

the marriage licenses up to the 31st, Dec. 1864. The Post Master General asks that the department be relieved from the duties of issuing licenses.

CONFEDERATION.

Mr. JOST presented a petition from James Smith and others of New Dublin, Lunenburg, against the Confederation of the Colonies.

LUNENBURG MATTERS.

Mr. KAULBACK wished the hon. member for Shelburne to lay on the table the answer to the enquiry he had put the other day concerning the township of Chester, and other matters connected with the county of Lunenburg. He did not understand what object the hon. gentleman had in making such an enquiry, and thought he could just as well have obtained the information through the members of the county. As far as he was concerned he was always ready to answer all questions respecting his constituents.

Mr. LOCKE replied that he believed the hon. member for Lunenburg had no right to enquire into his motives for making the enquiry he had. He had made it for the purpose of informing himself in respect to the management of affairs in Lunenburg.

Hon. FIN. SEC. said that in all probability the hon. member for Shelburne wished to see if the results of his mismanagement of public affairs, during the time his government were in power, were still felt by the people of Lunenburg. His conscience, doubtless, upbraided him at times.

Mr. LOCKE hoped the hon. member would also at some day have the same burthen on his conscience.

Mr. KAULBACK said he hoped the hon. member would lay the papers on the table.

Mr. LOCKE expressed his willingness to let the hon. member look at them.

Mr. JOST said that so satisfied was he that the affairs of his country were well managed under the present representation, that he was quite prepared to allow the hon. member for Shelburne to make what enquiries he thought proper.

FOG TRUMPETS.

Mr. ROBICHEAU, chairman of committee on Navigation Securities, reported in part from that committee, recommending that a fog trumpet be placed at Cranberry Island, near Cape Canso, and at Sambro.

Mr. Locke, hon. Fin. Sec., Mr. Miller, Mr. McLellan, Mr. S. Campbell, Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Levesconte, referred briefly to the necessity that existed for the establishment of a trumpet at Cranberry Island, and the benefit that it would be to all vessels, not only those that pass through the gut, but all that approach our coasts.

ST. PETER'S CANAL.

Hon. ATTY. GENL. laid on the table the report of Mr. Perley, the engineer that was employed by the government last summer for the purpose of reporting on the St. Peter's Canal. The report having been read,—

Mr. LEVESCONTE asked whether the government intended to put anything in the estimate for the Canal.

Hon. ATTY. GENL. said the matter was under the consideration of the government, and they would be prepared to state their decision in a few days, perhaps during the present week.

Mr. MILLER trusted that the government would deal with the matter with a view to the interests of Cape Breton. It had been remarked, a few days ago, by the hon. member for Halifax that if anything like justice had been done to the eastern section that canal would have been completed long ago. Every impartial man would bear out the remarks of that hon. member. This public work should be treated as public works in Nova Scotia proper, whatever the cost. The government in the case of a work like the Pictou Railway, for instance, did not give four or five thousand pounds at a time towards its construction, but, in a statesmanlike manner, put the whole under contract at once. That was the proper course to pursue in reference to all public works considered necessary. He trusted it would be followed in the case of the canal. When the whole sum was given at once, the work could be constructed much more economically than if money towards its completion was given in dribblets from year to year. He had no intention to go into any lengthened remarks as to the necessity for the work, inasmuch as it had been before the House for years and ought now to be pretty well understood. As respects a marine railway, referred to by Mr. Perley he had no hesitation in saying that it would not be received as a boon by the people of Cape Breton. On the contrary they would prefer that the money which would be necessary for constructing a marine railroad should be expended in public improvements over the island generally. In conclusion, he expressed his hope that the government would treat this long vexed question in a broad, statesmanlike spirit, and yield to the wishes of the people of Cape Breton.

Mr. LEVESCONTE said he perfectly agreed with the remarks of his colleague that the railway would be no boon to the people of Cape Breton.

Mr. TOBIN expressed his belief that a railway would not be desirable at St. Peters; if anything were requisite, it was a canal. He referred to the experience of the Inland Navigation Company in connection with such enterprises, and showed the large expenditure that even a tramway would cost. He hoped that the canal would soon be built and the house relieved of what had long been a standing grievance.

Hon. ATTY GEN. said, although he was not prepared to say that he would urge the expenditure of money for a tram railway in Cape Breton, yet no could deny that in certain localities such works were of great public advantage. In certain parts of the States where they existed, they were found of great use. He was of opinion with the hon. member for Halifax that if there was a grievance in Cape Breton with respect to this canal, it should be removed, and if there was only some guarantee that another grievance would not start up after this one was settled, he was inclined to think the work would soon be built. He had no doubt that there was every disposition on the part of the Government to do justice to Cape Breton in this matter.

After a few words from Mr. Tobin and Mr. Miller in support of their previous remarks, the subject dropped.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. laid on the table the report of the Adjutant General's report for 1864.