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people, yet such information as the Gov-ernment had that would be of service in leading to a better understanding of the Maritime Union question was contained in the Public Report, of the sister Province; the subject had also been before the Nova Scotia Legislature, and information elicit-ed during its discussion. ed during its discussion was common property. The Secretary would probebly take occasion to make particular reference to the matter during the present session, as the papers in the Government's possession were obtained not in a regular way and, as the Government received the Delegates informally, he thought the hon. member would withdraw the motion. especially when it was understood that what he sought would be secured in the manner

MR. WILLIS said the facts in possession of the Government might be laid before the House without laying the Government open to any blame on the score of discourtesy to the other Province, just as similar information relating to the Lower Pro-vinces was laid before the Canadian Legislature pending the larger Union, and as like information respecting Ontario and Quebec was submitted to the Legislatures of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. There was no hesitancy then in the matter, and as the people were anxious to have full information in reference to this question there should be none by this Govern-

MR. COVERT spoke to the same effect. HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY said he thought it best that the motion should be withdrawn for the reasons assigned by the Attorney General, which he reiterated. MR. BUTLER said that, as the informa-

tion was, in effect, thus promised, he would withdraw his motion which he accordingly did.

BILL AND NOTICE.

MR. JONES introduced a bill to authorise the Carleton County Council to assess for the reliefof Sufferers by the St. John Fire, with a Petition in favor of the same. MR. JONES gave notice of a motion for full and particular statistics, statements and information relating to the purchase if any, paid for advertising Machinery in

the Agricultural report of last year. WOOD-BURNING LOCOMOTIVES.

MR. MURCHIE committed a Bill to prevent the burning of wood on Locomotives at certain seasons of the year. Mr. Rogers in the chair. The mover referred to the ing from the sparks of wood-burning Locomotives, instancing the fact that no less

Canada Railway had been burned over,

while, on the Western Extension, about two-thirds of the land for two or three St. Croix, was similarly destroyed. He read the minutes of a meeting of the Directors of the New Brunswick and Canada Railway held last year at which it was decided to recommend the prohibition of wood burning on Locomotives from the first of May to the first of November, but said that facts brought before the Board subsequently, showing that the land was very dry at times in the Spring prior to to the fifteenth of October.

MR. ROBINSON said he thought the purpose of the Bill was a wise one and its provisions necessary, but as other Railways besides the New Brunswick and Canada were interested in the matter, it would be better to report progress and have the measure referred to a select Committee. MR. COTTRELL said he fully endorsed what had been said by Mr. Murchie, in reference to the destruction of forest lands by fire, caused by locomotive sparks. Not only so, but wood lots which had the superfluous growth trimmed out from them and were even ornamented, were destroy. ed, while fields, also, were more or less burned over. He would like to see the prohibition take effect even earlier in the spring, for it could be seen that with the

son drying everything, fires were quite plentiful, running over the lands situated on the eastern side of the Railways. He on the Grand Southern and he should not like to see it destroyed.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL said it was well that the Bill should be submitted to in Railways might have suggestions to make in reference to it. He presumed it was intended to affect the Western Extenthe Legislature had the power to pass a measure which should do that, because he was under the impression that the Consolidated Company had obtained incorpointerfere with the powers given by that body. Almost all the other Roads in this Province, he thought, now used coal-burning locomotives, being obliged by the terms could, however, receive more thoughtful attention from a Committee.

MR. COVERT thought the Dominion legislation obtained by the Consolidated Road related only to the floating of its Bonds.

MR. Wood argued that the people along the line of the Western Extension Railway were not anxious that coal-burning Locomotives should be used as they were interested in having a market for their Cordwood which the Railway largely furnished. A great many fires in the district through which the road ran were caused believed that both the Railway men and the people along the line were, so far as the Western Extension was concerned. quite willing that the Locomotlyes should continue to burn wood. MR. ROBINSON referred to the loss of logs suffered by himself through woodburning Locomotives, and said the Bill would doubtless be beneficial if passed. HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY said that when the Contract was made with the Riviere du Loup Co., there was a stipulashould be used. He was acquainted with and conclusive evidence as to the cause of fires. The awards too, were always inadequate to cover the losses sustained.

He thought the Bill right in principle, but it ought not to be passed without due regard for all the interests involved. MR. COVERT said it would be better to proceed carefully. He knew of several parties who were engaged in getting out

wood for the Western Extension Railway. and the measure should not be put into force without due notice. HON. MR. CRAWFORD favored having

the Bill put through without delay, as its one provision was very simple and conced-ed to be right. Unless the Parliament of Canada had especially legislated in refer-ence to the kind of fuel that should be used in the locomotives of the Western Extension this Legislature had power to deal with the subject the same as with any other matter of Civil Rights in the Province. The Railway Companies showed considerable indifference to individual losses when they caused fires, and he thought it would be best to let the measure go through the House now.

HON PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, referring to the Dominion Legislation for the Western Extension Railway, said there was an Equity suit now before the Court in which the question was raised whether the Dominion Legislation in behalf of the Consolidated Road was not ultra vires, it being claimed that the Dominion Parliament, hay. ing neglected to state that the Road from St John to Bangor was in the interests of Canada, could not legislate in the matter because it was one affecting interests in another country.

Progress was reported and the Bill was referred to Messrs. Murchie, Robinson, J. Ryan, Tweedie and Jones.

MR. AUSTIN introduced, with a Petition. Maine Railway Company.

HON MR. MCQUEEN said the Agricultural Report would be furnished to members

MR. BARKER introduced, with a Petition. a Bill relating to the Administration of Justice in York.

ST. JOHN LAW SOCIEFY.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL submitted Bill to incorporate the St. John Law

