

THE CONCEPTION-BAY MAN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

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Mr. Kelly from the inhabitants of Oderin on the same subject.

Mr. Casey from William Brazil and others, praying for a road on the north side of Monday's Pond.

The foregoing petitions ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kelly in accordance with notice moved for the appointment of a select committee on the petition of the inhabitants of Point Verde on the subject of a breakwater—Granted. The following gentlemen appointed: Messrs. Kelly, Delaney, Casey, March, and Knight.

Mr. Parsons asked the Colonial Secretary what action had been taken upon the Address of last session in relation to the petition of George Stevens and John Pyne.

Hon. Colonial Secretary said he was not then prepared to reply, but would inquire and give the information.

Hon. Receiver General (as the reporter understood) said the matter had been satisfactorily arranged.

Mr. Prowse, in the absence of Mr. Ellis moved an Address to the Governor for copies of all despatches and documents relating to the late French fishery convention which had not been laid before the House.—Adopted, and ordered to be presented in the usual manner.

Mr. Hogsett gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask the Surveyor General to lay on the table of the House a copy of the grant to C. F. Bennett, Esq., of land for mining purposes in Placentia and Fortune Bays, dated 10th March, 1854.

Mr. Prowse gave notice that on Tuesday he would ask the hon. Colonial Secretary for a return of fees received annually by the Registrar of Deeds, in the Central District, from the 1st January, 1857, to 31st December, 1857.

Mr. Hoyle moved the second reading of bills to regulate the practice on the Probate and Equity sides of the Supreme Court, and said they had been introduced by himself in consequence of the delay, inconvenience, and trouble which attended the practice at the Equity side of the Court.

Mr. Hogsett said the bills had not been printed, and suggested the postponement of the second reading.

Hon. Colonial Secretary said he would not object to the second reading of the bills, as it would merely affirm the principle of the necessity for legal reform; and when the commission then engaged should have reported, and the bill for law reform, based upon that report, be committed in the House, he would propose that these bills of the hon. and learned member for Fortune Bay should be submitted to the committee, and let the committee adopt such suggestions from them as might be considered useful. He hoped such a question as law reform should not be made a party question; it was one in which was involved the security of property, and the law should be so defined as to be conducive to the pure administration of justice.

After considerable discussion, the bills were read a 2nd time, and the House adjourned to Thursday at 3 o'clock.

Thursday, Feb. 11.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL laid on the table of the House his Financial Statement for the year 1858; Imports and Exports 1857; Estimate for 1858, detail of salaries for Outport Magistrates, Assets and Liabilities on 31st December, 1857.

Mr. PARSONS presented a petition from the fishermen of St. John's, praying that the Legislature would assist them in the erection of a house of refuge to be called the fishermen's Asylum.

After some discussion it was ordered to lie on the table. The House then adjourned to Friday at 3 o'clock.

Friday, Feb. 12.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

The Act to Incorporate the Commercial Bank was committed to a committee of the whole House, also the Act to Amend the Currency Act, after they had severally passed through committee; they were to be engrossed and read a 3rd time on Wednesday next.

The House then adjourned to Monday at 3 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1858.

The 44th Anniversary of the Benevolent Irish Society of Conception Bay, was held, at the Temperance Hall, on Wednesday the 17th

Inst. pursuant to public notice. The Chair was occupied by the President—John Fitzgerald Esq., who opened the proceedings by congratulating the Society upon its attaining its 44th Anniversary, and remarking with evident satisfaction upon the large number and respectable character of the members assembled. The much lamented Death of the Very Reverend Dean Mackin, was feelingly alluded to by the President, who observed that the Society had on that occasion attended the funeral of one of its oldest and most benevolent members—Of whom it may be indeed observed, that an earnest solicitude for the benefit of the institution was at all times evinced, by the fidelity with which those duties were discharged, which from time to time, had for so many years devolved upon him—His memory should long be cherished by the Society with gratitude and veneration. The business of the day was then proceeded with. The Secretary read the following letter which had been addressed to him by the Right Rev. Dr. Dalton, enclosing the handsome donation of five pounds in aid of the funds of the Society.

Carbonear
Feb. 16th 1858.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter informing me that the B. I. Society of Conception Bay had unanimously voted me its Patron. You will do me the favor of handing to the Treasurer, at your meeting to-morrow morning, the enclosed five pounds as a small proof of my high appreciation of their kindness in conferring upon me this unexpected honor, and of my desire to enhance, to the best of my ability, its great usefulness and secure its perpetuity.

Wishing yourself and the other members of the Society, all the blessings which a merciful GOD has promised to bestow upon the truly Charitable.

I am Dear Sir,
Very faithfully yours,
† J. DALTON.

Edward Dwyer Esq.,
Harbour Grace.

The Rev. J. O. Keefe was reported as admitted a member of the Society at the quarterly meeting held on the 17th. May.

James Walsh being duly proposed and seconded was admitted a member of the Society.

The Treasurer and Chairman of Charity presented their accounts which were severally read and adopted by the meeting.

The report of the Chairman of Charity furnished the information that upwards of 100 destitute persons had been relieved by the Society the past year.

The sum of Twenty Pounds was then voted to meet the exigencies of the next quarter. The following Resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

1 Resolved.—That the best thanks of the Society be given to the Right Rev. Dr. Dalton, for his kindness in accepting the office of Patron of the Society, and his liberal donation in aid of its funds.

2 Resolved.—That the sincere thanks of the Society be given to the Very Rev. Charles Dalton, and to the Roman Catholic Clergy of Conception Bay, for their continued patronage and support of the Institution.

3 Resolved.—That the Proprietors of the Temperance Hall are fully entitled to the thanks of the Society for their kindness in allowing at all times, the use of the Hall for its Meetings.

4 Resolved.—That the thanks of the Society be given to the Editor of the "Conception-Bay Man" and to the Editors of other local Newspapers, for inserting the notices and proceedings of its Meetings gratuitously.

John Fitzgerald President
Edward Dwyer Secretary.

The President having vacated the chair and Mr. Robert Walsh being called thereto, the following Gentlemen were chosen to serve as Officers the ensuing year.

John Fitzgerald	Re-elected President
Patrick Deveraux	Vice President
Andrew Drysdale	1st Assistant
William Howlet	Elected 2nd Assistant
Robert Walsh	Re-elected Treasurer
Edward Dwyer	Secretary
Pearce Maher	Chairman of Charity
Jas. B. Drysdale	Elected Chairman of Review and Correspondence
Robert Walsh	Chairman
Edward Dwyer	Secretary.

THE question of Steam Communication between St. John's and some of the principal Outports, has been ably treated upon by the "Express." We readily fall into its views that some £5000 would be well appropriated to this purpose, and when we reflect upon the heavy amount which is due by the Government to the fishing population of those districts, we can scarcely entertain a doubt that the said Government will gladly avail themselves of such an opportunity to score off at least some portion of their obligation. The road question is also brought under notice by the letter of our Correspondent which appears in the next column. The sound practical manner in which the subject is there treated, plainly demonstrates the necessity and utility

of opening up such roads in places where good building material may be most easily obtained. Influenced in our opinion by the importance of this subject, and the consideration of many other advantages in an agricultural and an industrious point of view, we have no hesitation in expressing a belief that if the amount for road purposes were reversed, that is to say the large amount for local purposes, and the smaller for main lines—the interests of the population generally would be better consulted: not that we would undervalue the advantage of good main lines, but incline to the opinion that the benefits of increased local appropriations would be more immediately felt and generally acknowledged by the various communities.

We are glad to find that some of the Outport Representatives appear determined to insist upon a fair distribution of the Public funds for the advantage of their Constituencies. Foremost amongst these comes Mr. Pendergast, who avers that he will not consent to any money appropriations unless his district is proportionately benefited. This is as it should be, and we hope that the other Outport Members will be actuated by the same spirit of fairness, and never consent to the extravagant appropriations, which are made exclusively for the Capital; but the Colonial Secretary treats those observations of our Members as clap-net, merely uttered for reporting—intimating that their only object is to flatter with false hopes, by speaking for popularity, and yet voting for the measures they pretend to repudiate.

This is a miserable character of outport Members, as drawn by the Colonial Secretary; but one which he himself thoroughly understands. Unfortunately such characters have long held seats in the Legislature, and must continue to do so, but words cannot adequately represent the despicable character of that man who whilst sacrificing the rights of his Constituents would thus mock the confidence and laugh at their credulity; we shall watch the progress of events, and if we find that any of our Representatives thus trifle with the interests confided to their care, we will denounce the betrayer, and leave no means unattempted to have him opposed when he again offers himself as a Candidate for the People's suffrage.

We have before remarked that the Assembly is composed of Outport Members, with exception of six, who represent the Capital; with such an overwhelming majority it is not extraordinary that the interests of the Outports are generally despised by those of the Capital. The Nominee Principal on the one hand and gross bribery on the other, have contributed to this issue; it is high time that Outport Representatives should be reminded that if they tamely submit to such things they deserve to be treated with that indifference and disrespect, which custom alone renders tolerable.

If Quidi Vidi required £1200, and we do not deny the propriety of the grant; may not Carbonear look hopefully for something for its Breakwater, and Briges for a few hundred pounds to deepen the Gut, which already connects the Harbor with the pond in its centre? by which a safe and commodious harbor may be made for a portion of the sealing and Labrador fleet, which frequently suffers from the crowded and unsafe state of anchorage on the outside.

The Fishermen of St. John's require an Asylum, are not those of the Outports entitled to the same benefit—£100 only is allowed for medical assistance for the poor in this bay; thousands are expended in St. John's for the same purpose; indeed the poor accounts in the Capital have become infamous from their enormity—there is scarcely a company or an association there established but helps to drain the Public Treasury.—The Education fund is there nearly monopolised, and the expenses of public buildings, palaces, hospitals, and asylums, are enough to impoverish the land.

(To the Editor of the Conception-Bay Man)

Bay Roberts 20th Feb. 1858.

Sir,—whilst the Address in answer to the Governor's Speech was under consideration, the benefit that would arise by encouragement to Ship building was advocated, and I think generally acknowledged. If such encouragement should be allowed, it will then be an object to obtain good timber, plank &c., and as employment for the people is one argument why such encouragement should be given, it will I should think be the business of Representatives to open wood-roads in every direction where Timber abounds, so that the people may be able to get what is required to the Docks, even supposing there may not be—as is often the case—a sufficiency of frost to freeze the ponds and marshes.

Last winter being mild the planters of Bay Roberts suffered great loss in obtaining Timber for the purpose of repairing and fitting their vessels and wooding them for the sealing voyage; though there is an abundance of the very best kind of Ship Timber at about three miles from the water and of other timber also. Unless during a winter of severe frost the people are unable to get it from the woods in consequence of the ponds and marshes that are to be crossed. The Fishermen and Planters of Bay Roberts last Session forwarded a petition pray-

ing that a road might be made from the Coosh-river head Bay Roberts—into the country for about three miles to enable them to get at this Timber, of which there is a forest, extending for miles on that side of the valley, from some distance [outside of Beaver House pond to beyond nine Island pond, where the water begins to run to the westward.] The ground being dry where the Yellow Birch or Witch Hazel grows a great quantity could be obtained with a road across the marshes and by the ponds as far as Beaver house pond or for three miles from the shore which would be some distance into this forest.

The population of Bay Roberts is 2373—able-bodied seamen 560—registered vessels 24—Tonnage of do. 2542—quantity Codfish caught last year chiefly on the Labrador 39069 Qatls.—In the face of these figures—and with an over-throwing Treasury it is not an unreasonable request for petitioners to ask for at least means to open two miles of this road next summer—and not reduce the appropriation for local roads in the settlement much either—as this road would be of general benefit many northern planters would be benefited by it; for instance the people of Bay Roberts, Bearhead, Dock, and long Beach, work side by side in the woods with the people of Bay Roberts—and these places number 2000 inhabitants—and what is there to hinder the merchants of Harbor Grace from employing people to get out ship and other timber for the docks of that place if there was a certainty of a solid road, and so with other places.

Such an immense quantity of timber would be a mine of wealth, open to all, and ought the making of a road to it be all taken out of Bay Roberts local grant, and £8000 allowed to main roads? Our Representatives can settle this question.

There is also one peculiarity in the trade of Bay Roberts of which those before whom this petition will come may not be aware, namely that independent of the extensive supplying trade of our Mercantile Houses there are fifteen registered Vessels in Bay Roberts whose Owners take their supplies in St. John's 12 of which being Sealers the owners supply the families of their Crews with provisions &c. during the spring voyage as well as out fits for the men, consequently landing the voyage in St. John's. This surely is to the benefit of St. John's in increase of imports and exports, and of employment to the people. I think I have now shown that Bay Roberts one of the safest and best harbours in the Bay has vessels and men sufficient, with the consideration before mentioned, to warrant the expenditure prayed for; that there are good masters to take charge I have only to mention the names of Russell, Delaney, Hedderson, Bartlett, Dawe, Mercer, and French who with their fellow planters and fisherman ask this accommodation, from the Country their labour and enterprise are enriching. That the trade would prefer native to foreign built vessels, and consequently build, if there was certainty of obtaining the necessary timber plank &c. such specimens as the "Brothers"—I Bartlett, "Naomie", S Parsons, and the Hunts-man which was built and rigged by her ingenious owner, Mr. Robert Dawe, sufficiently prove. By giving this a place in your next paper you will oblige the petitioners referred to, Fishermen and Planters of Bay Roberts. And

Your Obedient Servant

H. R. W. G.

(To the Editor of the Conception Bay Man.)

Sir, The Express has explained his views, with regard to the project of Steam Communication with the Outports, his plan appears feasible enough and I dare say the thing may be accomplished in the manner recommended;—by the bye the Newfoundland, does not endorse the plan as submitted by the Express, I hope that Editor was serious when he suggested the adoption of some such system, he certainly admitted the necessity for the measure in the first place, does he object to the details, or any of them? and which? we shall soon find out. In the mean time, I hope our little Steamer will not be forgotten as she was sorely missed by the whole population. AN OLD TRAVELLER

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Songs of the Session" No. 4 is unavoidably omitted this week but it shall appear in our next.

DIED.—At Barehead on Sunday the 21st Inst. after a protracted illness, in the 52nd year of her age, Emma, wife of Thomas Marten Esq., Merchant of that place, and daughter of the late Charles D. Garland Esq., of Harbor Grace.

DIED.—At Lytham, on the 19th December, 1857, aged 63 years the Rev. John Walsh, Wesleyan Minister.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from hence forth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them."

[The rev. gentleman whose death is above recorded, was for several years a missionary in this Colony, and was extensively known and much respected for his many excellencies and ministerial usefulness.—COURIER.]

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