

Parliamentary Debates

And General Proceedings of the **FOURTH SESSION of the TWENTIETH PARLIAMENT of the PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, commencing on Thursday, February 8th, 1855.**

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

THURSDAY, Feb. 8, 1855.

Mr. Martin I. Wilkins presented a petition from the Master and Office Bearers of the Lodge of Freemasons at Pictou, praying an act of incorporation.

He also introduced a bill in accordance with the same.

Mr. Wade presented a petition from Benj. Chesley and Charles Hill, praying for the repeal of an act of last session relating to the Chesley Aboiteau.

Mr. Thorne desired postponement until opposite parties could be heard, which was assented to.

Mr. M. I. Wilkins introduced a bill to incorporate the Pictou Cemetery Company—read a first time.

Mr. Wier introduced a bill to amend the act passed last session to borrow £3,000 to erect a city prison; this act contemplated a further sum of £2,000. Read a first time.

Also, a bill to incorporate a Merchant's Exchange in Halifax.

Also, a petition of James Sinot, of Halifax, for compensation for claims on the Shubenacadie Canal. The hon. gentleman explained the nature of the claim, and advocated it at considerable length. The petition was referred to Messrs. Wier, Shaw and McQueen.

Mr. Hugh Munro presented a petition from inhabitants of Victoria, asking for a change of route, which would save 100 miles of travel. He stated that the members were prepared to place a large sum to aid in this service—and it was a very important one, for by the erection of a bridge over the Middle River, which would involve great expense, not only would the inhabitants of Cape Breton be greatly benefitted, but the whole intercourse of the inhabitants of Nova Scotia would be improved.

Mr. Fulton—The petition should be referred to the members for the county. I had

one of the same sort sent to me this morning.

Hon. Mr. Johnston advocated the claim of the petitioners, and moved that a committee be appointed to whom petitions for such special claims should be referred.

Messrs. Holmes, Dr. Brown, Howe, Martin I. Wilkins, McLellan, and others spoke, after which the petition was laid on the table.

Mr. Thorne presented a petition from inhabitants of Chute's Cove and others, for aid to a breakwater, and an act of incorporation. The bill was read a first time.

Also, a petition from the inhabitants of Bridgetown for aid to remove rocks from Annapolis River.

Mr. Esson presented a petition from Rev. Dr. Shreve, of Dartmouth, for some act to check the desecration of the Sabbath. He said it was a subject of great importance, and he moved for a select committee.

Hon. Jos. Howe suggested the incorporation of Dartmouth.

Hon. J. W. Johnston said that for some weeks past he had been inculcating this idea in Dartmouth, and thought he would be successful. A new spirit seemed to have arisen, and he had no doubt an act of incorporation would be hailed with welcome.

The petition was referred to Messrs. Johnston, Esson and Chipman.

Dr. Brown presented the petition of W. I. Fuller, for compensation for services to sick Indians.

Mr. Cowie presented the petition of magistrates of Queen's County for a half-way house.

Also, the petition of W. T. Waddell, courier, for increase of salary.

Also, from Dr. Forbes, for compensation for attending sick Indians.

Also, from inhabitants of Liverpool for the establishment of a light house.

Also, from overseers of the Poor for Liver-