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AGENTS:

St. Andrews,	Mrs. S. Connick.
St. Stephen,	Mr. W. Campbell.
Milltown,	James Albee Esq.
St. David,	Trist. Moore Esq.
Tower Hill,	Jas. Brown Esq.
Oak Bay.	Mrs. Geddery.
St. Patrick,	Mr. David Turner
St. George,	Mr. Wm. Brannan
Upper Falls,	Mr. D. Gilmour.
Pennfield.	Joshua Knight Esq.
Grand Manan,	Wilford Fisher Esq.
St. John,	D. M'Millan Esq.
Richibucto,	W. J. Layton Esq.
Fredericton,	Mr. Henry S. Beek.
Miramichi	Jas. Cole Esq.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Saturday, March 21.

The Hon. Mr Black, from the select committee appointed to examine and report upon the bill to provide for a regular supply of seamen for new ships fitted out or loaded in this Province, presented the following report:—

The select committee to whom was referred the "Bill to provide for a regular supply of seamen for new ships fitted out or loaded in this Province," have taken the same into consideration and report that they have prepared certain amendments to the said bill, which they recommend to the favourable consideration of the House.

Wm. Black, *Chairman.*

Tuesday, March 24.

Pursuant to the order of the day the house was put into a committee of the whole to take into further consideration the bill to provide for a regular supply of seamen for new ships, fitted out or loaded in this Province, and the report of the select committee thereon, which passed the Council with amendments.

Resolved, that a select committee of three members be appointed to investigate the contingent accounts of this house for the present session.

Ordered, That the Hon. Messrs. Robinson, Botsford and Hatch do compose the committee.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Wyer be a committee, with such committee as the House of Assembly shall appoint to wait upon his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the joint address of both houses to her Majesty on the subject of an act of the Imperial Parliament, respecting Vessels clearing from the North American Colonies laden with timber, with deck loads, and request his Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, March 19.

Mr. Gilbert, from the committee appointed on the 31st day of January last, to take into consideration the subject of Agriculture & Immigration, submitted a second Report, and he having read the same, handed it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The committee, to whom was referred that part of the speech of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor relating to Agriculture and Immigration, further report:

"That the committee are of opinion, that the interests of agriculture would be materially promoted by granting a bounty on the raising of bread corn in this Province."

To the President and Directors of the Saint Andrews and St. John Stage Coach Dompany, the sum of £200 to enable them to keep up the efficient daily establishment on the great road leading between the two places.

To his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in Chief, the sum of £150 to replace the bridge over the Magaguadavic river on the old line of great road from Fredericton to St. Andrews, the same having been carried away by the freshet last spring; the materials for the said bridge to be contracted for and procured during the ensuing winter, and the bridge completed the summer following; the amount not to be drawn from the Treasury until the year 1841.

To Hannah Rogers, of St. David, the sum of £30 for teaching a school in the Parish of Saint James for one year, ending on the first of November, 1838.

To Mary Albee, a licenced teacher, the sum of L10 for teaching a school in the parish of St. Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, six months, ending the second day of March, 1840.

(The bill to encourage the settlement of Crown Lands passed the House.)

Mr, Woodward, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of the present copper currency, with the view of substituting another and better coin, submitted their Report, and he having read the same, handed it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read, and is as follows:—

"The committee, appointed on 11th February last, to take into consideration the propriety of adopting some measures to prevent the circulation of base copper coin, and provide measures for supplying the Province with a good copper coin, having taken the same into consideration, recommend that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to bring under the notice of Her Majesty's Government the propriety of establishing a copper coin for the use of this Province,—and that a sum of money be placed at the disposal of his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to defray the expense of procuring the said copper coin.

"That until a proper copper coin, established by her Majesty's Government, be procured for the use of this Province, your committee cannot recommend the passing of any act to prevent the circulation of the present copper coin."

A Message from the Legislative Council.—Mr. Miller, Master in Chancery, informed the House that the Council had agreed to the address, prepared by the Joint committee of both Houses, to her Majesty, on the subject of an act of the Imperial Parliament on the subject of vessels clearing from ports in British North America, laden with Timber, with deck loads.

On motion of Mr. End, the house went into committee of the whole, on the report from the select committee on Agriculture and Immigration, which was submitted to the house on the 8th day of February last.

Resolved, as the opinion of this committee, that a select committee should be appointed to prepare a bill, authorizing a grant of Land to be prepared to 'the North American Colonial Association of Ireland,' for the purpose of establishing a settlement for Emigrants."

Ordered, that the report be accepted.

Saturday, March 21.

Mr. End, from the Committee appointed on the 31st day of Jan. last, to take under consideration the subject of the Coast and Harbour Fisheries, submitted their report; and he having read the same handed it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was again read, and is as follows;—

"The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, which relates to the Coast & Harbour Fisheries, Report; that the Committee being unable, during the present Session, to offer a report on this very important subject, as might induce the attention of the House, are of opinion

"The committee should be appointed to collect information on the subject during the recess, and report in form at the next session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

[illegible] Public Service.

To His Excellency the Lieut Governor or Commander in Chief the sum of £100 for the purpose of running a Packet to carry Mails from St. Andrews to Deer Island Indian Island, Campo Bello and Grand Manan and back from those places to St. Andrews.

To the Justices of the Peace residing in the Parish of St. Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, the sum of L50 towards building a Wharf on the [illegible] Cross, in the said Parish, for the accommodation of Steam Boats and other Craft navigating the said River.

To Hiram White, the sum of L50 to enable him to keep up a Ferry between Oak Point and Waweig River, on the Road to Saint Andrews, in the County of Charlotte, the same not to be paid until the end of the year, for which the sum may be granted, and not then unless the said Ferry has been properly attended.

To William Simpson, the sum of £10 to enable him to keep up a Ferry between Waweig and Oak Point, in Charlotte County, the same not to be drawn until the end of the year for which the sum may be granted, and not then unless the said Ferry has been properly attended.

To Geo. F. Campbell, Esq. P. M at St. Andrews, the sum of £1 to remunerate him for expenses incurred in forwarding extra Mails to St. John with Letters during the present Winter, and that no further Grant be made by this House for such service.

Monday March 23.

Mr. End, a Member for the County of Gloucester, and Mr. Boyd, Member for the County of Charlotte, severally applied for leave of absence after Thursday next, important business requiring their presence in their respective Counties, which was granted.

To Dorcas Clarke, of St. George, in the County of Charlotte, the sum L20 for teaching a School in that Parish for one year, ending on the first day of Jan 1839.

To His Excellency the Lieut. Governor or Commander in Chief, the sum of L109 7s 5d to pay Geo. Wightman the balance due him for exploring a line of Road between Woodstock and Oak Bay.

To Julia Crewley, an infant school teacher in Saint Andrews, the sum of L10 to enable her to keep up so useful an establishment.

Tuesday, March 24.

To the Overseers of the poor for the Parish of Saint Stephen, in the County of Charlotte, the sum of L88 8s 8d. to reimburse them for expenses incurred for the support of transient poor in the said Parish, from the 13th May, 1839, to the 6th February, 1840.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor or Commander in chief, not exceeding the following sums for the use of the Agricultural Societies in the respective counties.—Charlotte, £100, and to the other counties in the Province £100 each, which sums, or aliquot portions thereof, shall be paid to the order of the President of the respective Agricultural societies, when it shall be certified to His Excellency that the inhabitants of the several counties have subscribed and paid a sum equal to one half of the sums above mentioned, or to the said aliquot portions, which sums so paid shall be accounted for to the Legislature; Provided always, That in such counties wherein district Agricultural societies be formed, embracing one or more parishes only, it shall and may be lawful for his Excellency to apportion the amounts so to be granted for the County among the said agricultural societies.

To the Keeper of the Light House at Saint Andrews harbour, the sum of L10 in addition to the sum appropriated on 4th February last; the same to be taken out of the Light house fund.

Mr. Brown, from the committee to whom was referred the petitions from Thomas Carson and John Carson, and George Achesin, presented to the house on the 6th and 18th of February last, severally praying remuneration in consequence of being called upon to surrender certain tracts of Land purchased from the Crown, submitted their report.

"Your committee are of opinion that the petitioners are entitled to some further remuneration than the mere return of their purchase money, and therefore respectfully recommend them to the favorable consideration of the House."

Ordered, that the report be accepted; and on motion of Mr. Brown; further *Ordered*, that the said report be referred to the committee of supply.

"*The Young Officers Instructor*" --is the title of a small work of 96 pages, lately issued at Fredericton, from the press of Mr Ward. It contains a system of Field Exercise and evolutions with Light Infantry formations which has been carefully arranged from observation and the latest instructions, abridged in such a manner as to give information upon every necessary movements upon every occasion.—The work, we have understood, has received the approval of the highest military officers in New Brunswick, and as a uniform system of Drill throughout the Province is daily becoming more necessary,—no militia officer should be without it.

Halifax, March 17.

Hostile Meeting.—An affair of honor took place at Point Pleasant an Saturday morning last, between Joseph Howe, Esq. M. P. P. attended by Herbert Huntingdon, Esq. M. P. P.; and John Inglis Haliburton, clerk of the Executive Council, attended by J. W. Ritchie, Esq. After receiving Mr. Haliburton's fire, Mr. Howe discharged his pistol in the air. The affair originated, so far as we can learn, from some expressions offensive to Mr. Haliburton, which Mr Howe had used in debate.—*Times.*

Eastern Steamers.—The House of Assembly have voted L500 per annum, for three years to encourage the running of a steamer from Halifax to St. John's, Newfoundland, twice in each month, touching at Arichat and Sydney.—*Novascotian.*

Quebec March 16.

A melancholy event took place on Monday, by which Sergt. Major Geer, of the Coldstream Guards, was unhappily deprived of life.—The Sergt. Major was attending the parade of a Company at ball practise, and imprudently standing in front of the division, whilst instructing the men, he gave the word "present;" having sufficient confidence in their steadiness that that they would wait for the word "fire" before a trigger would be pulled. One man by name Hugh Gray, who stood 2d or 3d file from the flank, unfortunately touched the trigger of his piece, or it got entangled in the cuff of his great coat, in bring it to the present, when it went off and the ball passed through the head of the ill fated Sergt Major who was scarcely 3 paces from the muzle of the musket; he fell, and was carried from the ground to his barrack room where in about a quarter of an hour he breathed his last. This lamentable event was clearly accidental, the man who occasioned it is an old soldier and bears an excellent character, and the Sergt. Major who was highly esteemed by the officers was also a favourite with the men. He was a man in the prime of life, aged about 37 years, and has left a widow to mourn his untimely end. A Coroner's Inquest was held on the body, when a verdict was returned of 'Accidental Death.'—*Mercury.*

Yesterday afternoon Hon. Mr. Johnston by command of His Excellency, presented the Report of the Commisioner appointed to enquire into the accounts of the Crown Land Office, which was afterwards read at the Clerk's table and as far as we could collect, the deficiency which had been ascertained amounted to £3222, a proportion of which had occured during the absence of that gentleman from the Province.—Sentinel 25 March.

Devonport, Feb. 24.

A special messenger arrived here yesterday morning with despatches, ordering off the Blonde to China, which was immediately done. The Pylades sailed this morning with further despatches.

EXCUSES FOR NOT GOING TO CHURCH.

There is no excuse so trivial that will not pass upon some men's consciences to excuse their attendance at the public worship of God. Some are so unfortunate as to be always indisposed on the Lord's day, and think nothing so unwholesome as the air of a church others have their affairs so oddly contrived, as to be always unluckily prevented by business. With some it is a great mark of wit, and deep understanding, to stay at home on Sundays. Others again discover strange fits of laziness, that seize them particularly on that day, and confine them to their beds Others are absent out of mere contempt of religion. And lastly, there are not a few who look upon it as a day of rest, and therefore claim the privilege of their castle, to keep the Sabbath by eating, drinking, and sleeping, after the toil of the week. Now in all this the worst circumstance is, that these persons are such whose companies are most required, and who stand most in need of a physician.—*Dean Swift.*

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