

support, but if they fail to do that they shall have my opposition. I believe justice should be done to every section of the country, and this Bill provides that the representation shall be upon a fair basis, and I cannot see any force in the objections taken to it, but I shall have no objection to reporting progress, in order to allow members time to consider the question.

Mr. W. P. FLEWELLING moved an amendment to the Bill, which provided that the representation for each County now having four representatives should be reduced to three, thus reducing the whole number of members to thirty-six.

Progress was then reported upon the Bill, and leave asked to sit again.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, laid before the House the Report of the Delegation to England to arrange for a Union of the British North American Provinces.

(Report will appear in Appendix.)

Hon. Mr. CONNELL presented a Petition from the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Carleton County, praying that an Act may pass to abolish the office of Secretary Treasurer, and authorize them to appoint a Secretary and Treasurer in lieu thereof.

Hon. Mr. FISHER brought in a "Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the People's Bank of New Brunswick."

Hon. Mr. TILLEY brought in a "Bill to incorporate the Governors of the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution."

Mr. LINDSAY moved that the "Bill to repeal certain sections of a Law relating to the election of Representatives to serve in this General Assembly and to make other provisions in lieu thereof," be referred to a Select Committee.

Resolution adopted, and Bill referred to Messrs. Lindsay, Chandler, Wetmore, Young, Betsford, Sutton, Thompson.

On motion the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, MAY 23.

The following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill to authorize the Trustees of Saint Andrews Church, Chatham, to sell or otherwise dispose of the old Church of Saint Andrews, in Chatham.

A Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate the People's Bank of New Brunswick.

A Bill to Incorporate the Governors of the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution.

The following Bills were read a third time:

A Bill relating to Public Burial Grounds in the Town of Saint Andrews.

A Bill to amend the law relating to Municipalities.

A Bill to authorize the City Council of the City of Fredericton to raise monies, by way of loan, for the erection of a Market House in the said City.

#### PROCLAMATION OF UNION.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—Mr. Speaker, I have just received a note and telegram containing the information that the proclamation of Union has been issued, which, by permission of the House, I will read.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

My Dear Sir:

The enclosed arrived last night, but I have only this moment received it.

You will see that the General received it in St. John.

I am, yours faithfully,

G. N. CAMPBELL.

The Honorable S. L. TILLEY.

#### BY CABLE.

MAJOR GENERAL DOYLE,  
Fredericton, New Brunswick, }

A proclamation uniting, on the first of July next, the three Provinces, has this day been approved by the Queen in Council.

DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM AND CHANDOS,  
Colonial Office, London, May 22nd.

Mr. SMITH.—We received that intelligence last night in the papers by the way of Canada. I will now follow up this information by enquiring of the Secretary the names of the persons composing the Senate.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—When we get the Proclamation the names will be made known.

Mr. SMITH.—That is a clear evasion of the question. To any mind it is a most extraordinary thing that the Proclamation of Union should be issued, twelve men appointed to represent this Province in the Senate, and yet the Government refuse to let the House and the country know who they are. If the information is not given I shall move a resolution with regard to it.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—The question of the hon. member is entirely premature. No reliable information has yet been received by the Government, but as soon as it arrives not an hour will be delayed in laying it before the House.

Mr. SMITH.—I know the Secretary cannot say whether the list they have sent home has actually been inserted in the proclamation, but he can say who the Government have recommended. Various rumours are afloat as to the names of Senators, and yet although the proclamation is now made known containing the list of Senators, the Secretary refuses to let the House and country know who have been recommended to Her Majesty as fit men to represent this Province in

the Upper House of the General Parliament. There is another question which the Crown officers should answer, and that is whether those who are appointed from the Legislative Council and this House can retain their seats now the proclamation is issued. This is a point of great importance, and should be well defined, so that we may know whether they are still in a position to legislate for this country. I am aware that I have no physical power to make the Government answer the questions I put, but the country will now know why it is the information is not given, and with whom the responsibility rests.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—I am no lawyer, and do not therefore pretend to give a legal opinion, but I can express my conviction that nothing in the Imperial Act precludes those who are appointed to the Senate, from holding their seats till the first of July. It is a subject for the Crown lawyers, and when the proclamation is received it can be looked into and decided.

#### PETITIONS, BILLS, ETC.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY presented a Petition from the Executors of the late Stephen Wiggins, and the Governors appointed under his Will, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of establishing a Male Orphan Institution.

Petition received and laid on the table.

Mr. CHANDLER said that he had been requested to ask that leave of absence, till Monday next, be granted to Messrs. Hibbard and Lindsay, the former being called away on urgent business, and the latter having to return home on account of sickness.

Leave was accordingly granted.

Mr. STEVENS moved for leave to bring in a Bill to re-establish the Court of Chancery in this Province.

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

Mr. STEVENS moved for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the capital stock of the Saint Stephen Bank.

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

#### TRADES ASSOCIATION.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY moved the House into Committee on a Bill to Incorporate the Saint John Trades' Co-operative Association.

Mr. BOTSFORD in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—Hon. members will observe that this Act proposes to incorporate certain persons who desire to be associated together for their mutual benefit. These co-operative societies have been established in various parts of England, and though in some cases they have not worked well, yet in many others they have succeeded in a marvellous manner, hundreds of thousands of pounds being accumulated by mechanics and