

crament are going to adopt, then good bye to Responsible Government. And her cry got up by the Attorney General was that the press was against them. The press was exposing their incapacity, and they do not desire to hear these things. It is the duty of the press to deal with Governments. It really appears an injury to the country to denounce a press because it speaks out boldly and manly, and condemns the acts of a Government. He says no injustice has been done to York, and to other sections of the country too. Did not they attempt to do injustice to the principles of Responsible and Departmental Government, by doing away with one of the most important offices, that of Postmaster General? Notwithstanding the additional labour to be performed; the labour is done more economically now than it was before the office became responsible. He did not think it right for the Hon. member for York to state at the hustings that this was the first step towards the removal of the seat of Government. I stated that last year. I believed it then and I believe it now, that it is not the only first step towards the removal of the seat of Government, but to do away with departmental government altogether. The present Government would then rule the country with tyranny and despotism, holding their position without any responsibility at all. Look at their whole career—at their measures of last year—the measures foreshadowed in the speech—their course in reference to Union principles—their neglect in allowing the law to expire for collecting export duty, and ask yourselves are you prepared to sustain this Government. I believe the day will come when the country will not sustain those men who support them. Then in reference to Fenianism, I do not think there is much danger. The leaders keep the excitement up for the purpose of getting money. True, I am in the Northern part of the Province, where there is no great danger. But I ask the Attorney General if he was sincere when he appealed to the House in a tremulous voice, and said this was no time to discuss a motion of Want of Confidence, when the country was in danger of a conspiracy on our borders. If he was, has he been sincere lately in ridiculing the whole movement? If he was sincere in the one case he must have been insincere in the other. Viewing the whole policy of the Government I have no hesitation in saying, they have not my confidence, nor the confidence of the people.

The debate was then adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. SMITH presented the following resolution:—

"Resolved unanimously, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respectfully assuring His Excellency that this House, representing the whole people of the Province, will provide for all precautionary measures, that the Executive Government may deem necessary in the present emergency for the defence of the country."

Mr. FISHER moved the House would be unanimous, as it would meet a unanimous response from the whole people. They must trust to the Government to use economy; but money is no object when the country was in danger,

and as far as their means went they must give effect to that resolution.

Mr. WILMOT also expressed himself in favor of the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

The House then adjourned until 10 A. M., to-morrow.

T. P. D.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17.

House went into Committee of the Whole, on a Bill to alter the place of holding elections in the Parish of Hampton, in the County of Kings, passed without discussion or amendment.

Mr. CUDLIP introduced a Bill to incorporate the Inter-Colonial Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. NEEDHAM—seconded by Mr. Sutton—the debate on the Amendment to the Address was adjourned over until Monday at twelve.

Mr. DESBRISAY rose and made an explanation, regarding a statement made in the *Globe* newspaper, in its report of his speech on Thursday, where he was made to say, that he had been snubbed by petty Railway officials. He had never made such a remark. When travelling on the Railway he had always received every civility from the Railway officials, and he did not wish such a statement to go abroad uncontradicted.

Mr. FRASER asked the Provincial Secretary if he had been furnished by the Canadian Government with copies of Mr. Fleming's Report on the Inter-Colonial Railway routes.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY had not received any copies of that Report.

On motion of Mr. FRASER, the House went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Beveridge in the Chair) to incorporate the Provincial Oil Company.

Mr. Fraser explained, that the object of the Bill was to enable a company to carry on the manufacture of Oil in the Province; there was no particular locality mentioned. The Bill was almost a verbatim copy of the Bill incorporating the Caledonia Oil Company; it went a little further and authorised the company to deal in monies.

Mr. McLELLAN did not see why the company should not form under the general act.

Mr. FRASER. The gentleman who proposed forming the company preferred to have a special act.

Mr. WETMORE could not see why a special act should take place merely because some gentlemen preferred it. All they would have to do to form under the general act would be to go into the Provincial Secretary's Office, file certain papers, and pay the fees. By allowing them to take out a special act they would escape paying the fees.

Mr. McLELLAN said, that the fee was \$40 for coming under the general act; but, of course, it could not be the object of the company, that preferred doing business on the scale they did, to escape the fees. He would move that progress be reported, and the Bill referred to a Committee.

ATTORNEY GENERAL did not see that any harm could be done in allowing the company a special act, and he was inclined to support the Bill. He was disposed to give every facility to persons coming in to develop manufactures in the Province, but he would suggest that

the Bill be referred to a Committee.

Mr. FRASER said, that the gentleman proposing to form the company, were wealthy business men of Boston; it was not a bogus company, and they intended to bring in a great deal of money into the Province. He thought the bringing in of foreign capital ought to be encouraged. These gentlemen did not ask a special act, because they would escape paying some small fees. But if they came in under the general act, they would not purchase lands or hold mines. Finally, progress was reported, and the Bill referred to a Committee.

In the afternoon, Mr. FISHER moved that the Address of the House, in accordance with the resolution passed on Friday:—

"That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, respectfully assuring His Excellency that the House, representing the whole people of the Province, will provide for all precautionary measures that the Executive Council may deem to be necessary in the present emergency for the defence of the Province, be presented by the Speaker and the whole House."

The members in the House accordingly proceeded to Government House; and, having returned, the Speaker read the Reply of His Excellency:—

GENTLEMEN:—

"I thank the House of Assembly for the fresh proof they have afforded that the ancient spirit of loyalty which animated the first founders of this Province has neither diminished nor decayed.

"I deeply regret that machinations of evil-disposed men should render necessary a considerable expenditure for defensive purposes; but your liberality will have been wisely bestowed, should it show to the plotters who dream of a descent upon our borders, how little they can hope for success in such an enterprise.

"The most rigid economy shall be exercised in the expenditure of the resources you have placed at my disposal.

"Confiding in the protection of Almighty God, and assured of the support of a gallant and united people, I await the future without anxious care."

Mr. NEEDHAM moved the adjournment of the House, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, which, being carried, the House was adjourned over until Monday at 10 o'clock.

A. A.

MONDAY, MARCH 19.

After a number of Petitions and Bills had been brought in, Mr. FISHER moved the House into Committee on a Bill to incorporate the Fredericton Railway Company, which was agreed to.

DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF THE ADDRESS REPORTED.

Hon. Mr. BOWEN moved the House, in not carrying out the amendment, which was that he should reply to Mr. McLELLAN. In consequence of indisposition, he could