

APPENDIX *REPORT of Select Committee on Petition of Freeman Bray.*

To the Honorable Commons House of Assembly.

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Freeman Bray—

BEG LEAVE TO REPORT :

That it appears by the evidence produced before the Committee, during the present session, as well as the evidence taken by a Committee appointed to investigate the subject at the last session; that on the night of the 19th December, 1832, the Schooner Sir John Colborne, in an attempt to enter the Harbour of York, struck on the bar which stretches northward from Gibraltar Point. It is further proved, that during that night there was no light kept in the Light-house, and that another vessel, for want of the light, found much difficulty in entering the harbor at an earlier hour. From the testimony received, the Committee are of opinion, that to the want of the usual light, must be attributed the loss of the Schooner, and therefore recommend that the sum of £150 be granted to His Majesty, to enable him to compensate the said Freeman Bray for the loss he had sustained.

W. CHISHOLM,

CHAIRMAN.

Committee Room,
13th February, 1834. }

REPORT on Expiring Laws.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what Laws have expired, and are about to expire,

BEG LEAVE TO REPORT :

That the Act of 9th George IV. chap. 8, entitled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the 58th Geo. III. chap. 5, continuing, repealing, and amending part of 56th Geo. III. entitled, 'An Act granting duties on Licences to Hawkers and Pedlars, and Petty Chapmen, &c.'" has expired.

The 9th Geo. IV. c. 9, entitled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the laws imposing duties on Stills," and the 9th Geo. IV. chap. 10, entitled, "An Act to continue an act imposing duties on Goods sold by Auction, &c." expired at the end of the last session of Parliament.

10 Geo. IV. chap. 3, entitled, "An Act to protect the Mississauga Indians living on the Reserve of the River Credit, in the right of fishing and hunting," will expire at the close of the present session.

10 Geo. IV. chap. 2, "An Act authorising the detention of Debtors in certain cases," expired at the end of the second session of the present Parliament.

11 Geo. IV. chap. 10, "An Act to encourage Agricultural Societies;" 11 Geo. IV. chap. 17, "An Act making provisions for the destruction of Wolves," and 11 Geo. IV. chap. 23, "An Act providing for the payment of Militia Pensions," will expire on the 6th March next, if this Parliament continues in session until then—if not, these Acts will remain in force until the end of the next session.

11 Geo. IV. chap. 20, "An Act for the relief of the Insane in the Home District," did expire during the session of 1832 and 1833.

2 Wm. IV. chap. 5, "An Act to afford means of attaching the property of absconding Debtors," will expire at the close of the session of the present Parliament.

2 Wm. IV. chap. 8, An Act fixing the time and place of holding the Court of King's Bench," will expire at the end of this session.

3 Wm. IV. chap. 48, "An Act for establishing Boards of Health," will expire at the end of this Session.

1 Wm. IV. ch. 8. "An Act for extending the time for taking the oath prescribed by certain persons, naturalized by Act of Parliament," will expire at the end of this Session.

8 Geo. IV. ch. 7. "An Act regulating the fees to be taken by Justices of the Peace," expired in the year 1832; to revive which, a Bill is herewith reported, with several others, the whole of which is submitted to the consideration of your Honorable House.

WM. BERCZY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
6th January, 1834. }

APPENDIX *REPORT of Select Committee on Documents relating to River Trent, and Petition of William Robertson, and others.*

The Committee to whom was referred the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the accompanying documents respecting the survey of the River Trent, as also the Petition of William Robertson and others.

BEG LEAVE RESPECTFULLY TO REPORT :

That your committee have carefully examined the report of the engineer, as also his estimate, and have likewise had before them the surveyor who accompanied him in the said survey.

That your Committee, from all the information they have obtained on the subject, cannot but entertain the most favourable opinion of the practicability of the proposed undertaking, as also of the great advantages that would result to the Province from its completion.

When your committee consider the number of townships whose produce would be conveyed down the River Trent if it were made navigable from the Rice Lake to its mouth; and when they consider the great chain of waters between Rice Lake and Lake Simcoe, they cannot forbear remarking, that those two Lakes will, in the opinion of your committee, before many years be connected by a water communication.

There are many Lakes and Rivers in the South Western part of the District of Newcastle, the townships adjoining which, would derive much advantage from the opening the navigation of the River Trent. Besides the advantages thus contemplated by the improvement of the River Trent, your committee conceive that the facility of access to the Marmora Iron works, and of transporting iron from thence to different parts of the Province would be much greater, and would thereby enable the proprietors of those works to supply their castings and other articles at a much cheaper rate to the inhabitants of the Province than they could heretofore do.

By this means a large sum of money might be annually laid out in the Province for articles of hardware, which, at present, is mostly spent in a foreign country for the purpose of obtaining the necessary supply of such articles.

Your committee are aware that the improvement of the River Trent, engaged the attention of the commissioners of internal improvement many years ago, and was considered one of the most important public improvements that could be undertaken.

Since the improvement of the Saint Lawrence has been undertaken by the Province, your committee considers the greater necessity exists for improving the River Trent, which would materially benefit the other.

Your Committee are glad to perceive that the Engineer in his report and estimate has divided the river into five sections, and it now remains to be determined whether the whole work shall be undertaken at once, or whether the upper section, estimated at seven thousand eight hundred and twelve pounds, nine shillings and ten-pence, and recommended, in the Message of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, should be undertaken first.

Your Committee are fully persuaded of the propriety of that section being first undertaken, and most strenuously recommend it to your Honorable House.

Should the upper section be commenced next summer, it would materially advance the settlement of the townships of Seymour, Belmont, Asphodel, Madoc, Marmora, and Rawdon, and would, in the opinion of the engineer, lessen the expense of the centre sections of the work about ten per cent. in saving the cost of transport of materials, &c.

Your Committee are inclined to recommend that Debentures should be authorised to be issued for seven thousand eight hundred and twelve pounds, nine shillings and ten-pence, on the credit of the Province, payable in ten, fifteen, and twenty years, with interest at six per cent; and that the upper section only should be commenced next summer, and that the remaining sections of the river should be undertaken so soon as it may be deemed advisable by the Legislature.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. BOULTON,
Chairman.

Committee Room, House of Assembly,
February 3rd, 1834. }

REPORT of Commissioners of Kettle Creek Harbour.

To His Excellency Sir John Colborne, K. C. B. &c. &c.

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the construction of a Harbour at the mouth of Kettle Creek,

BEG LEAVE TO REPORT :

That the wood work has been completed to the extent of eight hundred and ninety-eight feet on the western, and six hundred and