

Directors that this was likely to be removed and the work go on. The Bill was agreed to.

#### SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL on behalf of the Committee appointed to investigate all matters contained in the petition of William W. Gordon, against the return of John Meehan, reported that they were unable to go into full consideration of the matter till the next Session of the Legislature, and therefore begged leave to adjourn their sitting till the first Monday after the opening of the next Session.

#### VARIOUS BILLS.

Mr. SMITH moved the House into Committee of the whole on a Bill relating to church lands in the parish of Shediac. Mr. Young in the Chair.

Mr. SMITH explained that there was but one Church in Shediac, and this Bill was to enable the Churchwardens and other officers to sell certain lands to raise funds in aid of the construction of a new Church.

The Bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY moved the House into a Committee of the whole on a Bill to incorporate the people's street Railway Company in the City and County of Saint John. Mr. Lewis in the Chair.

The Bill was read and progress reported.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved the House into Committee of the whole on a Bill relating to polling places in the County of York. Mr. Hibbard in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY gave notice that he should move the House into Committee on Supply this afternoon at three o'clock.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY moved the House into Committee of the whole on a Bill to enable the Corporation of Saint John to grant certain exemptions to former members of the fire department of said City. Mr. Chandler in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT moved the House into Committee of the whole on a Bill relating to levying and assessing rates in the City of Saint John. Mr. Babbit in the Chair.

The Bill was agreed to.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY moved the House into Committee of the whole to grant Supply to Her Majesty—Mr. Stevens in the Chair.

Mr. SMITH objected to going into Supply till the Estimates had been printed and laid before the House. He was not in the House when the statement was brought in this morning, and did not know what changes had been made. It was always the custom to have the Finan-

cial Statement printed before going into Committee.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said that in 1857, although the Session was a long one and no especial cause to hurry business on, the Estimates were not printed at all. It was necessary, however, to get through as speedily as possible. The changes made were few and very simple, and he would make a statement. If any discussion arose they could report progress. The Financial Statement was in the hands of the printer, and would be ready to-morrow morning.

Mr. SMITH had no objections to the Committee going on and passing the General Estimates.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY then moved a series of Resolutions that Supply be granted to Her Majesty:

- 1st. That a sum of \$23,707 be granted for the expenses of the Legislature.
- 2nd. That a sum of \$540 be granted for the expenses of the Courts.
- 3d. That a sum of \$29,030 be granted for the Collection and Protection of the Revenue.
- 4th. That a sum of \$13,980 be granted for the purposes of Education.

There had been an increase made in this amount. The Roman Catholic School at Newcastle was put down at \$300, and a Classical School in St. John \$200. These were the only charges made from last year.

Mr. SMITH asked if the School at Memramcook was to receive a grant? That school was in a very efficient state, having some eighty-five or ninety pupils in attendance, most of whom were French, although there were some English as well. They formerly received a grant, but for some time it was withdrawn, but now it was really a capital institution, and they should get a grant of \$500 as originally.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said the late Government had decided to make a grant of \$400, and they had put it down at that sum. A petition had been received and was on file from Rev. Mr. LeFevre, praying that it might be increased to \$600, but the petition did not put the matter very strong, and it was left at \$400.

Mr. SMITH said the School was more efficient than ever, and he was sure the House would be willing to increase the grant to \$600.

Mr. LINDSAY said that the Roman Catholic School at Woodstock was in a very efficient state, but they have only got a grant of one hundred dollars. He was glad that now it had been increased to three hundred dollars. The School had chiefly been supported by the clergymen. The amount of good effected and the state of efficiency should be the grounds of making appropriations. That School had twenty or thirty pupils.

Mr. SMITH said the School at Memramcook was presided over by five or six able Professors, and he hoped the House would allow an increase of two hundred dollars to be made.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY explained that no increase could be made, but the House could, if they thought proper, refuse to make so large an expenditure as that submitted. If the money was to be appropriated in proportion to efficiency and the number of pupils, he thought, as some Schools, with sixty or seventy, only got three hundred dollars, for a School with eighty-five pupils—four hundred dollars would be sufficient.

Mr. KERR thought that returns should be handed in by the Schools showing their state, and that they should also show how many free scholars received instruction, before the grant should issue. The Chatham Academy instructs some twelve poor children free of expense.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said the returns were handed in much more regularly now than formerly and these were compared with the reports of the Inspectors. He thought the idea of the hon. member for Northumberland with regard to free children a good one.

Mr. KERR asked if these Schools get Provincial grants as well as these special amounts.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY replied that a few do, but in these cases the amount granted was very small.

Mr. SMITH again appealed to the House to have the grant increased \$200, and if not complied with he should move for the papers relating to the matter to be laid before the House.

Some other members expressed their opinions on the subject, after which the original sum of \$400 was granted.

5th Resolution. That a sum of \$300 be granted for the encouragement of the Fisheries.

6th. That a sum of \$6500 be granted for Provincial Penitentiary.

This was the same amount as he found in the estimates prepared by Mr. Gilmor, and he knew that this Establishment could not be carried on at so low a rate as formerly. There was a large number of inmates and provisions were very much higher in price. There was a deficiency and debentures had to be issued for \$300. He thought it best to have the amount required put in the estimates at once, than to have to provide for it afterwards.

Mr. KERR thought this one of the most unsatisfactory grants made. When Commissioners were appointed it was supposed that the expenses of the Institution would be very much decreased, but instead of that a debt had accumulated, and instead of clearing that off when gold was at a high rate of premium, it had