

Peter's Canal, with account current and vouchers, and a Report of Captain Barry, Royal Engineer, touching St. Peter's Canal.

Hon. Mr. Fulton presented a petition from the Trustees of the Sackville Academy, setting forth, that within the last year between £500 and £600 had been expended. Considering this, the Trustees of that Seminary were justly entitled to a share of the public monies on the principle upon which the house now dispensed the Educational Grant. The scholars in that Seminary, male and female, numbered 250, of which 80 were from Nova Scotia. Scholars came from all the Provinces, but Nova Scotia contributed a much greater number than any other, with the exception of New Brunswick.

The petition was referred to a committee on Education.

Hon. J. Howe had passed through Sackville last summer, and must say that from the number of buildings erected—the number of scholars, and other incidents creditable to an educational establishment evinced the wisdom of uniting both Provinces in these institutions. He certainly thought the time had come when that institution should be placed on the same footing as other such institutions in this Province.

Mr. Fulton also presented, by command, the financial accounts of the Sackville Academy.

Mr. Wier presented a petition from James Sykes, John Brookfield, and John W. King, for compensation for sundry railway surveys. Referred to a Committee on that subject.

Also, the petition of Salter & Twining, setting forth, that they had shipped a number of puncheons of Halifax rum to the Mediterranean as a speculation; it suited the market, was sold, and now petitioners asked for the usual return of the duties on the molasses consumed in making the rum. Referred to Committee of Trade and Manufactures.

Mr. Wier presented a petition signed by a large number of respectable persons, Committee of the House of Refuge; praying aid to that establishment. The petition was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messrs. Wier, Marshall and Brown. He also presented a petition from the medical men and others, of Halifax, praying aid to the Halifax Visiting Dispensary. The petition was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. Wier said—as this was the last day for presenting petitions, he would give notice that a claim would be made for reimbursement under the following circumstances: A body of emigrants came here in a wrecked vessel, the Arcadia, and I, in conjunction with another merchant, contracted with the Government to transport them to New York. This was done; but on their arrival there many of them threw themselves on the Municipal Authorities as paupers. The Civic Government applied to the Railway Companies for re-payment, and they, in turn, applied to the agents of the owners of the vessels in which they were sent away. These last sent on to New York an agent to make the best arrangement that could be effected, which is now nearly perfected, the expense, I think, will amount to \$600 or \$800.

Hon. J. Howe was very glad the American Government had determined to punish the Provincial Government, and mulct the hon. member for Halifax in this matter. Here we are, a young country, in want of emigration; a vessel comes in and lands among us one or two hundred hardy Germans; and although we are in want of labor all over the country, we cannot rest satisfied without spending about \$5,500

to send them from the Province. He, for one, raised his solemn protest against such a system; and would never vote for another farthing to be paid in such a service.

Hon. Provincial Sec. Wilkins explained that he had the assurance that the owners of the vessel in Belgium would pay the expenses.

Mr. Wier said that nothing could have kept these people here—they were bound for the interior of America—they would not work—and if they had remained here would have become paupers.

Mr. Howe—The only thing that would have made them work was the same thing that makes us work—the want of food, and houses, and raiment. Now, so far from none of them being inclined to remain here, if any hon. gentleman would go up to the Railway Station, he would see one of these very German emigrants, who could not speak a word of English, who had fallen into his place at once—rubbing down and oiling the engine, as happy as a King, singing all the day long.

Mr. Marshall believed that he voted to send these people away; but it was on the recommendation of their countryman, the member for Lunenburg.

Mr. Zwicker replied that he had consulted with all of them in their own language, and had found that they had great distaste to remain here. Many female servants were wanted in this country, but they would not stay. Four or five mechanics he had induced to remain—who were settled in Lunenburg county, and were doing well.

Mr. Holmes asked leave to introduce a bill to authorize the sale of the old Presbyterian Church at Salt Springs, County of Pictou. Leave was granted, and the bill read for the first time.

Mr. Martell presented the petition of Eliza Walker of Arichat, praying to be allowed £5, granted her last session.

Mr. A. G. Archibald presented a petition from James Campbell, of Londonderry, asking increase of salary: Also, a petition from Stewart Kisselpangh and others, of Tatamagouche, praying the abolition of the Way Office at that place: Also, a petition from the inhabitants of River John, praying continuance of Grammar School grant for that district. Referred to the Committee on Education. He also asked leave to amend certain documents and vouchers to the petition he had presented some days since, from Mr. Ross; leave was granted.

Mr. Marshall presented a petition from the Telegraph Operators of Halifax, asking to be relieved from the performance of certain public duties, and leave was granted to introduce a bill to carry out the prayer of the petition. He also presented 24 road petitions; put on the road file.

Hon. W. A. Henry presented a petition from the Post Master at Plaister Cove, praying increased allowance for his services: Also a petition signed by a large number of persons asking a special grant to lay out and make a road between Tracadie, in the county of Sydney, and Bear's Cove, in the county of Guysborough. He stated that the road interested the people of the Island of Cape Breton more than either Sydney or Guysborough, inasmuch as it opened up direct communication for the former, while it only passed through two corners of the latter.

Mr. Chipman—Petition for a Bridge over Canning River.

Hon. P. Secretary—A petition from Peter