

made on the Resolution, he meant that the Government would Confederates New Brunswick and Canada if Nova Scotia did not come in.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL was not aware that he had said any thing of the kind, but the hon. member for St. John (Mr. Skinner) had asked the question, and he told him that he could not say what the delegates would do. He supposed they would do what they considered best under the circumstances.

Mr. SMITH thought the country should have some information on the subject. The Attorney General had said that if Nova Scotia did not come in, then Saint John would be made the terminus of the Inter-colonial Railway, and thus she would be forced to Confederates. He would now ask if the Government would pursue such a course?

HON. Mr. WILMOT did not see any necessity for such a question, as Nova Scotia had agreed to appoint delegates.

Mr. SMITH said that was only the action of the House, and not of the people. They would send home a delegation, and Mr. Howe would be heard at the bar of the House of Commons and in the Halls of St. Stephen. They had sent home petitions signed by thousands asking that no Union should take place till after the dissolution of the House.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL said the matter would be for the deliberation of the delegates. It was something in the future and a contingency that might never arise.

Mr. CHANDLER supposed the meaning of what the Attorney General said was that it was a circumstance whose probability was so remote that there was time enough to think and talk about it.

Mr. SMITH thought the hon. member for Charlotte must be the 10th member of the Government.

JUSTICE IN EQUITY.

HON. Mr. WILLISTON moved the House into Committee of the Whole on a Bill relating to Justice in Equity. Mr. Babbitt in the chair. Some hon. members thought this Bill should be laid over till the next meeting of the Legislature, others were opposed to certain of its provisions, while others again thought the Bill should pass. It had been in Committee before, and after discussion on the second section by the legal members of the House it was agreed to with certain amendments.

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

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TUESDAY, July 3.

Mr. BECKWITH brought in a Bill entitled "A Bill relating to the City of Fredericton."

The House in Committee passed the following Bills, viz:

"A Bill to incorporate the Caulkers Association in the City of St. John."

"A Bill to authorize the extension of St. John Street from Duke Street to Reed's Point Wharf."

Mr. CAPE brought in a Bill entitled "A Bill to provide for the more effectual repairing of Roads and Bridges in the Parish of Carleton, County of Kent."

CONNECTION OF RAILWAY LINES.

The Select Committee appointed to take into consideration "A Bill to authorize the connection of Railway lines, and to provide for the management of connecting lines of Railway in this Province," having recommended the passing of the same; the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole (Mr. BECKWITH in the chair) to take the Bill into consideration.

Mr. STEVENS said he had derived his information in preparing this Bill from similar Acts which had passed in Canada and in the State of Maine. He had submitted the Bill to the Attorney of the St. Andrew's and Woodstock Railway Company, and he had seen nothing objectionable in it. There was nothing in the Bill but would recommend itself to the judgment of the hon. members of the House. There were connecting lines of Railway being built in the Province, and it was necessary in order to the effectual working of those lines that provision should be made, in case any difficulty should occur, that they should be compelled to allow the connection to be made. It also makes a provision to compel them to take freight from one line to the other without transhipment, and regulates the rate of charges for carrying such freight. These are the provisions of the Bill. He did not anticipate much trouble, but it might arise, therefore it it was better to have a law of this kind.

Mr. SMITH said he was on the Select Committee, and had read this Bill over carefully, and had made some suggestions which were adopted. He had no doubt but that the Bill was all right, but still he would like to restrict the Bill to two years. During that time the St. Stephen's line would be the only line that would be affected by it. If the time was extended other Railway Companies would say, we built our lines under certain rights then existing, and you have no right to modify them. You held out certain rights and we thought we would always enjoy them in perpetuity. They had better restrict it to two years, and then if it works well they could continue it.

Mr. STEVENS would agree with that, for if the Bill was good it could be

re-enacted. He then moved this additional section: "That this Act shall continue in operation for three years from the passing of the same."

The Bill with the additional section was agreed to.

HOUSE IN SUPPLY—NAVIGATION IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. SMITH in speaking upon the Resolution for appropriating \$750 for the improvement of the navigation on the River St. John, and \$250 for the improvement of the Miramichi River, said that he doubted the propriety of appropriating the public money for the purpose of enabling the lumbermen to drive their logs down the Miramichi River; they should clear it out at their own expense. If there was anything required to improve the navigation of the River St. John, he would have no objection to it.

Mr. SUTTON said if anything was proposed that was going to benefit the County of Northumberland his hon. friend (Mr. Smith) was sure to oppose it. He was willing to support the grant for the St. John River, but was going to oppose the grant to Miramichi. This he did not consider fair play, for the grant was needed there to enable tow boats to proceed up the river, and not for the purpose of enabling parties to drive logs.

HON. Mr. FISHER said he thought £10,000 on the River St. John was a small expenditure. If that sum would secure them a daily steamer between Fredericton and Woodstock as long as the river was open, it would be money wisely expended. Every description of produce would then come down the river, and this would be a great benefit to St. John. He believed if they granted a small sum of money from time to time they would attain that end.

Mr. SKINNER agreed with the Attorney General. He complained that there was not a night boat on the river between St. John and Fredericton; it was unfortunate that the country was in that position, and public attention ought to be directed to it. A man in St. John had to lose three days in order to do an hour's business in the middle of the day at Fredericton.

HON. Mr. WILLISTON said there were parties who were willing to form themselves into a company for the purpose of putting a steamer on the Miramichi River, and they would be derelict in their duty if they did not grant this small sum to improve its navigation.

HON. Mr. CONNELL supported the Resolution.

Mr. BEVERIDGE was very sorry the sum proposed was not larger. The St.