

the session for the house to express any opinion on the subject.

Hon. PROV. SECY. said that the hon. gentleman could hardly have examined the resolution, or he would not have arrived at the conclusion he had. It simply authorized the Government of the day, whoever they might be, on the completion of the road to Annapolis, to make a survey for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability of a further extension to Digby. No one could doubt the advisability of such a step.

Mr. ANNAND understood the resolution to call for a survey immediately, and to pledge the house to the construction of the railway after that survey had been made and the road built to Annapolis. He was desirous of seeing the road built, but he was unwilling to hold forth vain hopes, or to bind the future Legislature.

Mr. TOWNSEND advocated the survey being made as far as Yarmouth.

Hon. PROV. SECY. said that it was not in contemplation to call upon the local Government for the purpose of making railway extensions. Under the act of Union the railways became the property of the general Government, and would be regulated by it. Under these circumstances it would be quite justifiable for the Legislature to authorize a survey, which, when made, might induce the general Government to extend the line so that it might be made more productive.

Mr. COFFIN urged that the survey be made as far as Yarmouth.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said a survey between Digby and Yarmouth was unnecessary, for the country was a dead level, and without any difficulties in the way of a railway.

The resolution finally passed as follows:—

Whereas, The extension of a railway from Annapolis to Digby is absolutely necessary for securing the benefit of a safe and commodious harbor available at all seasons, and is of vital importance to the material prosperity and ultimate success of this great and desirable undertaking;

And Whereas, The Shore Counties, together with the enterprising and largely increasing County of Yarmouth, must at a very early day, successfully urge the extension of the railway to Yarmouth, which makes it of the highest importance that the extension from Annapolis to the harbor of Digby should be proceeded with at the earliest day possible consistent with the financial condition of the Province.

Therefore Resolved, That the Government be authorized to survey a line of railway from the terminus at Annapolis to the harbor of Digby.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROPERTY.

Mr. C. J. CAMPBELL gave some explanations in reference to a remark made by the Provincial Secretary on a previous day, that he (Mr. C.) had prevented the settlement of the dispute relative to church property at Middle River. Now he had obtained the papers on that subject from the office of the hon. gentleman, which he would read to the house to prove that he had not acted in the manner attributed to him. Mr. Campbell then read several letters which had passed between himself and between others on the subject. It

would be therefore seen, he went on to say, that he had not interfered to prevent a settlement of the difficulty. The majority of the people at Middle River were his own personal and political friends, and it was his interest to have the dispute settled amicably.

Hon. PROV. SEC. said that he thought the papers would fully justify the statement he had made, or at all events that its general scope was accurate. He supposed that the offensive action of the hon. member towards himself was a retaliation for the course he had pursued on the same question on a previous day.

Mr. ROSS said that there could be no doubt if the hon. member had wished to settle the matter he could have done so.

Mr. C. J. CAMPBELL said that he had respected the Provincial Secretary so much that he had followed him for many years, but he felt that he could not allow any one, whoever he might be, to misinterpret his acts, or to question his veracity.

Mr. BLANCHARD regretted to see this matter again brought up, but he was particularly surprised to see the Church of Scotland mixed up with the matter. What had the Rev. Mr. Grant to do with the real question at dispute?

Hon. PROV. SEC. deprecated the bringing of any clergyman's name in the discussion.

Mr. BLANCHARD would not pursue the discussion any further, for he felt that the house understood it perfectly at that time.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. explained the matter as he remembered it. He thought that there was nothing in the documents in question to show that the hon. member for Victoria had prevented a settlement of the dispute at Middle River. Neither did he think the hon. member had fully understood the nature of the Hon. Prov. Secretary's remarks on a previous day.

The matter then dropped.

Mr. ANNAND presented a report from the Committee on Trade and Manufactures. The report was received and adopted.

Mr. KAULBACK stated for the information of the government that he had received letters stating that the mails to Lunenburg had been very irregular.

HALIFAX ROAD SCALE.

Hon. FIN. SEC. moved a resolution for the appropriation of undrawn road moneys.

Hon. Mr. SHANNON said that having with drawn the road scale for the county of Halifax the other day, and having been unable since to make any arrangement with his colleagues for East Halifax, he would now again lay it on the table.

Mr. ANNAND said that he had made several propositions to his colleagues—one of them saw that they should divide the special grant as they pleased so long as the subdivision was made at once; another was to take the special grant and apply it to the great roads of the county, another was that the subdivision be made by a committee drawn from the other side of the house. Unless the subdivision were made, he would be greatly embarrassed in the apportionment of the grant.

Mr. TOBIN said that the matter was in the hands of the government and it was impossible for himself and colleagues to divide the special grant. No doubt it would be divided according to the requirements of the county.