

For it—Messrs. Kelly, Coles, Thornton, Hensley, Beaton, Warburton, Whelan, Sutherland, Sinclair, Walker, Howlan, Conroy—12.

Against it—Col. Secretary, McAulay, Davies, Longworth, Laird, Pope, Gray, Kaye, Green, Duncan, Howat, McLennan, Montgomery, Brecken, Haslam—13.

The main motion was then put and carried on the same division as above, reversing the order.

Hon. Col. Secretary, Mr. Brecken, and Mr. Haslam, were appointed a Committee in accordance with the motion, after which the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 18.

The standing orders were suspended, on motion, and the following petitions were presented.

Hon Mr Davies, from Mary Kelly, widow, of Grapaud, praying for a continuance of assistance. Also from Patk. D. Rogers, an old soldier of the 98th regiment, whose feet had been frozen in the woods, praying for assistance.

Hon Mr Beaton, from the inhabitants of East Point, for the establishment of a new Post Office.

Mr Montgomery, from the inhabitants of Kerrytown, for the opening up of a new road.

Hon Mr Pope, from inhabitants of Lot 17, for the opening up of new roads.

Mr Howlan, from the inhabitants of Lot 3, for opening up a new central line of road.

Mr. Montgomery, from Angus McKay, of Mill River, for a grant.

Mr Brecken, from Mary Crutchell for assistance.

Mr Ramsay, from the inhabitants of Lot 12 for the establishment of a new Post Office on the Western road.

The petitions were duly referred to the various Committees.

Hon Mr Longworth brought up the report of the Committee of Private Bills, which, having been read a second time, was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the whole House in the afternoon sitting.

Mr Sinclair presented a petition from Mary McNeill for relief.

Hon Mr. Kelly, from W. C. Bourke, applying for an additional subsidy towards a new Steamboat.

Mr Howlan, from the inhabitants of Lots 67 and 30, for opening up a new line of road.

Mr. Green, from the Postmaster at St. Eleanor's, for an increase of salary.

Hon Col. Gray, from Mrs. Moir, for assistance.

These were all duly referred.

Hon Mr Kelly complained that a petition which he presented, during the last session of the late House, from the inhabitants of Lots 36 and 37, and which had been duly referred to, and recommended by the Committee, had not been complied with. The petition was for new roads; but Mr. Alexander Hayden, through whose property the proposed line of road would run, had declined to comply with the recommendation of the Committee, saying, that if carried out it would be a loss to him of £500. The hon. member moved that the whole of the documents, in reference to the affair, be referred to a Committee.

Hon Mr Longworth said that Mr. Hayden's case was a very strong one in opposition to the petition. The petitioners wanted the use of a private road already made by Mr. Hayden, but the Government itself had no power to take possession of it.

Messrs. Kelly, Hensley and Thornton were nominated a Committee of inquiry upon the subject.

Hon Mr Longworth presented a petition from the inhabitants of Lots 31 and 65, for aid to support the ferry across the Elliot River.

The Hon. Col. Secretary introduced the Bill for incor-

porating the Grand Orange Lodge. It was read a first time.

Mr HASLAM moved for a Committee to inquire into the receipts and expenditure of the Worrell Estate. The hon. leader of the Opposition had been understood to say that the purchase would be self-sustaining one; at the same time the fact was staring them in the face that the Colony had to meet liabilities to the extent of £18,000 upon that purchase.

Mr HOWLAN was willing that the question of the Worrell Estate, which had been for so many years the great bugbear of the House and of the Colony, should be thoroughly enquired into, and that true light should be thrown upon the matter.

Hon Mr DAVIES, as chairman of the Committee on public accounts, was quite prepared to defend their figures that the Selkirk Estate purchase was a self-sustaining one.

Hon Mr COLES was not at all unfavourable to the appointment of the proposed Committee, but he trusted that the inquiry would be a most searching one, and that a thorough account, with day and date, for each item should be supplied. A great deal had been said about the purchase of the Worrell Estate. Now, if they referred to the report of the Committee on Public Accounts, they would find that last year the matter stood thus:

Land sold on the Worrell Estate and Lot 11.		
Value sold, as per Commissioners' accounts,	£28,629	6 3
Land unsold, 31,000 acres, at 5s per acre, as per report of Public Account Committee, and unanimously agreed to by the last House,	7,750	0 0
	£36,379	6 3

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By amount paid for the Estate,	23,500	0 0

Leaving a balance to meet the working expenses of £12,879 6 3

It was true that a first experiment might not be a successful one, but the purchase of the Worrell Estate had initiated the system, which had resulted in the purchase of the Selkirk Estate and those that the House had agreed to purchase this session from Sir Graham Montgomery. Last year he applied for, but could not obtain, certain information in connection with the Worrell Estate. Let the Committee, moved for by the hon. member, be appointed to extend its inquiries over the purchase of Lots 11 and 54, and the Selkirk Estates.

Hon Col GRAY was quite favorable to the appointment of the proposed Committee, because he believed that through its means the matter might and could be clearly explained to all parties. It was an undisputed fact that they would shortly be called upon to pay the sum of £18,000 on account of the Worrell Estate, while the only available assets to meet this demand would scarcely reach to £400. Instead of a balance of £12,000 or £13,000 in favour of the Estate, he could assure the hon. leader of the Opposition that he would find himself "upon the wrong side of the fence." He (Col. Gray) was of opinion that, in justice to all parties, a separate account should be kept of the receipts and disbursements of each estate purchased by the Government; and all should be submitted for inspection when required.

Mr DUNCAN—it seemed to him that the hon. leader of the Opposition, in asking for accounts and information, with respect to the Worrell Estate, knew that he was asking for something that could not be obtained.

Hon D. DAVIES asserted that under the late Government every information, with respect to the Worrell Estate, that could be supplied had been supplied.

Hon Mr COLES believed that the Commissioner of Public Lands could supply the House with all the information necessary.

Mr MONTGOMERY thought that a fair and full account, such as might be arrived at by the proposed Committee, would save the country time and expense. For the last four years the question of the Worrell Estate purchase had been always on the board, and it was time that the question should be settled.