

Mr. WETMORE remarked that this question concerning plebein was well worthy of their consideration; therefore he would move that progress be reported and leave asked to sit again. Progress was then reported and leave granted.

AMENDMENTS.

His Hon. the SPEAKER called the attention of the House to the fact that there was a rule distinctly laid down in regard to amendments, which had been violated in the two last amendments moved to the second section of the County Court Bill. An amendment was moved to the latter clause in the section which provided that a clerk should be appointed who should hold his office during pleasure. A division took place upon this amendment and it was lost. After this, another amendment was moved by the hon. member from Northumberland (Mr. Kerr) on a previous part of that section. This was not according to parliamentary practice. He then read an extract from May's Parliamentary Practice to prove that when amendment was made to a clause in a section, and a division taken upon it, they could not go back and move an amendment to a previous clause in the section.

Mr. JOHNSON said if they were to be governed by the rules in the House of Commons they would have to take the question upon the principle of the Bill before it was committed at all. We had a rule in our own Province which we should be governed by, and that rule was our own customs. It had been customary to take up amendments one after another in any section of a Bill that members chose to move them. The rule in the House of Commons and in Canada and Nova Scotia was always to take the question whether they would sustain the Bill or not upon the second reading, but in New Brunswick we read the Bill a second time and then go into Committee and read it section by section. We have always been governed by our own rules, and it has always been a rule in this House for members to move any number of amendments to any section or any clause of a section they thought proper.

POLLING PLACE.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL moved the House into Committee to take into consideration a Bill to establish an additional Polling Place in the County of Carleton.

Dr. DOW in the Chair.

Mr. JOHNSON asked what the effect of this Bill would be upon the elections to be held for Ottawa? The elections are to be held under the law as it now stands, and the law fixes certain Polling Places.

If they established a new Polling Place, and votes were given there, would it not affect the seat of the member who was returned for that County?

Hon. Mr. CONNELL.—This Bill is very necessary to the inhabitants of the district, and to avoid the difficulty mentioned by my hon. friend I shall add to it a provision that the Bill shall not take effect until after the first of January.

The Bill was then agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL brought in a Bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Woodstock Railway Company.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McADAM, the House in Committee agreed to a Bill to authorize the erection of a Sorting Boom on Eel River, in the Counties of York and Carleton.

Mr. SUTTON brought in a Bill to incorporate the Grand Loyal Ribbon Society in New Brunswick.

Mr. YOUNG asked the Chief Commissioner of the Board of Works whether it was the intention of the Government to pay the claim of John Lagere, late Supervisor, for expenditure on the Roads.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN said there was a Petition before the Board of Works, asking that the claim be paid, but part of the expenditure for which this claim was made was not authorized by the Board of Works, and was unjustifiable in equity. He had not had time to consider the matter, and nothing had been decided upon in regard to it.

Mr. YOUNG asked the Commissioner whether he would submit the papers upon the subject without an address?

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN replied that the papers would be furnished.

Mr. SMITH said he saw in the newspapers that an official list of Senators had been published in Canada, and he would ask the Government whether they still persisted in concealing and keeping back from the people the names of the Senators appointed, or the names of the Senators they recommended to be appointed.

Hon. Mr. FISHER said it was not in his power to give any more information than he did before.

On motion of Mr. STEVENS, the House went into Committee on a Bill to provide for the more effectual repair of Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks in the Lower Highway District, in the Parish of St. Stephen.

The Bill was agreed to.

Messrs. Smith, Kerr, W. F. Flewelling, Wetmore and Fisher were appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Legislative Council, in regard to the proposed address to Her Majesty the Queen on the subject of Trade between this Province and the United States of America.

The House then adjourned until Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

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SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were read a second time:

A Bill to incorporate the Eastern Bank of New Brunswick, in the County of Westmorland.

A Bill in amendment of the Act to incorporate the Woodstock Railway Company.

A Bill to incorporate the Grand Loyal Ribbon Society of New Brunswick.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time:

A Bill to incorporate the Saint John Mercantile Marine Assurance Company.

A Bill to authorize the erection of a Sorting Boom on Eel River, in the Counties of York and Carleton.

A Bill to provide for the more effectually repairing of the streets, roads and bridges of the lower highway district in the Parish of Saint Stephen.

A Bill to establish an additional Polling Place in the County of Carleton.

FIRE LOAN BONDS.

Mr. SMITH.—I see by the returns which have been laid before the House on the Fire Loan Bonds, that the Solicitor General has compromised with some of the parties, and that in some cases a great reduction has been made. Now I should like to know by whose authority this was done, for I think that they have been settled up at a much greater sacrifice than was required to be made.

Hon. Mr. WILLISTON.—I may say that each case was submitted to Council, and an order of Council was made out on each one.

Mr. SMITH.—I should certainly like to see them.

Hon. Mr. WILLISTON.—I will bring them down to-morrow.

Mr. SMITH.—I now give notice that I shall, at as early a day as the rules will permit, move the House into Committee upon these Papers and Returns.

BILL TO PREVENT DUAL REPRESENTATION.

Hon. Mr. WILLISTON moved the House into Committee on a Bill relating to Members of the House of Assembly.

Mr. YOUNG in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. WILLISTON.—This Bill provides two principles; first, that no person who is returned as a member for the House of Commons of Canada can sit or vote in this House; and secondly, that any person who may now occupy a seat in the Legislative Coun-