

pay duties upon the goods that were exported from this Province and then go to a district which had no representation in the Legislature of the island, where the government of Newfoundland, in fact, had no jurisdiction whatever. The only excuse for the law was the allegation that certain parties had been in the habit of carrying on an illicit trade. Goods were exported in bond ostensibly for the trade, and were subsequently brought back here without payment of any duty. He believed that there was only one way of preventing such proceedings, and that was, the imposition of an extremely high penalty upon the guilty parties. Mr. Tobin also took occasion to allude to the Consular fees, which were considered a great nuisance to trade. He then presented a petition, signed by 56 leading merchants of the city of Halifax, relative to the act in question. He also presented two certificates from masters of vessels, in illustration of the subject he had brought to the notice of the House.

The papers in connection with the subject were referred, on motion of Mr. Tobin, to the committee on Trade and Manufactures.

The House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 22nd.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hon. FIN. SECR. laid on the table the Receiver General's account with the Pictou Railway extension. Referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon. FIN. SECR. also laid on the table the Report of the Secretary of Board of Statistics.

The House then went into Committee on bills and passed the Revenue bills, which were subsequently read a third time and sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence.

Mr. BILL introduced a bill to legalize assessment rolls for King's County.

Mr. BOURINOT introduced a bill to amend Chap. 17 of the Acts of 1865 relative to the Elective franchise.—Also an act to legalize assessment rolls for the County of Cape Breton.—Also a bill to legalize the Grand Jury at Sydney. These bills were all read a first time.

Hon. Mr. SHANNON introduced a bill for the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate for the City of Halifax. Read a first time.

Hon. PROV. SECR. laid on the table copy of the Report of the Union Delegates to England, which was read by the clerk for the information of the House.

Hon. FIN. SECR. introduced a bill to amend chap. 70 of Provincial Government Railway.

Mr. BOURINOT introduced a bill in amendment of the Act of the Incorporation of the International Coal Company in the County of Cape Breton.

The House then went into committee on bills, and passed the Railway bill previously introduced.

Hon. PROV. SECR. laid on the table a communication from a number of military officials in this garrison relative to certain taxes imposed

upon them, which they state they have not to bear in other dependencies of the empire. For instance, they are taxed for the support of schools, though they have some of their own. The memorial was accompanied by letters from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and from General Doyle in support of the prayer of the petitioners.

The papers were referred to the committee on City Bills.

Hon. PROV. SECR. laid on the table the Report of the Postmaster General for 1866. Also the Immigration Report.

SATURDAY, March 23.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. BILL presented a petition from farmers and others in King's County complaining of a system pursued by certain persons of forestalling them in the Halifax Country Markets. It was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. TOWNSEND introduced a bill to incorporate the Exchange Bank of Yarmouth.

ROAD COMMUNICATION.

Mr. LOCKE called the attention of the Government to the fact that he had for several years urged upon the Government the construction of a road between Shelburne and Annapolis. Last year they had promised to survey the road, which would be indispensable to Shelburne when the railway to Annapolis was finished. He took it for granted that the Government intended surveying the road with a view to its immediate construction; and though he did not rise to present any petition on the subject, he would hand to the Financial Secretary an application from the members of Shelburne in reference to the proposed road—an application in which he was sure the members for Annapolis and Digby would also concur.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. PRYOR, as chairman of committee on Private Bills, reported the following bills without amendment:—To revert in the Crown certain public lands in Lunenburg; to incorporate the Palmerston Mining Company; to incorporate the Wellington Mining Company; to increase the capital stock of the Halifax Gas Company.

Mr. LONGLEY presented a petition praying for drawback of duties exacted on Canadian flour. In answer to an enquiry of the hon. member, the Financial Secretary stated he would give some information on the subject in a few days.

THE FISHERIES.

Hon. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY said:—I beg leave to lay on the table copies of correspondence relative to the fisheries and, in doing so, I may express my satisfaction that the time has at last arrived when it is the power of the government to vindicate themselves from the misrepresentation to which their action on this important question has been subject during the past year. For many months the charge has been circulated all over this Province by a considerable portion of the press that the Government had ignored the rights and in-