





COLONIAL LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, March 1853.

DEBATE ON THE SALARIES BILL.

[With respect to this Bill, Mr. Clark first gave notice, in the Order Book, that he would bring forward a Bill to establish a First Salary for the Queen's Printer; but, who introduced it, was, by its title, declared to be a Bill to provide fixed salaries for the Attorney General and the Queen's Printer. In its progress through the Committee of the whole House, considerable alterations and additions, however, were made to it; and, when it finally passed, it was a Bill to provide an Act to establish the Salaries payable to the Attorney General, and Solicitor General, and Clerk of the Crown, and Prothonotary of Princes Edward Island, for their public services.]

The Bill was read the first time on the 9th March. On moving for leave to introduce it, Mr. Clark very briefly stated the object of it, which he explained to be the establishing of fixed salaries, in lieu of fees and charges, for the Attorney General and the Queen's Printer, on account of all business, or work, which should be done for the Government of the colony, by the gentlemen who held these appointments. Such a mode of paying these Officers for their services, he said, would be much more satisfactory to the country, than the present one, as they would positively know what they had to pay for stated public services; and it would also, he thought, be more acceptable to those Officers themselves, because it would relieve them from all annoyance, caused by any cancelling, or canvassing, of the items of their charges; and the fixed salaries, which it would be just and reasonable to allow them, could easily be determined by taking the average of the fees and charges allowed and paid to them, by the Government, for the last three or four years.

Hon. Mr. PALMER spoke at some length in favor of the principle of the Bill. In doing so, he took an opportunity to institute a pretty close comparison between the charges of the present Queen's Printer and those of his predecessor in office, on account of work done for the public or the Government: with the intention of showing that the charges of the latter greatly exceeded those of the latter. The hon. and learned gentleman said, that a comparison of the charges made for work done for the public, by the present Queen's Printer, in 1851, with those made, for similar work, by his predecessor, would show that the latter had extravagantly exceeded the latter. He would, he said, first speak of the charges made by the present Queen's Printer, at the outset of his business in that capacity, in 1851, many of which were unnecessary and uncalled for. First, then, he would speak of the charges for advertising the Proclamation, respecting the Post Office Bill, &c. for advertising the Proclamation, constitutions &c., and printing and posting of hand bills, &c., in all £1 2s. These publications were not at all essential, and certainly the continuations were unnecessary, nor was it laid down as a rule that they should be made. Such continuations were not necessary except with respect to Proclamations concerning the Assembly. Now, unless it could be shown, that that Proclamation was one which should have been published fourteen or fifteen times, it was clear that the continuations were unnecessary. Mr. Hazard, for the original insertion of the continuations, charged 15s. 2d. Again, by comparing the accounts of the late and the present Queen's Printer, it would be found that the latter charged 18s. 3d. for advertising the appointment of twelve magistrates, whilst the former charged only 12s. for a similar notice.

Hon. Mr. PALMER, the charge of 5s. made by Mr. Hazard, was for advertising the appointment of one magistrate only. The difference in space between the two would, on a comparison, be found to be scarcely anything, whilst the increase of the charge was at the rate of 125 per cent. Next he observed in the Account of the present Queen's Printer, for the year 1852, that 210 two charges, amounting to 10s. for advertising the appointment of H. F. Byrne, Esq. to be Deputy Secretary, and also for the publication of the appointments; and that he had been twice previously charged in the old Gazette; he therefore, held the publication of them by the present Queen's Printer to be unnecessary, and the charge, consequently, improper.

[Hon. Mr. COLT. They were published then by Mr. Hazard when he very improperly assumed to himself the right of continuing to issue the Act of the Session of 1851 had also, it appeared, been published both by the late and the present Queen's Printer; for which work the former charged £2 5s. 6d., and the latter charged £2 18s. 9d. Also in comparing the charges made by the late and the present Queen's Printer for advertising a proclamation respecting the opening of Ports to American vessels for Charlottetown Ferry, the present Queen's Printer charged for a similar notice only 17s. 6d., whilst for exactly the same matter, the former charged 22s. 6d., an excess of 5s. And, for advertising for tenders for the purchase of Charlevoix, the present Queen's Printer charged only 12s. 6d., whilst the former charged £2 2s. 6d., whilst for a similar advertisement, Mr. Hazard had charged only £1 10s. 6d., the excess being 12s. 6d. Again, it would be found that, for work in the publication of the Acts of the session of 1851, for which the late Queen's Printer was allowed only £4 10s. 6d. the present Queen's Printer had charged £5 8s. 6d.—that for the Executive Council, £2 8s. 6d.—that for £1 18s. 6d. on the same amount of work, over what was allowed to his predecessor; the Executive Council having struck off one-eighth from Mr. Hazard's charge for printing the Acts of the session of 1851, whilst they had allowed, as would be seen by reference to the Journal of 1852, p. 210, in the charge for publishing the Act for incorporating the Trustees of the Prince Rupert Royalty Church, a much higher charge to his successor in office. By referring to page 216 of the same Journal, it would be found that the present Queen's Printer had charged £2 10s. 6d. for advertising a List of the Licensed Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, whilst for the same service—the advertisement being shorter by 15 lines—his predecessor had charged 15s. Also, in the same page, it would be found that, for advertising a List of Warrants, the present Queen's Printer had charged £2; whilst for a similar service, it would be seen by Mr. Hazard's accounts, that he had charged only 15s., there being but a slight difference as to length between the advertisements, the former exceeding the latter by so more than 127 words. And with respect to the publication of the Laws of the Bill, it would be found that the present Queen's Printer had charged and been paid £2 17s. 6d. for

a sheet of 8 pages, his predecessor, for a similar service, under contract, had received only £2 9s.; and if any gentleman would take the trouble to compare the work of the former with that of the latter, he would find Mr. Hazard's to be several new long and broad sheets, in page, and, what was also very material, he would see that the paper was also very much superior to that of the other. In that of the present Queen's Printer, it was obviously that, in the first part, the paper was very good, but that, in the remainder of the work, it was very inferior. The difference which he had already exposed were sufficient to show how much the charges of the present Queen's Printer exceeded those of his predecessor, and what a vast difference there was between the mode in which the business of the office by which he referred was conducted by his present incumbent, and that in which it was managed by his predecessor. Had it been convenient for him to devote an additional hour's time to an inspection of the Accounts of that Office for 1852, he would, he had no doubt, have been able to show, in terms, similar excess and extravagance of charges. Of 1852, the last quarter was not laid before the House; why he knew not; but he did know that, formerly, it had always been sent in, in time to be reported on by the Committee on Public Accounts. The excess and extravagance which he had already pointed out, were, however, he thought, quite sufficient to show that, with respect to the office in which he occurred, there was a better protection for the public purse than that which was afforded by the present Responsible System; and, he was of opinion, that the best remedy would be the establishing, as far as possible, of a fixed Salary, for the performance of the duties of the Office, as was proposed by the Bill, which should, therefore, have his support.

Hon. Mr. COLT. It was not to be expected that he should be quite as well able to enter into a minute examination of the Queen's Printers Accounts, as the hon. member for Charlottetown who had just sat down; that gentleman, having, he believed, been assisted, for a month, by Mr. Hazard, in comparing accounts, and in making out the statement, the particulars of which he had just detailed to the House. It did not, however, seem to him that the hon. member had been particularly very far from being impartial and complete. One remarkable omission which he had made was his having been silent as to the reason why Mr. Hazard's office had been established, and why Mr. Hazard's salary was £2 15s. 6d. a few years ago, for similar work was £2 15s. 6d. The reason was that the printing of the Laws had been put to tender, Mr. Hazard had contracted, with any chance of success, in his own name, without admitting the extravagance of his general charges for similar work, and without running the risk of being set down, in future, to the rate of the hon. member's tender. It was, no doubt, true, that, in the course of a minute comparison between the charges of the present and the late Queen's Printer, it might be found that, in one or two items, the charges of the former were less than those of the latter; but he was satisfied, as well from his own knowledge of the accounts of both, as from Mr. Hazard's own comparison of them, that he had received concerning them from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and other members of the Government whose duty it had been to see that the present Queen's Printer was much more moderate in his charges than his predecessor had been. It was, indeed, a fact that Mr. Hazard had been charged with the Queen's Printer, since he entered upon the office, greatly exceeded what had annually been paid, in a like period, to his predecessor; but the reason was, that, since the change in the Government had been effected, the hon. member had been troubled, if not quadrupled; and, if the comparison instituted by the hon. and learned member for Charlottetown, had been strictly upon an equal footing, the hon. member would have been satisfied that the charges therein were fairly made; and, although in some trifling items a little above, yet, upon an average, considerably below those of his predecessor.

Hon. Mr. WARBURTON stated that having, as he had been directed, written to the Colonial Secretaries of the neighbouring Provinces for information concerning the rates of the charges for public printing, in each of them, he had been favored with particular replies; and they were such as enabled him to state, that the charges for public printing in this Colony, were much more moderate than those which were made and allowed in the Province. To show, however, that, as asserted by the hon. the Leader of the Government, the late Queen's Printer's charges were frequently much higher than those of the present, he would merely state, as one instance of such excess, that Mr. Hazard's charge for the printing of the Laws to be sent Home had been £20, and Mr. Hazard, for a similar work, although to a greater extent, and on superior gilt-edged paper, was only £10. Another instance of excess in Mr. Hazard's charges over those of Mr. Whelan's, which he might mention, was that the former had charged 5s. a hundred for blank red-ink-stamps, whilst the latter had charged only 4s. On a fair comparison of the accounts of the present and the late Queen's Printer, it was evident, however, that their rates of charging were nearly the same; although, in some instances, he had been charged more than Mr. Hazard greatly exceeded those of Mr. Whelan.

Hon. Mr. COLT. Yes; and he would also like to know why, whilst pretending to be so accurate in his comparison, the hon. and learned member had not shown that the son had had the benefit, for his contract, of what the father printed and was paid for, as the Queen's Printer, in the publication of the Laws of the Session; so that if he were charged paid for work which was set up only once. He pointed out that the hon. and learned member would find, before the enquiries which he had provoked were ended, that it would have been better for him to have let comparisons alone.

Mr. LINGWOOD. The old Government had been held up to contempt and execration, by the party now dominant, when out of power, for having allowed such a system of charging as that of which, now that they were in power, they had not only gladly availed themselves as a precedent, but which they had allowed to be greatly exceeded. But what else could be expected when the Printer himself had a seat in the Executive Council! The comparisons which had been made, limited as they were, were quite sufficient to show that an unjustifiable increase had been made in the charges of the present Queen's Printer over those of his predecessor;—an increase which he was inclined to believe would not have been permitted under a system of government less favorable to corruption, than that which allowed public officers to sit at the Council Board as auditors of their own accounts. It was true that Mr. Hazard had charged nearly—perhaps quite—as much for publishing the appointment of one individual to the office of a magistrate, as he would have charged had five appointments been included in the same notice; but what could justly be found fault with in that! The work, whether it included one name or five names, would be nearly the same, and it would occupy nearly the same space in the paper. In his predecessor's such publications, however, were neither so frequent, nor so profitable as at present. Formerly appointments to the magistracy were made at long intervals; now, almost every Gazette contained a list of them, as well as other minor appointments. Indeed the frequency with which additions were made to the Commission of the Peace, and the *status* and qualifications, generally speaking, of those who were appointed, had increased, so that it was necessary to bring the office into contempt.

Hon. Mr. WHELAN. If hitherto I had no desire to take part in the discussion now going on, I think, indeed, I would be fully warranted in replying to the allegations which have just been directed against myself individually, with so much rancor and injustice, from the other side of the House, when I first read the notice in the Order Book, some few weeks ago, that it was the intention of the hon. member for Darnley (Mr. Clark) to introduce a Bill to commute the charges of the Queen's Printer for a stated salary. I was, in fact, very much surprised, not only in accordance with the practice of the House—but fully in accordance with my own judgment, to maintain a rigid silence in regard to a matter of public nature. 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UNCLE TOM'S CABIN. (Contd. from p. 20.) "Law, miss, you must whip me; my old missus always whipped me; I've used to work in the kitchen, I don't want to whip you."

"Law, miss, I've used to whippin'; I expect it's good for me." Miss Ophelia tried the recipe and Topsy invariably made a terrible commotion, screaming, groaning, and imploring; though half an hour afterwards, when rooted on some position of the balcony, and surrounded by a flock of admiring "young uns," she would express the utmost content of the whole affair.

"Law, Miss Feely whip!—wouldn't kill a stealer, her whippin's. Oughter see how old mas' made the fleehy fly: old mas' know'd how!" Topsy always made great capital of her own stunts and contortions, critically considering them as something peculiarly distinguishing.

"Well, you niggers," she would say to some of her auditors, "does you know you'n all sinners? Well, you is, everybody is. White folks is sinners, too—Miss Feely says so; but I 'spect niggers is the biggest ones; but her 'ye ain't say on ye up to me. It's so awful wicked them can't nobody do nothin' with me. I used to keep old missus a swarin' at me half de time. I 'spect I'm the wickedest critter in the world!"

"Topsy would cut a summeret, and come up leik and shinin', on to a higher perch, and evidently please herself on the distinction." Miss Ophelia busied herself very earnestly on Sundays, teaching Topsy the catechism. Topsy had an enormous verbal memory, and committed with a fluency that greatly encouraged her instructress.

"What good do you expect it is going to do her?" said St. Clare. "Why, it always has done children good. It's what children always have to learn, you know," said Miss Ophelia. "Understand it or not?" said St. Clare. "Oh, children never understand it at the time; but after they are grown up, it'll come to them."

"Mine hasn't come to me yet," said St. Clare, "though I'll bear testimony that you put it into me pretty thoroughly when I was a boy." "Ah, you were always good at learning, Augustine. I used to have great hopes of you," said Miss Ophelia.

"Well, haven't you now?" said St. Clare. "I wish you were as good as you were when you were a boy, Augustine." "So do I, that's a fact cousin," said St. Clare. "Well, go ahead and catechise Topsy; may be you'll make out something yet."

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