

Hon. ATTY. GEN. said that the bill brought in by him the other day to amend the act relating to public instruction had been printed and was now ready for distribution, and as it was extremely desirable that the matter should be decided as soon as possible, he would move that it be made the order of the day for Monday next. It was made the order of the day accordingly.

The list of the various committees were then called over and progress reported.

Upon motion of Mr. McFarlane, Mr. Killam was substituted in place of Mr. Le Vesconte on the committee on the petition of James Barron.

Then the house adjourned until 3 o'clock on Monday in order to give the committees an opportunity of meeting.

MONDAY, 13th March, 1865.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. G. L. BROWN presented three petitions from the township of Argyle, against the present school law.

Hon. PRO. SEC. laid on the table, by the permission of Mr. Burkner, a large bar of solid gold, weighing 457 ozs., worth \$9000, and the product of 10 days work at the German Company's claims, Waverley.

Mr. RAY presented a petition from the inhabitants of Victoria Beach, Annapolis County, praying for the establishment of a Way office. Also a petition from Annapolis county against Confederation.

Mr. ROBERTSON handed to the government a petition from a number of the inhabitants of Barrington praying for the erection of a light house at Shag Harbor Island.

Mr. PRYOR presented a petition of certain inhabitants of Mill Cove, St. Margaret's Bay, in reference to the protection of shore fisheries.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Hon. PROV. SEC. laid on the table a communication from the acting Colonial Secretary of Newfoundland asking for aid from the government towards a proposed line of steamers between Newfoundland and Pictou. He proposed that it be referred to the committee on Navigation Securities for the purpose of having the subject fully enquired into.

Mr. LEVESCONTE thought the committee in question should confer with the committee on fisheries in connection with the exaction of duties on our fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland.

Hon. Prov SEC. said that it was only proposed to refer this subject to the committee in order to see if the proposed line would benefit this province.

Mr. LEVESCONTE alluded to the injustice of the course pursued by the Newfoundland government in reference to this province, and expressed his belief that the line of steamers was not wanted by our people.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said that the committee would enquire into the whole matter, and added that he would lay on the table in a few days certain correspondence from the United States authorities, complaining of what they consider illegal and unjust exactions that have been made upon their fishermen.

The communication was referred to the committee on Navigation Securities.

MUSEUM.

Hon. PROV. SEC. laid on the table a communication to the government from Rev. Dr. Honeyman and J. R. Willis, in reference to the establishment of a Provincial Museum. Referred to the committee on Mines and Minerals.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hon. PROV. SEC. laid on the table a communication from Benjamin Randall in reference to the imposition of duties on imported lime. Referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

Mr. KAULBACK presented a petition from St. Margaret's Bay, Lunenburg, praying for a way office.

Hon. ATTY. GENL. laid on the table a communication from D. Monaghan on the subject of postage of agricultural reports. Referred to P. C. Committee.

MILITIA.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. laid on the table the report of the Militia Court recently held in this city, together with a resume of proposed alterations in the Militia Law. The Court have not, however, touched upon that part of the law which refers to Militia in war times. The hon. gentleman also presented minutes of the proceedings of the Court, general orders and other documents connected therewith, as well as correspondence on the subject of the Militia generally. The hon. gentleman stated that he had looked over the suggestions contained in the report, and thought that they were valuable in many respects, and laid on the table a return of small arms and stores belonging to the British Government that might be available for the service of the Militia, and amounting to some 20 000 stands of arms. It is suggested that four or five battalions in Halifax be turned into Artillerymen, and in connection with this subject is a letter from Gen. Doyle stating that at least 1500 gunners would be required for the working of the guns in the neighborhood of the city. It is also proposed to add largely to the number of the artillery in Pictou and Cape Breton. It is not intended, however, added the Attorney General, to apply any money this year to the erection of a fort at Pictou. It is also proposed to provide clothing for a certain number of Artillery men as an inducement to individuals to give a large amount of time to the instruction, that is necessary before they can be considered qualified to perform the duties which they will be expected to perform. One style of clothing will cost £1 7s. 4d. stg., and a better description of article, £1 14s. 9d. stg.

MESSAGE.

A Message was received from the Legislative Council stating that they had agreed to the bill to enlarge the powers of the trustees and governors of Acadia College, and to the bill to incorporate the Virgin Lodge of Free Masons without any amendment; also that they had passed a bill to authorize the sale of the old Zion Congregation Church at Liverpool, in which they desired the concurrence of the hon. house.

LICENSE LAW.

Mr. TOBIN reported from the Committee to whom was referred the License Law. The Committee agreed upon the bill with the exception of the last clause in reference to a licensed tavern within the limits of a proclaimed gold district. The Committee express no