THURSDAY, March 1.

PETITIONS.

The following Petitions were presented, all of which were either ordered to lie on the Table, or were referred to Committees appointed for the different special purposes.

By Mr. Dingwell—Inhabitants of Lot 55 to open a new Road.

By Mr. Wightman—Inhabitants of Lot 52 to repair Road.—Petition of George Young.—for Post Office at Finlay's.—Alex.McDonald, Ferryman, for money to build Boats for Cardigan River Ferry.—James Martin, Teacher.

Mr. Munro laid on the Table the Impost accounts for Orwell Bay.

By Mr. Mooney—Petition of Peter Coyle for new line of Road.

By Mr. Laird—Inhabitants of Lot 22, for aid to cut down a hill.

By Hon. the Treasurer—Louis Arseneaux, for ferrying Mails.—Herbert Bell, for raising a Wharf.—Henry Leckie and trustees.—Inhabitants of Cascumpec for a Mail bag to be made up for a Way Office.

By Mr. Perry—Inhabitants of Lot 15 for a Road to Cape Egmont.—Do. for money to complete a road.

By Mr. Haviland—John Morrison, for remuneration as a teacher.

By Mr. Dingwell—Inhabitants of Morell, in aid of a Road.

By Mr. M'Intosh—Inhabitants of Barrymeaux, for aid to a Road.—Hugh M'Varish, for dwelling house burnt.

By Col. Secretary—Report of Commissioners to superintend erection of Souris Bridge.—He also laid before the House the Blue Books.

Hon. the Treasurer introduced a Bill to "Amend the Statute labor Act and to authorize the establishment of new Districts."

JURY BILL.

House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law for summoning Juries, received from the Council.

This Bill passed through the Committee in good business like style.

The section which enacts that "If the Sheriff cannot find the whole number of persons in the list, the Jury shall not fail, if 20 Grand Jurors be legally summoned, and if 14 be in attendance" was amended by Mr. Palmer by inserting 24 instead of 20, and 16 to be in attendance; and, after some discussion, was agreed to by the House.

The chief features in the Act are:

1. Summons left at place of residence or with wife &c., to be sufficient.
2. Fines for non-attendance to be levied by warrant of Distress at the end of the term.
3. Fourteenth Section of the Old Jury Act to be repealed.
4. Prothonotary to make return of persons liable to serve.

House resumed and Committee reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and made several amendments. Bill passed.

ADDITIONAL CORONERS.

Mr. Muirhead introduced a Bill to increase the number of Coroners. He stated, that it was very inconvenient and expensive for persons to travel 40 or 50 miles for a Coroner, and that appointing an additional number would be no greater expense to the government.

In committee, the principal clauses of the Bill were generally agreed to and it was decided after some discussion, that the Government might appoint one or more additional coroners for each County.

Mr Palmer urged that each Coroner's District should be defined.

Mr Lord suggested that the nearet coroner in the county should be called in, which was finally adopted.

Hon. Mr. Mooney—It came very hard on persons whose relatives might meet an accidental death that they should have to pay the expences of an inquest, particularly as that inquest in nine cases out of ten was to satisfy the public rather than the friends of the deceased, he moved that a clause be inserted providing for the payment of Inquests out of the Treasuy, which was agreed to.

DOCTOR HOBKIRK'S CLAIM.

Hon. Col. Secretary laid before the House a message from His Excellency the Lieut. Governor relative to the claim of Dr. Hobkirk for the costs of a suit at Law in which a verdict was given against the Government, and enclosing a Despatch from the Colonial Minister urging the House to settle the matter.

Hon, Col. Secretary quoted the several resolutions of former Assemblies on the subject; he hoped that this was the last we should hear of the ill feeling that had been engendered in introducing Responsible Government. A Jury had given a verdict against the Government for the amount of the Doctor's Bill, but the suit being against the Crown it did not carry the costs. Dr. Hobkirk had paid more in the expenses of the suit, than the amount of his Bill, for which he sought redress through the Home Government. In the Despatch read, the Colonial Minister reflected severely on the House of Assembly, and urged them to settle the question. [illegible] hoped it would be done.

Mr. Douse had no ill feelings on his part, he had heard a great deal more than he wished on the subject; he wanted to see the question speedily settled, and trusted he would hear no more on the subject.

Hon. Mr. Montgomery spoke of the determination of former assemblies. They had contended, that the Bill was overcharged. They offered Dr. Hobkirk £25 which he refused to take.

Mr. M'Intosh considered it twice as much as he ought to get. It was finally referred to Supply.

The following Petitions were presented and referred to Committee.

By Mr. Douse—Petition from the Inhabitants of Lot 62, for the establishment of a Post Office.—Do. Lot 57 and 58, for repairing Wharfs.—Do. Lot 50 and 57, for Ferry Scow and Boat from China Point to Port Selkirk.—Do in aid of improving the new line of Road from Patrick Stephens Esq., to Port Selkirk.

By Mr. Mooney—Several Road Petitions.

Hon. the Speaker read a letter from R. Galbraith, J. Ross, and J. T. Pidwell, Esq., on behalf of the managers of a Concert to be held in aid of the Patriotic Fund, requesting the patronage of the House of Assembly.

FRIDAY, March 2.

Hon. Mr Palmer presented a petition of Inhabitants of Charlottetown, praying that the Lunatic Asylum may be more largly endowed and that a part of the Asylum may be appropriated for a Poor House.

[Several Hon. Members had spoken before we arrived.]

Hon. Col. Secretary was opposed to the establishment of a Poor Rate; the poor were not as numerous here as they were in other places, he had never heard of a person dying of starvation on the Island. The Ladies of Charlottetown had done a great deal of good, they had laid the town off in wards, and had found a much less numbr of poor than was expected, it was thought a great many poor had come here from Newfoundland, but he heard a Lady say, and he was glad of it, that there was a less number of Catholic than Protestant poor in the town at the present time. Let the Commissioners work out the present system, the Government might give £800, and £200 might be raised in Charlottetown, and in conjunction with the various benevolent societies, he thought the poor would be well cared for. The present system of giving a few pounds to the poor in country, which gave them the means of clothing themselves, was much cheaper and better than establing a Poor House.

Hon. Mr. Mooney never heard of a death from want, in Ireland, until after the Poor Law was established. All parties here are willing to give to the poor. The Ladies of Charlottetown were an honor to the Colony, if a Poor House be established, the Ladies will have no field for their exertions. There were nearly 300 paupers in the country relieved by an appropriation of £450; as the town was to be incorporaed, he supposed the Mayor wanted to clear the side-walks of the poor. Much credit was due to Mr. Mitchell, for his care of the patients intrusted to him. He would vote for a sum of money for the poor that would be at the Asylum.

Mr. Douse had seen the working of the Poor Rate in Britain, and he could not vote for the establishment of such Bastiles in this country, where a man was separated from his wife and family. He thought that Grog-shopswere much more numerous than they ought to be, and were the means of making many poor.

Hon. Mr. Montgomery—A large portion of the Asylum can be made available, and only a small sum of money would be required, he was against a Poor Rate.

Hon. Mr. Lord said a large sum would be required to support the poor.

Hon. Mr. Palmer did not approve of lunatics and paupers being together. He knew the keeper did his best under the circumstances; he had no objections if an additional wing were made to the Asylum, and the lunatics were kept seperate. He hoped the House would adopt a a Resolution, which would shew the public what they intended to do. Mr. P. deprecated the system of giving grants to paupers, and asked what strangers would think on taking up our Statute Book.

Hon. Mr. Wightman moved that a Committee of nine be appointed to Report on the state of the Asylum, which was agreed to.

Mr. Lord presented a Petition from Robert Wright for money due on Contract of Dunk River Bridge.

This, with many other Road Petitions were referred to Committee.

The Act for the appointment of additional Coroners was read a third time and passed.

A Bill for the making additional road Districts was read a second time. The Treasurer stated that the Bill was the same as passed the House last session.

Some conversation took place as to the dividing Mr. Trowsdale's district, but it was thought better to give him an addition to his salary.

Hon. Mr. Coles moved that a part of road District No. 1. in Queen's County should form part of District No. 2. [it is part of Prince town Road]

Report with amendments agreed to and Bill ordered to be engrossed.

Hon. Mr. Lord presented a petition of James Searl Mann, praying the House to pass a Law of naturalization. Referred to a Committee.

Hon. Mr. Palmers Bill for reducing the fees in the Registry office was read a second time. The Bill contemplates reducing the fees for Registering from 1s. per 100 words to 6d.

After some sharp debating the Bill was lost. Ayes 4, Nays 13.

HOUSE IN COMMITTE ON NORMAL SCHOOL.

Mr. Coles, moved as an amendment an additional Clause. That it be not necessary for Teachers in Charlottetown and Royalty of the second Class to teach Latin.

It was moved that the Clause, which compels Teachers to attend the Normal School three months, be altered so as to allow them to attend either before or after passing the Board.

Assistant female Teachers in Charlottetown to receive £5 additional to Salary.

Mr. Haviland would like to know why the Teacher of Grammar School in Georgetown got £70 while Charlottetown received £80. Mr. Coles stated that it is more expensive to live in Charlottetown.

Committee Reported the Bill with amendment.

Hon. Mr. Lord presented a Petition from Lot 27 on the settlement of the Land Question. Laid on the table.

Hon. Mr Coles—From Inhabitants of Rustico Praying for a Bridge over the Oyster Bed, with a long subscription list, he moved that a special committee be appointed to Report next Session. Committee—Coles, Laird, Longworth.

SATURDAY, March 3.

The Committee appointed to Report on the state of the Lunatic Asylum, visited the building this morning.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents; but we require their real signatures, not for publication, but as a guarantee as to what is stated.

To THE EDITOR OF HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Sir,—Observing in your Legislative Summary, a report of a Petition from Malcolm McKenzie, Teacher, praying the Legislature to grant him six months' salary, denied him by the Board of Education, in consequence of his not having the requisite number of pupils in school. Also seeing the intention of the Hon. Col. Secretary of introducing a Bill for the further amendment of the Education Act, I beg leave—through your columns—to submit the few following remarks.

It is true the amendment (section 21.) to the Education Act requires forty children within the ages to be in the District, and twenty in average attendance, to entitle the Teacher to his allowance.

It is evident there must be extreme poverty of interest, or utter carelessness of disposition manifest in the character of either the Teacher or his employers, where the attendance of twenty cannot be obtained out of forty.

The non-attendance of children at school may be attributed to many causes, but nine times out of ten, it can be traced to the non-appreciation of Education on the part of parents; or some foolish whim or animosity entertained towards the Teacher; or to some of the most active and influential members in the District, who are wont to show their taste for Education, by being the greatest advocates for the organization of a school and its proper maintenance, thereby entailing the pique and jealousy of the ignorant and malicious. For we always find where the parents are intelligent, a greater interest is manifested, that their children *also* may reap its blessings. Hence the reason why intelligent Districts have fuller schools. Sometimes, where no such ill feelings, as stated above, exist, but merely submitting to the influence of party, and permitting some friend or *relative* Teacher in an adjacent District to draw the wool over their eyes, and lead the children of one school to attend another, for the purpose of enriching the one, at the hazard of impoverishing the other.

If a Licensed Teacher cannot be characterized by indolence, or any ill conduct in the discharge of his duty in the Schoot-Room, to cause the alienation of his pupils; but, if parents, from some or all of the reasons above stated, unintentionally or perhaps *intentionally* withhold their children from school (as may be the case with the above Petition), it is extremely discouraging, that the school Act should leave it in the power of careless or maliciously inclined persons, to frustrate the good intention of the Act, disappoint the Teacher of the wages of his hire, which will be the means of closing the school, and depriving the children of interested and worthy members of the benefit of Education.

Since there is a prospect of our District schools being conducted by more efficient and better qualified Teachers than formerly (particularly if the Legislature hold out better encouragement, without which it is impossible to establish an independent system of Education), I think it would not be amiss, if the contemplated amendment should embody a requisition, demanding the *regular* attendance—when not reasonably excused—of at least Two-thirds of the children within the ages.

Otherwise, if the requisite number is in the District, and that the deficient attendance, can be substantiated as not being the result of the Teacher's conduct, then, I think, he should be entitled to his salary.

In conclusion, I beg to ask a question:—Since many persons over sixteen attend school, and get the Teacher's attention, in conjunction with the rest—how is it, that the School Visitor takes no notice of them, but treats them as ciphers on the face of the School Journal; and the Teacher is allowed no additional remuneration for extra-service on their account.

But I think the present Act obliges no Teacher to receive any above the stipulated age, which appears to me too stringent. And if entitled to be admitted, their attendance not being recognised, amounts to as much as that they have no *business* to get older than sixteen!! For by the *foolishness* of so doing, they thereby forfeit the benefits conceded to their juniors, and to *them*, if not residing in P. E. I.

Yeours, &c.,

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Prince County, Feb. 26th, 1855.

HASZARD'S GAZETTE.

Saturday, March 3d, 1855.

The House of Assembly having advertised for tenders for printing the debates in the form of a volume, will prevent our giving them *seriatim* from the Reporter employed by the House. We have made arrangements however, for giving a summary of the business done in both Houses; and we take this occasion to tender our respectful thanks to the Speaker and Members, for the facilities offered us in taking notes. It must be understood however, that we do not contemplate giving the speeches of all who address the House in full, but merely to afford a summary of what is doing, up to the time of publishing.

A Colonial Mail arrived on Thursday night, we have further extracts of English news in another column.

THE REV. W. STEWART will deliver a Lecture on "The Science of Astronomy," for the Sons of Temperance, and the public generally, at the Baptist Chapel, Cross Roads, Belfast, on Saturday 10th instant at the hour of 7 in the evening; likewise on Sunday the 10th instant at the hour of eleven, a.m. (D. V.) will preach at the Pinette Church, Belfast.

Birth,

Thursday, 1st March, the Lady of the Hon. George Coles, Colonial Secretary, of a Son.

At Woolwich, G. B., on 18th January the wife of Captain Vyvyan Crease, Royal Engineers, of a son.

Married,

On Monday the 26th of Feb. at the house of the Hon. James Dingwell, by the Rev. Henry Crawford, Mr. James Keefe, of Rola Bay, to Miss Martha Henderson, late of Pictou, Nova Scotia.

On the same day at Little River, by the Rev. Henry Crawford, Mr. Joseph Dingwell, of Bay Fortune, to Miss Zipporal Mills, of Little River.

At Charlottetown, on Thursday the 22d inst., by the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, Mr. James Barrett, to Miss Christiana Cameron, both of Charlottetown.

By the Rev. Wm. Stewart, at Terrace House, Charlottetown, on Thursday, 1st March, Mr. John Hudson, to Miss Alice Myers, both of Lot 48.

At Lot 11, on Tuesday, the 13th inst., by the Rev. H. B. Swabey, Mr. Thomas Murray, of St. Eleanor's, to Mrs. Ellen Ramsay, relict of the late Mr. Malcolm Ramsay, of Lot 11.

Died,

Suddenly at Newtown, Belfast, on Sunday, the 25th inst., in the 85th year of his age, Mr. George Roberson, formerly of St. James' Park, County of Suffolk, England, where his benevolence and sympathy for the poor will be long remembered; he emigrated to this Island in the year 1830, he was respected and esteemed by all who knew him. His memory will be long cherished by his family and friends as an affectionate parent and kind father.

At Sacramento City, California, on the 19th December last, after a few days illness, Edward J. Feeney, Esquire, late Captain in the United States Army, and formerly of this Island.

At Tryon, on the 26th ultimo, Mr. Alexander Lang, after a lingering illness, aged 36 years.

At De Sable, on the 27th ultimo, Mr. Donald Mackay, after a protracted illness, aged 78 years. He emigaated to this Island, from Argyleshire, Scotland, in the year 1810.

At Lot 12, a few days since, Mr. Samuel McAuslin, aged 56 years.

THE CONCERT,

IN AID OF

THE PATRIOTIC FUND,

Under the Patronage of His Excellency the LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR and LADY, and both Branches of the Legislature.

A NUMBER of Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs will give a Public Concert, in aid of the Patriotic Fund, on FRIDAY EVENING, the 16th inst. They have selected, and have in course of practice, several pieces of Music, to this town entirely new. From the known talent of the Ladies and Gentlemen, and the noble object for which they have so kindly volunteered their services, it is confidently expected that the Ladies and Gentlemen of Charlottetown and vicinity by their countenance, will enable the Committe in their behalf, to present something handsome to the Fund.

Some of our most talented gentlemen have consented to make some appropriate speeches on the occasion.

It may therefore, be anticipated that a pleasant evening's entertainment be enjoyed.

A Programme will be published. Tickets will be placed during the ensuing week, at all the Drug and Book Stores. Price, 1s. 3d.; reserved seats, 2s. 3d.

HON. COL. SWABEY,
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