

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, February 16, 1858.

After the members of the House had returned to their own apartment, the Hon. Col. Secretary presented the Returns of the election of James C. Pope, Esq., who was elected for the Third District of Prince County, in the room of Hon. W. W. Lord.

The Hon. Mr. Montgomery and the Hon. T. H. Haviland introduced the new member, to whom the customary oaths were administered.

Mr. MUIRHEAD said, before the gentleman (Mr. Pope) took his seat, he had an unpleasant duty to perform, which was the introduction of a Resolution, written at the instance of a petition he had received from several of his constituents, the adoption of which he moved, and which was as follows:—

Resolved, That James C. Pope, Esq., the elected member for the Third District of Prince County, be requested to deliver to the Clerk of this House a Schedule, containing the particulars of his Qualification, conformably to the provisions of the Act of the eleventh Victoria, cap. 21, intituled "an Act to consolidate and improve the Laws for the election of members to serve in the General Assembly," and that Mr. Pope shall deliver to the said Clerk the title, deeds, documents or papers, and in which he claims title to the property in said Schedule, or true copies, duly attested.

Mr. H. HAVILAND said, before the motion was put on the Resolution just read, he thought a time should be specified in the Resolution when such Qualification should be required.

Hon. COL. SECRETARY said, he presumed the House did not wish to tie Mr. Pope down to time, and thought that, if necessary, he should have a few days given him; but, in the meantime, he has no vote on any measures before the House.

Mr. MUIRHEAD.—The statute expressly said, that on a member taking his seat he should render to the Clerk the titles, &c., of property upon which he bases his Qualification. Mr. Muirhead then read that portion of the statute alluded to, which is as follows:—

"Every member, before he assumes his seat, or shall presume to vote in the House of Assembly, if thereto required by order of the House, shall deliver to the Clerk of the House a Schedule, containing the particulars of his Qualification, conformably to this Act, and shall also deliver to the said Clerk the title, deeds, documents or papers, under which he claims title to the property in said Schedule, or true copies thereof, duly attested."

He presumed Mr. Pope had the required documents now, and was prepared to submit them.

Hon. the SPEAKER.—Is the motion seconded?

Hon. COL. TREASURER.—I second the motion.

The resolution was then put and carried, and Mr. Pope submitted to the Clerk the Schedule, &c., of his Qualification.

Hon. the SPEAKER said, the matter might be postponed until the standing Committees were appointed, and the Governor's Speech answered.

Mr. H. HAVILAND thought the suggestion of the Hon. the Speaker a good one, and that there would be plenty of time to attend to this affair when the more pressing business was gone through.

Hon. COL. SECRETARY differed from the last speaker, and said, if a week or two elapsed without action being taken upon the matter, and Mr. Pope be allowed to take his seat, under the present circumstances, the House could not make the necessary inquiry.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The following committees were then appointed:—

To PROVIDE STATIONARY—Hon. Col. Treasurer, Messrs. Clark and Muirhead.

Mr. CLARK moved a committee to receive tenders for printing the Journals, and Messrs. Clark, Muirhead and McDonald were named, when—

Hon. Mr. LONGWORTH said, he thought it would be only fair to appoint a member of the minority on this committee, and would suggest that Hon. Mr. Haviland be placed upon it.

Hon. COL. SECRETARY said, as it was not a usual thing to appoint members of the minority upon standing committees, he did not see why the House should deviate from such practice in the present instance.

After some further discussion the House divided on an amendment to the original motion, that Committees be appointed by the House.

Ayes—Hons. Messrs. T. H. Haviland, Palmer, Longworth, Montgomery, Messrs. H. Haviland, Douse, Yeo, Pope, Laird and McDonald—10.

Nays—Hons. Col. Secretary, Col. Treasurer Mooney, Whelan, Wightman, Messrs. Perry, Clark, Dingwell, Muirhead, Cooper and McGill—11.

The original motion was then passed, and the committee stood as follows:—Messrs. Clark, Muirhead and H. Haviland.

COMMITTEE TO PREPARE AN ANSWER TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH—Messrs. Cooper, McGill, McDonald, Muirhead, Laird, Perry and Hon. Mr. Whelan.

GOOD CORRESPONDENTS WITH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL—Hons. Col. Secretary, Col. Treasurer, Wightman, Haviland, Messrs. McGill and Pope.

PRIVATE BILLS—Hon. Mr. Whelan, Messrs. Clark and Haviland.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—Mr. McDonald, Hons. Messrs. Haviland, Longworth, Montgomery, Messrs. McGill, Perry and Muirhead.

TO REVISE JOURNALS—Mr. Muirhead, Hons. Messrs. Mooney, Longworth, Wightman and Mr. Laird.

TO EXAMINE BILLS TO BE ENGROSSED—Messrs. Clark, McDonald, McGill, Muirhead and Hon. Mr. Longworth.

ON EXPIRING LAWS—Messrs. McDonald, Muirhead and Hon. Mr. Haviland.

The Hon. Col. Secretary moved the suspension of the standing order respecting to the introduction of bills, that he might introduce a bill relative to Fishery Reserves. The rule was suspended, the Bill read a first time ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Col. Secretary, it was *Ordered*—That a copy of the Journals of this House be sent to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, each day, as soon as may be, after the adjournment.

On motion of Hon. Col. Treasurer, it was *Ordered*, That the postage on all letters and printed papers to and from members of this House, during the Session, be charged to the contingent accounts of the House.

The time for receiving petitions was limited to March 5th. Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 1858.

Hon. Col. Treasurer submitted the Accounts of the Treasury for the past year.

Hon. COL. TREASURER said, in order to save time, he would move that all Road Petitions be handed in and laid on the table instead of being presented by members as heretofore. Adopted.

T. KIRWAN, Rep.

THURSDAY, February 18, 1858.

House in Committee on the draft Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech—Mr. McDonald in the chair.

The Chairman, having read the first paragraph, was about to put the question thereon, when

Mr. H. HAVILAND rose and observed, that he knew not exactly what had been the practice on previous occasions of a like nature; but, he thought, it would be better to read the whole of the Address in the first place, that, by having it so read to them, the Committee might see the connexion of the several paragraphs, and at once comprehend the tone and bearing of the whole. The paragraphs might then be read separately, and each be separately submitted to the question.

The Chairman, in compliance with the suggestion of Mr. Haviland, then read the whole Address; and, having done so, submitted the first paragraph to the vote; and the same, as follows, was agreed to *nem con*.

"We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward, thank your Excellency for the Speech with