

been allowed to remain till gold was down. Then a large number of cases were sent from the Police Court of Saint John, and extra expenses were incurred on that account.

HON. MR. TILLEY said that certainly calculations had been made that the appointment of Commissioners would prove beneficial but they were not realized. There seemed to be a fatality in connection with that building. Just as they had got ready to do something a fire broke out and destroyed the work shops and machinery, and for a long time nothing was done. The machinery could not be got from the States. Corn-room too was high, but with that they did a little better. Everything, however, appeared to be all right now, and hopes were entertained that matters would work more satisfactorily. The reason why the debt was not reduced when gold was high was that at that time there was a large expenditure for machinery, and now they would have to do the best they could. He agreed with the hon. member from Northumberland that there are offenders sent there who should not be. Men and boys sent for 40 or 60 days who have to mingle with old offenders, and beside this it is almost impossible to make their labor very profitable.

MR. SMITH thought the predecessors of the late Government did not look into the management of the Institution as they should have done. They found on coming into office many things that were very bad. Mr. Cruikshank was giving his notes to raise money and these were floating about the City. He believed when the debt in the States was contracted gold was 250, and it could have been paid off at a discount of a hundred per cent. He hoped matters would be improved under the present management. They had appointed Mr. Gilbert as one of the Commissioners and he believed he did his work well. Mr. Gilmor and Mr. Anglin had also given much time and attention to the Institution.

HON. MR. TILLEY proceeded to move the 7th Resolution. That a sum of \$18,000 be granted for the Lunatic Asylum.

The sum had previously been \$16,000, but taking into consideration the increased number of inmates and the high price of provisions it was found it could not be come for less than the sum he had put down. There were now 269 attendants and the building was quite free.

MR. KERR thought the friends of the patients should be required to assist in their support. At one time they paid in some £800 or £900, but now that sum is reduced some 50 per cent. This was the only way to keep the increased grant down and if the remedy could be applied it should be done.

HON. MR. TILLEY said there was no doubt but that the friends should contribute to the support of the patients, but the way matters were, it could not well be remedied. It was proposed that each County should give a certain amount, but they all knew how that such a measure would be hard to get through the House. It was, therefore, thought best to take it out of the general revenues.

8h. That \$1200 be granted for the relief of the Indians.

9h. That \$30,000 be granted for the Militia and apprehension of deserters.

10th. That \$20,000 be granted for the Post Office deficiency.

11th. That \$65,000 be granted for the Great Roads of the Province and the Bridges thereon.

Last year the sum was \$70,000, but \$10,000 was required to pay an instalment on the Petitcodiac Bridge, leaving \$60,000. There were some improvements to be made which would require about \$5000 more.

MR. KERR thought that full particulars of the expenditure of this sum should be laid before the House.

MR. SMITH said it appeared that the Board of Works had taken charge of the County of Westmorland. They had removed Supervisors and replaced them by men not nearly so capable as those removed. He referred to the action of the late Government and challenged the representatives to say that his Government had displaced a man unless he had been a violent partisan. Even in Albert County they did not disturb the present Chief Commissioner's brother who held an office in that County. He saw by the *Royal Gazette* that the Post Master at Sackville had resigned, and the Government had appointed a Mr. Dixon in his place without saying one word to the members about it. He thought the Government should have acted on the principle adopted by the late Government to leave alone officers who had showed their efficiency and fitness for the situations they held.

HON. MR. McMILLAN said the late Government had appointed a Supervisor in Restigouche in opposition to the advice of his colleague and himself. He had no objections to the party appointed receiving some office, but he was not physically able to attend to the duties required of him, so another man had to do the work and both got paid.

MR. SMITH supposed that reference was made to the appointment of Mr. Montgomery as Supervisor, and the Postmaster-General had spoken to him and said he should be happy if anything could be done for Mr. Montgomery.

HON. MR. McMILLAN assented to this, but said the office to which he was appointed was unsuited to him from the

fact that he was not able bodily to perform the duties.

MR. SMITH said neither under the late Government or when the Provincial Secretary and he were together in the same Government could say one point to cases where removals had been made and others appointed without consulting with members. He thought the men who had the expenditure of the public money should be those best able to attend to the duties.

MR. DESBRISAY rose to confirm the statement of his colleague. They did speak to the ex-President of the Council and said they should like to see Mr. Montgomery get some office, but not that situation. He sent in an application over his own name to have him appointed Registrar of Deeds and Wills.

MR. SMITH said that would have involved the displacement of Mr. Barbarie.

MR. DESBRISAY replied for that very purpose he had brought in a Bill that no practising Barrister should hold that office, yet after the Bill passed, Mr. Barbarie was not removed, and so they appointed Mr. Montgomery to the office of Supervisor.

MR. HIBBARD said the late Government were so short a time in office that it could hardly be known what they would have done if they had remained longer. He took the stand that if a man holding a public office was a violent political partisan, those who came into power would not be acting a manly part if they did not remove him. He did not like to see a man eating out of the political crib all his life while as good a man as he stood by looking on. Some officers seemed to think their situations were created just for them and must be handed down to their children. He thought more should share in the favor of the Government than now do.

MR. LEWIS said it was well known that he and his colleague worked hard against the late Government, yet he would do them the justice to say they did not make a single displacement in the County of Albert.

MR. YOUNG said he did not care how many the Government turned out as long as they put in men who were just as good.

HON. MR. TILLEY proceeded to move the 12th Resolution. That \$45,000 be granted for Bye roads.

These resolutions having passed the Committee, it was deemed advisable to go no further till the printed Estimates were before the House, and therefore progress was reported to sit again to-morrow at 11 A. M.

DELEGATION TO ENGLAND.

MR. SMITH asked the Attorney General if in the concluding remarks he