

House adjourned till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

J. M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd.

The House having met, the Journals were read, and several Bills received a second reading.

A Bill relating to the Election of Members to serve in the General Assembly, so far as relates to the County of Gloucester.

The following Bills were read a third time and passed the House:

A Bill relating to the Export Duty on Lumber.

A Bill relating to the office of Receiver General.

BURYING GROUND AT ST. ANDREWS.

On motion of Mr. CHANDLER the House went into Committee (Mr. Lewis in the Chair) to take into consideration a Bill to repeal Section 4, Chapter 27, Act 14 Victoria, entitled "An Act relating the Public Burying Grounds in the Town of St. Andrews."

Mr. CHANDLER said that an Act of Assembly had been passed by which it was declared that certain Public Burying Grounds in St. Andrews should not be used for the interment of the bodies of diseased persons. The fourth section of said Act contained a clause that the Act should not come into operation until certain things had been done. Those things have been done, and they were now in a position to have that section repealed. He then read a Petition praying for the repeal of the section which he observed brought the matter clearly and distinctly before the House. He said the Petition was signed by all the clergymen and almost all the inhabitants of St. Andrews. He would not make any more observations further than to say that burial grounds in the neighborhood of a Town affected the health of its inhabitants. These burial grounds were at the head of the Town, which was situated on a slightly inclined plain, and the water running through those grounds got into the wells, and this had a highly injurious effect upon the health of the people of the place. He hoped there would be no opposition to the Bill, but that it would be allowed to pass.

The Bill was then agreed to.

Mr. KERR presented a Petition from the Rev. C. S. Ogg, Francis Elliot, George McNeill and others, the Ministers, Elders and Trustees of St. Andrews Church, praying that a Bill may be passed to authorize the sale of the old church, and to add the proceeds towards defraying the expense incurred in the erection of the new Church belonging to the said Petitioners and congregation.

Mr. KERR brought in a Bill to authorize the Trustees of the St. Andrews Church, Chatham, to sell or otherwise

dispose of the old St. Andrews Church in the Town of Chatham.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN said a Bill had passed a Committee of the House yesterday relating to the Great Roads, but they had since, on a closer examination, discovered a word or two which required alteration. He wished to know whether it could be altered, or whether it was necessary to recommit the Bill.

Mr. SMITH said that if it involved any principle it could not be altered without being recommitted, but if it was a mere verbal alteration to rectify an error it was not necessary to recommit it.

Mr. McCLELAN said it was but to change a name, which would extend the road about one mile and a half further.

His hon. the SPEAKER put the question the House, to whether the alteration should be made without recommitting the Bill. Question carried in the affirmative.

Mr. SMITH presented a Petition from a number of the inhabitants of the County of Westmorland, praying that an Act may pass to provide for the construction of a Canal to connect the waters of the Bay of Fundy with the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FISHER the House went into a Committee of the Whole (Mr. Botsford in the Chair) on "A Bill to authorize the City Council of Fredericton to raise money, by way of a loan, for the erection of a Country Market and City Hall in the said City."

The Bill was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY presented a Petition praying that an Act may pass to Incorporate the St. John Trades' Co-operative Association.

QUESTION CONCERNING UNION.

Mr. SMITH asked whether the Government had received any information either direct from England, from or through Canada, or from or through Nova Scotia, or from any other source in reference to the proclamation of Union.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY replied that he had not received any information in reference to the proclamation from any source.

Mr. SMITH hoped the Secretary had not given instruction to keep the information back.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY replied that he had not.

Mr. CHANDLER presented a Petition praying that Section 2, Chap. 47 of Section 26 Victoria, relating to certain exemptions from duty at the Port of St. Stephen, be repealed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CONNELL the House went into Committee (Mr.

Botsford in the Chair) on "A Bill to amend Chap. 45 of the Revised Statutes of Municipalities."

Agreed to.

Mr. SMITH gave notice that he would move a resolution for an Address to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government for a return showing any increase that may have taken place, since the first day of June last, in the salaries and emoluments of the officers and employees connected with the European and North American Railway.

A Bill relating to Great Roads was read a third time and passed the House.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY submitted papers relating to the claims of the Prince Edward Island Steamship Company.

Mr. STEVENS moved that the investigation of these matters be referred to a Select Committee.

Committee—Messrs. Stevens, Ryan and Beveridge.

REPRESENTATION OF COUNTIES.

Mr. LINDSAY moved the House into a Committee of the Whole on "A Bill to repeal certain sections of a law relating to the election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof."

Mr. YOUNG in the Chair.

Mr. LINDSAY.—A few days ago, when I was advocating an increase of representation for the County of Carleton, several members thought it would be better to introduce a Bill to reduce the representation on the floors of the House instead of increasing it. That coincided with my views, for I thought in view of our altered circumstances we should reduce our expenses as much as possible. The basis upon which the representation of the Counties now stand is very unfair. In the County of Carleton, which I have the honor to represent, they have one representative to 9400 inhabitants; County of Albert one to 4722; Charlotte one to 5907; Gloucester one to 7519; Kent one to 7927; King's one to 7761; Northumberland one to 4700; Queen's one to 6500; Restigouche one to 2437; St. John one to 8155; Sunbury one to 3028; Victoria one to 3085; Westmorland one to 6311; York one to 5810. This representation is very unfair, and when I had a Bill before the House to increase the representation of Carleton it was generally conceded that if a Bill was prepared which would do justice to all sections of the country it would receive the support of the hon. members of the Legislature. Accordingly I introduced a Bill which is now before the Committee, which provides that there shall be one member for every 7500 inhabitants. My first idea was to make it for every 8000,