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know was whether Mr. Veniot had been authorized by the government to make the statement that he did to in- timidate the electors.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—That is not the point. We must be as was as a serpent dealing with the circuitous arguments of my hon. friend. There is no evidence of any intimidation on the part of the government towards the electors of Gloucester. The hon. member as a constitutional lawyer will not say that there is anything wrong in a government recognizing the choice of its friends.

Dr. Stockton—I say if the government goes on a public platform or authorizes any one else to go and tell the electors that if a certain candidate is elected they will not receive fair consideration at the hands of the government, it is wrong.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—No such telegram as that was sent. While on his feet Mr. Tweedie said he would direct attention to a very much more important matter, namely, that two of the newspapers of Montreal, the Star and Gazette, had informed their readers that it was pointed out by the leader of the opposition that the finances of the province of New Brunswick were in a deplorable state.

Dr. Stockton—if the hon. gentleman is going to discuss that I claim the right to reply. I will give the hon. gentleman ample opportunity to speak if I am allowed to reply. Otherwise I raise the point.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—The hon. member rose to a question of privilege. In the absence of the premier I was discussing it.

Mr. Speaker—Yes, but the hon. provincial secretary introduced a financial question, to which the hon. leader of the opposition claims the right to reply, and where is the debate to end?

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—I if the hon. member calls me to order I must submit, but I think I can discuss it on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker—I doubt whether you could discuss it on a question of privilege.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said he had been absent when the discussion arose. He would say that he did not nominate him in Gloucester and a telegram to Mr. Veniot, and outside of that he had no communication with either of the candidates or anybody else. The telegram was as follows:

FREDERICTON, N.B., Feb. 19, 1898. P. J. Veniot, M. P. P., Bathurst:

The local government organization in convention having selected Mr. Stewart, we cannot but recognize his candidature and urge our friends to his support.

H. R. EMMERSON.

Mr. Stewart was selected by the convention. Had Mr. Poirier, whom he had always recognized as a friend of the government, been the nominee of the convention, he (Emmerson) would have telegraphed with respect to his name in the same terms as he had with respect to Mr. Stewart. Outside of that he had given any instructions or authorized any one to speak for him.

Dr. Stockton—That answers my question.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—I believe one of your colleagues, Mr. Sumner, supported Mr. Stewart.

Mr. Howe gave notice of inquiry for Saturday next: How many animals of the recent three years had been made by the government to be affected with tuberculosis, or otherwise diseased; how many of said animals were slaughtered, and upon whose recommendation; what veterinary surgeon or what amount of money was paid to Mr. Reburn for the government, or any department thereof and for what. Are any of the animals imported still unsold; if so, why, and in whose possession are they and upon what terms?

Mr. Beveridge committed a bill incorporating the Village of Andover for fire and water purposes, Mr. Black in the chair—Progress was reported with leave to sit again.

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Mr. Mott from the corporations committee submitted a report.

Dr. Alward asked when the statement in detail of the government banking operations would be furnished. He (Alward) had given notice of the motion for such information on the 11th instant, and on the 15th instant the leader of the government had said the information would be furnished.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said information would be furnished without further delay.

The provincial secretary, in whose department the matter belonged, was not in his seat at the time the motion was made, and it had slipped his (Emmerson's) mind to call his (the hon. provincial secretary's) attention to it.

Legere in the chair—The bill was under consideration when the house took recess.

After recess the house went into further consideration of the bill to amend chapter 102, Con. Stat. settlement of the poor. Progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Mr. Fowler committed the bill to authorize the municipality of Kings to grant exemption from taxation for a period of ten years of the buildings, works, plant and property of the Oakeshott Shallop Co. at Hampton, Mr. Chipman chairman—Agreed to with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie committed a bill further amending the Bills of Sale act 1893, Mr. Dibblee chairman—Agreed to.

Hon. Mr. Hill from the committee on standing rules submitted a report.

Mr. Chipman introduced a bill amending the law amending the act incorporating the town of St. Stephen and acts in amendment thereof.

Dr. Alward on behalf of Dr. Stockton gave notice of the following resolution:

Resolved, that authority be given, and is hereby given, to the committee on public accounts to call for persons and papers and to examine witnesses under oath touching the transaction of the executive government, or any member thereof as such, with any banks or bank during the last fiscal year, and from the close of the last fiscal year to February 28, 1898.

Adjourned.

FREDERICTON, March 3.—Hon. Mr. Emmerson introduced a bill to further amend the law respecting coroners' inquests.

Mr. Emmerson said he had received a petition through the mails from G. M. Blisse and James G. Mory, Gilbert Carter, Ephraim Elter and others, carter, owners of the Misquash body of marsh, praying that no legislation should be passed enlarging the jurisdiction of the Misquash body of marsh or enlarging its boundaries.

The hon. member from Westmorland (Wells) had presented a petition to the house in connection with the Misquash body of marsh, and he (Emmerson) therefore took this early opportunity of presenting the petition so that it may come under the notice of the house.

Mr. Porter presented a petition from J. A. Perley, G. C. Baird and others against the passage of a bill incorporating the Village of Andover for fire and water purposes.

Hon. Mr. Dunn introduced a bill to encourage the visits of tourists and sportsmen into the province.

Hon. Mr. Labllois introduced a bill to grant aid towards holding a provincial exhibition.

Mr. Dibblee asked if the government intended to extend the time for the introduction of bills.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said the government were considering the matter.

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Farmers' Meeting Held by the Local Agricultural Society.

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ST. MARTINS, Feb. 23.—A farmers' meeting was held at St. Martins last night under the auspices of the St. Martins Agricultural Society, J. B. Hodsmyth, the president, in the chair.

The speakers of the evening were Colonel D. McCrea of Guelph, T. A. Peters, deputy commissioner of agriculture, J. F. Tilley, dairy superintendent, Howard Trueman of Point de Bute, Mr. Kelly and James Rourke, and M. P. P. The meeting was attended by a large number of ladies and gentlemen, and great interest was taken in the different subjects.

On opening the meeting the chairman spoke of the need of farmers taking a greater interest in their work. He said that the St. Martins Agricultural Society was a very fine body, and that the meeting was a very fine one.

The people of St. Martins should be congratulated on having such an efficient chair in their village.

The chairman introduced Lieut. Col. McCrea, who gave a very fine address on Cattle Feeding.

Col. McCrea called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the result of the Nappan farm, and by the aid of charts showed how much was being done to test the various breeds of cattle and sheep.