

to take care lest he place himself in the predicament of a man who has begun to build without having previously counted the cost; and who, for want of means, is obliged to desist and forego his purpose.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 27.

LAND COMMISSION DESPATCHES.

(Debate continued.)

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Mr. DOUSE, as a Proprietor, considered that he had the right to manage his property without the interference of the Commission.

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH—The object of the hon. member, Mr. Coles, was to thwart the Government in their efforts to settle the question, which he had attempted in vain to accomplish.

Hon. Mr. MACALLOY—The resolutions, if passed, would be tantamount to a vote of censure on the Government, for they charged them with having exceeded their constitutional powers.

Had that course been adopted, there would have been no agitation; and the bootless labors of the apostle of Echeat, Mr. Cooper, and their cost, might have been saved.

Hon. Mr. POPE.—It was time the discussion was closed. The only question was, would the House sustain the Government in freeing the Commission from all restrictions.

Hon. Col. GRAY—So much objection to the public business had been caused by the protracted discussion that he would merely notice briefly and succinctly some of the observations which had been made.

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Hon. Mr. KELLY—The hon. member stated, in referring to Messrs. Douse and Yeo's views, to the effect, that small proprietors would not be injured by the proposed resolutions.

Hon. Col. GRAY—The hon. member had heard him state last year, that they could only expect acts of grace from the Proprietors.

Hon. Mr. WHELAN—Had the Government stated last night that they had received a despatch sanctioning the Commission, that statement would have influenced the present discussion.

Hon. Mr. DOYLE had listened attentively to the discussion and was unwilling to give a silent vote on the question.

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and when the leader of the Government stated that the address had been supported unanimously, with the exception of Mr. Cooper, he would remind the House that the journals showed his name recorded in opposition to it.

Correspondence. FOR THE EXAMINER. MR. EDITOR—The fact cannot be gainsaid, that you have indulged in liberties with my ad-libitum line, and lenial name, and christian character.

You have dared to print, put out, and publish my name as "Roga" instead of "Rogo"—a terrible go! destroying the root, branch, and stump of my ancient and honorable generation.

Mr. Editor, if you were edible, I would have you eaten for your great errors and grave insinuations against my gravity, which have given great grievance to me, as an honorable member of this honorable community.

Having a growing regard for the genus that govern a certain "good easy man, full surely whose greatness is not a ripening," I send my unlying respects to them, and advise those great good men, the Honorable Mr. Bittern, Leader No. 1, and his Locum Tenens the Honorable Mr. Graybird.

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A certain pleasant gentleman, who visits Pill Park, and other places where he bores in oftener than he visits, where pay and duty demand his attendance, and carries tales and little gossip as a Newfoundland dog carries chips.

The Board of Education, or its Secretary, not having notified the schoolmasters of the interior, respecting the time set for examination of the pupils, the schoolmasters, in consequence of the delay, were unable to attend.

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I have been attached to the present administration, but I claim the privilege to expose the short-comings of any Government under which I live.

THE NEW ELECTION BILL. We published last week, by order of the Legislative Council, before that body was shorn of its independence, the Bill to amend the election laws.

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and experience proves that fisheries are precarious, and had seasons might place the great bulk of the population of this colony in a position which would prevent them from consuming many taxable articles which they are enabled to purchase in prosperous or even average years of success.

But it does not appear that, so far as granting the public money is concerned, it is all sunshine with the Government of Newfoundland. After having written out his speech, and taken it in his pocket to the Council room, the Governor learns that, owing to some disagreement between the two branches of the Legislature, the Civil Contingencies Bill was not agreed to by both.

It was only informed a short time before I entered the Council Room that the Civil Contingencies Bill has not received the assent of both branches of the Legislature, for the same reasons, as I understand, which occurred (and at the very same time) at the termination of last Session; it will consequently fall to the ground; and I have only to say, if inconvenience shall now arise from the loss of it, the responsibility of that inconvenience does not rest with me.

We are not made acquainted with the particular matter in dispute between the two branches of the Legislature in Newfoundland; but there is no doubt that the Council has good reason for refusing to pass the Civil Contingencies Bill, or they would not have acted as they have done two years in succession.

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