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CHARLOTTETOWN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Bible Society was held in the New Temperance Hall, on the evening of Monday, the 15th March. The Hon. J. M. Holl, Vice President, took the Chair at 7 o'clock. The Hall was well filled, and the speeches were good. After the singing of a few verses of a hymn, and prayer by the Rev. Mr. Rand, the Chairman opened the business of the evening with a neat and appropriate address; and the Report for the past year, and abstract of the Treasurer's account were then read by Mr. Cundall, the Secretary.—After which the following Resolutions were passed, being creditably sustained by the gentlemen who moved and seconded them.

1. Moved by Rev. Robert Macnair, seconded by Rev. F. Smallwood:

That the Report now read be adopted, and printed under the direction of the Committee.

2. Moved by Hon. Charles Hensley, seconded by Rev. D. FitzGerald:

That this meeting gratefully acknowledges the blessing of God upon the labors of the Parent Society during the past year, is thankful for the spirit of liberality evinced by its numerous auxiliaries, both in this Island and elsewhere, and is encouraged thereby to renewed exertions for the more extensive distribution of the Bible.

3. Moved by Rev. S. T. Rand, seconded by Lieut. Hancock, R. N.:

That this Meeting acknowledges the obligation due to the Ladies' Association and other Collectors, for their efforts in increasing the funds of the Auxiliary, as enabling and encouraging the Committee to engage the services of a Colporteur speaking the Gaelic language.

4. Moved by Hon. Charles Young, seconded by Capt. Orlebar, R. N.:

That Ralph Breeken, Esq., be the Treasurer for the ensuing year, and, that the Committee consist of Messrs. Thomas Desbrisay, jun., James Desbrisay, Henry Haszard, Joseph Hensley, H. Johnson, M. D., James Mason, John Orlebar, R. N., James Purdie and Charles Palmer.

A collection amounting to £9 4s. 6d. was taken up in the course of the evening.

After singing the Doxology, the Benediction was given by the Rev. D. FitzGerald, and the meeting broke up about 10 o'clock.

Prince Edward Island Auxiliary Bible Society in account with Daniel Hodgson, Treasurer.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1851. Paid printing Annual Report, &c.	3 2 6	1851. March 15. By balance in hand, as per last Report	17 4 4½
" Truckage, &c. for Remittance to London,	0 12 6	" Collection at Annual Meeting,	13 12 3
" Dr. Kier for Gaelic Bibles,	120 17 9	" By New Glasgow Branch,	10 9 1
" Gaelic Bibles and Testaments,	15 14 10	" Ladies Association,	21 8 9
" " " to Individuals,	1 10 10	" Sundry Subscriptions,	36 4 3
" Outfit for Colporteur,	9 12 2	Amount of Sales,	£67 0 9½
" Colporteur's allowances,	11 10 0	Capital,	7 8 5
March 15. Balance in hand,	11 18 11		
	£173 0 3		59 12 4½
		1852. March 15. Balance in hand brought down,	173 0 3
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PRINCETOWN BIBLE AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Bible and Missionary Society of the Princetown Presbyterian Congregation, was held on the 9th of March. After a sermon by Rev. Robert Grant, from Mat., 4c. 24v.—the Rev. John Kier presiding—the Treasurer reported, that the collections for the year amounted to £48 8s. 6d., which the meeting appropriated by vote, in the following manner:—

To the Foreign Mission of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia,	£26 10 0
To the British and Foreign Bible Society,	10 0 0
To the Society for the conversion of the Jews,	5 0 0
To the Domestic Missionary Society,	5 0 0
To the Tract Society, with any subscriptions yet to be collected,	2 6 6

The meeting after being addressed by the Rev. Messrs. Sinclair, Patterson, Murray and Grant, was concluded with the Scriptural Blessing.

Legislative Proceedings.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY February 18th.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, APPOINTED TO REPORT ON EDUCATION.

(Remainder of Debate concluded.)

Mr. HAVILAND in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. COLES, in reply to Mr. Mooney, stated what measures had been brought forward, by the Government, for the benefit of the tenantry, and these, he believed, the Tenantry were satisfied with. There was, for instance, the One-Cent Bill, and the Bill to prevent exorbitant expenses in cases of Distraint, passed last Session; and, during the present, the scheme of Free Education, now before the House, which would be equal to a reduction of the rents by one-half their amounts in enabling a farmer in possession of fifty acres, by paying 3s. 4d. a year, to send all his children to school free, even if he had a dozen. There were also the Ejected Tenants' Compensation Bill, and the preventing of Proprietors from suing the Tenant, in the Small Debts Court, and thereby saddling them with two or three pounds costs, for the recovery of five or six pounds, when they have a remedy already by distraint. And there were many more measures, by which the people in general would be benefited, if a little time were allowed to perfect them; but to please some individuals, every thing must be done at once by the present Government. Had not, however, almost every measure which had been brought before the House, been a Government measure? Yes; and now because the honorable member, Mr. Mooney, could not get about three or four hundred pounds out of the proprietors, the country was ruined, and the Government had abandoned their principles. No: they had done no such thing; and he (Hon. Mr. Coles) was sure no Government could be formed, that would do half as much for the people, if they had only were inclined to do to promote the best interests of the country, if allowed time. As for the tax proposed, he had mentioned it at some of the public meetings which he had attended, and the Tenants stated, that they were afraid, it would make the Proprietors more stringent in the exaction of their rents. He acknowledged, that the Government was pledged to the introduction and support of every practicable measure of justice and equity, for the amelioration of the condition of the tenantry, and the general good of the country; and what they had already procured to be done, and what they further proposed to effect for the public benefit, ought to be sufficient to convince every honest and rational friend of the people of the integrity of their principles and the sincerity of their purposes. If the honorable member for the Second District of Queen's County (Mr. Mooney) could not, however, be convinced, that the Government had done, were doing, and were determined to do every thing in their power, by just and equitable means, to ensure the advancement of the people's best interests and the future prosperity of the Colony; if he thought, they were unworthy the confidence of the people and the support which they had hitherto received from a large majority of the House; he would act in accordance with his convictions, and join the ranks of the opposition. Let him do so, and if he thought proper, use his utmost endeavours to overthrow the present Government, and establish his newly chosen allies, the opposition party, in their stead. Let him do so; but let him no longer call himself a friend of the tenantry; for not one of those measures which the present Government had already carried for the benefit of the tenantry, would that party, if in power, have allowed to pass into a law; and neither would they, if in power, permit the passage of any one of the measures now in contemplation for the public good and satisfaction, even if they suffered those which had already become law, to continue in force. With respect to the retention of power by himself, he would wish it to be distinctly understood, both within that House and without it, that having acquired it by his advocacy of what he believed to be the just rights of the people; having hitherto exercised it conscientiously with a view to the promotion of the general welfare; and having been actuated by no desire for personal aggrandizement or promotion of his own mere individual interests, beyond the enjoyment of the proud satisfaction which he should derive from being acknowledged as the man of the people, to whose exertions they were fairly indebted for their liberation from the selfish and despotic control of an unprincipled compact; and for having conferred upon them, the power of freely choosing who should be placed in immediate authority over them; he would never seek to retain his power by any abandonment of principle or servile compliances with the impolitic views and mistaken notions of individuals either in or out of the Assembly. All that he had covered had been freely conceded to him; but he would resign it to-morrow, should he find he could hold it only by the sacrifice of his independence. For himself he would never prefer the retention of his present political pre-eminence to the approbation of his own mind and the free exercise of conscientious judgment. Actuated by such principles, he was, as public opinion expressed, the fittest person to succeed Sir Alexander Bannerman, Knight, Lieutenant Governor, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

The House of Assembly having had under their consideration the Fishery Reserves, heretofore vested in the Crown, and transferred to the Government of this Island, deem it expedient, that all persons should be warned from trespassing on the same.

With that view, the House of Assembly request, that your Excellency will be pleased to cause a Proclamation, cautioning the public against trespassing or renting the said Fishery Reserves, or in any way occupying the same, without Licence from the Government of this Island.

Messrs. Davies, Fraser, and Wightman, the Committee who prepared the Address, were appointed a Committee to present the same.

MONDAY, March 22.

MORNING SITTING.

SUPPLY.

Hon. Mr. JARDINE, the Chairman of the Committee on Supply, made his Report of the Appropriations.

Mr. FRASER, considered £14 too much to pay for the 3 Pews in St. Paul's Church, used by the Legislature. After a few remarks from several hon. members the vote remained at the original sum of £14, the usual grant.

AUDITORS OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

On the Resolution of Sixty Pounds to the Auditors of Public Accounts being put, Mr CLARK objected, on the ground of its being too much, according to the services rendered, which he thought would not occupy a month altogether in the year.

COAL.

Mr. MOONEY divided the House on the Resolution of £500 being set apart, as a grant to any person or persons who should discover Coal in sufficient quantity to supply the inhabitants of the Island. For his motion that it be disagreed to,

Ayes—Messrs. Mooney, Davies, Laird, and M'Neil—4.
Nays—11.

So it passed in the negative.

STEAMER TO QUEBEC.

On the Resolution of £200 to Mr. Norton of Pictou, for running a Steamer being read, Mr. MOONEY moved that it lie over.

Hon. Mr. COLES was surprised at the hon. member; he thought it one of the best votes of the Session.

Mr. FRASER was of opinion, the Steamer should call at Bedeque.

Hon. Mr. COLES said, that would not be fair to the Shediac Packet.

For Mr. Mooney's amendment,—Ayes 3. Nays 9.

INFANT SCHOOLS.

On a Resolution being read over to grant £10 to the conductors of the Infant School at Georgetown. Hon. Mr. COLES said, he did not oppose it, but thought the grant to the one in Charlottetown should be more than to that in Georgetown.

Mr. M'AULAY supported the £10: the Master, he said, was married, and both his and his wife's time were fully occupied in teaching the children.

Mr. CLARK humorously observed, that it appeared the Infant School drew all the children from the Grammar School, to which a large sum was granted annually. The vote was agreed to for one year.

A vote of £10 was also carried to the Infant School of Charlottetown, after an amendment having been submitted by Mr. Fraser, that it be £5, which, however the hon. Member did not press.

MAP OF THE ISLAND.

A sum of £60 was granted to George Wright, Esq., after some discussion, for preparing a Map of the Island, provided he furnish Twenty Copies, gratis, for the use of the Legislature.

HUGH LOGAN, Jailor, GEORGETOWN.

A sum of £8 was agreed to be granted to the Jailer, on condition that he does not again petition the House on the subject of the escape of a Prisoner some years since, for which, escape he had to pay a certain debt of the prisoner, although the escape occurred, as the Petitioner alleged, in consequence of the bad state of the Jail Fences, the same having been previously represented as insecure, by him, to the proper authority.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Mr. MOONEY moved to amend the Resolution previously agreed to, viz. :

"That the Government be authorised to cause to be paid to the Society double the amount which should be subscribed for," by inserting equal proportions, which, after some slight discussion, was negatived.

LIGHT AND ANCHORAGE DUTIES BILL.

The Morning Sitting ended in the Committee of the whole House, on Mr. WHELAN's Bill relative to Light and Anchorage Duties Bill upon which progress was reported.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

On motion of Mr. FRASER, the following Resolution was unanimously agreed to by the House :

Resolved, That no measure, with the view of framing a Bill thereon, which is not now before the House, shall be entertained after Wednesday the 26th instant.

WEDNESDAY, March 24.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

PETITION FROM THE INHABITANTS OF LOT 66, LAND ASSESSMENT SALE.

House in Committee on the Report of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the allegations contained in the Petition from the Inhabitants of Lot 66, concerning the Sale of 4,400 acres of the said Lot, in one Block for the non-payment of Land Assessment—Mr. CLARK in the Chair.

The following is the Report, as submitted by the Chairman of the Special Committee, Mr. WIGHTMAN in the House :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Petition of the Inhabitants of Lot 66, to inquire into the allegations contained in said Petition, and to ascertain the truth by investigation, have examined several parties, and the substance of their evidence is as follows:

Mr. Desbrisay states, he was present at a Sale of lands in Georgetown, and became a purchaser; but not in his own name, to something over Four thousand acres of land. The real owner of the land, was stated to be Mr. Worrell, and the Original Grantee, was the late Thomas Wright, Esquire, Surveyor General, whose Grant is on record: and on the day of Sale, there were several bidders for the land, but in particular, Mr. Martin O'Halloran, who had about Sixty Pounds. Was aware that the Sheriff was asked to put it up in small lots, who said he would do so, if the persons could show a description of the tracts they wished to purchase, which had not paid tax, but none of said persons showed such plans. Mr. Desbrisay states, the reason the land was sold, was that Mr. Worrell purchased from several proprietors who held under the Original Grantees, some of whom resided in foreign countries, which might cause a delay in proving to the title when disputes arose, and therefore caused a Survey of the Township, to ascertain such parts as had not paid the Assessment, which was done on behalf of the Trustees, and according to the plan exhibited at sale shewing the parts which had paid tax, and requested the Sheriff to sell those parts for which the tax had not been paid.

On the evidence of Peter M'Callum, Esq., Sheriff, who had according to the nature of the Writ put in his possession, disposed of a portion of land on Lot 66, for Land Assessment, according to the general rule of disposing land in such instances: and when the property was offered for sale, there were some bidders, Mr. Desbrisay and Martin O'Halloran. The amount of Assessment due on the land was specified in the Writ. He gave a Sheriff's Deed in the name of Joseph Hensley, Esq., according to the plan of the Proprietor. There was no person attended the sale, that gave me to understand that they had paid the Assessment for any part of that land sold.

Martin O'Halloran, in reply to a Letter from the Chairman, states, he knew nothing of the Petition referred to, until acquainted as above, but will acquaint some of the complainants of the Chairman's Letter, and desire them to appear before the Committee.

Sylvester Scanlan, a resident on part of that land which was sold at Sheriff's Sale, but was dismissed from the Island, but when the Petition was undergoing signatures, allowed his name to be signed to it. I hold 50 acres, and which has been in possession by myself and others for 27 years, but omitted paying the Land Tax in 1849. In anxious to redeem his land, if he can enter into an arrangement to that effect, with the present claimant in Charlottetown.

Your Committee submit, that with respect to the Petitioners on Lot 66, and, from a full investigation, they find the allegations set forth in the Petition, as to the Sheriff having sold lands, on which were valuable buildings and improvements, and where the Assessment had been paid, to be unfounded, as is also the statement that Mr. Pope was present at the sale; and also find, that no application was made to the Sheriff to dispose of any part whereon the levy was made distinctly, with the exception of Andrew Murphy, who intended the sale and possession of about Twenty-six acres, on which he had ploughed and made improvements, but has no documentary title, and also proffered to pay any cost and expenses incurred thereon, but did not, at the sale, request the Sheriff to put it up separately.

Your Committee recommend in future, the propriety of all lands whereon the Sheriff is authorised to levy for Land Tax, be parcelarized, and sold in separate hundreds, according to the quantity of land on which the tax is unpaid, where the Law does not point out any other course of proceeding, until the amount of levy and costs is de rayed, so that interesting purchasers, as well as parties interested, may have an opportunity or redeeming their property, and of becoming purchasers.

(Signed) J. WIGHTMAN,
JOSEPH POPE,
E. THORNTON.

On motion of Mr. DAVIES, seconded by Mr. LAIRD, the Report was amended by the addition of the following clauses: ["These two honorable members, who were two of the Special Committee, had declined to signed the Report as agreed to by the other members thereof, because it did not contain their sentiments as set forth in these two clauses.]

"Your Committee are of opinion, that the proceedings relative to the Sale of this block of land, were irregular, and not according to Law; inasmuch as the 5th Sec. 11th Vict. cap. 7, says: 'The Supreme Court shall order and direct, that so much of the said several lands, against which judgment shall be given, as shall be sufficient to pay the sums charged by this Act, together with reasonable costs, be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder.'

"And, for this reason, your Committee submit, your Petitioners have just grounds of complaint in conceiving themselves aggrieved by the manner of disposing of this Block of land in one Lot, containing 4,400 acres—Whereas your Committee are of opinion, that the land ought to have been sold in quantities not over one hundred acres, as would have satisfied the arrears of Land Assessment, about £14, together with cost thereon."

The House having been resumed, and the Report of the Special Committee having been reported with an amendment,

Mr. PALMER moved, that all after the word "evidence" be struck out, and the following be added :

"Report that there is no evidence by which it appears that the Sheriff of King's County has acted illegally, in selling Lands on Township, Number 66, for non-payment of the Land Assessment; and, inasmuch as no person owning lands on the said Township, hath been molested or disturbed in his right thereto, beyond what is prescribed by the necessary proceedings under the Land Assessment Act, there appear to be no grounds for the interference of this House to disturb the said Sale."

And the question having been put thereon the House divided :

Ayes—Messrs. Palmer, Yeo, Montgomery and Haviland—4.

Nays—Hon. Messrs. Coles, Jardine, Warburton, Pope and Whelan; Messrs. Fraser, Clark, M'Neill, Mooney, Davies, Laird, McAulay, and Wightman—13.

The question was then put on the Report as reported, which was adopted on a division as above,—Ayes, 13; Nays, 4.

The Hon. the Speaker voted for Mr. Davies's amendment in the Committee.

THURSDAY, March 25th.

AFTERNOON SITTING.

PETITIONS FOR NEW ROADS.

Hon. Mr. POPE, as Chairman of the Committee on Petitions, praying for the opening of New Roads, submitted the following Report which was received, read, and adopted without opposition.

The Committee to whom was referred the several Petitions praying for the opening of New Roads, beg to submit the following Report :

1st. With reference to the Petition of the Inhabitants of Lot 36 and 37, respecting two gates being placed across the road, &c. For