were favorable to Mr. getting a Tavern (or Store) license.

Dated at this day of 186
(Signed) C. D., J. P.

An Act further to amend and explain the Land Purchase Bill.

[Passed 24th April, 1868]

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to further amend and to explain the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Prince Edward Island, passed in the Sixteenth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act for the purchase of lands on behalf of the Government of Prince Edward Island, and to regulate the sale and management thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned," and hereinafter in this Act, called the Land Purchase Bill, so far as the same relates to estates which have or may hereafter prove self-sustaining, purchased by the Government under its provisions. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

I. If at any time it shall appear, from the receipts and books of account kept in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands or otherwise, that any estate, already or hereafter to be purchased by the Government, under the Land Purchase Act, has proved self-sustaining, it shall be the duty of that officer, at once, in writing, to give notice thereof to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, who shall thereupon, by such persons and means, and in such way as shall appear most proper and efficient, cause a full, careful and thorough investigation to be made into the matter, and an accurate statement and estimate of the position of the estate to be drawn up, and if it shall then clearly appear that the estate in question has proved self-sustaining, the Lieutenant Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall issue an order to the Commissioner of Public Lands requiring him not to exact any further payments from those Tenants or occupants of the estate who have paid up their full proportion or share of the sum required to make the same self-sustaining ; but the said Commissioner of Public Lands shall, nevertheless, still continue and proceed to collect and require payment from those tenants or occupants who shall not have paid up their full share or proportion, until they shall have paid the same, or been otherwise, on account of any peculiar circumstances, discharged therefrom

by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. No such order by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Commissioner of Public Lands shall be issued until on investigation it shall be clearly ascertained that there has actually been received by the Government, from the tenants or occupants of the estate, an amount in money equal to the sum required to make the estate self-sustaining, after giving reasonable credit to it for the value of unsold lands, as hereinbefore provided for.

II. The investigation respecting any Estate in order to ascertain whether it has proved self-sustaining, authorized by the first section of this Act, may be ordered by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the petition of any tenants or occupants of the Estate heretofore or hereafter, to be presented or sent in, in the absence of any notice of the Commissioner of Public Lands, or otherwise, if it shall appear just and reasonable.

III. In making such investigation and statement, account and estimate of the position of the Estate, all losses to the Government for Land Tax or otherwise, and all other losses, costs, charges and expenses connected with the Estate and the working thereof, or which can be fairly chargeable against it, as well as the amount of its purchase money and interest thereon, shall be taken into consideration, and a reasonable credit and allowance shall also be given to it and the tenants and occupants thereof, for any wilderness or other Lands connected with or belonging to it, remaining on hand unsold, and the Lieutenant Governor and Council may, if in their discretion they shall think it necessary, obtain information as to the reasonable value of the wilderness and unsold Lands, by causing the same to be valued, and a Report thereof, in writing, on oath, to be made by the Commissioner of Public Lands, in conjunction with two other fit and proper persons, to be appointed for the purpose by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and after receipt of such Report, or without any such Report, if it shall not be deemed necessary to require one to be made, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall make such order as shall appear just and proper in the premises, and declare the amount of the credit and allowance to be given to the Estate on account of such unsold Lands, which shall be final and conclusive on the point, and binding on all parties interested.