

done much for the young men of the Colony, and those of them who directed their attention to the study of the art of Reporting should be encouraged. It was indeed important that what hon. members on both sides said should be fairly reported. A knowledge of the political views of the speaker was very necessary in order to carry out his remarks correctly. It might appear unfair in the eyes of the Opposition, and perhaps the public, that Mr. McGowan was discharged, but it was one of those changes which would occasionally take place, and if those appointed should prove incapable, they, no doubt, would resign and let others take the desk.

After debate the amendment was lost on the following division, viz:

For it—Hons. Haviland, McAulay, Henderson, Messrs. Ramsay, Prowse, Yeo, Brecken—7.

Against it—Hons. B. Davies, Howlan, Callbeck, Laird, Atty. General, Col. Secretary, Kelly, Messrs. Bell, Arseneault, Reilly, McNeill, P. Sinclair, Kickham, McCormack, Dr. Jenkins—15.

HON. ATTY. GENERAL, from Committee appointed to receive tenders for printing the Debates of the House, presented their report, to the effect that they had received tenders from Messrs. F. W. Hughes and W. Malone and from Mr. David Laird, upon the consideration of which the said Committee recommended the tender of Messrs. Hughes and Malone be accepted.

Report adopted.

Hon. Atty. General also presented the report of the Committee appointed to receive tenders for printing the Journals, which was to the effect that said Committee had received tenders from Thomas Rielly, Hughes & Malone and D. Laird, and that having compared the specimens of paper submitted, the Committee recommended the acceptance of Messrs. Hughes & Malone's tender.

Report of said Committee was then also adopted.

Mr. REILLY, from the Committee appointed to prepare and report the draft Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, presented said draft Address, which is as follows:—

To His Excellency George Dundas, Esq., Lieutenant Governor, &c., &c.

May it please your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, beg to reciprocate with your Excellency the pleasure which we experience in meeting you again at the commencement of another Session, and to assure your Excellency that our assistance and advice will be cheerfully given whenever you shall have occasion to require them.

With your Excellency, we regret that the negotiations entered into during the recess of the Legislature, with non-resident Proprietors of Township Lands in this Island, have not, up to the present time, proved successful.

Although your Excellency has not, as yet, deemed it advisable to proceed with the Loan, yet the provisions of the Act authorizing it still remain available, in case any Proprietors shall hereafter, as we trust they will do, see the advantage and propriety of meeting the views of the Government by accepting a fair price for their property.

Any papers upon these subjects which your Excellency may lay before us shall receive our due consideration.

When the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown on the subject of the Selkirk Estate shall be laid before us, your Excellency may rely upon our giving the several questions involved in it our serious and careful attention, and maturing such measures on the subject as may appear just and equitable upon a full consideration of the whole question,

It will afford us much satisfaction to give every encouragement to the settling of wilderness lands, by passing a bill for relaxing the provisions of the Land Purchase Act, or devising such other measures as may best promote that desirable object.

We thank your Excellency for the assurance that the Public Accounts for the past year will be laid before us.

It is gratifying to learn from your Excellency that the Revenue for the past year has been in excess of the expenditure, notwithstanding the commercial depression to which your Excellency has alluded, and also the unusual demands upon the public Treasury to repair the damages caused by the gales of last autumn.

We shall be prepared to give to any measure which may be submitted to us, having for its object the improvement of our present system of Education, and the amendment and consolidation of the laws by which the same is regulated, our careful consideration, believing as we do that the subject is one of paramount importance to the people of this Colony.

The system of Road making hitherto adopted in this Island has been almost universally condemned by its inhabitants. We hail with pleasure the prospect that some feasible scheme will be devised by which our highways will be improved without trenching too much upon the Public Revenue.

The Report of the Committee appointed last session to consider this important subject will receive our special attention when laid before us.

As Agriculture must ever form the principal business of a large proportion of the people of this Colony, it will be our duty to stimulate, by every means within our power, an occupation upon the successful prosecution of which depends, to a considerable extent, the material well being of the Colony.

The Local Industrial Exhibition of last autumn having proved a success, we can assure your Excellency that it will be a pleasure for us to extend to every section of the Island the benefits which such exhibitions are calculated to confer.

On motion of Mr. Reilly, it was resolved that on Saturday next the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the said draft address.

House adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

A. McNEILL, Reporter.

FRIDAY, March 6.

(On Expiring Laws.)

Hon. Attorney General, from the Committee to report on what Laws have expired, or are about to expire, submitted the following report, and moved that it be referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow:—

The Act of the 21st Vic., Chap. 7, intituled "An Act relating to accidents by fire in Summerside, and the removal of nuisances from the streets thereof."

The Act of the 21st Vic., Chap. 10, intituled "An Act to prevent the running at large of swine in Summerside and vicinity," will expire at the end of the present Session of the General Assembly, and that the Act of the 30th Vic., Chap. 1, intituled "An Act for raising a Revenue," and the Act of the 30th Vic., Chap. 2, intituled "An Act to alter a certain Act therein mentioned, relating to the Revenue," will expire on the first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.

JOSEPH HENSLEY,
FREDERICK BRECKEN,
WM. S. McNEILL.