

*Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to a Committee to examine the same and report thereon, by Bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. J. Hensley, the Hon. E. Maceachen and the Hon. the Sol. General do compose the said Committee.

The Hon. J. Hensley from the last preceding Committee, presented to the House a Bill—as prepared by the said Committee—to incorporate the Souris Bank; and the said Bill was received and read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the Special Committee appointed to report on every Private Bill, to examine the same and report thereon.

A petition of John Cairns, and others, Mechanics, Merchants and other inhabitants of this Island, styling themselves “the Mechanics’ Fishing Company of Prince Edward Island,” was presented to the House by the Hon. J. Hensley and the same was received and read, praying for an Act to incorporate the said Company.

*Ordered*, That the Hon. J. Hensley have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Mechanics’ Fishing Company of Charlottetown.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the Special Committee appointed to report on every private Bill, to examine the same and report thereon.

The Hon. J. C. Pope, a Member of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, presented to the House

The Blue Book Book for the year 1864.

Returns from various Courts of Commissioners for the recovery of Small Debts.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Hon. J. Longworth, from the Special Committee appointed to examine what laws

have lately expired, or are near expiring, with power to report from time to time, by Bills or otherwise, presented to the House the first report of the said Committee; which report was again read at the Clerk’s table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee appointed to examine what Laws have lately expired, or are near expiring, submit that:—

The Act 12th Victoria Cap. 1, intituled “An Act relating to the Limits and Rules of Jails in this Island,” which was continued by the Act 18th Victoria, Cap. 21, will expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 14th Victoria, Cap. 11, intituled “An Act relating to Emigrants,” and the Act 18th Victoria, Cap. 15, intituled “An Act to continue and amend the Act relating to Emigrants,” will severally expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 18th Victoria, Cap. 13, intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Acts now in force relating to the Public Wharf of Georgetown and other Wharfs,” will expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 18th Victoria, Cap. 14, intituled “An Act to prevent the running at large of Swine within the Town and Royalty of Princetown,” will expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 18th Victoria, Cap. 17, intituled “An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the manner of proceeding upon Controverted Elections of Members to serve in the General Assembly,” will expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 18th Victoria, Cap. 30, intituled “An Act to continue an Act to prevent the running at large of Hogs within the Town, Common and Royalty of Charlottetown,” in so far as the same relates to the Royalty of Charlottetown,” will expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 23rd Victoria, Cap. 6, intituled “An Act to authorize the appointment of a Harbor and Ballast Master for Hillsborough Bay, and that part of the Port of Charlottetown not within the control of the City Council,” will also expire at the end of the present Session.

The Act 19th Victoria, Cap. 1, intituled “An Act for raising a Revenue,” (continued with certain exceptions by 28th Victoria, Cap. 3,) will expire on the first day of May next.

The Act 28th Victoria, Cap. 3, intituled “An Act for raising a Revenue,” will also expire on the first day of May next.