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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY—On Tuesday, April 11, 1865, the House met at 8:15 p.m. Members present—Messrs. DeCosmos, Powell, Franklin, McClure, Trimbly, Dickson, Southgate, Burnaby, Duncan, Cochrane, Bayley, Denes.

LANDING PERMIT.

The reduction imposing a landing permit of \$1 and one-half per cent. on all goods landed, came up for the adoption of the House.

Mr. Burnaby moved a recommittal of the resolution in order to change the mode of levying the permit to a specific charge based on the half per cent. rate. The proposed change would not affect the revenue in the least.

Mr. Southgate supported the recommittal.

Mr. McClure opposed the recommittal unless it could be shown that the system of making the permit in proportion to the value of the goods would be preserved.

Mr. DeCosmos agreed with the last speaker.

Messrs. Burnaby and Southgate promised that no interference should be made in the principle of the measure.

The resolution was recommitted.

TRADE LICENSES.

The resolution imposing a Trade License of \$10 per head and one-half per cent. on all gross return of sales was adopted, *nem. con.*

TUESDAY, April 4, 1865.

BANKER'S LICENSES.

The resolution levying a license of \$1,000 on bankers was adopted *nem. con.*

PILOTS' FEES.

The resolutions to amend the Pilot bill came up for adoption.

Dr. Tolmie rose to recommit the resolutions, as he understood they would bear very heavily on the small craft. We did not know how long we would have to remain a separate colony, and as this town depended greatly on the small craft for its local prosperity, we should be very careful not to drive these vessels away elsewhere.

Dr. Trimble believed it was admitted that pilots were necessary, and they should be supported. It was no use going on harping on union with British Columbia and neglecting the local interests of the colony.

Mr. Southgate said if vessels of even five tons were charged pilotage it would not afford sufficient revenue to pay the pilots. He believed they should be paid by Government, and the fees paid into the general revenue. The Pilot Commissioners of whom he was one had laid the Pilot Act impracticative.

Mr. McClure said the pilots, he believed, were satisfied with the plan proposed in the resolutions to amend the bill.

Mr. DeCosmos said the Pilot Commissioners were solely responsible for the Act being impracticative. He did not believe that the resolutions would injure the port in the least.

The recommittal was carried by a vote of 7 to 6.

INCORPORATION BILL.

This Bill came up for its third reading. Mr. DeCosmos said there were three points on which he wished the Bill to be recommitted. The first was in regard to allowing others than British subjects to vote. This, he thought, should not be the case. The next point was in regard to giving the Mayor powers as an ordinary justice of the peace, as in the English statute. The third was in regard to the clause for a new election, which was so drawn up as to render the Bill impracticative if it passed as at present.

Mr. Powell seconded the motion. The clause allowing others than British subjects to vote met with his approbation, but on the other points he agreed with the hon. mover that a recommittal was necessary.

The recommittal was carried by a vote of 7 to 6.

SCHOOL BILL.

The House went into committee on the School Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council. Mr. Bayley in the chair.

On the amendment of the Council, striking out the clause requiring the Governor annually to place a uniform sum in the estimated for education.

Mr. McClure gave notice that at next meeting of the House he would move that a committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency Governor Kennedy in reference to sending home a delegate for the purpose of obtaining a speedy settlement of the question of Union of the Colonies and the Crown Lands.

The House then adjourned till to-morrow (Wednesday), the reading being suspended to allow a meeting on steamer day.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.—There was no meeting of the House yesterday, the Hon. Speaker being absent. Members in attendance: Messrs. DeCosmos, Franklin, McClure, Trimble, Dickson, Duncan, Carswell, Bayley and Denes.

PROPOSED VISIT OF GENERAL GARIBOLDI TO LIVERPOOL.—The Liverpool Mercury says:

"We believe it is not premature to announce that Liverpool may look forward to an early visit from the illustrious Italian patriot who last year made a brief sojourn in this country. General Garibaldi has, we understand, accepted an invitation to become the guest of our townsmen Mr. J. R. Jeffery, in the course of the ensuing spring; and there can be no doubt that the reception accorded to him will be such as to deepen and strengthen the impression which he has formed of the hospitality of England."

After some desultory conversation the clause was struck out.

On the clause giving the Governor power to appoint a Board of Education.

Dr. Tolmie moved the substitution of the original clause appointing a board of nine members. This system had been found to work well in all other British North American colonies, and he was sure it would work well and be popular here. The great argument in favor of the old motion was the readiness with which a quorum could be obtained.

Mr. McClure and Dr. Powell supported the amendment of Dr. Tolmie.

Mr. DeCosmos was in favour of the board of nine persons, but was desirous not to interfere with the passage of the Bill, and feared that by amending this clause the Bill might perhaps be rendered impracticative, as in the case of the Pilot Bill.

Dr. Tolmie did not see how any one could possibly object to the simple change to nine members from five. The number was not too large to insure a quorum when it was necessary.

Dr. Dickson was afraid if we made the proposed amendments the Council would throw the bill out. He himself set very lukewarm about it from the way in which it had been treated in the Upper House. He was anxious to have some school system enforced, but the bill, now before them, was a dog's-meat, and rather than see such a measure on the Statute Book, he would advise that the Governor be empowered to expend for school purposes such moneys as may be voted by the House.

Dr. Powell had not thought of the mode of settling the matter suggested by the motion of the hon. member. The onus of rejecting a good bill lay on the Legislative Council. He would support the motion.

Mr. McClure would be sorry to see any question of interfering with useful legislation. The bill was urgently necessary and unless we accepted it as it is now came before the House, we would have no bill at all, and the country would be deprived of a school system altogether.

Mr. DeCosmos opposed the resolution, and urged the passage of a bill in some shape. Dr. Dickson withdrew his motion and the amendment of Dr. Tolmie was carried *nem. con.*

AMENDMENT OF DR. TOLMIE.

On the amended clause providing for the appointment of a Superintendent who shall be Secretary to the Board of Education, Mr. Tolmie moved that a salary of \$1500 be fixed.

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The motion for \$1500 was carried.

On the clause giving corporate powers to the Board of Education.

Dr. Powell and Dr. Tolmie advocated the election of local trustees having corporate powers and who should have charge of the school property.

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