

closed, he hoped the Government would take care that that port would not be overlooked.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND said it had been shown by the Hon. Col. Gray, in a speech once delivered by him in this House, that the Micmac Indians were not the original owners of this Island, but that they were simply the conquerors of a race who preceded them, and were therefore but interlopers themselves, so that it could not be said we had their land. On the contrary, we stood in as good a position as they did. He thought, however, that they were entitled to the grant, but he was sorry the necessary statistics had not been submitted by the Government respecting this school. The School Visitors' report should have been first laid upon the table.

Mr. MCNEILL thought the least the Government could do was to build a school-house for those people. They were fast dwindling away, and he would be glad to see all proper efforts put forth to render their position as comfortable as possible. The House should assist them as far as the circumstances of the country would justify. He saw the young man who was employed there as a teacher, and was told the children taught by him were as apt to learn as any in the country.

Stock Farm.

One of the items in the resolution being £400 for the Stock-farm—

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND regretted that a sum sufficient to enable the Government to import another horse had not been included. Our breed of horses was getting run out, and he regarded it of great importance to the people of this Colony that the Government should attend to this matter. Private persons might not feel justified in engaging in such enterprises, and such being the case, he would not like to see the subject overlooked.

City Fire Department.

Mr. BRECKEN enquired if £50 was all the Government intended granting to the Fire Department of Charlottetown.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN said there was another sum to be brought down before supply would be closed.

Mr. PROWSE would not oppose such a grant, yet he could not but wish to hear of better results from such appropriations than were to be seen from that given to the Fire Department of Charlottetown. At the fire which took place a few evenings

ago in the city, he was surprised to observe the want of discipline among the companies on that occasion, and considered the whole affair one of the most miserably managed he had ever seen. The efficiency of the companies was much superior fifteen years ago.

Mr. BRECKEN said the young men who formed those companies deserved every credit, and he thought they should receive more encouragement than they did from the Government. The Fire Department cost the city a large sum of money, and considering the protection they gave to the Government property in the city, he thought the allowance was inadequate for the service performed.

Mr. McMILLAN noticed Charlottetown was always making demands, and hon members representing the city, and those residing in it, appeared to him to think that all the money should be appropriated around the Hillsborough. He felt satisfied that justice had not been done to Summerside. A custom house and post-office were absolutely required for that town. As he supported the Government, he did not wish to find fault, but hoped the wants of Summerside would be attended to. The public wharf was insufficient. When the steam-boat took up her berth at it, there was only room left for one or two vessels drawing over 13 feet of water. The trade at that port would justify the Government in expending £1200 on that wharf. He knew that if the steam-boats now coming to that port were withdrawn, there was trade, enterprise and capital enough there to soon place a daily boat on the route between that town and Shediac. The returns from the wharf to the Government, after paying for all repairs, was greater than from any other wharf in the Island.

Mr. BRECKEN asked if the Government had not purchased a public square for that place.

Mr. McMILLAN.—"It was only coming."

Hon. Mr. MCAULAY thought the hon. member for Summerside had overlooked the fact that the amount of taxes which were paid into the treasury at Summerside was trifling compared to what the other towns paid. They paid 20s. where Summerside paid but 6s. 8.

Mr. McMILLAN.—The tax was but a trifle altogether, yet Summerside paid more than the hon. member for Georgetown stated, as 5s. was exacted for each building.