

Mr. BOURINOT presented a petition from Gabarous for a daily mail to the Island of Cape Breton.

Mr. RAY presented a petition from the inhabitants of Aunapolis against Confederation.

Hon. Mr. MCKINNON presented two petitions from Harbor Bouche and Tracadie, on the same subject.

Mr. ARCHIBALD presented a petition from the inhabitants of Onslow praying that certain school lands in that locality should be sold for educational purposes. The hon. gentleman obtained leave and introduced a bill to carry out the prayer of the petitioners; and stated that when the bill came up for discussion, he would explain the necessity that existed for it.

Mr. ARCHIBALD also presented a similar petition from Truro on the same subject, and introduced a bill to authorize the sale of certain school lands in that locality.

Mr. BLANCHARD presented a petition for aid for the erection of an oat mill. He said that some years ago the house was in the habit of granting aid for the construction of oat kilns but the practice had been discontinued in consequence of the want of available funds. He trusted that this application, which was really for a desirable object, would receive the favorable consideration of the government.

Mr. PRYOR presented a petition from the inhabitants of Lawrencetown, complaining that they had been deprived of certain privileges by the grant of a water lot to a person residing in that locality.

Mr. MILLER asked that certain returns which the government had laid on the table in reference to disputed claims before the Government and Crown Land Commissioners, be referred to the committees on the respective subjects.

Mr. PRYOR would beg to call the particular attention of the government to a petition he held in his hand from St. Margaret's Bay, praying for the erection of a light house at Peggy's Point. This was the sixth time he had presented it, and if for no other reason, he thought that his perseverance entitled him to favorable consideration.

Mr. MILLER begged to draw the attention of the Financial Secretary to a petition of somewhat an unusual character from Jas. Barron, who had been the means of saving several lives from shipwreck. He would recommend it to the favorable consideration of the government.

Hon. FINL. SECY., by command, laid on the table, papers connected with this claim case, which were referred to a special Committee of Messrs. LeVesconte, McFarlane and Miller.

Mr. ROBERTSON, presented a petition from Martin D. McGray, a mail carrier, for additional aid.

Mr. ARCHIBALD presented a petition from the inhabitants of Economy, praying that a way office might be changed into a post office.

Mr. KAULBACK presented a petition from George Turner of New Ross, county of Lunenburg. The hon. gentleman explained that this petition had been presented last Session, and as it had not received any consideration the petitioner had thought that in consequence of their differing in politics he (Mr. K.) had not properly advocated his claims. He, therefore,

wished to bring it particularly to the notice of the house, as well for that reason as because he thought it was a case of great injustice. It appeared that petitioner, being a road commissioner, was directed by a former member of the county (late Mr. Mosely) to take possession of certain lands for road purposes, who stated that he would be indemnified. He did so and had been obliged to pay the owner of the lands out of his own pocket, and had never been reimbursed. It was true that it was more a matter for the Sessions, but the township of Chester had refused to pay on the ground that the road had not been properly laid out.

Mr. ARCHIBALD suggested that the hon. gentleman should put it in his road scale as a sum due for the road service.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. said that the hon. gentleman had two remedies, either to bring in an act to assess the township of Chester for the amount, or to refer the matter to a select committee, and in case they report in favor of the claim, the hon. gentleman could place it in his road scale.

After some further remarks the petition was referred to a select committee—consisting of Messrs. Archibald, McFarlane and Stewart Campbell.

Mr. S. McDONELL presented six petitions from Inverness against confederation.

Hon. FIN. SECY., by command, laid on the table certain returns relating to road commissioners asked for by the member for Victoria.

LABRADOR FISHERIES.

Hon. PROV. SEC., by command, laid on the table, the correspondence asked for by the member for Lunenburg (Mr. Kaulback), in reference to the duties levied by the revenue officers of Newfoundland upon the outfits of Nova Scotia fishermen.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. said that one of the grievances complained of by our fishermen was that they had to pay a duty upon salt, which in this country goes duty free, but in Newfoundland the fishermen are taxed for it.

Mr. KAULBACK said that he was glad that the government had taken some action upon this most important subject, and he hoped that the matter would not stop here. He considered that the tax levied upon our fishermen was most unjust and iniquitous. It was not a tax upon articles landed and consumed in the country, but it was an imposition upon the outfits of the fishermen, which were never intended to be introduced into Newfoundland and a greater part of which (as was the case last year) were actually brought back to Nova Scotia. He hoped that the Executive Government would remonstrate with the Newfoundland Government and if no redress could be obtained the matter should be represented to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies. In bringing this subject before the House he was not advocating local or sectional interests, although he thought every gentleman had a right to do so, provided he did not make invidious comparisons. This was a question, however, not only of interest to his own county, but of vast importance to the province generally; for to a greater or less extent nearly every county in the province was interested in the fisheries, but none more so than the county of Lunenburg. He therefore invited the aid of hon. gentlemen from all