

Saturday, March 31st, 1855.

We are obliged to defer the Editorial leader to-day, in order to put our subscribers in the country in possession of the Road Votes.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—We have given a Summary of the business done in the House, up to their rising last night, and also Mr. Cooper's Speech on the Land Question.

The Rev. JAMES ALLAN, Cove Head, takes this method of conveying his thanks to Mrs. James Robertson, and other ladies resident on St. Peter's Road.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—On Tuesday evening last, the Hon. Daniel Brennan, Vice Patron, read a very interesting Lecture on Ancient Commerce.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Brennan for his lecture.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY.—At the Annual General Meeting of the Highland Society, held on the 26th inst., at the Globe Hotel, the following gentlemen were elected Office-bearers and Directors for the ensuing year:

- Dr. Stratton, R. N., President, Mr. Neil Rankin, 1st Vice President, John W. Morrison, 2d Vice President, Donald McIsaac, Esq., Treasurer, Mr. James Romans, Cor. Secretary, John A. McDonald, Rec. Secretary.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has been pleased to make the following appointments:

- Mr. Daniel Joseph Gillis, of Miscouche, a Justice of the Peace for Prince County, William Jamieson and Nicholas J. Brown Esquires, to be Visiting Magistrates to the Jail of Prince County, in the places of Archibald Campbell and Evan Thomas, Esquires.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

- John Clark, 6s; James Orr, 7s 6d; Elias Roberts, 7s 6d; William Craswell, 7s 6d; William Craswell, Junr. 3s; Christopher Bulman, 7s 6d; Robert Bunting, 7s 6d; Samuel Duncan, 6s; James Houston, 6s; Robert Stephenson, 5s; Donald M'Cormack, 5s; Thomas Winnacott, 5s; James Duncan, 3s; Philip Gaudet, 5s; John Fairclough 5s; Edward Tombs, 5s; Thomas Bulman, 3s; David Clark, 3s; Joseph Tombs, 3s; Henry Craswell, 3s; Charles Craswell, 2s; Miss Duncan, 9d; Elizabeth Pack, 1s 6d; Robert Bunting, 2s; George Gallant, 1s 6d. Total, £5 10s 3d.

Received from Mr. Elias Roberis, Teacher of Anglo Rustico, Township Twenty-four, District School, Treasurer of Local Committee, the sum of Five Pounds ten shillings and three pence, being the above subscriptions, in aid of Patriotic Fund.

THEOPHILUS DESBRISAY, Treasurer Patriotic Fund. Charlottetown March 28th, 1855.

(For Haszard's Gazette.)

Dear Mr. Haszard;

As you inserted on Wednesday last, an article on Teetotalism purporting to be from the pen of some English Archdeacon (name unknown).

DR. CUMMING ON TEETOTALISM.

A Christian man will not become intoxicated if he drinks from a cask, a drunkard will become intoxicated if he drink from a bottle, it is not in the quantity before you that the element of Temperance is, but in the grace of God that has been implanted in your hearts.

Charlottetown Gas Light Company's Office. March 19, 1855.

MY DEAR SIR; I HAVE to apologise for not having replied to yours of the 13th instant sooner, but the delay was unavoidable, in consequence of two of the Directors being absent at Georgetown.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that the Gas Company, in engaging to supply Gas at 20s. per 1000 feet, thereby inducing Consumers to provide themselves with expensive fittings, and during the first year advancing the price to 25s. without any reason for so doing, have, in the opinion of this meeting, been guilty of a breach of faith; and that a Committee of Consumers be appointed to wait on the Directors, to remonstrate against the said advance, and report the result to an adjourned meeting, to take place in this Hall, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 8 p.m.

And have received instructions from them to inform you, that it is their opinion, that you, and the Committee on whose behalf you act, arrived at the conclusion contained in the above Resolution from false premises. In the first place, the Directors are not aware of any engagement whereby they bound themselves to supply Gas at 20s. per 1000 feet, for any particular period.

At the time the Gas was first supplied to Consumers, the Directors did hope to be able to supply it at the rate already stated, which hope was founded on the calculations made on the cost of the stock of Coal from Pictou then on hand, as well as on the correspondence, and, indeed, agreements made with the New Brunswick Albert Coal Company the previous year.

But, the witticisms of the Leader of the Government, with his will-o'-the-wisp, and loose-fish, although they are not the most elegant phrases, are very significant; and if rightly understood, may throw some light on the subject.

What I have understood by a will-o'-the-wisp, it is a light floating or dancing over bogs and pits, and bewildered travellers who follow it, in expectation of its being the light of a house where they might find a comfortable lodging to rest in, generally find themselves in a bog, and the indulgence of 1816, and Minister's Despatches on the Land Question, were all will-o'-the-wisps to bewilder the people and lead them astray, and not only the labouring people, but their Representatives also.

But when the Honourable Colonial Secretary, speaks with so much contempt of the two or three loose-fish, I can only infer, that he means that the rest are in his net or have swallowed the bait, and taken the hook. But if it is so, it is a poor prospect for the defrauded Tenantry, to find their Representatives upon the hook, or in the net of the Colonial Secretary.

Mr. COLES moved a Resolution, signifying his intention to bring in a Bill to compel proprietors to put their titles on record, carried.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

The Bill taxing Rent Rolls was again reconsidered and the tax on absentee proprietors was reduced to 5 per cent.

Mr. COLES moved a resolution to collect the fractional parts on Rent Rolls.

Committee reported the Bill agreed to with amendments.

Bill from Council relating to Surrogate was read a second time.

Mr. COLES said, it had been found that unnecessary expenses had been incurred, in summoning Witnesses, by some disappointed persons who wished to cause trouble to Executors, &c., and after decision had been given, the Judge of Probate could not order the losing party to pay costs, he wished to have the power, to prevent litigation and unnecessary expenses.

Mr. HAVILAND thought such a Bill was very necessary; a disappointed legatee might have a greater number of Witnesses summoned than was required, and for no other purpose than to cause the Executors &c., trouble, and after the case had been clearly proved, the executors, &c., were obliged to pay costs, he thought it very hard and wished to see the Judge have the power as in all other courts, to award costs.

Mr. PALMER thought that the wording of the Bill was not clearly expressed. Without at all altering the intentions of the Bill he moved, certain words be added to make it more explicit.

Bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. PALMER as Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Royal Agricultural Society, reported a Bill intituled An Act for protecting sheep from vicious dogs, by imposing an additional Tax. Received and read a first time.

Mr. PALMER presented the Temperance Petitions, referred to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. WIGHTMAN Chairman of the committee on public accounts presented their Report which was received and read.

The House went into Committee on the opening of new lines of road and agree to several resolutions.

After much discussion (the Chairman having listened to 50 speeches, and been in the Chair 7 hours) Mr. Whelan who was nearly the last speaker, moved the following Resolution in amendment.

Whereas by various despatches from successive Secretaries of state for the Colonies, it has been shown to be the fixed and unalterable determination of Her Majesty's Government to abstain from any investigation into the additions of the original Grants of Township Lands in this Island, Her Majesty's Government, having stated that such conditions were fulfilled as far as practicable—and whereas to agitate the question of Escheat which is almost universally deemed to be a necessary forerunner to the commencement of the investigation referred to, would lead to unsettle the minds of the tenantry of this Colony, without producing the least beneficial result, owing to the positive refusal of Her Majesty's Government to sanction the extra establishment of any such Court of Escheat—and whereas this Committee have every reason to believe that the great majority of the population of this Island are satisfied with the Law passed in 1853 for the purpose of purchasing the interest of Proprietors in the Township lands in this Island, as the easiest and most effectual mode of settling the long vexed question between landlord and tenant, and that no such extreme measure as an Escheat is now expected by the majority of the population. Resolved, Therefore, that it is inexpedient and unnecessary to appeal again to the Imperial authorities for its sanction on behalf of a measure so long agitated and so firmly rejected by Her Majesty's Government.

The Resolution was carried, on the following division:

Ayes—Messrs. Whelan, Mooney, Coles, Warburton, Lord, Muirhead, Perry, Clark, Wightman, Dingwell, Munroe, Speaker.

Nays—Cooper, Laird, McIntosh, Longworth, Montgomery.

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House in committee on the Bill for regulating the office of Controller of Customs.

The first clause vests the appointment of an assistant in the Governor and Council.

The Controller for Charlottetown to get £100 in addition to present salary of £200. Assistant to get £100 per year. The Collector in Charlottetown to be the head of the department and other collectors to report to him every quarter, &c.

Fees to be taken to go to the Treasury. For Certificate of Registry 5s; for Declaration on oath 1s; for Search, 1s; for recording Bill of Sale, &c., 2s 3d; for Certificate not being registry, 2s 3d.

Surveyor of shipping to be appointed by Government. For surveying up to 100 tons, 10s 6d; up to 200 15s; up to 300, 17s 6d; 300 and upwards 20s; Mileage 1s, per mile. Some discussion took place, on the Salaries, &c., and amendments were moved, which will be noticed in our next.

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