

No. 91.

(See page 194.)

The committee to whom was referred certain papers connected with damages claimed by parties in Cape Breton, in respect of a great road run through their lands, beg leave to report as follows :

That having examined the papers submitted to them, they find that in 1849 a road was laid out through the Island of Boularderie, and the damages to proprietors ascertained under the law relative to certain great roads, of which this is one. That after the agreements had been confirmed by the executive council, information was given to the government which induced them to suspect a fraud on the part of the proprietors and commissioners.

They accordingly felt it their duty to appoint a commissioner to examine into the correctness of the information forwarded them.

Mr. McKenzie, who was appointed for that purpose, reported, among other things, that the damages assessed were extravagantly high, and made out a scale such as he thought should be allowed.

This report having created much dissatisfaction, the government desired Mr. George Blanchard, who was visiting the island on professional business, to make a further examination.

Mr. Blanchard recommended that the government should appoint a competent and disinterested engineer, to make a thorough investigation.

Mr. Wm. Faulkner was thereupon appointed, and personally visited and traversed the whole route, and appears, so far as your committee can see, to have discharged his duty with fidelity and impartiality.

Mr. Faulkner reports a scale of damages varying in some particulars from that of Mr. McKenzie, and vastly below that fixed by the original agreements.

Your committee, therefore, conceive that the government may safely proceed upon the basis of the original agreements, paying the damages as awarded by Mr. Faulkner, and recommend that the same be done accordingly.

The amount which remains to be paid, agreeably to the modified scale, (independently of the orders held by Messrs. Gammell and Moore, which form the subject of a separate report,) will be, so far as your committee can ascertain by a reference to the office of the financial secretary and a careful comparison of the papers, somewhere about the sum of one hundred and twenty-five pounds.

ADAMS G. ARCHIBALD, chairman.
BENJ. SMITH,
DANIEL MOORE.

Committee room, April 3rd, 1852.

No. 92.

(See page 197.)

The committee to whom were referred the petition of James Marshall, of Guysborough, asking to be refunded the sum of thirty pounds, advanced by him on account of the government, in 1842, report as follows :

That the petitioner was appointed seizing officer in 1841, and a schooner owned by one William Cann, of Sydney, was assigned to him for the service for that season, with instructions to the petitioner to disburse that vessel during the season, the said Wm. Cann being engaged