

Hon. Mr. HENDERSON thought that the money received by the members of the Fire Company from the Government for their extra labor at Victoria Barracks was no more than they were justly entitled to. Although representatives of country districts should take care that Charlottetown was not made a pet of in regard to grants, yet all should take a pride in the improvement of the capital. In the resolution under consideration, there was a grant for packet service between Charlottetown, Georgetown, and Souris, but it appeared that Murray Harbor had been overlooked, and he (Mr. H.) would like to ask the Government if it was not right that Murray Harbor should share the benefits of that packet service?

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN stated that the Steam Navigation Company objected to sending a steamer to Murray Harbor because there was no wharf there; but as it was the intention to build one next season, the people of that locality would soon have the benefit of steam navigation.

Resolution containing the foregoing items was then agreed to.

Steam Navigation.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN moved the following resolution:—

RESOLVED, That the following sum be granted and placed at the disposal of the Government, for the following service:—

Encouragement of Coast, Inland and Intercolonial Steam Navigation, in addition to the present contract, not exceeding £1000 0 0

He remarked that as we had steam communication with Boston, and it was expected that next summer we should also have a steamer plying between this port and Montreal, the Government wished to have steam communication between Charlottetown and all the outports.

Mr. PROWSE thought that when the Government gave a grant for a sailing packet to Souris, in case they could not arrange with the Steam Navigation Company, that the same provision might have been made for Murray Harbor. It was a very good admission which a member of the Government had made, when he stated that the reason the steamer did not go to Murray Harbor was on account of the want of wharf accommodation, and he (Mr. P.) hoped that a petition from the people of that locality for a wharf would not be neglected by the Government. Murray Harbor was capable of accommodating vessels of three or four hundred tons burthen.

Georgetown Ferry and Telegraph.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN moved the following resolution:—

RESOLVED, That the sum of £500 be placed at the disposal of the Government for the following services: £200 for steam ferry-boat at Georgetown, and £300 for the extension of telegraph communication to Georgetown.

He (Mr. H.) hoped soon to see all parts of the Island enjoy the benefits of telegraphic communication. It would be peculiarly beneficial to the people of Georgetown, as a large number of vessels was owned by persons in that town.

Hon. the SPEAKER was pleased to hear that £300 had been granted for telegraphic communication to Georgetown, and also £200 for a ferry-boat. The parties who intended building a ferry-boat wished protection for a number of years from the Government to prevent any other persons from running a boat.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND had much pleasure in supporting the resolution, but stated that it was necessary for the Government to pass a bill to guarantee the £200 a year for five years for this ferry-boat, and also protection for the same time to those who should undertake to build it. Steam navigation was very necessary as we had no railroads. He (Mr. H.) could not, however, agree with some hon. members that it would be a long time until we should have a railroad; he expected before many years to hear the iron horse snorting from Alberton to Souris. The hon. member from Belfast would not take a railroad all complete, provided the Government had to pay its working expenses. But he (Mr. H.) believed that although a railroad would not pay its working expenses for some years, yet the indirect benefits of it would be incalculable. The idea of building a railroad in any country had always been ridiculed at first, but it had generally been found after a railroad was built that it vastly increased the wealth of the country.

Hon. Mr. DUNCAN was not opposed to having a railroad, provided it did not cost too much. He would be willing to give any company that would build a railroad and run it a subsidy of £20,000 a year, and he would even agree to build it out of our own resources, though it would cost an immense sum, rather than have it built by other parties on condition that we gave up to them rights and privileges which we could never get back again. Railways in other countries where there was a great deal more traffic than on the Island would not pay—