

consideration that the House was induced to give this grant. With respect to the distribution of the money, it was, I believe, judiciously expended, except in a very few instances; but we must not judge of the benefits derived by the country, from these isolated cases. As far as can be found out, the grant proved to be conducive to the general good of the country. With respect to the thousand pounds expended upon Tignish Run, we have accounts, from different sources, that the people have made a very good return. We have another hon. member from that section of the country—Mr. Bell—who is prepared to tell us that, as far as that grant has been expended, it has turned out well.

MR. BELL.—Mr. Chairman, I have visited Tignish Run, and was pleased to see such a large quantity of timber collected for the purpose of constructing the intended Breakwater. I do not think it could be purchased at the price for which the Government obtained it. I am very sanguine as to the perfect success of the work, when completed; and the suspicion that this was a bogus affair will be entirely removed from the minds of those who entertained such a thought. I believe that, when finished, it will be one of the best and most profitable public works on this Island. It is only just and right that the Government should do something for the fishermen, for they are the best customers in consuming dutiable articles, and I believe that not one shilling has ever before been laid out on their account. This money has been well expended, and in such a manner as to kill two birds with one stone. The hon. Leader of the Opposition may laugh, but every one knows that there was a great scarcity of fodder last year, which compelled the people to feed their cattle with grain, and when they came to sow they had no seed. In my section of the country, the people have punctually repaid the sums lent them, and that in good value. I am sure it would have done the heart of any good man good to see how that money was distributed among the people. I saw but a single individual case of mismanagement—perhaps this is the one referred to by the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, for it was published in the newspapers. I can defend this grant on every reasonable ground.

MR. PROWSE.—Mr. Chairman: I can endorse some of the sentiments of the honorable member for Cascumpec in advocacy of the claims of fishermen, but I must remind him that there are men who carry on the same business in other parts, as well as in Tignish. We are told that this appropriation killed two birds with one stone, and I believe he is quite sincere in saying that he believes the work will be a great success—I am not at all surprised to hear that. I believe the hon. member for Belfast is just as sanguine about the success of the Breakwater at Wood Islands, but I am not so sanguine. I believe that if the Government would improve what harbors we have instead of making artificial ones, the money would be much better expended. I think it was only last year that the

people whom I represent were taunted about their poverty; but I can inform this honorable House that the fishermen there can not only carry on their business without the aid of a grant, but can make a handsome profit from it. If the fishermen of Tignish cannot make ends meet, let them take to other grounds where they can make money by fishing.

HON. MR. HOWLAN.—I see that my friend, the hon. member for Murray Harbor (Mr. Prowse) is just as tender as ever on this point. I believe there are only two or three men down in his part of the country who can raise enough to cat. The people of Tignish asked a Civil Engineer, who was perfectly competent, to make a report on the proposed harbor—they did not act so foolishly as the people down at Wood Islands. I hope the hon. member will bring in the Report of an engineer on that Breakwater, and if it warrants, we will grant a sum of money towards its construction. It is true they do catch some fish down at Murray Harbor, but what they catch is a mere bagatelle. When he talks about Prince County getting a large share of the grants, he should remember that King's County has always got her share of the public money. There has been *five times* as much money spent in King's County within the last few years, as in Prince County. The people of Cascumpec and Tignish have caught a very large quantity of fish during the past year, and the business is rapidly extending.

HON. MR. DUNCAN.—Mr. Chairman: I believe Newfoundland is a colony of paupers, for more than half the Revenue is expended on pauperism—this shows us that the practice of granting the public money to private individuals has a demoralizing tendency. But I am quite willing to see the thousand pounds expended upon Tignish Run, for I believe it will afford some encouragement to the fishermen of that locality. I hope the Government will grant a sum of money towards the completion of Wood Island Breakwater. There is now eight feet of water at low tide where they once drove across with carts. It has been estimated by a competent engineer that if it was carried to a certain point, it would be serviceable, but to do this, it must be lengthened twelve hundred feet more. If that was done there would be twelve feet of water at ordinary tides, and the work would prove of very great benefit to that section of the country. I do not look at money spent on such works as lost, for it benefits the country generally. The roads are so terribly cut up during the spring and fall that some steps should be taken to prevent the necessity of hauling grain &c., long distances. But in regard to granting money for the purchase of seed grain, I think the Government should consider well before taking such a step.

HON. MR. HENDERSON.—Mr. Chairman, The hon. member from Tignish has referred to the expenditure of the public money in King's County. There