

noon. The hon. member has only been a day or two in the House since it opened; he has only now just returned after an absence of a week, and from the anxiety he displays in getting up discussions, and the style in which he conducts them, I think the country would not have suffered if he had not come here at all. We were getting along with the business very well without him. Hon. members have expressed their desire to get through as fast as possible, but the hon. member appears to be desirous to delay the business by making unprovoked and uncalled for attacks upon me. He has travelled out of the record, and now I again say that although there is no written rule, yet the practice has been, and it is endorsed by the Clerk, that whenever a Petition is not properly endorsed with the residence of the petitioners, the attention of hon. members is called to the fact by the Speaker. The Petitions referred to by the Surveyor General are exceptions, which it appears not only passed the notice of hon. members but also of the Speaker.

Mr. WETMORE.—It is just as I expected. My hon. friend has again attacked me, because he says, although I repudiated the idea, that I attacked him. He has referred to this morning's discussion, and although I do not wish to take up the time unnecessarily, yet it seems important I should defend myself in my humble way. The ideas held by my hon. friend and the remarks he makes shows him to be a bundle of inconsistencies. This morning he said the Secretary should not take the praise of the increase in the revenues; I then asked him to whom the increase was due, and who we should thank for it? That he said was making a vile attack upon him. He then proceeded to charge me with inconsistency and sudden conversion; but that in his opinion, was not an attack upon me. Now he says I am a sarcastic man, which certainly is neither a very nice nor agreeable name to be called; but then he does not regard that as an attack. I said this morning that the late Government, though pledged against Union, put it in their speech, and so I was forced to oppose them; but that he looked upon as an outrageous attack upon him. You see that whatever he says must not be considered as assailing any one, no matter how personal his remarks may be; but if I attempt to speak, then what I say is regarded as a torrent of abuse upon my hon. friend. Now that's just how he looks at the matter. He says we occupied two or three hours in discussion this morning, but as it was after 12 o'clock when we went into Committee and we separated at 1 o'clock, that statement appears to be a little exaggeration. The time that was

occupied arose entirely from his refusal to answer my question as to who should be thanked, and I think I stated, and if I did not I will now state that I do not think we have to thank the late Government for anything but for getting the country into a state of turmoil and confusion. My hon. friend has said that I wanted to be Attorney General. Well, suppose I did; is that anything to bring against me? I think that my hon. friend who says that he is so regardless of office wanted and got that office more than once. If I remember rightly, when the present Attorney General was (to use an expression which has been used before) bowled out of the Government, my hon. friend jumped into his shoes before they were scarcely cool; and when the present Judge Allen was appointed to the Bench, although my hon. friend had publicly stated that he would not accept office, unless a special emergency arose and the interests of the country demanded it, yet he jumped right into it. Now I never said I wouldn't accept an office, for I tell him that if I got the offer I should accept it, and consider myself just as competent to fill it as my hon. friend.

Mr. SMITH.—I shall not take up the time of the country any longer in such a useless discussion.

Mr. SUTTON then withdrew his objection, stating that as a fight would probably arise on the Bill, it was useless to carry it any further now.

Mr. RYAN presented a Petition from Thomas Davis and 28 others, inhabitants of King's County, praying that a Bill may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and subordinate Lodges in connexion therewith.

The Petition was received and laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL presented a Petition from Rev. J. C. Bleakney and 65 others, inhabitants of Carleton County, with a like prayer.

The Petition was received and laid on the table.

Hon. Mr. McADAM read a Petition from James Dunn and 50 others, inhabitants of Charlotte County, praying for assistance in erecting certain landings at Oak Bay; but as it asked for a grant of money it was not received.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved for leave to bring in a Bill to establish County Courts in this Province.

Leave was granted and the Bill read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FISHER this Bill was read a second time and ordered that 200 copies be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Mr. McINERNEY moved the House into Committee on a Bill to establish an additional Polling Place in the Parish of Carleton, in the County of Kent.

Dr. DOW in the Chair.

Mr. BABBIT took exception to the Bill on the ground that it did not specify where the dividing line of the Parish ran.

Mr. SMITH also said the Bill was insufficient in this respect, and further the other member for the County (Mr. Cais) was not in his seat.

Further progress was therefore reported, with leave to sit again.

Mr. YOUNG moved that the House do on Wednesday next, the 29th instant, go into the consideration of His Excellency's message communicating the Report of the Auditor General.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved for leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Fredericton Railway Company.

Leave granted and Bill read a first time.

The House then adjourned until Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock.

J. M.

SATURDAY, MAY 25.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed:

"A Bill to incorporate the St. John Trades' Co-operative Association."

"A Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Albert Bank."

"A Bill to provide for the erection of a Town Hall in the Parish of St. David, in the County of Charlotte."

"A Bill to empower the City Council of Fredericton to contract a loan to aid the Fredericton Railway."

Mr. CHANDLER brought in a Bill in amendment of an Act and in addition to an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the New Brunswick Electric Telegraph Company."

Mr. Chandler brought in a "Bill to incorporate the St. Andrews Deep Sea Wharf and Railway Company."

MALE ORPHAN INSTITUTION.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY moved the House into Committee (Mr. McQueen in the Chair) on a "Bill to incorporate the Governors of the Wiggins Male Orphan Institution."

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—This Bill is accompanied by a Petition signed by the Executors of the Will of the late Stephen Wiggins. It is necessary that this Bill should pass, in order that the Executors and Governors may proceed with the erection of the building. The sum of £20,000 was left by the late Stephen Wiggins for that Institution, and the accumulation of interest on that sum now amounts to \$100,000. The Governors wish to expend the sum of £5,000 in the construction of a building, and purpose occupying two years in its construction, taking part of the