

Parliamentary.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

On WEDNESDAY last the Bill introduced by Mr. Desbriay providing for the appointment of supervisors of roads was taken up in Committee. Mr. D explained that the bill provided for the appointment of a supervisor in each township. The present system of spending the road-money had been pronounced as so utterly bad and corrupt that almost anything would be better.

After several members expressed a favorable opinion of the alteration, the bill passed. On THURSDAY the Committee on Education reported; after which the bill providing for a change in the constitution of the Halifax School Board was brought under discussion by Mr. Archibald. At present the board is composed of a chairman and 12 members, 7 of whom were appointed virtually for life by the Government, and 5 by the City Council. This bill proposes to reduce the number of the board to 12, so that the City Council shall have the appointment of 6 out of 12. The Board to have the choosing of its own chairman. The present system compels the City Council to elect members of their own body to the Board of School Commissioners, whereas the amendment would enable them to select as commissioners any person they choose.

The members of the City contingent of the School Commissioners could not remain commissioners if they ceased to be aldermen, the result under the present system is to make that portion of the Board a fluctuating element. The present bill provides that the portion of the Board appointed by the City Council should go on with the portion chosen by the Government, two from each branch retiring every year, so that there would always be two-thirds of the Board who had been members for two years, and an infusion of new blood to the extent of four members freshly chosen.

One clause of the bill renders retiring members of the Board eligible for re-appointment until after one year had passed. The bill was referred to the Committee on Education.

Hon. Provincial Secretary introduced a bill to subsidize certain railways as follows: AN ACT FURTHER TO ENCOURAGE THE BUILDING OF RAILWAYS.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

1. For the purpose of assisting the construction of the several lines of railway hereinafter mentioned, the following subsidies shall be paid out of any moneys belonging to the Province on the terms and conditions hereinafter contained:

(1) The sum of \$2000 per mile to the Western Counties Railway Company, to assist in building the line of railway from Yarmouth to Annapolis, in addition to the subsidies provided therefor by Chapter 12 of the Acts of 1874, entitled, "An Act to alter and amend the Act to encourage the building of certain railways."

(2) The sum of \$4000 per mile to any incorporated company to assist in building a line of railway from the Strait of Canso to Broad Cove, touching the Bras d'Or.

(3) The sum of \$1000 per mile to any incorporated company to assist in building a line of railway from Middleton to Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Liverpool.

2. To entitle the Western Counties Railway Company to such additional subsidy of \$2000 per mile they shall, within one year from the passing of this Act, give security, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, to finish and complete such line of railway according to the provisions and requirements of such Chapter 12 of the Acts of 1874, in addition to the security already given by such Company to the Queen hereafter.

3. To entitle any incorporated company contracting for the building of such line of railway from the Strait of Canso to Broad Cove, touching the Bras d'Or, or for the building of such line of railway from Middleton to Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Liverpool, to the benefit of this Act, such company shall, within one year from the passing of this Act, satisfy the Governor in Council of their ability to construct the line of railway so contracted for, and within such time shall enter into a contract, and give security, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, to construct, finish and equip the line of railway contracted for within three years from the passing of this Act, and to work and operate the same.

4. If any incorporated company shall satisfy the Governor in Council of their ability to build such line of railway from the Strait of Canso to Broad Cove, touching the Bras d'Or, or such line of railway from Middleton to Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Liverpool, and shall enter into the agreement and give the security required by the preceding section of this Act, the Governor in Council is hereby authorized and empowered to agree with such company for the building of the line of railway, such company shall agree to construct, finish, equip, work and operate. Such agreement shall be in the name of the Queen and shall be subject to and contain such provisions, clauses and conditions for protecting the public interest, and for securing the completion, maintenance and efficient working of the line of railway as the Governor in Council may deem necessary, and such agreement shall be entered on behalf of the Queen by the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines under his hand and seal of office.

5. Each line of railway from the Strait

of Canso to Broad Cove, touching the Bras d'Or, and such line of railway from Middleton to Bridgewater, Mahone Bay, Lunenburg and Liverpool, shall be completed and finished by the incorporated company contracting for the building thereof in a substantial and workmanlike manner, with a gauge of not less than three feet six inches, with all necessary stations and station houses, substantial and sufficient locomotives, rolling stock and all other necessary appurtenances for the conveyance and accommodation of passengers and the transportation of freight, and with such grades, curves, culverts and bridges as shall meet the approval of the Governor in Council.

6. As soon as it shall be satisfactorily proved, to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council, that such incorporated company in the preceding section mentioned has expended the sum of \$40,000 in actual work in constructing such line of railway, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to pay such company the sum of \$20,000, and so on from time to time at the same rate until the whole of such subsidy of \$4000 per mile shall have been paid.

7. When it shall have been proved to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the Western Counties Railway Company shall have actually expended the sum of \$40,000 in building the railway from Yarmouth to Annapolis, in addition to any subsidy paid to them under Chapter 12 of the Acts of 1874, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to pay them the sum of \$20,000; and payment shall be made to them in like manner, and in the same proportion, until the whole of the subsidy provided by this Act shall be paid, but no part of such subsidy shall be paid such company under this Act until satisfactory assurance shall be given to the Governor in Council that such company is bona fide in a position to complete the whole road.

Mr. Holmes said the bill contemplated the expenditure of a considerable amount of public money. He was very much pleased to observe the facility with which the hon. Prov. Secretary has succeeded in expanding the means at the disposal of the Province for these important works. He feared that there were certain fallacies underlying his calculations. As the close of the session was approaching, he had no doubt the house would take up this matter, and see whether something definite could be done towards aiding the public works of the Province, or whether the house was to waste time and money in flying kites.

The House in Committee passed a number of bills and expended the remainder of the day on the Cape Breton railway bills and the granting of Crown Lands to companies for building such railways.

Mr. Longley presented the report on Public Printing, recommending that the public printing be hereafter done under tender and contract except printing of a private nature of immediate public necessity which would render tender and contract impracticable. That portion of the printing not done under tender and contract to be performed under a scale of prices in accordance with some recognised standard such as DeVine's price list. Also, that all the accounts for public printing be rendered when the work is done, and be paid by the financial clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office, who shall keep an account with the printers showing the date, quantity and kind of work done and the date and amount of payment.

The report was signed by all the members of Committee except Mr. Gayton who promised a minority report on the following day.

On FRIDAY a number of bills were read a third time and passed.

The Cape Breton Railway Bill being taken up.

Mr. McRae moved that it be recommended for the purpose of amending it by substituting, in the sixth clause, the following scale: Cape Breton, 40,000 acres; Richmond, 70,000; Yarmouth, 40,000, and Victoria, 150,000.

Mr. Boudrot seconded the motion.

A call of the house was had, and Hon. Committee of Crown Lands and Mr. Freeman were found to be absent.

The motion was put, and names being called, there appeared—

For the motion—Messrs. Holmes, Longley, Troop, Cameron, North, Woodworth, Allison, J. J. McKinnon, Moseley, Patterson, Fraser, McRae, Boudrot and Robichau—14.

Against—Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Commissioner of Works and Mines, Hon. Prov. Secretary, Messrs. Mack, Wyde, Eisenhauer, Archibald, Dr. Campbell, John McKinnon, DesBriay, Francheville, Gayton, Johnson and Lovett—14.

The vote being even.

His Honor the Speaker stated that as he had voted yesterday for the motion as it passed in committee, he should vote against the motion to amend.

The motion was declared lost and the bill read a third time.

UNSEATING THE SPEAKER.

Mr. Woodworth said the honor devolved upon him of moving a resolution which he read as follows:—

"Whereas, The House of Assembly of this Province has always, in times past, selected for its Speaker a member of said House, whose Parliamentary experience indicated him qualified to become Chief Commoner;

And Whereas, The present House of Assembly is now presided over by a member who had no Parliamentary practice, and whose previous training affords no indication of the necessary qualifications to fit one for the discharge of such onerous and sometimes technical duties as are im-

posed upon the Speaker of a Legislative Assembly;

And Whereas, The present state of things is not calculated to elevate the dignity and preserve the decorum of this Legislature;

Therefore Resolved, That the present incumbent of the Speaker's chair is hereby respectfully requested to resign the office of Speaker of the Assembly of Nova Scotia, and that this House thereupon forthwith proceed to the election of another calculated to fill said office in accordance with Parliamentary usage.

Mr. Black seconded the motion. Hon. Prov. Sec. said the resolution should be laid on the table as a notice.

Mr. Woodworth said that the rule had been departed from on several occasions, and as it was now near the close of the session, the consideration of this matter should not be delayed.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said that the rule was still in existence.

Mr. Woodworth moved that the regulation be departed from.

Mr. Longley supported the motion. It was for the Speaker to choose his own course. He could not conceive it possible that a gentleman could retain so highly responsible a position in the face of such a request as that laid upon the table.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said he should object to such an important resolution being put to the house without notice.

Mr. Holmes said if the house considered this matter a proper one for immediate decision, the house could deal with it at once. He suggested that the matter be discussed with closed doors.

Hon. Prov. Sec. said it should never have been originated except with closed doors.

Hon. Atty. General announced that he saw strangers in the gallery.

The galleries were accordingly cleared (Although the proceedings of the Assembly "with closed doors" are not officially published, yet it was known on Friday afternoon that the motion calling for the resignation of the Speakership by Mr. Dickie was carried by a majority of 8—20 for the motion and 12 against it. Mr. D. informed the House that he would give his decision on Saturday.)

The House met at 12 o'clock on SATURDAY. After the usual formalities of opening Mr. Dickie addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN,—In consequence of your resolution passed yesterday, I now resign the office of Speaker of this House. In retiring from the chair, I have satisfaction in the reflection that, during my incumbency, I have always endeavoured to discharge all the duties devolving upon me honestly and impartially.

On motion of the Hon. Prov. Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the House do accept the resignation of John B. Dickie, Esquire, of his office as Speaker, and that the said office is hereby declared vacant, and that the Hon. the Attorney General, the Provincial Secretary, and the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines, be a Committee to wait on His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, respectfully to communicate to him this resolution, and to acquaint him that this House is without a Speaker.

Which motion passed and the House adjourned to Monday at 12 o'clock.

On MONDAY the House met and informed the Lieutenant Governor who was in the Council Chamber that the House was without a Speaker. His Honor directed them to choose one of their number to that office. They returned and unanimously elected M. B. Desbriay, Esq. one of the members for Lunenburg County, to be the Speaker which choice was subsequently approved by the Lieutenant Governor.

The Hon. Speaker on taking the chair, expressed regret at the circumstance which had rendered it necessary for his election; but thanked the members for the honor conferred on him, and asked for the support which he was assured he should receive, in maintaining the dignity of the office to which they had unanimously chosen him.

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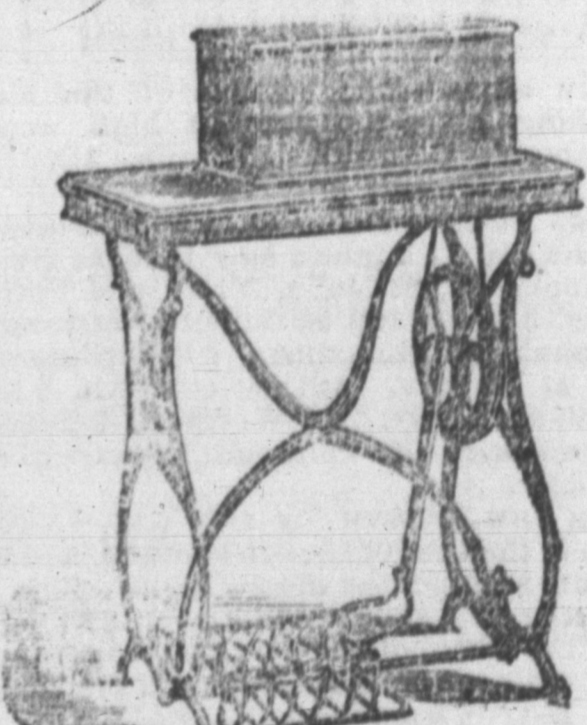
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