

part of the assessment may be agreed upon... The principle and details of the Bill were discussed by Messrs. Fraser, King, Stevenson, Crawford, Tweedie, Marshall, Smith, Austin, and others...

Mr. Phillips committed a Bill to amend the Assessment Act of 1875, Mr. Flowering in the chair. As explained by the mover the Bill provides that in counties where the valuation was not made last year, as provided in section 49 of the Act, the valuation shall be made on the basis of the valuation of 1875.

The Attorney General pointed out some faults in the form in which provisions of the Bill were drawn up, and moved to amend so as to provide that county rates, until the year 1880—shall be fixed according to apportionment for 1875, subject to be altered, however, under the provision of the first section of the Assessment Act, which relates to reapportionment of the apportionment in case of alterations of parishes.

Mr. Mackay said that when the Assessment Act was being considered in committee he suggested that the provisions in unincorporated parishes be qualified from acting as Assessors, and also that the cost of making valuation and assessment be limited by Act to a certain per centage on valuation or assessment.

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valuation, instead of what the owner might claim to be chargeable, for the latter might have erroneous ideas on the subject of such assessments.

Mr. James explained that the bill would permit a man of means and credit to act as a mortgagee in a district of which he might make a handsome income. It would be hardly fair to say such a property should not be a part of the assessment of that district, while its benefits in the shape of income would be drawn to the parish in which the owner lived.

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\$125,000 have been paid towards the construction of the Albert Railway and no change of its location has been ordered within a year. The Secretary also submitted the return of balances to credit of the Receiver General and Department to 7th inst, and said those of 8th would be brought down in compliance with Mr. Burns' request.

The Provincial Secretary, by command of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, laid the Financial Statement on "Supply Bill," on the table. The principal items of the estimated expenditure, as compared with those of 1876, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1876, 1877. Rows include Executive Government, Immigration, Public Health, Public Printing, Contingencies, Public Works, Provincial Debentures, Free Grants Act, Mining, Centennial Exhibition, Debates, Assembly, Debt and Dumb School, St. John, Lunatic Asylum, Public Health, Education, Survey, Public Printing, Publishing, Reports, Normal School, Debentures, and Interest on Loans to School Board.

Estimated Income for 1877. Includes Salaries from General Govt., General and Territorial Salaries, Free Supreme Court, Free Provincial Secretary's Office, Free Lunatic Asylum, Refund School Loans, Interest on Loans to School Board, Miscellaneous receipts, and Balance from past year.

Delict - Proportion of Dominion Subsidies to remain in present calendar year, and old appropriations, 81,000. So that the account as estimated stands Available Income, 827,376. Estimated Expenditure, 679,532. Unappropriated, 147,844.

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officer at Bathurst from 1st September, say the middle of December last, with his correspondence and acts since the latter date. According to his representations and those of the Inspector he permitted the use of or did not enforce the law in reference to bag-nets; he let the seine of Mr. Miller be used in its destructive work by his very nose; he, in fact let what he now states was utter ruin to the fisheries go for three and a half months, thereby encouraging men to invest in illegal engines and carry on their destructive work unchecked and unnoticed officially. If the facts are as now stated by him, why did he not sooner inform the Department of the evils that were being worked? Was he attending to his duty? If so he lacked the experience or intelligence necessary to realise the work of destruction that was going on? Did it require the advent of the Inspector and the counsels of those whom that gentleman called in as his advisers, and who did not like the "strangers" and their bag-nets, to satisfy him that the extermination of the smelt fishery was sure unless fishing for smelts was confined to the hook and line in the County of Gloucester? On the other hand has not a mistake been made by the Inspector, and Overseer in not stopping the destructive work of the seine; in not directing where the bag-nets should be set, and requiring their owners to take out the special license therefor as the law directs? Has the Overseer acquainted himself with the harbor sufficiently to give an intelligent opinion in reference to the number of bag-nets, any, that may be safely used, and the places where they should be set, and, if so, what is his verdict? We await the result of the Department's efforts to insure itself on these points with much interest, and are determined that no officer shall shield himself behind his official position in causing or continuing uncontrolled restrictions on the legitimate prosecution of any of the industries of the North Shore.

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