

habitants of West Cornwallis, and Aylesford, for aid in building a wharf; and a third, to enlarge the powers of trustees, and Governors of Acadia College. Also a bill in accordance with the prayer of the latter petition. He laid on the table of the house the annual report of the Baptist Education Society, and presented a petition for the continuance of the grant to Horton Academy.

Hon. ATTY. GENL. presented a petition from B. McNutt, of Truro, in connection with certain railway damages. Referred to Railway Committee.

Mr. BLANCHARD presented a petition from J. McLeod, a contractor on the St. Peters' Canal, a few years ago, who is under the impression that he has been unfairly dealt with, and asks for a hearing of a committee. It was pointed out by several gentlemen that this petitioner had been before the house several times, for years back, and that a Committee had already decided in respect to his claims. Under these circumstances, the petition was allowed to lie on the table until enquiry was made into this point.

Mr. BOURINOT presented a petition from J. Batesby, who had been for many years engaged as mail courier in remote districts of Cape Breton. He had been obliged for years to carry the mail on his back, and from that cause he has become so feeble as to be unable to provide for the support of a young family. He asks, therefore, for a free grant of land.

Mr. BLACKWOOD doubted the propriety of opening a door to old couriers as well as to aged schoolmasters.

Mr. BOURINOT was surprised to hear gentlemen from a county reported to be so hospitable as Colchester express a wish to shut the door upon any one.

Mr. ROSS knew the petitioner to be a worthy person.

Hon. PRO. SEC. doubted the propriety of the House receiving the petition inasmuch as it asked, to all intents, for a sum of money.

Mr. BOURINOT agreed to refer the petition to the Government.

Mr. TOBIN presented a petition from a number of the merchants of Halifax praying for the establishment of a light house at Little Hope.

Mr. Locke, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Tobin urged upon the Government the construction of this light.

Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL presented a petition from S. Savory and others of Digby against the present school law; also, one from G. Holdsworth, etc., in the town of Digby, praying that the money received from licenses be spent in the support of education instead of the road and bridge service.

Mr. BOURINOT asked the Government whether it was the intention to re-erect the light house burnt down at Flint Island last year.

Hon. PRO. SEC. replied that that matter was under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. KAULBACK presented the petition of trustees of Baptist parsonage house and lot at North West, for authority to sell the same—and to apply the proceeds to repairs of Baptist meeting-house at that place. He also asked leave and introduced a bill in conformity with prayer of petitioners. Mr. Kaulback also presented the petition of Dr. Alex. Lane, asking compensation for land taken from him for public purposes; and another petition from

same party for compensation for medical and surgical attendance to a sick Indian. Mr. Kaulback urged the favorable consideration of the petitions, and they were handed over to the Financial Secretary.

PILOTAGE IN PICTOU.

Mr. D. FRASER presented a petition from the rate payers of School district, No. 25, River John; another from the pilots of Pictou, asking to be placed on the same footing as the pilots of Halifax; and a third from the shipmasters and owners in the towns of Pictou and New Glasgow, on the same subject.

Mr. MILLER did not approve of the demand made by the pilots of Pictou. Because these persons some sixteen in number, found that they were not as largely remunerated as formerly, they called upon the house to repeal a law which had been passed last session by a large majority. He could not sanction any such proceeding as it would bear heavily upon an industrious class of the community off whom the pilots of Pictou were in the habit of making their living.

Hon. JAMES McDONALD said that the present was not the time to discuss the question, but he could not refrain from stating his opinion that the house could not fail, on a careful consideration of the merits of the petition, to grant its prayer. If the hon. member for Richmond would take the trouble to look at the petition accompanying that of the pilots, he would see that their application came backed not only by the whole of the influential commercial and trading population, but also by three important Insurance Companies. The hon. gentleman also mentioned that he understood, so impressed were the Insurance Companies with the necessity of encouraging the pilot institution, that they had gone so far as to extend the period of insurance from the first of November to the end of the season of navigation, to those vessels that accepted pilots inwards and outwards.

PETITIONS AND BILLS.

Mr. G. BROWN introduced a bill to amend the act to authorize a loan for the erection of a court house and jail in Yarmouth.

Mr. TOBIN introduced an act to incorporate the Acadia Boot and Shoe Manufacturing Company.

Mr. C. J. CAMPBELL introduced a petition from the inhabitants of Bedeque, asking for a change in the mail route from Plaister Cove; and one from the ferrymen of the Strait of Canso, and a number of others, asking for a special grant for preparing a road leading from the Strait of Canso to the main road. These men offer to perform 25 days labour on the road, if the Government will only spend fifty pounds.

Mr. MILLER said that the piece of road is much wanted.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL stated that the piece of road, though actually in the county of Guysboro', was actually of no use to it; it was rather for the advantage of Cape Breton. He hoped, however, it would receive the favorable consideration of the Government.

Mr. BLANCHARD said that it was half a mile of road in the county of Guysborough in reality though of no actual necessity to it. That road had been made by the county of Inverness aided by a few pounds on one occasion from the county of Sydney. He hoped it would be placed in the special grants this year.