

bring in a Bill to provide for the inspection of Petroleum and Coal Oils and Burning Fluids.

Leave was granted and the Bill read a first time.

Mr. FERRIS presented the Petition of J. C. Bagen, jr., and 80 others, inhabitants of Queen's County, praying that parts of the Counties of Queen's, Sunbury, Kent, and Northumberland might be formed into a separate County.

The Petition was received and laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY laid before the House certain papers relating to Fire Loan Bonds and Delegation Expenses.

SENATORS.

Mr. SMITH.—I will take this opportunity to ask if the Government still continue to withhold the information about the appointment of Senators?

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—We have received no further information since my last reply.

Mr. FERRIS presented the Petition of Charles Clarke and 100 others, inhabitants of Queen's County, praying that the line of certain Great Roads might be changed.

The Petition was received and laid on the table.

N. E. ANTIMONY COMPANY.

Mr. STEVENS moved the House into Committee on a Bill to ratify and confirm the incorporation of the New Brunswick Antimony Company.

Mr. YOUNG in the Chair.

Mr. STEVENS said the Bill was accompanied by a Petition, and all the requirements of the Act had been complied with but making oath before a Justice of the Peace, which as some of the parties resided in the United States was found very inconvenient, and they prayed to be released from this portion of the law.

Mr. HIBBARD said it would require more than the bare statement of the Petition that the 15 per cent. of the capital stock had been paid up. He did not believe it had, been, but if it had, it was very easy for them to show proof; the Secretary's office was quite near, and the information could very soon be obtained.

Mr. STEVENS said he held the Secretary's certificate that the amount had been paid up.

Mr. HIBBARD said he believed the matter had been before the Government, and they, not having proof of the proportion of stock having been paid up, refused to grant the certificate.

Hon. Mr. WILLISTON confirmed the statement of Mr. Hibbard as to the withholding of the certificate.

Mr. STEVENS said that was very strange, as he held the certificate in his hand, signed by the Provincial Secretary.

Hon. Mr. WILLISTON said there must be some mistake about it.

Mr. SMITH moved that progress be reported, which, the Speaker having resumed the Chair, was done.

Mr. STEVENS then moved that the Bill be referred to a Special Committee to report upon, and Messrs. Stevens, Smith and Hibbard were so appointed.

ST. STEPHEN FIREMEN.

Hon. Mr. McADAM moved the House into Committee on a Bill relating to Firemen in the Parish of St. Stephen.

Mr. YOUNG in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to without any debate.

The House then adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

J. M.

THURSDAY, MAY 30.

The following Bills were read a third time, passed the House, and were sent to the Legislative Council for their concurrence therein:

"A Bill to incorporate the Richibucto Boom Company."

"A Bill further to amend the Law relating to the Poor House in the City and County of St. John, in respect to Vagrants and Beggars."

"A Bill in addition to the Act to provide for the Relief of the Sufferers by the late calamitous Fire at Indian town, in the Parish of Portland."

"A Bill relating to Firemen in Milltown, in the County of Charlotte."

"A Bill to enable the Corporation of the City of St. John to make certain improvements on the Streets of St. John, on the Western Side of the Harbor."

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN, in compliance with the request of the hon. member for Northumberland (Mr. Kerr), laid before the House the Petition of William O'Brien, praying that he may receive compensation for losses sustained in the erection of a Bridge in Northumberland.

Mr. QUINTON moved the House into Committee (Mr. McQUEEN in the Chair) on a Bill relating to Paved Sidewalks in the City of St. John.

The Bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN asked information of the Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred matters relating to the amending of the Labor Act, whether any progress had been made therein, and whether their Report would be made shortly?

Mr. BECKWITH replied that the Committee had made progress, but they

had been delayed by his being called to the Agricultural Board; however, they would have their Report in to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY moved the House into Committee (Mr. DESBRISSAY in the Chair) on a Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide for the erection of a City Hall in the City of St. John.

The Bill was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. QUINTON, the House in Committee (Mr. W. P. FLEWELLING in the Chair) agreed to a Bill authorizing the assessment of the City and County of St. John, for the purpose of an Agricultural Exhibition therein.

Mr. QUINTON presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace in the City of St. John, praying that a Bill presented by the Common Council of the City of St. John, for widening the Country Market, may not be passed by this Legislature.

Mr. KERR moved that a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Petition of William O'Brien, praying for compensation for losses sustained in the erection of a Bridge in the County of Northumberland.

Committee: Messrs. Chandler, Babbitt, DesBrisay.

Mr. SKINNER reported that the Committee to whom had been referred the Bill to incorporate the St. John Marine Insurance Company had amended the same, and recommend the Bill as amended.

COUNTY COURTS.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved the House into Committee upon a Bill to establish County Courts.

Mr. BOTSFORD in the Chair.

Mr. FISHER.—This Bill will recommend itself, and it is not necessary for me to make any lengthy remarks upon it. It has long been the desire of the country that there should be some more expeditious way of collecting small debts, and a less expensive way of administering justice; therefore, to meet this want, this Bill has been prepared to establish County Courts, so that causes may be brought to a more speedy issue, diminish the amount of business in the Supreme Court and get rid of the Court of Common Pleas. They will try a large proportion of the Criminal business, which is now a great expense to the country from persons being detained in jail for a length of time, in consequence of the infrequency of the sittings of the Supreme Court in some Counties. If we feel that these County Courts are necessary, we will all feel anxious that its provisions should be made as perfect as possible, and we invite the assistance of hon. members to attain that object. A question has been asked as to whether this House has the right to legislate upon this subject. I do not believe we had a perfect right