

to do so, in order that justice might be done, and even then they did not always receive it.—They did not demand any favors, all they asked for was simple justice. He held under his hand the subdivision of the road grant of the last session, and what did he find? That although Cape Breton stood third in the scale of counties, as regards population, extent of territory, and resources, she was ninth as regarded the division of the grant. Even Lunenburg had received more consideration. Was this right or just? He asked for no favors—he simply wished Cape Breton to be placed upon the same footing as the other counties of the Province, and it was to obtain this that he was obliged so frequently to raise his voice in her behalf.

Mr. TOBIN was glad to hear from the Atty. Genl. that justice would be done to Cape Breton. It had never yet been the case. If it had the St. Peters Canal would have been completed long ago. It was now 15 years since it had been commenced, and he hoped that a sufficient sum would be provided in the estimates to ensure its completion. While upon these matters of public works, as he saw the Commissioner of Railroads in his place he would like to know whether the Government intended to provide for the construction of the Railroad to Annapolis this year. He would be glad if the state of the public revenues would allow of the construction of both these great works. He had always looked upon the St. Peters Canal as a most important undertaking, and had invariably given it his support. He was pleased to find a gentleman from the West filling the position of Chief Railway Commissioner, and he presumed that now justice would be done to the West as well as the East. He did not like to hear of complaints of injustice from any quarter. It should be the object of hon. members to meet out equal justice to all, and so far as he was able he had always been ready to assist members from distant counties in everything he thought deserved public support.

Mr. KAULBACK said that as attention had been directed to the County of Lunenburg, he deemed it his duty to stand up for her rights. He did not understand these sneering allusions to the county he had the honor to represent, and he would not allow any disparaging remarks to pass unchecked. That county, he did not hesitate to say, stood second to none in the Province, as regarded population, resources, or extent of territory, and he would take that opportunity of stating that he did not conceive that she had ever received her fair share of the road money. He had risen principally to resent the contemptuous manner in which allusions had been made to his county which he could not allow to pass unchecked.

Mr. LONGLEY said that it would be rather premature at that time, to enter into particulars as to the Annapolis Railroad; when that subject, and the St. Peters Canal came properly before the House, he should express his sentiments.

Mr. BOURINOT said—Let the people of Annapolis take pattern from Cape Breton—there they build their own Railroads and develop their own resources, without asking for public aid.

Mr. CHURCHILL said that he hoped the important subject of opening up the crown lands of the Province would receive greater attention

at the hands of the government, than had previously been the case. He had frequently urged the necessity for some improved system being adopted but without success.

Hon. PROV. SECV. said that there was great force in what the hon member for Richmond had said as to the injustice of demanding the same amount for grants of small areas as for large tracts. He hoped that the Committee on Crown Lands would take the matter into their consideration and bring it before the House.

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, 20th Feb.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. BOURINOT introduced a bill to amend the act incorporating the International Coal Mining Company. Also, bill to incorporate Clyde Company. Also, petition of Marshall Bourinot and Hugh McLeod, junior, in reference to opening a harbour at Miré, and a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof. The two former bills were read a second time, and referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Hon. FIN. SEC. introduced a bill to incorporate the Acadia Coal Company, which, on his motion, was read a second time, and referred to Committee on Private Bills.

The hon. gentleman also laid on the table certain Petitions on Postal Matters which were referred to the Committee on P. O. in accordance with the practice of the House.

Mr. BLANCHARD presented a petition from Inverness favorable to Assessment for the support of schools. Also petition asking for delay in the question of Confederation.

Mr. COWIE presented a petition from Port Matoun, Queens Co., against the school act. He also handed the following petitions to the Financial Secretary—one from the inhabitants of Liverpool asking for a light house at Little Hope; another from the inhabitants of Port Medway, and Mill Village, for a special grant for a road in the northern district; a third from Mill Village, praying for a grant to construct a public landing.

Mr. LEVESCONTE asked leave to present, and refer to committee on navigation securities, the petition of Rev. James Ross, &c., of Grand River, in reference to the deepening of the entrance of the river; but as it asked for a money grant, it was not received, but referred to the Financial Secretary.

The same hon. gentleman also called attention to a petition from the inhabitants of Barrasois, praying for assistance in removing a bar from the river; also to another from St. Martell, mail carrier, praying for additional compensation.

Mr. PRYON presented a petition from D. Hallisay, of Beaver Bank, asking for compensation in connection with a wood contract with the railway department. In accordance with the practice, it was referred to the railway committee.

Mr. SHANNON presented a petition from several parties in Lower Prospect against the practice of trawl fishing. Referred to fishery committee.

Mr. BLANCHARD presented a petition from persons at Little Mabou, &c., asking for the passage of a law on the subject of setting