

Governor, presented correspondence on the various subjects of the Reciprocity Treaty, removal of the Troops from the Island, transfer of the Customs Establishment, and purchase by the Government of the Worrel Estate—which having been read by the Clerk, the Hon Secretary moved that the latter document be published in the papers for general information, which, after some discussion, was unanimously agreed to.

The Bill providing for taking the Census passed in committee with amendments.

The Bill to vest the appointment of Sheriffs in the Government is the order of the day.

### THURSDAY, February 15.

The Bill for vesting appointment of Sheriffs in the Government, was read a second time, and after a trifling alteration, was ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.

### FRIDAY, February 16.

The Hon Col Secretary presented to the House certain papers connected with the Worrel Estate purchase, and among others, one containing the reasons which induced the British Government not to sanction the Prince Edward Island Bank Bill.

Tenants' Compensation Bill was read a second time.

Census Bill was read a third time and passed.

Several petitions were presented, among the rest, the following from the Royal Agricultural Society:

To the Hon House of Assembly in session convened.

The Petition of the Royal Agricultural Society of Prince Edward Island.

Respectfully Sheweth—

That in the last session of the Legislature your Honorable House granted the sum of one thousand pounds for the importation of three Horses from Great Britain, but which grant, as your Petitioners believe, through some mistake or misunderstanding, was rejected by the Legislative Council.

That the Farmers throughout the Island have, during last summer, suffered much inconvenience and loss in consequence of the deficiency in the number of Stud Horses, and which inconvenience will be more severely felt during the coming summer, unless immediate measures are taken to import Horses, before the season, at which their services are required, commences.

Your Petitioners are of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to import at least six Horses, to meet the wants of the Agriculturists in the different Counties, but your Petitioners fear, that should they all be imported from Great Britain, they will not arrive on the Island until the season is partly over.

Influenced by these considerations, your Petitioners propose to import only three Clydesdale Horses, and to despatch a person in April to the United States, to procure three Horses there, and bring them to this Island by the way of Shediac, by which means there would be a certainty of having one Horse in each County, at the commencement of the season.

From the unanimity which prevailed on this subject, in your Honorable House during the last session, your Petitioners feel it unnecessary to recapitulate the arguments used in the Petition then presented to your Honorable House.

Your Petitioners therefore pray, that the sum of one thousand pounds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be granted to this Society, for the purpose of enabling it to import six Horses during the next summer.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

On behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society.

Committee Room, R. A. Society, Feb. 7th, 1855.

### MONDAY, February 19.

Hon Mr Mooney presented a petition from Malcolm MacKenzie, School Teacher, praying allowance of his salary for six months, which had been withheld on account of the number of pupils being less than the number required by law—and the House decided to refer that and similar applications to a Special Committee to examine and report upon, and the following gentlemen were appointed as the Committee, viz:

Hon Mr Mooney, Mr Munro, Mr Dingwell, Hon Mr Montgomery, and Hon W. Lord.

Mr Perry presented a petition from James Gillanders, Teacher, which was referred to the Committee.

Hon Mr Mooney presented a petition from sundry inhabitants of Townships 14, 15, 16, and 17, praying grant in aid of individual subscriptions to build a bridge across Haldimand River.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Hon the Speaker laid before the House the Impost and Light Duty Accounts, for the district of St. Peter's for the past year.

The Hon Col Secretary by leave introduced a Bill for establishing a Normal School and in further amendment of the free education Act, which was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

After which the House went into Committee of the whole on the Tenants' Compensation Bill.

After an animated discussion an amendment moved by Mr Cooper, to extend the provisions of the Bill to Tenants whose leases had expired, was negatived by the following division.

For the amendment.—Messrs McIntosh, Cooper, Hon Mr Montgomery, Hon Mr Longworth.—4.

Against the amendment.—Hon Mr Wightman, Hon Mr Warburton, Hon Mr Whelan, Hon Mr Coles, Hon Mr Lord, Hon Mr Mooney, Hon Mr Speaker, Messrs Dingwell, Munro, Perry, Muirhead, Douse.—18.

Committee rose and progress was reported when the House adjourned.

### TUESDAY, February 20.

Mr. Cooper presented a petition from J. Campbell, Teacher, Bay Fortune, praying payment of his salary for 6 months, read and referred to Committee on teacher's petitions.

Also, a petition of divers inhabitants of the Eastern section of King's County and others, praying a grant to extend the New Harmony Road to the East Point, age, Lot 47, which was read.

The following petitions were received and read, viz:—By Hon Mr Mooney—from inhabitants of Township No. 50, for grant to build two Bridges, and repair road.

By Mr LAIRD—from inhabitants of Township 21, for grant to open a road to Mill Vale.

The following papers were submitted by the Hon Col Secretary, viz:—Report of Superintendent of the Public Works on Panmure Island Light; report of Commissioner appointed to inspect Ellis River Bridge; report of Henry Palmer, Esquire, Indian Commissioner, and letter of Theophilus Stewart, Esquire, on the subject of the Indians; report of Commissioners appointed to examine and report as to which of two lines dividing Lots No 67, 26 and 25 it will be advisable to adopt.

Report of Commissioners on proposed new line of road from Montague Bridge to Georgetown Road; report of Commissioners on intended new line of road from Argyle River Settlement to the South Shore; report of Commissioners on the practicability of selecting a line of road, avoiding three hills, on the road leading from Souris to East Point; report of Commissioners on Survey of Campbell's Cove, Lot 47; report of the Superintendent of Public Works, on repairs of Vernon River Bridge; petition of the inhabitants of Launching Place and Grand River (South Side), for the establishment of a Post Office; Account of Joseph MacDonald, for repairs to Georgetown Jail Yard Fence—referred to Committee of Supply.

Hon Mr WIGHTMAN moved the third reading of the Sheriffs' Bill, on which a very animated discussion arose, principally between the Hon Mr Palmer and the Hon Col Secretary, Mr Palmer moved that it be read this day 3 months, which was negatived, on division, and the Bill was passed.

### WEDNESDAY, February 21.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

By Mr PERRY—from inhabitants of Townships 14 and 16, praying grant to build Bridge across the Southwest branch of Ellis River. Also, from inhabitants of Townships 13, 14 and 15, for aid to repair and Bridge a Road on the division line of Townships 13 and 14, from Egmont Bay to the Main Western Road.

By the Hon Col Secretary—from inhabitants of Townships 8 and 9, for aid to complete Road from Pierre Jacques to the Brae Settlement—ordered to lie on the Table.

Resolved, That the House will to-morrow take into consideration all matters relating to Roads, Bridges and Wharves.

The Hon Mr Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Visitor of Schools for the present year, of which 300 copies were ordered to be printed and distributed—one copy to each public school—the residue for the use of the Legislature and Board of Education.

The Hon Col Secretary presented to the House a letter from the Visitor of Schools, relative to the contemplated Normal School which was read, and the consideration of it was ordered to be referred to the House when in Committee on the Normal School Bill.

Hon Mr Lord, by command of His Excellency, presented to the House a Message, on the subject of the permanent tenure of office by Assistants in the public departments.

Mr Muirhead presented the Impost Accounts from Casampec, also from Richmond Bay—referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon Mr Whelan presented a Petition from the Office-bearers of the Mechanics' Institute of Charlottetown, praying Act of Incorporation, and grant in aid of the Library and Apparatus.

The Hon Col Secretary introduced an Act relating to Emigrants.