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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

REPORTERS' SUMMARY.

SATURDAY, April 26.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

A Bill to restrain Bulls from running at large within the Common and Royalty of Charlottetown, was sent down from the Legislative Council. This Bill was read a second time, committed, reported agreed to in committee with several amendments, and ordered to be engrossed.

LIGHT HOUSES.

Report respecting the erection of Light Houses.

Hon. Mr. WHELAN, from a committee to whom was referred the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Georgetown and vicinity, praying aid towards erecting a Light House at the Port of Three Rivers, and who were also instructed to report upon the subject of Light Houses to be erected where most useful, on any part or parts of this Island, and to afford such other information relating thereto as the committee might deem necessary, presented the following Report:

Your committee are of opinion, that as the Revenue derived from Light Duty, at the Port of Three Rivers, would be sufficient to maintain a Light at that place, in addition to a small annual tax that might be imposed upon the owners or masters of American Vessels prosecuting the Fisheries on the Coasts of this Island, and regularly seeking shelter within the Harbour of Three Rivers,—a sum sufficient to erect a Light House at the most suitable point near the entrance of that Port, and provide it with the necessary Lamps, should be set apart during the next session of the Legislature. Your committee think that such sum of money should not exceed Two hundred Pounds; and they recommend that previously to the assembling of the Legislature in their next session, the Executive Government be requested to procure the requisite Plans and Estimates for such an Erection.

That your committee are likewise of opinion, that it is essential to the preservation of life and property, and to the general well-being of the Mercantile community, to make necessary provision for the erection of Light Houses at the North Cape and East Point of this Island; but that, as the shipping interests of the other North American Colonies, of the United States, and even of Great Britain, would be benefitted to fully as great, if not a greater extent, by the erection of Light Houses at the places before mentioned, your committee recommend that application be made, through His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of this Colony, to the respective Governments of the countries referred to, to solicit from them, proportionate contributions towards the building and maintenance of Light Houses, to be erected at the North Cape and East Point; and that should those Governments accede to the application, then your committee recommend that the Executive should be requested to take proceedings for the erection of such Light Houses, and that this House should make good any expense attending the same.

That your committee are further of opinion, that the Executive Government should be, at the same time, requested to procure for the House of Assembly, the necessary information as to the cost per acre of the sites that may be required for the Light Houses recommended to be erected: those sites to include right of way to and from any such Light House

That your committee recommend that the Law in force regulating the collection of Light Duties for the support of Point Prim Light House be amended, with the view of rendering it compulsory upon foreign vessels to pay Light Duties, on entering any Port within this Island, whether entered at the Custom House or not; and likewise providing that the owners or masters of the smaller class of coasting vessels shall be subject to pay a duty of 6d. per ton for the season.

EDWARD WHELAN,
DONALD BEATON,
FRANCIS LONGWORTH,
JAMES YFO,
E. THORNTON,
J. WIGHTMAN,
T. HEATH HAVILAND.

MONDAY, MAY 12.

MORNING SITTING.

The Additional Land Assessment Bill, was, on motion by Mr. FRASER, again committed to a committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding another clause; the object of which the hon. member thus explained:—The Land Assessment under the operation of the Bill, should it become law, would be more difficult to collect, than that under the old or existing Land Assessment Act; because, according to the provisions of the Bill, the new Assessment was not to be imposed on any quantity of Land less than 500 acres; whilst, under the other, which was general in its operation, the tax was imposed upon the whole of every Township. To evade the operation of the old Act, was therefore scarcely possible; but it would be otherwise with the operation of that contemplated by the Bill; and he (the honorable member) had therefore in accordance with a hint thrown out by some honorable member (he knew not exactly whom) the other evening, had a clause prepared, with a view to its being added to the Bill, by which every proprietor would be required to pay in his whole Land Assessment for all lands held by him, liable thereto, either at the Office of the Land Assessment Receiver or Deputy of the Treasurer nearest to any rateable quantity of land held by him, or at the office of the Treasurer in Charlottetown; as, in consequence of the necessary proceedings under such an enacting clause, it would be more easy to sum up the various lots or quantities of land separately held by one individual, and the possibility of evading the tax, by means of false returns, would be rendered much more difficult.

The House being resumed, the Bill was reported, agreed to with an amendment, (the clause as above explained), and ordered to be engrossed.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

Mr. MONTGOMERY'S Bill for the encouragement of the Cod and Mackerel Fisheries was read a third time, passed, and sent up to the Legislative Council by Mr. Montgomery.

The Bill to provide for the removing of the Post Office of Charlottetown, into the Old Court House, &c., was on motion by the Hon. Mr. Coles, recommitted to a committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding another clause to the Bill, the object of which, as previously explained by the hon. member, was to provide that the Inhabitants of Charlottetown should be at liberty to make an addition to the Old Court House, on the North Side, by extending out the Building under one continuous roof, to the distance of about 30 feet on the vacant ground on that side, for the purpose of providing a convenient and safe place of keeping for some of the Fire Engines and the apparatus belonging to them. The former Government, the hon. member observed, had

refused to allow the Inhabitants of the Town to make any such addition; but their successors, in consideration of the great necessity for such an accommodation, persuaded that the locality was one of the most suitable, and being of opinion that the addition might be made without spoiling the appearance of the original building or obstructing the view, had agreed, in order to avoid any disputes on the subject with the inhabitants, to allow them to make, as he had stated, such an addition for such a purpose: and the clause which he intended to propose should be added to the Bill was to give to the Inhabitants of Charlottetown the power legally to avail themselves of the privilege which the Government proposed to concede to them. The clause having been submitted, was agreed to by the committee, without any opposition; and the House being resumed, the amendment was reported agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed.

TELEGRAPH.—On motion by the Hon. Mr. COLES, a committee was appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying the re-erection of the Flag Staff and Telegraph.

Committee. Hon. Mr. Coles, Mr. Davies and Mr. Longworth.

CROWN LANDS AND FISHERY RESERVES.—The House, after having sat some time in committee on an Address, reported by Mr. FRASER, from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency on the subject of the Crown Lands and Fishery Reserves, was resumed, and the following Address, reported, agreed to in committee, was adopted by the House.

To His Excellency SIR ALEXANDER BANNERMAN, Knight, Lieutenant Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward, Chancellor, Vice-Admiral, and Ordinary of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

The House of Assembly having under their consideration the Crown Land and Revenues surrendered to the Government of this Island, by the Act passed during the present Session, intitled "An Act to commute the Crown Revenues of Prince Edward Island, and provide for the Civil List thereof," pray that Your Excellency will cause orders to be given that the front Town Lots in Princetown be surveyed and properly laid off: And, further, that Your Excellency will be pleased to direct, that a small proportion of those Lots be disposed of at Public Sale, and that the other several Town and Pasture Lots in the several Towns and Royalities, and likewise the Lands situated in Lots Fifteen and Fifty-five be disposed of at the same rate and upon the same conditions, as has been heretofore done when the said several Lands were vested in the Imperial Government.

And with respect to other lands heretofore vested in the Crown, commonly called the Fishery Reserves, the House of Assembly further pray, that Your Excellency will take such measures as will secure those Lands from being hereafter usurped, that they may become a source of profit to the Government, and advantage to the Inhabitants of the Island, for whose benefit they were reserved.

Messrs. Fraser, Montgomery, and Clark, the committee who had prepared the Address, were then appointed a committee to present the same to His Excellency.

Hon. Mr. Coles's Tenants' Rights Bill. The House, having sat some time in committee on this Bill, was resumed, and the Bill reported agreed to in committee, with amendments

Hon. Mr. COLES then rose, and said that as it was pretty well understood that the Bill was to be allowed to lie over for another Session, he would submit a resolution which he had prepared in reference to that understanding. The hon. member then read and moved his Resolution as follows:—and the question being put thereon, it was unanimously agreed to. "Resolved, That the said Bill be printed, and that 200 copies thereof be furnished to the Librarian of the Legislature, to be distributed as follows:—One copy to each Proprietor of Township Lands, one to each member of the Legislature, and the remainder as the Government may direct."

LIGHT HOUSES.—Hon. Mr. WHELAN, from the committee appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency, in accordance with the Report of the same committee, touching the erection of new Light houses, previously adopted by the House, reported an Address, which, having been agreed to by the House, was ordered to be engrossed; and the committee who prepared the Address, were appointed a committee to present it to His Excellency.

The Bill to provide for the removal of the Post Office, in Charlottetown to the Old Court House, having been read a third time, it was moved by the Hon. Mr. Coles "that the Bill do now pass;" and the question being put thereon, the House divided:

Ayes—Honourables G. Coles, E. Whelan, and J. Jardine; Messrs. Laird, Mooney, Clark, Montgomery, Thornton, McNeill, Flynn, and Beaton—12

Nays—Messrs. Palmer, Haviland and Longworth—3.

So the Bill was passed, and sent up to the Council by the Hon. Mr. Coles.

TUESDAY, MAY 13.

MORNING SITTING.

LIGHT HOUSES.—Hon. Mr. WHELAN, from the committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, with an Address, relative to the erection of a Light House on Boughton Point, &c., &c., reported the delivery of the Address, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, he would attend to the request of the House.

THE ONE-NINTH BILL.—Hon. Mr. COLES moved that the amendments of the Council to the "One-Ninth Bill" be agreed to. The question being put the House divided:

Yeas—Honourables G. Coles, J. Jardine and W. W. Lord; Messrs. Boston, Wightman, Clark, Mooney, McNeill, Laird, Flynn, and Fraser—11.

Nays—Messrs. Douse, Montgomery, Yeo, Palmer, Haviland, Longworth, and Davies—7.

The Council amendments were then read a third time, and passed.

Mr. FRASER'S Additional Land Assessment Bill, on motion by the Hon. Mr. Coles, was recommitted for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of increasing the penalty for a false return of Land liable to the Assessment. The House, after having sat some time in committee thereon, was resumed, and the Bill reported agreed to, with an amendment. By the amendment, the fine or penalty for a false return which, as originally fixed, was only £10, was raised to £50.

The Bill was then read a third time, and, on Mr. Fraser's moving "that the Bill do now pass," Mr. Palmer rose and moved in amendment, "that the Bill do pass this day three months."

The question being put on the amendment, the House divided:

Ayes—Messrs. Palmer, Longworth, Thornton, Yeo, Montgomery, Haviland &c.