

was not wanted by the legal profession, the magistracy, or the people. Mr. Henry answered, that the present volume was not law, in consequence of the numerous alterations that had been made, and was only calculated to deceive and lead to mischief.

EDUCATION.

The bill reported by the committee on education was considered. Mr. Killam doubted the wisdom of the proposed additional appropriation of £4000, at the present time, when money was scarce, and when a new system of education was contemplated.

The Financial Secretary explained his position, in reference to money votes. Hon. Mr. Howe expressed some doubt as to the propriety of the advance, in view of the large sum voted for roads and bridges and other demands.

Mr. Young explained, expressing views similar to those of the member for Windsor. Members of the government were on the committee.

On motion of Mr. Henry, £200 was granted to Messrs. Trotter and Murphy, to aid in the re-establishment of their milling establishment, destroyed by fire.

After a long discussion a grant to Mr. Hill of £190 17s. 6d., balance due him for preparing the plans of the new Court House, was passed; with the understanding that this sum, together with £100 previously paid on the same account, be deducted from the monies payable from the Provincial funds towards the erection of the Court House.

Fin. Secretary moved a resolution empowering the government to encourage steam communication between Hantsport, Parshoro' and the railway terminus at Windsor, and that the house should grant £200 for four years for that service.

The amendment of the Council to the railway assessment bill—to the clause referring to fencing—was taken up, and after some discussion the amendment was not agreed to.

House resolved itself into committee on bills, and on motion of the Atty. General a clause was added to the bill to amend the act limiting the erection of wooden buildings in Halifax—to exclude the new Court House from the operation of the act.

THURSDAY, April 30.

The house resolved itself into committee on bills, and took up a bill transmitted from the Legislative Council to amend the Marriage Law. The object of the bill was to enable all Ministers, settled or otherwise, to perform marriages.

[The Legislative Council, by message, communicated to the house that they had agreed to amendments to a bill relating to Wooden Buildings in the city of Halifax,—and did not adhere to an amendment made to a bill relating to Railway Damages.]

Mr. McLellan was for giving all facilities to the solemnization of marriage. Hon. Sol. General spoke of possible evils that might be of doubtful legal authority.

Hon. Mr. Howe stated instances working against the almost unrestricted authority provided for by the Bill.

Mr. Young thought that any ordained minister, in full communion with his own denomination, should have the power to marry parties by license, whether settled or not.

The Bill passed in Committee and afterwards in the house. The Legislative Council transmitted the Bill for Railway Damages, agreed on, as amended.

Objections were made to the Bill, and answered, in reference to the desired exclusive right for 25 years.

Mr. Killam stated arguments against the monopoly. Hon. Mr. Howe and Mr. Wier supported the Bill.

Mr. Henry took a similar view, and urged the adoption of the Bill.

Mr. Young answered objections. The bill, he said, would be advantageous to the Nova Scotia Telegraphic Company.

The Bill as amended passed.

FRIDAY, May 1.

The Legislative Council transmitted by message that they adhered to the amendment proposed by that body to the bill to authorize the assessment of the City of Halifax for Railway purposes. The amendment was as follows: The funds to be assessed and levied under the act should be invested in Railway debentures in the name of the city of Halifax without interest—and as soon as the Railway be brought into the City as far as Cornwallis street the Governor and Council should be authorized to call in and cancel such debentures.

Dr. Brown said he was not surprised at the action of the other branch on this bill. But he put it to the House and the country, whether the defeat of this bill—the bill to tax the City of Halifax—did not indicate the necessity for some change in the constitution of that body.

Mr. McLellan agreed that if the Council persisted in this course, some change in the appointment of that body could not be long postponed.

The house refused to agree to the amendment and the Bill was consequently buried.

On motion of Mr. Chambers that the Statute Labor bill which had been rejected by the Council should be printed and distributed through the Province, 1000 copies were ordered to be printed.

WEDNESDAY, April 29.

Hon. Provincial Secretary, by command laid on the table certain reports of the wardens of four Fisheries for Pictou and Sydney.

On a motion of Mr. Chambers to increase the road grant for each County except Lunenburg and Cumberland £400.

The hon. the Speaker made some observations on the anomalous way in which the road grant had been divided amongst the different counties.

Mr. Henry explained that the population of Guysboro consisted principally of fishermen, who did not require or use roads to the same extent as an agricultural population such as Sydney. When this was considered, the disparity would not seem so great, although he did not contend that the system of division was perfect.

The hon. the Speaker moved that a grant of £400 for 4 years be given for the establishment of a steam ferry across the Strait of Canso.

The grant passed. On motion of the Solicitor General a grant of £20 passed for the relief of distressed Indians in Pictou.

Hon. Mr. Howe moved that a grant of £200 be given towards the erection of a monument to the memory of Major Wellsford and Captain Parker, who fell at Sebastopol.

The hon. Prov. Secretary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

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