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coast. A great deal has been done within the past seven years for the encouragement of ship building and for the prosecution of the fishery and a large amount of money had been expended by the Legislature for that purpose. The consequence has been that during the winter months and at those seasons when the people are forced to be idle many persons have found profitable employment and the returns to the capitalists have not been less remunerative. Since 1874 nine hundred new vessels have been built in this colony, and the enacted bounty paid upon every ton. The result has been an infusion of new life into the prosecution of the fishery, and a consequent advantage to the colony. The fisheries for the past few years have not been so remunerative as we could wish, but this has not been the result of any falling off in the catch, as from causes over which we have little control, and could not have been expected to anticipate. The weather, both on the Labrador and along our own coast, had been very unfavorable to a good catch of fish; and this taken into consideration with the large and early catch of fish in Norway, has greatly tended to our injury and loss in foreign markets. A great deal could be done to encourage our fishermen to give attention to their fish; but it should first come from those who are directly and immediately interested in the catch. The Norwegians sold nearly one million quintals of fish last year in Portugal and Spain and other European countries. The quantity sold in Ontario alone was 60,000 quintals, and large quantities were realized in other parts of the Mediterranean. If they the Norwegians, are thus persevering, and energetic, in a few years, unless we take far more care in the cure and shipment of our fish, they will drive us out of the market. They are now enabled to compete with us in the cure, but not in the price of codfish. Our Herring Fishery is not prosecuted in this country with that energy, which the nature of the fishery and its profitable character demands. The many attendant industries that wait upon this fishery make it out one of the most remunerative that a people can engage in. The demand for hoops, barrels, barrel staves &c., which can be obtained at an easy effort and cost, for the prosecution of this fishery point, to it as one of those branches of the general Newfoundland fishery most suitable to the character of our people and climate, but we must prepare to prosecute it in a different manner from that in which it has been followed up for the past few years. Experience is proven that we must if we expect to get the herring in any considerable quantities, follow them into deep water. The herring fishery of Scotland is a remarkable instance of the revival of a fishery, which at one time was considered as having completely left their shores. The herring having left the shore, fishermen were compelled to follow them to sea, and now the herring fishery of that country is prosecuted from ten to fifteen miles from the land, and employs about forty thousand men. If then we could induce our people to go into deep sea fisheries, great and inestimable advantages would flow to the trade and revenue. The Great Bank Fishery is now considered to be quite sufficiently strong to support itself. By those liberal bounties which the Legislature has voted this past few years, this fishery has been fostered into one of our most profitable branches of industry, and four or five hundred men have been educated to its prosecution. He hoped in a few days to be enabled to lay on the table of the House all the papers connected with the financial expenditure of the last year and he anticipated from their discussion, the benefit of so useful measures for the benefit of the country at large.

Mr Tessier—Wished to say a few words before the close of this debate. Last session it will be remembered that he was nearly solitary in his opposition to the Railway Act, and he had seen no reason during the past year to change those opinions which he then expressed and was glad he had taken the stand he had done on that occasion. If the Bill had been brought in last session, and had been permitted to remain for final discussion and adoption until this session, many honorable members who then gave their adhesion to the measure would on further consideration, have abstained from voting for it. From what he had heard in this debate, he would gather that many hon members had already changed their opinions. However, that may be so, but he had no reason to change his views; on the contrary the deliberations of a year had only strengthened the views he then held. His solitary voice, however, was feeble, now, as it had been last session against the opinions of the many. In bringing forward such a measure for the construction of so large a work, it would have been well to have more maturely considered how it could be beneficially utilised in the interests of the colony. His (Mr T's) opinion was decidedly that the result anticipated would not be obtained and that nothing that is so far known of the colony and its resources would at this juncture warrant the proposed outlay and consequently increased taxation. These were briefly his views on the subject, and he was happy to say that he was borne out by the opinions of many leading men, both in and outside the Legislature. He was sorry that the speech should have to refer to the unfavorable result of last year's fishery, owing to the depreciation of price and value in foreign markets. It was the cheapness of the Norway fish, and

not the decrease or the quality of ours, that caused the depreciation in price complained of. Our shore fish still obtains a good price in its present market, in Havana and elsewhere, but in the Mediterranean markets where the cheapness of Norwegian fish gives it a preference over ours. At the present, Labrador fish commands a fair price, and there has been no falling off in the price of shore. He did not believe that our fisheries were falling with us and with good cargoes and good weather, he believed that the fisheries would be as remunerative to producers as ever. He regretted that the revenue did not reach the estimate and we have yet to learn from the Receiver General the cause of the large excess in the expenditure. He thought the construction of a telegraph to Trampsey a great boon to the community in general. Owing to the lateness of the hour he would refrain from going any further into the other subjects referred to in the Address, and would reserve any further remarks until these several matters came specifically before the House.

The section was then put and carried. The Committee then rose and reported that they had passed the Address without amendment.

Ordered that the report be adopted and engrossed, and presented to His Excellency by a deputation of the whole House.

The house then adjourned until tomorrow.

Monday, Feb 25.

The house opened at half-past three o'clock.

Mr O'Mara presented a petition from the Rev William Kendall and others, inhabitants of Pouch-cove, upon the subject of a road to the new Wesleyan parsonage. In presenting this petition he might add that at present there is no road there, and it made it would be a matter of great convenience to a large section of the people of that locality. He trusted that the Chairman of the Board of Works would, if it were at all practicable, carry the prayer of the petitioners into effect.

Mr O'Mara also presented a petition from a large number of the people of Flat-Rock, asking for employment. The people there to a large extent are in a destitute state, and they now ask the Government for relief by giving them employment on public works.

Mr O'Mara also presented the following petitions upon the subject of roads, from the following persons.— from James Connors and others of Belle Isle, from William Bendall and others of Pouch Cove, from William Noseworthy and others of Bi-cayan Cove, and from William Bennett and others of Belle Isle.

Mr Kent—As to the petition from Mr Kendall and others, he had much pleasure in supporting its prayer. This proposed road may be looked upon as a private road, whereas it is not so. If the Board of Works see their way to the carrying out of the prayer of the petitioners he hoped that the building of the roads would be placed in the hands of competent persons. With regard to the petition from the people of Flatrock there is, he had reason to know very great distress in that part of the district. There must be some public works, which need repair and construction, and it is most desirable that at this particular juncture, employment should be given to those people. They do not ask for alms, but merely for an opportunity to give honest labor in return for relieving their present distressed condition. He had also much pleasure in supporting the prayer of the other petitions presented by his hon colleague, Mr O'Mara.

Mr Watson presented a petition from William Pitman and others of Withers Cove southside Trinity Bay.

Mr Parsons presented a petition from Thomas Walsh of St. John's praying to be appointed to the important office of messenger to the House. The petitioner is an old and very respectable inhabitant of this city. He has acted to (Mr P's) own knowledge as an agent in the colony for mercantile firms abroad, and he believed by his attention to business, and energetic efforts in their behalf; had given the most entire satisfaction. He states in his petition, that he had the honor of before appearing before the House as a petitioner, for office, when the present Chief Justice was Premier of the Government, and when his competitor beat him by only one solitary vote. He would therefore move that the present petitioner be appointed messenger of this House.

Mr Scott had much pleasure in seconding the motion.

Mr Rorke presented a petition from the Volunteer Fire companies of Carbonar and Brigus praying for a grant of money to enable them to purchase a uniform. Although it may be said that this is a matter confined to people of Carbonar only they were he considered as much entitled to the consideration of the government, in this respect as was the Volunteer Fire Company of Harbour Grace, or Saint John's. The petition from the Brigus Fire Company speaks for itself, and it is one that commends itself to their immediate attention. He had also much pleasure in presenting the petition from the inhabitants of Carbonar upon the same subject. It is signed by the greater number of the inhabitants of Carbonar. He trusted that the Government would do everything in their power to assist in promoting such a laudable purpose.

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