

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Friday, April 28, (Continued.)

Hon. Mr. Walker remarked that the cost of living had increased fifty per cent. while salaries remained nearly the same. Public officers should be paid sufficient salaries to place them above suspicion.

Hon. Mr. Strong said the principle of abolishing the Board of Works was that neither small nor large salaries would give a man a moral principle where it did not exist; and while he admitted that extravagance was carried to a fearful extent at the present day, and lay at the foundation of many dishonest acts, yet it was the desire of the Government to remove temptation, inasmuch as possible, out of the way of public officers.

Hon. Mr. Balderston believed the Board of Works might have been so reconstructed as to give satisfaction. The appointment of members was confined to the Government and their supporters in the Legislature, and districts which did not return members favorable to the Government were prescribed.

Hon. Mr. McDonald agreed with the proposition to abolish the Board of Works for the country had not received justice at their hands in the expenditure of public money. There was no clause in the bill, however, to abolish the Board of Works, though there was to abolish the office of Road Correspondent.

Hon. Mr. Munn said it was very remarkable that a Board which had rendered such signal service to the Government was to be abolished just upon the eve of a general election. With what face could those gentlemen go to their constituencies and say: "The loaf I have to feed you I have thrown away?"

Hon. Mr. Strong said his honor's reasoning was not sound. A man must get a living, and if his salary would not support him there was a very strong temptation to take what was not his own. Perhaps he would do so with the intention of paying, but the time when he would be able to pay might never come.

Hon. Mr. McDonald said the bill required mature consideration. Bills of a doubtful character were often brought up and hurried through at the end of the session. Against whom did the lawyers want protection? There was no person interfering with them. What more protection did they want than mechanics?

Hon. Mr. Strong said the very fact that Bills were important were the cause of their coming before this House late in the session, as much time was required for their consideration elsewhere. He took it for granted that this Bill was the same in principle as were passed from time to time to incorporate societies. He presumed it was not so much for protection as for advancement in an intellectual point of view.

Hon. Mr. Balderston would oppose the clause unless some satisfactory explanation were given. He did not see what right the public had to find accommodation for the lawyers.

Hon. Mr. Laird said the Bill required some consideration. The profession of the law was an honorable position. It was the field wherein many young men had distinguished themselves. He would be quite willing to pass a bill to give the gentlemen of legal profession corporate powers, but the bill went further than that to an ordinary act of incorporation.

A WARNING VOICE.

To the Editor of the St. John News.

My Dear Sir, I saw in a copy of your paper of the 21st of August that about a dozen young men had left St. John for California and many others will leave in a few weeks. Now, Mr. Editor, I am a Canadian and a friend to the people of the Dominion of Canada here, and of our young men in the name of God to stay at home and do not go to the far off land of California.

I thank you very much, Mr. Editor, for allowing me the means of stating my views boldly and without fear of consequences. I remain yours truly, M. J. C.

We publish the above, as many P. E. Islanders are also 'making tracks' to California. As everything relating to sea sickness is of interest to those days of travel, we give for what it is worth the gist of a letter recently printed in an English journal.

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