

Hon. ATTY GEN said that it would be found on consideration that the effect of the bill would be to lessen the present taxation of the poorer classes. The bill was read a second time.

#### EDUCATION

Hon. PROV. SEC reported up from the Committee on Education. The report among other things recommended that assistance be granted to Dr. Forrester in the publication of a work on Education that would be found invaluable to teachers and others. It stated that during the present session 31 petitions had been presented in favor of, and 5 against assessment for the support of schools.

Mr. ARCHIBALD objected to that part of the Report which referred to the Halifax Grammar School; the effect would be, he said, to transfer property properly belonging to the whole body of the citizens to a private body. He sustained the grant to Dr. Forrester as most judicious.

Dr. Brown and Mr. S. Campbell objected to the grant to Dr. Forrester.

The report was allowed to lie on the table.

The school bill was then taken up for its 3rd reading.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL then moved that 20 cents be substituted for 30 cents in the 2nd clause.

Mr. BLANCHARD said he would support the amendment, as the clauses would operate unfairly in a county like Inverness.

Mr. Bill also supported the amendment.

The motion was lost on the following division:—

For—Heffernan, Hatfield, Hebb, Balcarr, Mc Lelan, Jost, Bill, C. J. Campbell, McDonnell, Blanchard, S. Campbell, Locke, Robertson, Ross, Ray, Coffin, Robicheau, More, Colin Campbell, Annand, Smyth.

Against—Attorney General, Prov. Sec., Shannon Pryor, Donkin, Lawrence, Donald Fraser, Cowie, Allison, Bourinot, Killam, Hill, McKay, Parker, Kaulback, Hamilton, Tobin, McKinnon, James Fraser, Dr. Brown, Archibald, McFarlane.

Mr. Bill moved that the bill be recommitted for the purpose of adding these words: "if recommended by the Grand Jury, and approved of by the Court of Sessions." He argued that the House could not do better than leave the matter of taxation in the hands of trustworthy men as composed the Court of Sessions.

The motion was lost by 13 to 38.

Mr. BILL again moved that widows and unmarried females be exempt to the extent of \$1000; but did not press the motion on the understanding that the subject would be dealt with when the Assessment law was under consideration.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL gave notice to rescind the vote on his motion.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. BILL presented a petition signed by 200 names, from Kings Co against Confederation.

Mr. MORE, a similar petition from the same county.

Hon. ATT GEN. a petition from Glace Bay, C. B., in reference to a title to certain lands.

Mr. ANNAND a petition from North Queens against Confederation.

Hon. ATTY GENL. a petition from Col. Chearnley and a number of Volunteer Officers complaining that they are not placed on an equality with Militia Officers.

Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL urged the strong claims of the Volunteer organization to favourable consideration. They had the right of the field in the case of war, and yet were ranked inferior to Militia officers. They had not been fairly dealt with; for instance they had only received \$4 a year when they had been promised \$5.

Mr. BILL was glad to hear such opinions expressed relative to the Volunteers, but thought the subject might be appropriately referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

Mr. PRYOR said that there was every disposition on the part of the Militia Committee to act friendly towards the Volunteers.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said that the Government were disposed to treat the Volunteers in the most friendly manner, and had always done their best to promote their progress. If any reduction had been made on the amount contemplated to be given to them, it was without his knowledge.

Mr. COLIN CAMPBELL said he was glad to hear the Provincial Secretary state that the Volunteers were entitled to the \$5 last year.

In reply to Mr. Archibald the Provincial Secretary stated that every precaution had been taken to prevent any communication between the inhabitants and the Cholera ship lying in Quarantine.

Hon. Mr. SHANNON presented a petition from inhabitants of Waverley asking for a lock-up-house, also a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Mr. COWIE introduced a bill to amend Chap. 29 acts of 1865 "for the better encouragement of education." The object is to extend the time for district No. 8 of the town of Liverpool for the borrowing of certain moneys for educational purposes.

The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 12, 1866.

The house met at 3 o'clock.

#### UNION OF THE COLONIES.

Upon the motion to take up the order of the day, Mr. ANNAND asked that the debate be deferred in consequence of the arrival of the mail steamer from England, which had brought him important correspondence requiring immediate reply.

Hon. PROV. SEC. replied that the Government were desirous of pressing the matter to a conclusion, as the Session had far advanced. It was well known that gentlemen opposite desired delay for the purpose of creating an agitation of the most discreditable kind.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL supported the proposition.