

Hon Mr HENSLEY said that there was no difficulty in the matter before the House. Upon the questions of Escheat, Fishery Reserves, and Quit Rents, he had seen no reason to change opinions previously expressed by him; he thought that these questions had been set at rest for ever. The Award might have been better; but there was nothing compulsory about it. It gave the tenantry the right to purchase at a fair and equitable price. The remission of arrears of rent suggested in the award, could not fail to be a benefit. In fact, if he thought that the award was wrong, he would vote against it; he could not conceive it would be injurious to any parties. It was not antagonistic to the Land Purchase Bill; for both the Award and the Land Purchase Bill could be worked together. The Loan, it was evident, was only a recommendation of the Commissioners; but even now, if it was absolutely necessary, it might be taken up. The arbitration clause was no doubt, an obnoxious one to some of the proprietors, fearing that it might depreciate the value of their property. But they could take advantage of the provisions of the Land Purchase Act. He did not believe that the despatch of His Grace the Duke of Newcastle would settle the subject, or that the veto of a Colonial Secretary could be placed even upon so small a Colony as this. The matter should be referred to a proper judicial Tribunal; for the tenantry of the Island were anxious to have the matter set at rest as speedily as possible. There were some verbal objections to the address, but waiving them, he was prepared and willing to support it.

Hon Mr POPE willingly gave credit where credit was due, and he did so to the hon member who had last spoken. There had been a wide range of discussion, and nearly all that had been discussed last year, had been again repeated upon the present occasion. For young members, such an allowance might be excusable, but for experienced ones, to occupy the time the House in repetitions, there was no excuse. The Government went out to the hustings, pledged upon the question of the award, and the country had nobly sustained them. The present cheap rate, at which estates were offered, he believed was owing to the passing of the award, which was known to have been unanimously adopted by the three Commissioners. He was not in favor of a loan, the Government had found sufficient means to purchase the Selkirk estate, and make it self-sustaining, and any other estates that might be offered could be purchased on their own credit, at the same self-sustaining rate. The Government had no other course to pursue, than the one they had adopted; and every member who voted for the award during the last session of the House, was bound to support the address proposed by the hon leader of the Government.

[A slight personal discussion here ensued between the hon J. C. Pope and Mr Howlan. The latter charging the hon member with having said, that he had no confidence in the award. This, Mr Pope most emphatically denied.]

Hon Col GRAY said that it was no business of the House, to listen to the repetition of a private conversation, and suggested that they should at once proceed to business.

Hon Mr COLES said that the opposition were always being taunted respecting the purchase of the

Worrell Estate, and the loss likely to arise thereon but there was nothing said about Lot 11. The loan, he believed, could be obtained easily, if proper measures were taken for that purpose.

The Chairman reported progress, and the House adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SITTING.

A Bill to continue certain Acts therein mentioned, was read a third time and passed.

Mr Brecken presented a memorial from the city Council of Charlottetown, praying a guarantee on a Loan of £5000—for not less than 5 years, nor more than ten—to enable the Corporation to build a new Market House. He said this was a matter, that did not affect the city alone, but also all the surrounding country. He hoped that the memorial would be favorably entertained by the House and moved that it be received and read.

The motion was carried and the memorial read, whereupon,

Mr Brecken moved that the said memorial, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next. He knew that it was no enviable position to ask for such a guarantee; but trusted that if obtained, it would result in no loss to the country; but on the contrary, that the new Market House, would prove a source of profit and emolument to the city.

The motion was warmly supported by Mr Davies, and by one or two others, but opposed by Messrs Howat, Coles, Warburton and Laird. On the question being put thereon, it was carried 13 to 11, and ordered accordingly.

The following petitions were presented to the House, and the same were severally received and read, viz:—

By the hon Col Gray—A petition of Kenneth Morrison Postmaster, at Flat River, praying for an increase of salary.

A petition of divers inhabitants, of Flat River, Belle Creek and South Pinette, praying for a grant of £100, to repair and extend the wharf at South Pinette.

By the hon Mr Kelly—A petition of James Wisener and others, praying for an allowance for a Courier to take the mail bags from Adam's office, Lot 49, to the Monaghan Post office, a distance of six miles. Also several road petitions, and a petition of divers inhabitants of French Fort Battery Point, and St. Peters' Road, praying for a grant to extend the wharf at Battery Point.

By the hon Mr Coles—A petition of divers inhabitants of St. Peters' Road, Lot 36, praying for a grant, in addition to an unexpended grant, for the erection of a wharf at Cranberry Point. Also several road petitions.

By the hon Colonial Secretary—A petition of divers inhabitants of Lots 57 and 58, praying for a grant to erect a bridge over Anderson's Mill stream. Also, a petition of divers inhabitants of Lot 49, praying for a grant to repair the old Georgetown Road.

By the hon Mr Longworth—A petition from Lot 65, praying for a grant, to extend the wharf at Nine Mile Creek.

Also a petition of Donald Scott, formerly contractor for work, at the wharf at Minchin's point, praying for payment, of interest, on the sum of £249, withheld from him by the Government, for a period of two years and three months, and then recovered by him in a suit at law.

By the hon Mr Hensley—A petition of divers inhabitants of Souris and vicinity, praying for a grant to improve and extend the breastwork, in course of construction, at Souris Harbor.

By the hon Mr Kaye—A petition of inhabitants of Pleasant Valley, Lots 62 and 64, praying for the opening of a road, in the county line, from Pleasant Valley road, to the shore, a distance of about three miles.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, stating, that it had passed the Bill, authorising the House