

Mr. TOBIN's motion having been rejected by a large majority on a division.

The following bills also passed:—

To incorporate a Public Hall Company at Windsor.

To provide for the improvement of roads in Guysboro'.

To incorporate the Pictou Mining Company.

To incorporate the Dartmouth Gas and Water Company.

Dr. BROWN presented a petition from Wellington Eagles for compensation for injury incurred at target practice. Referred to the Government.

Mr. HILL introduced an act to amend chap. 36 R. S., relative to Crown Lands and County Surveyors.

Hon. FIN. SEC. laid on the table a statement asked for by the hon. member for East Halifax, relative to the collectorship at Amherst.

RAILWAY AFFAIRS.

Hon. PRO. SEC., by command, laid on the table a report of the Chief Engineer on the Pictou Railway.

Mr. TOBIN presented a report from the committee on railway affairs.

Mr. LONGLEY asked on what grounds the committee recommended a grant of \$600 to Messrs. Conlon. He failed to perceive any strong claim on the part of those gentlemen to compensation for the deterioration of their property by the Street Railway, for though they were most deserving persons they should meet the loss as others had to, and it should be remembered that they had received every consideration in the way of patronage from the Railway department for years.

Hon. PRO. SEC. said that the committee had no doubt given the matter a careful consideration, and the grounds of this recommendation appeared on the face of the report.

The report was adopted.

The House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 24.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

EDUCATION.

The bill to amend the act for the better encouragement of education was read a third time.

Mr. KILLAM thought it would not be wise to log the working of the educational system by establishing a provincial board of examiners.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said that the expense of examinations would be greatly diminished, and the confusion consequent on re-examinations in different counties would be avoided.

Mr. KILLAM thought that the readiest mode would be to exempt teachers from re-examination.

ROAD AND BRIDGE SERVICE

Mr. ARCHIBALD introduced a bill to enable members for Colchester County to borrow sum of money on the credit of the road moneys of the county. He said that this was necessary to meet the expenditure which would be required.

Mr. ALLISON introduced a bill to provide for the improvement of the great road from Liverpool to Annapolis. The bill enables the members for the county to borrow a sum not exceeding \$1500 to complete an alteration in the road.

Hon. Mr. MCFARLANE introduced a bill to authorize the members for Cumberland to borrow \$600.

Dr. HAMILTON introduced a bill to incorporate the Victoria Harbor Pier Company.

UNION ACT.

Hon. PROV. SEC. laid on the table a copy of the Act for a Union of the British North American Colonies, as it passed the Imperial Parliament, there having been some slight verbal alterations from the copy previously submitted.

Mr. MILLER enquired whether some clauses had not been added in the House of Commons.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said that as the clauses relating to the monetary arrangements had to be inserted by the Commons, they were printed in red ink in the bill introduced in the House of Lords.

Mr. MILLER asked whether it was the intention of the Government to have any copies of the bill printed for circulation throughout the country. It contained the constitution under which we would hereafter live, and it was most desirable that it should be distributed in some durable shape; and this would have the effect of preventing the misrepresentations which were being made from one end of the country to the other.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL remarked that the Act had been already published in the newspapers.

Mr. MILLER replied that in that form the bill could not be preserved, and it was not probable that fifty persons in the country could put their hands upon a copy.

Hon. PRO. SEC. said it was of the highest importance that correct information on the subject should be widely circulated. Newspaper publications were so ephemeral that when in one issue of a journal published by an hon. member opposite, he saw a statement glaringly inconsistent with the one that preceded it, he found difficulty in making an accurate comparison. The Act would be placed in the hands of the public printer for publication in the Journals of the House, and at the same time a number of extra copies could be procured without much additional expense.

Mr. ANNAND said he did not object to the publication as the information which the bill would give was very valuable, but he would suggest that as the Government had been making free with the public monies in circulating a recently issued pamphlet on the benefits of Confederation, an equal sum should be placed at the disposal of the opposition for the purpose of distributing a reply to that production.

Hon. PROV. SEC. replied that the proposition would receive a favorable consideration whenever a document of equal value and containing an equal amount of accurate and reliable information was produced.

Mr. KAULBACK thought that the recent pamphlet of Mr. Howe on the Organization of the Empire should be published. It had been printed in the paper of the hon. member for E. Halifax, and had been endorsed by that gentleman as the scheme propounded by him and his colleagues, and placed before the people of England. That production was considered utterly fruitless and futile by those whom it was intended to influence, but it was useful as showing what the scheme of the opposition was. Those gentlemen proposed that the question should be settled, not by the people them-