

17. Resolved, That many individuals who have leased or bought land from the claimants of townships have, in process of time, been deprived of access to any public road by the said proprietary claimants leasing or selling the land around such farms, without any reservation of or allowance for roads, and in consequence of such procedure many individuals suffer the most serious inconvenience. That petitions for relief of those labouring under such inconvenience being laid before the Assembly, and the personal knowledge of many members establishing such complaints as well founded, and there appearing to be no remedy at law as here understood, the House of Assembly passed last session and this session a Bill for the relief of such inconvenience, which was rejected by the Legislative Council on both occasions.

18. Resolved, That the proprietary claimants have failed in many other instances to reserve roads or rights for roads, or to deduct on that account the least portion of rent or price of the actual quantity of wilderness land thus rented or sold, and the different districts requiring roads of access to the harbours and other places where produce is shipped, the House of Assembly have been under the necessity of appropriating money raised, in a great measure from those holding under lease, to purchase for them and the rest of the public rights of way over portions of land, for every foot of which the holders have to pay rent to the proprietary claimants, or have already paid the full price.

Saturday, 24th April 1841.

1. WHEREAS the Executive Council of this colony is composed as follows :

- Hon. George Wright, father-in-law to the prothonotary, who is brother to the
- Hon. Robert Hodgson, who is cousin to the
- Hon. John Brecken, who is brother-in-law to the
- Hon. T. H. Haviland (colonial secretary, and a proprietary agent), who is brother-in-law to the Hon. Donald M'Donald, and brother-in-law to
- Hon. James Peake.
- Hon. Joseph Pope, a Government partisan, a proprietary agent, who is connected in marriage with the Hon. George Wright.
- Hon. J. S. M'Donald, who is cousin to the Hon. Donald M'Donald, a proprietary claimant, who is brother-in-law to the Hon. John Brecken, Hon. James Peake, and Hon. T. H. Haviland.
- Hon. Ambrose Lane, who is brother-in-law to the treasurer, who is brother-in-law to the Hon. Robert Hodgson.

Thus showing a family connexion in the Executive Council, however otherwise well qualified for the office in themselves, of eight out of nine Councillors; and how far the House of Assembly were borne out in their Resolution of 25th April 1840.

Resolved, therefore, That conviction is forced upon the mind, that a family compact of such magnitude, however well disposed in advising the Executive, will take care of themselves and their friends in the first place, and the interests of the colony only as a secondary consideration.

2. Resolved, That the Legislative Council is composed as follows :—

- Hon. R. Hodgson, solicitor to a proprietary claimant, and cousin to the
 - Hon. John Brecken, who is brother-in-law to the
 - Hon. Donald Macdonald, a proprietary claimant.
 - Hon. Charles Worrell - - - ditto.
 - Hon. J. H. Peters, who is agent of S. Cunard (recently appointed), a proprietary claimant.
 - Hon. George Dalrymple, receiver of rent for a relative, who is a proprietary claimant.
 - Hon. J. Livett,
 - Hon. W. Macintosh,
 - Hon. J. M. Holl,
- Comparatively speaking strangers, lately from a rent-paying country, and but little acquainted with the history of this colony, and much less with the toil, labour, hardships and privations of the inhabitants. (Recently appointed.)
- Hon. G. R. Goodman, collector of customs.
 - Hon. P. S. M'Nutt.
 - Hon. Charles Young, lately from Nova Scotia (recently appointed), where he has resided from his infancy.

Showing the connexion and influence of proprietary claimants in the Legislative Council, and how far the House of Assembly were justified in passing their Resolution of 25th April 1840.

In the House of Assembly, Friday, 23 April 1841.

1. RESOLVED, That from the report of the special committee, and evidence reported by the same, it appears, that there are in a year, on an average of the last three years, only 53 days on which the chief justice is occupied on the bench, taking into account all the terms of the supreme court in the whole colony, and only an average of four days occupied by him in hearing counsel at chambers, and only, in the whole of these three years, 115 decisions