

pose any Bill till there was a revision of the whole law.

Mr. BABBITT agreed with the remarks made. There was much dissatisfaction existing with regard to the present law. The average attendance principle he thought had worked badly in the back settlements. The system of inspection he thought was worthless, and denominational grants he did not believe in. He thought the best plan was to give the amount to a general seat of learning and improve the status of the Parish Schools.

Mr. WETMORE also called the attention of the Attorney General to the subject and while he could not oppose the passage of the present Bill, he thought it necessary that the whole School Law should be revised.

On motion of Mr. SKINNER the further consideration of the Bill was postponed till the next session of the Legislature.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved the House into Committee of the Whole on a Bill to provide for defraying of expenses of the civil Government. Mr. LEWIS in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to.

Mr. BECKWITH moved the House into Committee of the Whole on a Bill relating to the City of Fredericton. Mr. CHANDLER in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to with certain amendments.

Mr. QUINTON moved the House into Committee of the Whole on a Bill to enable the Corporation of St. John to effect certain improvements in the streets of said City on the Eastern side of the Harbor. Dr. DOW in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL moved the House into Committee of the Whole on a Bill to provide for the repairs and improvement of the Roads and Bridges, and other public works and services. Mr. F. FLEWELLING in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to.

Mr. SKINNER submitted the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred the Bill to incorporate the International Telegraph Company submit the following Report:

The Committee have taken the matter into consideration, and whilst they are in favor of the Bill with some amendments, they find that certain persons and interests are opposed to the passage of the Bill, and desire to be heard in opposition thereto, and there being not sufficient time to hear them during the present session of the Legislature, the Committee recommend the further consideration of the Bill remain over until next session, and the Committee ask that in the meantime their organization may remain with power to them to make a further report at the next session of the Legislature.

C. N. SKINNER,
CHARLES CONNELL,
J. M. JOHNSON.

Mr. SKINNER moved for leave to bring in a Bill to permit the annexation to British America upon certain conditions, by and with the consent of the Imperial Parliament, of the States of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut, with provisions for the organization of Territorial Government for Pennsylvania, Nantucket Island and New York.

Mr. SKINNER stated that this was intended as a set off to the Bill introduced into the Congress of the United States to annex these Provinces to them.

The Bill caused much laughter, but was not received.

Mr. SKINNER moved the House into Committee of the Whole on a Bill relating to Marriage. Dr. Dow in the Chair.

Mr. SKINNER explained that this Bill contemplates the reduction of the time for publishing banns, and the reduction of the license fee, and the remission of the fee demanded from the clergy for registration by the Clerk of the Peace. It would be better to take the fee for registration at the time of issuing of the license.

Mr. SMITH was opposed to the shortening of the time of publication of banns; he thought three weeks was quite little enough time. He would therefore oppose that section, although he was in favor of the other two.

Mr. McQUEEN thought the two provisions would clash; he was of opinion that it would be better to make the time of publication three months.

Mr. BABBITT was in favor of the Bill, especially of the section relieving the minister officiating from paying to the Clerk of the Peace a fee of three and nine pence for registration.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY thought that great inconvenience would arise if the party were compelled to produce to the clergyman a certificate from the Clerk of the Peace that the fee of fifty cents had been paid for registration. Many marriages that take place in the back settlements are by the publication of banns, and then the party would have to go the country town to get the certificate. He was afraid that this Section would not work.

Hon. Mr. FISHER was opposed to the shortening of the time of publication of banns, and thought it best to lay the Bill over till next Session.

Mr. STEVENS, Mr. LINDSAY, and others, also spoke on the Bill.

Mr. TILLEY moved that the further consideration be postponed three months. House divided on postponement—Yeas 13, Nays 18.

A further discussion then ensued with regard to the priority of making the alterations proposed by the Bill.

Progress was reported, without leave to sit again.

House adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, JULY 5.

After the usual routine of business had been disposed of, the House in Committee passed the following Bills:

"A Bill to incorporate the People's Street Railway Company in the City and County of St. John."

"A Bill to encourage the formation of Oyster Beds."

"A Bill relating to certain Parish Officers."

"A Bill to amend a law relating to the Export Duty on Lumber."

"A Bill to provide for the expenses of the Legislature."

Hon. Mr. McCLELEN presented several petitions from the inhabitants of the County of Westmorland, praying that a more central line of railway may be constructed through that County than the one now proposed to be built by the International Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. YOUNG, the House passed a Resolution authorizing the Government to expend the sum of \$2,000, (being a grant made for that purpose in 1863) in the improvement of Bathurst Harbor, provided the expenditure of that sum would produce a corresponding benefit.

On motion of Mr. CAIE, the House went into Committee on a Bill to provide for the more effectual repairing of Roads and Bridges in the Parish of Carleton, County of Kent.

Mr. CAIE said the Bill was similar to one passed for the Parish of Richibucto some years ago, and which had been found to work well, for a great deal more work had been done since it went into operation than was done formerly.

Hon. Mr. McCLELEN said the principle of the Bill was very good, but it was not fair to make a distinction between different sections of the country; under this Bill persons would have to pay twenty-five cents in lieu of a day's work, but under the general law they would have to pay fifty cents. He thought that if they exacted a money tax, instead of having the present absurd law, more work would be done than at present.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said they should not select one or two Parishes, and make them an exception to the general law. If they found that more work was done, when a tax of twenty-five cents was exacted they had better make it applicable to the whole Province.

Mr. YOUNG said there were laws similar to this in operation in some districts in Northumberland, and they had been found to work well. When it was made compulsory that persons should pay twenty-five cents in lieu of a day's work, more work was done than under the present system.