

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATURE—1862.

HOUSE OF NOBLES.

JULY 10.—The consideration of the Appropriation Bill was resumed and occupied the entire day, and most of the Interior Department was passed upon. For the most part the House of Representatives' bill was amended to correspond with the estimates of the Minister of Finance, but as this is not a final determination of the business, and many variations may be made before a concurrence of the whole Legislative Council, we refrain from continuing our note of amendments.

The House concurred in passing a bill to confer certain privileges on the Honolulu Sugar Manufacturing and Refining Company; also concurred in their proposed amendment to the three scholarships in the Oahu College bill, and passed it as the House of Representatives had fixed it; then going into Committee on the Appropriation Bill, the subject of an appropriation for the execution of the "law to mitigate," &c., was taken up.

Mr. Bishop was of opinion that the Queen's Hospital was due a large proportion of the benefit ascribed by the advocates of this law to it, and was in favor of a smaller appropriation, say \$2,000. It was not true that the ravages of this disease were confined to Honolulu—it was spread throughout the country.

Mr. Wyllie would not have the great benefits which he conceived had been derived from the law to be curtailed or cut off by an insufficient or no appropriation at all. He would move in addition that \$3,000 should be appropriated to be used under such a law throughout the Kingdom.

Governor Kekuanoa and Mr. I. wished the subject postponed for the present, and it was postponed, and other items taken up.

JULY 12.—On the Appropriation Bill to-day the Representatives' Bill was, for the most part, restored to the shape as presented by the Minister of Finance. There was some debate upon the item of \$1,000 for the Catholic school at Abulimau; Mr. Gregg contended for it upon the principle of putting it on a par with the Oahu College, and the Prince Kamehameha opposed it for the reason that it did not conform to the laws which relate to schools receiving aid from Government.—Pending debate adjourned.

JULY 14.—The above mentioned item and item of \$500 for school of D. Walsh, Honolulu, were struck out.

The whole schedule of appropriation for the Department of War was struck out, and the sum mentioned in the Budget voted in solid.

All the appropriations for District Justices in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Justice, were struck out.

The item of the annuity of \$1,000 per annum to L. Andrews was struck out, but upon a reconsideration was debated. Mr. Gregg suggested for consideration at the same time, a pension of \$500 per annum to run for five years, to the widow of the late President of the House of Education, upon the ground of long and eminent service to this people. Mr. Wyllie supported both these—Judge Andrews, as founded upon a pledge to him upon resigning his place in the Supreme Court, and of Mrs. Armstrong, as deserved and supported by precedent. The Prince Kamehameha, Mr. Hales and others opposed generally the granting of pensions. Service was paid for while it was performed. We would not adopt here the pension system of Great Britain. Office was generally sought after and considered desirable, and those who held it for many years generally made good provision for themselves, and because they had enjoyed a place long no reason why they or their heirs should be paid longer.

JULY 15th.—The discussion on the subject of pensions was renewed, but without coming to a vote.

The Appropriation Bill was, per resolutions presented by Mr. Wyllie and passed, referred to the Minister of Finance, together with the amendments; and he was directed to report to the balances not drawn and due for services in the past and extending into the present biennial period, &c., &c.

JULY 16.—Sundry bills from the House of Representatives, which had accumulated during the pendency of the Appropriation Bill, were taken up, viz: For establishment of an Insane Hospital at Honolulu. Referred to committee.

To amend Sec. 720 of Civil Code, fixing the pay of school treasurers at two per cent. The former law has not to exceed five per cent.—Passed.

Act to impose duty of one cent per pound on wheat, rice, barley, corn, oat hay, etc., imported here from a foreign country.

Mr. Wyllie opposed this on the ground that it was intended to favor a class, and was therefore in contradiction to the Constitution, Art. 14, which provides that the King's Government is to be protected and class of all, and not for the benefit of any man or class of men as against or in preference to any other classes.

The Governor of Maui thought it would aid the wheat growers, but withdrew his support after hearing the views of Mr. Bishop.

Mr. Bishop stated would not benefit the agriculturists as intended. As to wheat, the amount consumed in this kingdom is limited to a certain small quantity, the balance of our produce must find a market abroad. The millers are the purchasers, and must and will buy with a view to exporting and competing in a foreign market with foreign produce. Any advantage by the proposed bill will accrue to the millers at the expense of all the consumers of flour, and without advantage to the wheat growers. Corn is included. Why? None is ever imported. The law would be simply needless. We might as well attempt to protect ourselves against importations of foreign pig.

The bill was rejected.

The bill for an Act to encourage a trans-Pacific line of steamers, first introduced into this House by Mr. Wyllie, and withdrawn to be first acted upon by the House of Representatives, and passed by that House, was passed to-day by Nobles, and it gives to the first company which shall run trans-Pacific steamers touching at Honolulu, both going and returning, privileges of wharfage, water, harbor charges, etc., etc.

A bill for an Act to prevent the spread of disease among sheep, was passed. Any sheepowner having diseased sheep to do over the land of another sheepowner, must give him or his agent one day's notice thereof, under penalty of not to exceed \$50—half to go to the proprietor.

JULY 17.—The act to establish an Insane Hospital passed with amendments striking out clause relating to the appointment of a new section that judges shall not commit foreign seamen insane without security for their support by their Consul, ship master or ship owner.

The act relating to *crim. con.*, from the House of Representatives, provides that where a civil action is brought by the proper party for damages against the man seducing the woman shall not be punished criminally.

Governors Kekuanoa and Nahaloa and Mr. Hales, although there was a partition in that there was no remedy allowed against the woman when the man was the seduced party, and moved an amendment to that effect.

Mr. Bishop said that such might be had by the proposed law, though there perhaps was no instance recorded of such action. Bill passed.

The act to provide for the separation of the sexes in Government common schools, was passed, and it provides that no female child or more shall be kept in the same district for the sexes separately it shall be done, and that preference shall be given to a teacher of the same sex as the scholars of such separate school.—Adjourned to Monday.

Mr. Editor.—In a former number of your paper, I took occasion to suggest what I deemed a profitable and beneficial application of rice straw, which is at present being produced in large quantities on this island; and I now beg leave to make another suggestion on the same subject, of no less benefit, in my opinion, viz., its use for the purpose of thatching the roofs of buildings, for which purpose it is extensively used in other rice-growing countries, where it proves of extraordinary durability; outlasting, as I understand, two shingle roofs.

No argument can be required to prove the vastly greater comfort and comfort of a house with a grass roof, as compared with any other material in use here; and nothing but the great expense of a roof of grass, occasioned by its scarcity, and the almost extinction of the race of *akamai* native thatchers, or other days, (whose handwork has been matter of admiration to the present generation), have of late years prevented many from the enjoyment of this, one of the greatest of Hawaiian luxuries. A few of those old adepts still survive; sufficient, perhaps, to serve as teachers of the rising generation, who, amid the great abundance of the new material I now advocate, are likely to find ample and profitable occupation for their time and talents, when once qualified for the work.

In conclusion I beg to express the hope that some of our Honorable Allies may be induced to take the initiative in this good work, by opening normal schools, under the charge of those old people competent to teach the art to their juniors, who, I have no doubt, will reap a rich reward. J. MONTGOMERY, July 11, 1862.

President B. H. A. Seo.

STATISTICS

FOR THE PORT OF HONOLULU—SECOND QUARTER OF THE YEAR 1862.

NATIONAL VESSELS. DEPARTURES. April 2—Russian Imp. ste. screw corvette Catala, Davidoff Commander, for Kanagawa and Russian Asiatic Possessions.

Merchant Vessels. ARRIVALS.—From San Francisco. April 9—Am. ship Skylark, Burley, 1209 15

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April 11—Am. ship Charming, Lucas, 1015 14
April 11—Am. ship Flying Childers, Lester, 1185 15

April 12—Am. ship Phoenix, Sergeant, 1174 14
April 12—Am. ship Fanny, Turner, 1170 14
April 12—Hamb. bark Borea, Nagel, 1172 14

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Exports from Honolulu—2d Quarter, 1862.

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