

rank, wealth, and all the gifts which fashion in its largest source can bestow:

"My life is in the scar and yellow leaf, The fruits and flowers of love are gone: The worm, the canker and the grief Are mine alone. The fire that in my bosom burns Is low as eolus volcanic Isle, No torch is lighted at its blaze, A funeral pile."

So Byron spoke of the peace of the world, and so Paul spoke of the peace of God.

Provincial Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Hon. Mr. Fairbanks, as chairman of the joint committee of the Council and Assembly on Public Accounts, read in his place the report of the said committee.

ABSTRACT OF REPORT.

As this report is of considerable importance, we give a full abstract of it. The committee report that they have carefully examined the said accounts, and find them correct.

Excise Duties and Distilleries.—The revenue arising last year from excise duties, including distilleries, is £94,317 12s. 3d. sterling, as against £94,538 8s. 6d. sterling in 1855, showing a decrease of £220 16s. 8d. in those branches of the revenue. The greatest increase has taken place in brandy, wines, gin, and six ad valorem duties of two and a half per cent., and six and a quarter per cent., the aggregate excess on these items amounting to £3,201 10s. 6d. sterling, while the principal decrease has been on molasses, sugar, leather, and ten per cent. ad valorem duties, amounting to £3,086 13s. 5d. While the revenue has been increasing in the capital, it has been decreasing in the outports. Halifax has paid into the Treasury, during the past year, £73,459 15s. 9d. sterling, being an increase of £1,933 0s. 2d. sterling over the previous year. The outports, on the other hand, show a decrease of £2,153 16s. 5d. sterling.

Light Duties.—The light duties collected during the past year amounted to £7,249 3s. currency. Those collected up to the end of the previous year amounted to £5,767 2s., together with £584 13s. 6d. currency, which have since the last report been paid in by the collector at Canso, as belonging to that year, which, being added to the former amount, makes £6,351 15s. 6d. for 1855. It will be seen, therefore, that there is an increase of £897 7s. 6d. currency during the year 1856. There is still due on the latter year from the collector at the Strait of Canso, £232 10s. 3d. A balance of considerable amount is still due from the collector at Canso, £22,384 9s. 3d., while that of 1855 was £22,384 9s. 3d., showing a decrease of £1,845 14s. 9d.

Amounts Due from Collectors.—There was due from the collectors of impost, excise, and light duties, up to the end of 1856, £5,843 16s. 7d., of which amount £4,597 8s. 10d. have since been paid, reducing therefore, the sum due to £766 7s. 7d. The report states that it is gratifying to observe that out of a revenue of £140,000 or thereabouts, only £750 remains unpaid.

Casual and Territorial Revenue.—The following are the proceeds from the casual and territorial revenue, which have been paid into the Treasury in 1856:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes From Com. of Crown Lands (£3,910 0 0), Secretary's Office (fees) (£897 12 6), Mining Association (£8,929 14 7).

Total, £13,738 7 0. The gross proceeds of the lands sold during 1856, amount to £5,247 0 0.

The monies returned to applicants, and charges amount to £2,501 4 5.

Add to this the balance on hand, 31st Dec. 1855 £2,745 15 7.

Of which there has been paid into the Treasury £1,218 15 0.

Leaving in the hands of the Commissioner £3,964 10 7.

In this department there appears to be a falling off from the year 1855 to the amount of £4,037 3s. 6d.

Revenue for 1855 & 1856.—The whole revenue for 1855 and 1856 may be stated as follows:—

Table with 3 columns: Description, For 1855, For 1856. Includes Impost and Excise (£113,173 0 7 vs £117,897 0 3), Light Duties (£5,766 2 0 vs £7,249 3 0).

Total, £143,952 14 9 vs £138,659 13 0.

BOARD OF WORKS EXPENDITURE.—The board of Public Works during the past year disbursed £22,656 10s. 11d., which added to £5,084 6s. 7d. due them of the previous year's account, makes in all £28,460 17s. 6d., leaving a balance of £41 5s. 10d. due to the Board up to the 31st December last.

They have received from the Treasury during the year 1856, the amount of the balance due for the previous year, and

in addition £21,195 13s. 5d., and from other sources £1,419 11s. 6d. There are still due and remaining unpaid for several services connected with this department, £4,163 4s. 6d.

The committee state that last year they strongly recommended the most rigid economy in the Board of Works, and they call the attention of the House to the fact of £313 7s. 10d. being disbursed, on the occasion of the celebration of the laying of the corner-stone of the Lunatic Asylum on the 9th June last. The committee feel themselves called upon to recommend the most rigid economy in this department of the public service.

Table for St. Peter's Canal. Columns: Work, 1855, 1856, In all. Shows expenditure of £4,149 12 8 in 1855 and £1,618 16 10 in 1856, totaling £5,768 9 9.

The commissioners drew from the Receiver General in 1855, £1,450. There was in their hands on the 31st Decr., 1855, a balance of £448 7s. 9d., and their account of expenditure and receipts during the past year shows a balance in their hands of £279 10s. 5d., which balance stands to their credit in the Bank of Nova Scotia.

RAILWAY.—(As a statement of the progress and expenditures on this work has already been published, it is unnecessary to repeat them here. We, however, give a few items which did not appear in that statement.) The whole amount expended up to the end of 1856 was £466,752 8s. 5d. Of the sum paid to the commissioners by the Receiver General, which was £455,975 5s. 2d., there was—

Table showing received from Treasury Notes (£45,000 0 0), Savings Bank (£42,000 0 0), Gen. Revenue in 1855 (£13,000 0 0), Do. do. 1856 (£6,625 0 0), Sale of Debentures (£250,000 0 0), Bank of Nova Scotia (£41,625 0 0), Bank of Nova Scotia (money borrowed) (£45,262 10 20), From other sources (£11,842 14 4).

In all as above £455,975 5 4

GRANTS TO COLORED POPULATION.—The monies granted last year for the relief of the colored population have been drawn with the exception of the sums granted for Yarmouth and Shelburne. The sums drawn amount to £100. The committee observe that there are no vouchers for the expenditure, except from Halifax.

UNDRAWN MONIES EXCLUSIVE OF ROAD GRANTS.—The amount of these monies undrawn up to the end of 1856 was £20,339 5s. 2d.

UNDRAWN ROAD MONIES.—The committee report a sum of £2,217 0s. 6d. as the amount of undrawn road monies.

NOTES DESTROYED.—The sum of £6000 in torn and defaced province notes has been handed to the committee, who have destroyed them.

NEW ISSUE OF PROVINCE NOTES.—During the past year £15,000 have been added to the issue of Province notes, making the whole of the new issue £60,000. The old issue is £50,682; there are, therefore, about in all £119,682 of Province notes.

SAVINGS BANK.—A sum of £14,000 was borrowed last year from this bank, the whole provincial liability to the bank amounting now to £106,000.

PROVINCIAL DEBT.—The whole amount of the Provincial indebtedness, the committee state, may be shown in the following statement:—

Table showing Provincial Debt: Amount of Province Notes, new issue (£59,682 0 0), Savings Bank (£60,000 0 0), Undrawn from Roads and Bridges (£2,217 0 10), Undrawn for other services (£20,339 5 3), Due Board of Works (£41 5 10). Total £142,847 11 10.

Balance in hands of Comr. General, £22,384 9 3. Due from Coll'r of duties, £5,343 16 7. Due from Casual Revenue, £9,044 13 0.

Due from Canada, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, £1,324 5 0. Due from Dalhousie College, £5,000 0 0. Due from Inland Navigation Company, £3,500 0 0. Advances to Railways from counties, £106,635 0 0.

Advances for Road services, £1,298 3 0. Total £154,540 7 10.

SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNT.—The following is the account of this Institution for 1856:—

Table for Savings Bank Account: 1855 (To Balance £364 14 1), Dec. 31.—Received from Depositors between 1st Jan. and 31st Dec. £47,170 6 0. Interest £22,000 at 4 per cent. £3,680 0 0. Interest £14,000 paid between 5th Feb. and 31st Decr. on broken period £231 11 6. Total £51,446 11 8.

1856 Cr. Dec. 31.—By Rep. Depositors this year, £36,937 15 5.

Table for Interest paid thereon, Paid into the Treasury between 5th Feb. and this date, Expenses of management. Total £51,245 17 0.

Balance in hands of Cashier £200 15 8. PRUSSIAN PASSENGERS.—The Committee report that the claim on the Prussian Treasury of £749 5s. 11d., reported last year for allowance to Prussian Passengers, shipwrecked on Sable Island, has been refunded.

Table for Estimated Results: From collectors of excise at Halifax (£111,000 0 0), From collectors at outposts (£28,000 0 0), From collectors of light duties (£6,000 0 0), From casual revenue (£10,000 0 0), From Distilleries (£7,000 0 0). Total £162,000 0 0.

Table for Deduct undrawn monies for roads and bridges (£2,217 0 10), Ditto for other services (£20,339 5 2), Interest due 31st Decr. (£9,500 14 2), Balance due Brd. of Works (£41 5 10). Total £32,098 6 0.

Table for Deduct ordinary and Legislative appropriations: Salaries of Lieut Governor and public officers (£15,170 0 0), Legislative expenses (£10,000 0 0), Revenue department, Hlf. (£6,000 0 0), Salaries to outpost collectors and commissioners (£3,500 0 0), General Education (£17,000 0 0), Interest on funded debt (£4,240 0 0), Interest to be provided for railway bonds (£83,000 0 0), Support of light houses (£8,000 0 0), Support of Sable Island (£4,000 0 0).

Table for Asylum (£2,050 0 0), Transient Paupers (£250 0 0), Immigration expenses (£250 0 0), Halifax Dispensary (£300, Ind. £300) (£350 0 0), Post communication (£8,000 0 0), Packets and ferries (£1,200 0 0), Road compensat on (£1000, casualties, £1000) (£2,000 0 0), Drawbacks, £3,500, river fisheries £450 (£3,950 0 0), Miscellaneous (£8,500 0 0). Total £125,760 0 0.

The committee state, in conclusion, that they are happy to perceive that after the new tariff goes into operation, and after making due allowance for the usual grants, and adding the sum required for the payment of the interest on the railway debentures for the present year, there will be a sum available for the road and bridge service of about £13,000.

The report is signed by Honbles. John E. Fairbanks (chairman), T. D. Archibald, and H. G. Pines, committee of the Legislative Council; and by John Fason, (chairman), Thomas Killam, Cornelius White, A. C. McDonald, and W. B. Webster, Esq., committee of the House of Assembly.

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Correspondence. ALBION MINES, April 4, 1857. To the Editor of the Church Times, Halifax:— Dear Sir,—The insertion of the accompanying Address and Reply in the columns of your highly esteemed and widely circulated print, at your convenience, would very much oblige the parties named therein.

I am, dear sir, Yours very respectfully, JAMES SCOTT.

ADDRESS. To the Rev. JOSEPH FORBETH, Rector of Christ Church Albion Mines:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—We, the Churchwardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Albion Mines, beg respectfully to embrace the present opportunity of expressing to you our feelings on the change you are about to make in the removal of your Christian labors from this to another field: and, although that field is not far distant from the one you at present possess, the separa-