

Hon. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION would support the resolution; and considering the importance of the Ferry to the people on the other side of the Hillsborough, he thought that the hon. member from Tryon should not be afraid of granting a sum sufficient.

Mr. BRECKEN would also support the resolution, and placed more confidence in the Government than the hon. member for Tryon. Everything that would improve the Ferry should be done. The improvements suggested for the wharves were also very desirable.

Hon. Mr. DAVIES said that the cost of putting the wharves in order would not probably exceed £1,500, and an allowance of perhaps £200 or £300 per annum would have to be made to the contractor.

After some discussion—hon. members being anxious to enable the Government to put the ferry in as good a state as possible—an amendment moved by the hon. leader of the Opposition was carried, empowering the Government to buy out the interest of the present contractor if it could be done on favorable terms.

Mr. OWEN then moved that the time of the plying of the Boat should be extended and that she should ply till 9, p.m.

Dr. JENKINS said that that was more than the boat could perform.

Hon. Mr. DUNCAN.—If such was the case the the Government would not press the matter.

Mr. OWEN'S motion was, after a short discussion, put and carried, when the resolution as amended was agreed to and reported as follows:—

RESOLVED, That this Committee are of opinion that grievances do exist in relation to the crossing at Charlottetown ferry which ought to be removed. They believe that there is not a sufficiency of water on the Southport side to allow the Boat to approach the landing place at low water at certain times, and they are of opinion that the Steamer ought to run oftener than she is now compelled to do under the agreement, and also that the hours for crossing ought to be extended and side-walks and bulwarks fixed to the Wharfs for the accommodation and safety of foot passengers. This House therefore recommend that a sum sufficient be placed at the disposal of Her Majesty's Government for the purpose of indemnifying the Contractor of Charlottetown Ferry for the performance of the following additional services, viz.—To arrange with the contractor of the said Ferry to run the Steamboat now under contract until the hour of nine o'clock, p. m., daily, not leaving Charlottetown on the last trip on each day, earlier than 9 o'clock, p. m., and to cause the contractor to ply the Boat every quarter of an hour between the hours of eight o'clock a. m., and the hour of four o'clock p. m., daily, excepting Sundays, or to buy out the Contractor's interest in his present Contract, and also to dredge the channel leading to the Ferry Wharfs at Southport and Charlottetown, sufficiently deep to allow the Steamer to pass thereto at the lowest tides, or extend Southport Wharf to the Channel, and finish the Wharfs by adding thereto sidewalks and bulwarks for the accommodation and protection of foot passengers as originally intended. That the grievances complained of arise from these wants and not from any neglect on the part of the contractor to carry out his agreement.

On motion of Dr. JENKINS, a committee was appointed to enquire during the recess into the practical

ability of running a steamboat between Wood Islands and some adjacent port in this Island and Pictou, or some adjacent port in Nova Scotia, in the winter season, and to report thereon next session—members of Committee—Dr. Jenkins, Hon. Mr. Davies, Mr. Owen.

On motion of the hon. leader of the Government, a committee was appointed to report to the executive Government at their earliest convenience, the best method of improving the Highways throughout this Island, said committee to be joined by a committee of the Legislative Council. Members of Committee—Hon. Colonial Secretary, Dr. Jenkins, Mr. P. Sinclair.

House adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. CAMERON, from the Committee to whom was referred the petition of Donald McSwain and others, inhabitants of Lots 65 and 30, presented the following Report:—

"Your Committee to whom was referred the petition of Inhabitants of Lots 65 and 30 praying for the removal of a gate obstructing an alleged right of way from the Settlement Road of Argyle Rear, to the shore, on the boundary between Lots 30 and 65 adjoining the farm of Coun. McKinnon, have to report that they believe the obtaining free use of the right of way to the petitioners and others residing in the neighboring districts, would be of great public utility, and recommend that the matter should receive the serious consideration of the Public Authorities; but they consider the question of the right of Mr. Coun. McKinnon to maintain the gate in question to be purely a matter of Law with which this House cannot deal, and although Your Committee would strongly desire to aid the petitioners in obtaining said Road, they cannot advise the House of Assembly at present to take any action in the matter."

Further Issue of Treasury Notes.

Dr. JENKINS moved that the House go into the order of the day, viz., Committee of the whole on the consideration of the expediency of a further issue of Treasury Notes.

Hon. LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT moved in amendment that the order be discharged.

Hon. Mr. HENDERSON presumed that the reason the hon. Leader of the Government had for the motion which he had made, was the lateness of the session. But when it was considered that the House had been several days since the petition came in praying for a further issue of Treasury Notes, almost unoccupied, as well as the fact that there was a deficiency of circulating medium in the Colony, his course was somewhat extraordinary. When it was known, too, that the petitioners who complained of the scarcity of circulating medium were chiefly of his own party, it seemed all the more remarkable that he should make such a motion, especially as a further issue of Treasury Notes had been a favorite question with him in years gone by. During the late discussion on the Loan Bill the complaints were loud and long respecting the scarcity of circulating medium, and now when a petition came up on the same subject it was not to be allowed to go to committee. This he (Hon. Mr. H.) thought was treating the petitioners rather too cavalierly, and though he would not at present express