

may be some truth in what he says, but I regret to say that the portion of it that I represent, by some means or other has been sadly neglected. Montague River, one of the handsomest streams on the Island is without a single public wharf, excepting one, and that a miserable puny affair. But, Sir, I am not prepared to say whose fault that has been, although I am surprised to see such a state of things at this moment. There was an appropriation made by the House, Session before last, of £70 for that purpose, on condition that right of way be first procured. Right of way was procured, but the site was pronounced unfit for a wharf, and the Government took no steps to procure a more suitable place, therefore the money which might have been spent with benefit to the inhabitants of that locality, is still in the Treasury. I said the money was in the Treasury, but I dare say some of it went to Tignish Run, to which, I may now state, I do not begrudge a single farthing. At the same time I must not forget Montague Bridge and River. As the Leader of the Government is a representative of King's County, I hope he will attend to the representations made to this House on the matter, and I think, considering the manner in which that part of the country has been neglected, that my statement should receive some consideration.

Mr. PROWSE.—In reference to the large amount of money represented to have been expended in King's County above that spent in Prince County, I can tell the hon. member for Tignish, that in comparing his district with that which I represent, I find the pauper grant has been more than double that of mine, in his district.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN.—I believe that my District contains more than double the number of people in his District. Probably I polled as many votes as any hon. member of this House.

The paragraph was agreed to.

The Speaker then took the chair, the Chairman reported progress and asked for leave to sit again.

House adjourned for one hour.

Afternoon Session

Hon. Mr. CALBECK presented the Report of the Committee appointed to receive Tenders for publishing the Debates of the House of Assembly for the present Session.

It was stated in the Report that the Committee had only received one Tender, and the person tendering would not agree to publish the Debates in a Newspaper, and as this had been the method adopted in former years the Committee did not recommend that the said tender should be received, but referred the matter to the House.

After some little discussion it was decided that the Report should be referred back to the Committee to be amended.

The House resolved itself into a committee of the whole to resume the further consideration of the Address in answer to the Speech of His Honor the Administrator of the Government.

Mr McCormack in the Chair.

The fifth paragraph was then read.

Hon. Mr. McAULAY.—Mr. Chairman, this paragraph states that, "it is satisfactory to learn that whilst the various branches of the public service are to be efficiently conducted, yet that the estimates have been prepared with a due regard to economy." Now, are we to understand from this that there is to be great economy in the expenditure of the public money, or is it to be disregarded as similar promises made in years gone by. I think there is something like a censure on the Government in this paragraph; it implies that previous to this period the Public Service has not been satisfactorily performed, and the estimates have been framed without due regard to economy. The Hon. Attorney General has a great deal to say about Grammar and I would recommend him to examine this paragraph before us. I suppose the Government side of the House can vote as they please, and can vote that right is wrong and wrong is right, and if they wish to let the passage before them pass, they are at liberty to do so; but it would be absurd for such an emanation to go before the public.

Mr. BELL.—It is a very good evidence that the hon. member (Mr. McAulay) cannot make any amendment, when he does not do so, for he is always very ready to make amendments. I think it is a proof that the paragraph is perfectly correct when he does not propose some amendment.

Hon. LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT.—The Address is generally considered as echoing the sentiments expressed in the Speech, and in the Speech this matter is referred to. I am inclined to think, however, that a slight verbal alteration would be advisable. I would move that the words "efficiently provided for," be inserted in place of "efficiently conducted."

The amendment was carried, and the clause as amended agreed to.

The sixth clause was then read.

Hon. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—I should like to have a little information on this subject before I can give my assent to the clause under consideration. It states "Although the Expenditure for the past year has been in excess of the Receipts, owing principally to the purchase of lands and the advances for Seed Grain, yet we rejoice to know that the Revenue evidences a steady increase in the trade of the Colony." Now, sir, it seems to me that we are rather voting in the dark. No doubt the members on the Government side of the House understand all about this matter, as they have access to all the offices of