hefore the matter came to be fully discussed, to place it before the matter came to be fully discussed, to place it befors the public in a proper light so that no one might, be taken at a disadvantage. Was it right that hon gentlemen should endeavor to prejudice the public mind in the way in which they had tried to do. Taey come in the with garbled statements—atatements entirely incorrect and in that not a shadow of foundation, for assertion, and omit to mention the all fishery materials, such as lines, twines, nets, &c., were admitted duty free. They tell us that we should have called a public meeting. But there was no objection by them on their return to go before the public. He (Mr. hea) was responsible to no one but his constituency for his conduct; he was not appointed by the public, and he did not see how any injury could have resulted by reason of their not calling a public meeting. We had no desire to force the matter thus; we wanted the fallest investigation and we rightly deemed that the proper place for that investigation was could have resulted by what no desire to force the matter thus; we wanted the fallest investigation and we rightly deemed that the proper place for that investigation was this House, where face to face, and before the public the matter could be carefully and boldly enquired into. The public had nothing to do with what the delegates said at the Conference. They had to do with their Acts and nothing more. He insisted that some hon members had been there to witness the proceedings of that Conference; it would have done them good, they would have witnessed an exhibition of high tones, feeling and patriotism, for which they would have been uttered unprepared. What other cause could have been uttered unprepared. What other cause could have been adopted than the one pursued. These Resolutions would have been only waste paper without the signatures of the Delegates to authenticate them. Then we were to receive no manufactures from Canada hecause Canada imported largely from England herself. The argument was a false and unfounded one. As well might you say that we cant import from England because England importes largely from France. He (Mr., Shea) knew of a manufactory at Toronto which actually imported chairs to England. Canada was great and ruch in all the elements of meterial prosperity. It was a bad thing to see money so easily obtained here. It was an evidence of the unfortunate state of the country. We had great accumulations of idle money and a deal of pauperism. When he (Mr. Shea) was in Canada he had been ashamed to be compelled to state that we spent £20,000 in poor relief. We know pauperism to be incident to all places, but it was a done he (Mr. Shea) was in Canada he had been ashamed to be compelled to state that we spent £20,000 in poor relief. We know pauperism to be incident to all places, but it was not paid out of the public money as it was done here. Had we not see extreme wealth at one end pauperism at the other, and was a state things which hon, genlemen would desire to perpetuate. The hon gentleman continued at great length, replying to each argument put forward by the hon member Mr. Renouf.

On motion of Mr. Wyatt, the Committee rose, and the Chairman reported progress. To sit again on Monday.

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day. The House then adjourned until Monday at three

Monday, Feb. 6.

The House met at three o'clock.

Mr. WYATT presented a petition from George Bridle, Gaoler at Greenspond, which was received and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Mr. WYATT, in moving that the petition lie on the table, would express a hope that its prayer would be favourably considered by the house. The petitioner's salary was altogether inadequate.

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The Surveyor General supported the prayer of the petition. It was only a few years ago that he (Sur. Gon.) succeeded in securing the petitioner any salary as gaoler, although he had long discharged the duties. It was the smallest salary of any gaoler in the Island. He trusted he would be put on the same footing as the otheroutport gaolors.

Order that the petition lie on the table.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition from Jacob Bradbury, of Torbay, which was received and read, praying for compensation for damage done to his house by lightning in August last.

Mr. Parsons, in moving that the petition lie on the table, said the destruction of property by lighting was of rare occurrence in this country. In this instance the property which the petitioner had accumulated by years of industry was suddenly destroyed by a visitation of providence. He (Mr. Parsons) trusted the house would make him some allowance, to enable him to retrieve his loss.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

Mr. Parsons also presented petitions from James Brown and others, of Torbay, and frem Jacob Bradbury and others, of the same place, which were severally received and read, praying for grants to open and complete roads in these localities.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wyatt, pursuant to order o the day, the house resolved itsif into Committee of the whole, on the further consideration of the address in reply to his Excellency's speech, Mr. Kinght in the chair.

Mr. E. D. Shea said he had listened with a good deal of attention to the observations of the gentlemen

the chair.

Mr. E. D. Shea said he had listened with a good deal of attention to the observations of the gentlemen who differed from him on the subject of confederation, as he was desirous of discovering what their objections were, and whether they had any weight, that he might modify the opinions he had already formed, if he found himself in any degree mistaken. But he had heard nothing to induce him to modify his views. In saying that, he did not attribute to these hon. members any lack of zeal and energy in the discussion of that question. They had laboured hard to find arguments in support of their views, only it appeared to him that they expended so much labour in the endeavour to make the worse appear the better reason. He (Mr. Shea) believed the more that question was discussed, the more would public opinion be influenced in its favour. He had observed a good deal of inconsistency in the observations of hon members in opposition to that measure. They asserted at one time that Cana'la desired to get held of us that she might victimise us for her own ends, and then that Cana'da thought of us at the eleventh hour. If the latter assertion was the correct one, it showed how really indifferent Canada was whether we joined in the confederation or not. Then it had been urged that the securities of Canada are depressed, while ours are at a premium, from which it was inferred Canada is not in a sound financial condition. But it did not follow, because money was in demand in a country, and the rate of interest high, that it was not in a prosperous condition. The very reverse was frequently the case. It by no Mr. E. D. Shea said he had listened with a good was in demand in a country, and the rate of interest high, that it was not in a prosperous condition. The very reverse was frequently the case. It by no means indicated a sound state of the money market, that the rate of interest was low. What was the present state of the labour market in this colony? Why 400 able bodied men were at present employed by the Board of Works at 6s a week, paid in provide the Board of Works at 6s a week, paid in provide the Board of Works at 6s a week, paid in provide the Board of Works at 6s a week, paid in provide the Board of Works at 6s a week, paid in provide the Board of Works at 6s a week, paid in provide the Board of Works at 6s a week. by the Board of Works at os a week. Paid in Josephsons. Why was that? Because there was no demand for labour; and the same rule which applied to labour applied with equal force to the state of the mouey market. Then the hon. member for St. John's East, Mr. Parsons, told us not to be anxious John's East, Mr. Parsons, told us not to be anxious about our defence from foreign aggression, for England and France had such a deep interest in the protection of this country, that they would see to our defence. He. (Mr. Shea) dil not see how we could have much confidence in the protection of the consideration? Why, we should be brought into close intercourse with four millions of people who had made much greater progress than we had done, relying on the wolf for protection. We paid a large sum annually for the protection off off protection of the union now under consideration? Why, we should be brought into close intercourse with four millions of people who had made much greater progress than we had done, and who will be asserted that we should not benefit largely promoted by their respective unions? What is a protection of the protection of t

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ests were sacrificed to France; and now the honmember told us to rely upon the protection of France. Again, it was said that while the supporters of confederation spoke of the openings in Canada for their children, they had no regard to the interests of the fishermen's children. If we regarded the present state of our operative population, they would appear to have the deepest interest in that question. What had our legislation been for several years past, but unsuccessful efforts to raise the labouring classes from their depressed condition? And what had we accomplished but to join with the Receiver General in Jeremiads over the distressed state of the country, without being able to strike out anything to relieve the general distress? We have now come to such a state of depression that we can proceed no further, and it was our solemn duty to consider whether this proposed confederation offered any means of relieving the people. No may ter that the f-elings of those whose interests were involved in this discussion were excited against the measure, still it was our duty to enter earnestly into its consideration. It looked to him as a providential interposition that these calamities had come upon us, as if to force us to look beyond precarious fisheries with the view of finding some means of relieving the general distress; and that federation seemed to meet the case. What was the state of the country at present? Why a third of our population are not half fed. What did we see in our streets? Those who once were in comfortable circumstances reduced to the deepest penury, suffering from that want which blanches the check, palsies the limbs, and makes the young suddenly old. And we were told to rely upon our fisheries to remedy this. We had relied upon them from year to year, and our circumstances were becoming worse. Some years we had good fisheries, but the good was not so much to the fishermen as to the capitalists who realized were told to rely upon our fisheries to remedy this. We had relied upon them from year to year, and our circumstances were becoming worse. Some years we had good fisheries, but the good was not so much to the fishermen as to the capitalists who realized fortunes out of the fisheries and then left the country. He (Mr. Shea) did not blame them for leaving a country in which there was such frequent and deep destration. He merely referred to the fact and system, if system it might be called. Our fisheries at their best were only sufficient to keep the heads of the labouring people over water for the season in which they were productive, experience had shown they left to the sons of toil no permanent fruit. Agair, they had not kept pace with the progress of population, and that was the difficulty we had to meet. We want other employment for our people besides the first nies. Would contedurati a give such employment? He (Mr. Shea) believed it would. One of its first results would be a line of weekly steamers between this port and one in Canada. These steamers must cause an increase of trade, which would give increased employment must benefit the people generally. It would also put an end to our isolation, and with increased interconrse would come the opening up of new resources and an increase of our trade. It was said that we wished to drive the people from the country. No such thing. We wish to make the country worth their living in; to provide employment for the labouring classes, and so to promote their comfort as to make the country worth calling their home. What do we find now? That many of our best fishermen and mechanics are fleeing the country. The only part of the country from which we did not at present hear the vail of distress, was that where a market was created by reciprocity with the United States; and in the prospect of the free trade treaty

AIT. LASSEY—100 nave no right to introduce the name of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Mullock here.

Mr. Shea.—His opinion is already published, and he has no objection to his name being mentioned as eminently favourable to confederation; but hon. gentlemen might not be desirons to hear it. Besides, did not all history prove the beneficial results of union in promoting social order and general prosperity? Did not the prosperity of England date from its union into one monarchy? And had not Scotland prospered since her union with Lingland. Was not the prosperity of France, Switzerland, Germany and the United States also largely promoted by their respective unions? What would be the result to us of the union now under consideration? Why, we should be brought into close intercourse with four millions of people who had made much greater progress than we had done, and who were in a highly prosperous condition.—

the continuance of the troops, for there was no desire on the part of the Imperial Government to withdraw them, if we only evinced a wish to adopt such measures as would aid in the defence of the country. Did we not know that the people of England, of all parties, looked favourably on confederation, as that which would raise us into national importance? It was a foregone conclusion with the Imperial Government, as was evident from Mr. Cardwell's dispatch. What was the reception of Mr. Brown the other day, when he went home from Canada? He was visited and feted by the highest in the land, by many to whom he was previously unknown, and who would have been unacquainted with him for a long time to come, had he not represented the idea of Confederation. Now he (Mr. Shea) would ask, what condition we should be in if we remain in our isolation, and a French couvention were again to be entered into? Would we be in a condition to claim the assistance of the confederated provinces? Or could we unaided successfully oppose the influence of France with the Imperial Government? These were serious considerations. They were considerations which we could not afford lightly to dismiss. His (Mr. Shea's) belief was that the question of Confederation would sooner or later be forced upon us. We might stave it off for a time. But the tendency of the age was for the union of small states into larger ones. It was said we proposed to give up our self government. We gave up nothing worth retaining. Self-government was the best system we could have, but it would not make up for short fisheries and a starving population. We would sill have self-government on a larger scale, for we were to have a voice in the General Government for merely local effiirs was to be as much our own as now. We were told that we gave up our fisheries to be legislated for by Canada. But the fisheries were still to be under local control, by a special stipulation, while their protection would be effectually carried out under the General Government, then, in return

100 a year, while we would only receive altogether £112,000.

Mr. E. D. Shell.—The hon member assumed that the present Canadian tariff would be retained by the Federal Government. Now we had the assurance of Lord Monck, as well as of Mr. Galt that the Canadian tariff would not be that of the Confederation, but a reduced tariff. Our present revenue, for years past, had been only from £90,000 ta £100,000, and we were to receive £112,000. But supposing we should have the Canadian tariff, it did not follow that the revenue should increase in accordance with the increased duties levied. Assuming that we are paying 13 per cent, own, and that the duties should be raised to 15 per cent, what was that compared with what our people are suffering now? We were suffering taxation in its worst shape, the taxation of pauperism. As to an increase from 13 to 15, per cent, what was that, if the country were rendered sufficiently prosperous to bear it? Let us have another year or two of such fisheries as we have had for several years past, and no other resource opened up for the employment of our people, or for the enterprise of our merchans, and what faxation should we be able to pay? Taxation was a relative consideration—it will be heavy or otherwise, according to the ability of our people to endure it. We were now taxed over 13 per cent upon the whole of our duty-paying imports, and what did we get out of it? Only the defraying of our civil expenditure and the support of our poor; and the poor were not half fed, and it could not be otherwise, while we had such inadequate means of relief. And we had also to consider the deterioration, moral and physical, that must result from this perpetuated pauperism—transmitting not alone as inherent debasement and demoralization, but the worst bodily diseases that could afflict a people. We had not had a road grant worth naming for years past; but he must remind the house that under confederation we would have an annual road grant of from £12,00 to £15,000, which would be under the control Mr. E. D. Shea.—The hon member assumed tha the country worth calling ther worth and the wear of the country of the start where a time of the country of th federation that they would be flooded with Canadian manufactures, to the injury of their own. To listen to the objections to confederation urged by some hon members, one would suppose that Newfoundland was urged to come into the confederation because we were so important that they could not get on without us. He (Mr Shea), did not depreciate our resources. Our fisheries were the most important, the position of the Island also, as the key to the Gulf and to the river St. Lawrence was. of great value as a strategic position in the event of war. But the world could, however, get on without us—and so could the confederation. He had lately read some observations in a Canada newspaper, in which it was stated that Newfoundland had made an excellent bargain, but if we were dissatisfied with it, we might remain out of Newfoundian, had made an excellent bargam, but if we were dissatisfied with it, we might remain out of the Confederation. Hon gentlemen said they were dissatisfied with confederation; but if they rejected that, what would they suggest to better the condition of our neals? f our prople?

Mr. Casex—Better legislation than we had of late

Mr. E. D. SHEA-Would any legislation of ours give food to the people or find them employment? He did not desire to press the final decision of the question this session. Let the constituents, by all gentleman's notice of motion,—one of the most pre-

means, be consulted; but before we call on them for their opinions, let hon members express their own; and let the country give the final verdict upon them.

means, be consulted; but before we call on them for their opinions, let hon members express their own; and let the country give the final verdict upon them. H; thought that was the right course, and that any thing short of it would be a shirking of the question. We were here to deliberate, and not as mere delegates. As to what was the duty of members to their constituents, he would quote the opinion of Barke, whose opinions on constitutional questions were admitted by all parties to be entitled to the greatest weight. Here the hon member quoted from a speech by Burke to his constituents at Bristol, as follows:

"It ought to be the happiness and glory of a representative, to live in the strictest union, the closest correspondence, and the most unreserved communication with his constituents. Their wishes ought to have great weight with him, their opinions high respect, their business unremitting attentior. It is his duty to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfactions, to theirs; and above all, to prefer their interests to his own. But his unbiassed opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to any man, or to any set of men living. These he dues not derive from your pleasure; no, nor from the law and the constitution. They are a trust from Providence, for the abuse of which he is deeply answerable. Your representatives to give our constituents the benefit of our judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion." It was our duty as representatives to give our constituents the benefit of our judgment; and they would afterwards exercise their judgment upon their representatives, and reject us, if they were not eatiefied with our conduct. The question was prejudged by some hon, members, and it was our duty to express our deliberate opinion upon it, after that cool and caim consideration which its importance to the country, to its p-opie, and to those who would come after us imperatively demanded. Let no hon, member shrink from the

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, February 13..

The House met at 4 o'clock.
Hon N. STABB laid on the table of the house the

following documents—
Estimate for defraying part of the public expenditure of the colony for 1865.
Statement showing the aggregate amount of the public debt of the colony on the 31st December, 1864, and the years in which the several portions of it are received.

repayable.
Financial statement of the affairs of the colony for

the year 1865.
Consolidated account current of the receipts and;
payments for the year ended 31st December, 1864.
Detailed statement of salaries of Stipendiary Migistrates, Clerks of the Pesce, Constables and Julors in.

Detailed statement of salaries of Stipendiary Migistrates, Clerks of the Peace, Constables and Julors in the outports.

Hon. P. G. TESSIER presented a petition from the Commercial Society of St. Joha's, an important and influential body, he said, representing the greater portion of the trading interests of the colony, and entitled to the fullest consideration at the hands of the legislature. The object of this petition was to pray this honorable house that when the subject of the Confederation of the Colonies comes before it for deliberation, it will not take definite action upon the matter until such information shall have been obtained as will clearly demonstrate that it would be to the advantage of Newfoundland to enter into the proposed. Colonial Union. He should merely present the Petition, that it be laid upon the table of the house.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Hon. R. J. PINSENT notice to move,—

First—That for Newfoundland to enter into a Confederation of the British North A nerican Colonies upon the terms proposed in the Report of the Quebec Conference, would be detrimental to the best interests of the colony, and ought to be resisted.

Second.—That a humble Address be presented to her Majesty, embodying the views of the Legislative Council upon this subject, with their reasons for the adoption of those views.

Third,—That a select committee of this house beappointed to prepare the said Address.

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(Mr. Tessier) has just presented a petition from the
Commercial Society, a most important and influential
body, upon the same subject and of a similar conracter
to that emoraced in his (4r. P's) notice of motion, and
as a rule of the house prevents the reading of that
petition, or any action being taken on it to-day, he
(Mr. P.) would not proceed with his motion, but pass,
it over for the present. He did not desr'e that a
question of so much momentous concern should beentered into until it had received the fullest consideration before hand; and when we shall have heard this
petition read, and more deliberately examined the
documents relating to the matter, we may be in a
better position to discuss it. There can be no doubt,
that the feeling of a large majority of the people was
opposed to the terms of the proposed confederation, as
regards this colony, and he must express his own opinion that they were highly objectionable in many material
respects. The motive, then, which prompted him
(Mr. P.) to move in the mutter was that thus view
might be expressed by the Cunnil, and the reasons
for it made known by address to the Imperial Government. The decision of this house upon such resolutions as he(Mr. P.) had given notice of would not
affect the main question of confederation or non-confederation, but would go to point out the salient features of objection to it, in the form in which it has
been offered to us. He presumed it would not be
denied that this house has an independent right to declare its opinions upon public questions, irrespective
of outside influences of any kind, and it was not
bound to await the result of action in any quarter.
We have no constituencies to consult,—no country to
appeal to, to regulate the course of action we should We have no constituencies to consult,—no country to-appeal to, to regulate the course of action we should pursue, and are consequently in a position to give an untrammelled opinion on questions of a public charuntrammelled opinion on questions of a public character. Hon, members of this bouse possess considerable stake in the country, and are deeply interested in its present and future welfare; and being unswayed by personal or party matives in their legislative action, it was only just to expect from them a dispassionate consideration of such important subjects as this. However, as the petition just presented confirms what appears to be the general view,—that anything like decisive action upon it should be delayed, he would not press his motion, but await until thematter has received more ample consideration.

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Hon E. Morais — Do you mean to let it stand upon the minutes?
Hon. R. PINSENT—Yes, for the present.

Hon. E. Morris—Yes, for the present.

Hon. E. Morris—It does seem a most extraordin ary proceeding. And notwithstanding the hon and-learned gentleman's statement, the resolutions on tust notice of motion do not in the smallest degree correspond with the petition just presented from the Conserval Society. nercial Society. The merchants' petition was a reasonable, a molerate, and molest one, and tormed a.

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the further information with we to be furnished, and we assume shall approach the consider of the Report of the Delegat lency relers, impressed with the proposition, and in a signal of the state of the length of with this rash and itt-judged actually handed in on the san papers having reference to the were laid upon the table, an were printed for the use of her tables are the same printed for the use of her tables. were printed for the use of he thing but complimentary to treedly, and he (Mr Al.) felt the construed into a compliment Governor, after the deliberate that it would examine the quifully. Now, if the hon an reconsider his proceeding in thought he would, by consucorum of the Chamber, be notice from the record book, quite sure that the hon gentinever would, bring it forwarbeing fully aware of the averemently upon the subject.

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Hon. the President—III
however this discussion is irrHon. E. Morris—Then to remain on the minutes?

Hon R. J. PINSENT rose

he had not expected, when he to postpone his motion, that Morris, would have started mor so readily have rushed in and unnecessary. It was and unnecessary. It was (Mr.P.) after simply express the subject matter of the not desire to postpone it in on appeared to prevail in the C it would be divisable to allow tunity for consideration of it to any thing approaching a view has received further constion of the Commercial St the hon gentlemen is so sendighty of the house as hourly it would not have throm him a display of a little has exhibited on this occasi. He (Mr. P.) believed the reshow that he (Mr. P.) had alspirit towards hon men beragree with them; but the sabe pointed at to prove that sions did agitate the Chamlman who is now so ready to time from the honor and digprominent part in them. The and he (Mr. P.) only hong gentieman should hesita eensor to his brother member office that did not suit him, becoming grace. He (Mr. P.) can he member diffect that did not suit him, becoming grace. He is (Mr. P.) he may a feel to see that he house may at least of motion as being the unex from that usual inspicity character of our debates. It that hon gentleman's (Moracter of our debates. It that hon gentleman is dispondered in the discount of this may choose.
Hon. E. Morris would r.

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Hon. N. STABB, in reply hon. No. 3185, interpolation before the house a return st importa for 1863, and the activereon, with a comparative amount of duties said import to if levied under the Canad.

The house then adjourned

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