

but one since he was first elected and has received a salary of £600 a year. The hon. member for Saint John (Mr. Wetmore) thinks he could run his election again if he got the Attorney Generalship, but he might be disappointed—indeed, he may not get the chance as soon as he would like, for the Attorney General, finding that the dual representation idea won't work, will probably continue to hold on and not go to Ottawa at all, at least not for some time to come. Then, again, even if he does decide to lay aside his office, I doubt very much whether the Solicitor General would yield his rights in favor of the member from Saint John. But I shall not protract this discussion. I have already given an explanation of the action taken by the late Government, which has gone to the country, and there is no need to go into it all again, especially as it is entirely outside of the question now before us.

Mr. W. P. FLEWELLING.—I think the time of the House has been taken up quite long enough with this matter; the business before us is the granting of Supply, and I trust, Mr. Chairman, you will at once put the question on the Resolution without a further discussion on matters so entirely outside of the subject before us.

The Resolution granting \$55,000 for Bye Road purposes was then put and carried.

#### BILLS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Mr. WETMORE moved for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the admission of Attorneys to the Supreme Court of this Province.

Leave being granted, the Bill was brought in and read a first time.

Mr. BOTSFORD moved for leave to bring in a Bill relating to Bills, Notes, Choses and Actions.

Leave was granted and the Bill read a first time.

Mr. WETMORE moved for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and subordinate Lodges in connexion therewith.

Leave was granted and the Bill read a first time.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN presented a Petition from Rev. John Williams and seventy others, inhabitants of the County of Albert, praying for an amendment in the law relating to the sale of spirituous liquors.

The Petition was received, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. BEVERIDGE read a Petition from certain persons, inhabitants of Little Madawaska, praying that a sum of \$1800 might be appropriated to place a bridge across that river at the Prude Settlement,

for the accommodation of the people in that district.

Mr. SPEAKER said the Petition could not be received, but should go to the Executive Council.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said an appropriation had just been made of \$55,000 for exactly such purposes.

#### TOWN HALL, SAINT DAVID'S.

Hon. Mr. McADAM moved the House into Committee on a Bill to provide for the erection of a Town Hall in the Parish of Saint David's, in the County of Charlotte.

Mr. SUTTON in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. McADAM said this Bill was introduced by the request of the inhabitants, who wished to be assessed in the sum of \$300 to aid the funds for the erection of a Town Hall at the head of Oak Bay—a position that was central and most satisfactory to the people.

The Bill was agreed to.

#### FREDERICTON RAILWAY LOAN.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved the House into Committee on a Bill to empower the City Council of Fredericton to contract a loan in aid of the Fredericton Railway.

Mr. W. P. FLEWELLING in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. FISHER said this Bill was to enable the City Council of Fredericton to raise a sum of \$50,000, to aid the Fredericton Railway Company. It was intended to run the line from the City to Hart's Mills, there to connect with Western Extension, and as soon as that line was constructed they would at once be in direct communication with the City of Saint John. The County Council had agreed to give \$30,000, making \$80,000 in all, which, with the subsidy granted by Government, would, it was hoped, induce the Company to go on with the work at once and enable them to complete it. The debt of the City of Fredericton was only £4,000, and the people were willing to tax themselves to a greater extent to carry on this road, which was so very much needed.

Mr. SMITH said he should not oppose the Bill, as it was entirely of a local character, but he wanted to know whether it conflicted with the provisions of the existing law, which gives the Government a primal mortgage on the road.

Hon. Mr. FISHER replied that it was distinctly stated in the Bill that this amount would be a secondary charge upon the road.

The Bill was agreed to.

#### PETITIONS—ORANGE LODGE.

Mr. BECKWITH presented a Petition from Joseph Pickard and 120 others, inhabitants of the City of Fredericton,

praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and subordinate Lodges in connexion therewith.

The Petition was received and laid on the table.

Mr. BECKWITH presented a Petition from Samuel Fox and 63 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

Mr. THOMPSON presented the following Petitions:

A Petition, from William Tomlinson and 84 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

A Petition from Jeremiah Staples and 40 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

A Petition from Thomas Allen and 40 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

Mr. DOW presented the following Petitions:

A Petition from William Jamieson, and 145 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

A Petition from Ira Ingram, and 85 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

A Petition from Charles McCormack, and 50 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

A Petition from W. P. Fraser, and 46 others, inhabitants of the County of York, with a like prayer.

Mr. WETMORE presented the following Petitions:

A Petition from James McNichol, and 110 others, with a like prayer.

A Petition from Jacob T. Pitt, and 112 others, with a like prayer.

Mr. SMITH.—I think, Mr. Speaker, the Petitions introduced by the hon. member from Saint John are informal, inasmuch as they do not show on the back the place of residence of the petitioners. This is a rule which has always been complied with, and should not be dispensed with in this case.

Mr. WETMORE.—I do not see how the want of residence being endorsed on the Petition can affect its coming before this House. A person has a right to petition wherever he resides, but if there is a rule I am quite willing to withdraw them and insert the residence of the parties. If, however, there is no rule the Petitions are certainly in order.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is no direct rule that the residence should be endorsed, yet it has been practised, as a petition unendorsed as to residence cannot have that weight with the House which it would otherwise have.

Mr. KERR.—Ever since I have been here it has been the rule to endorse the residence upon the Petition, and it is so entered upon the Journals. It is evident that such a practice is necessary in order that we may know that the petitioners are inhabitants of the Province; other-