

Petition of William Holesworth,

A petition of William Holesworth, deputy post master of Lower Stewiacke, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying for an increase of salary.

Referred to post office committee.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on post office affairs.

Petition of Hiram Hyde,

A petition of Hiram Hyde, of Truro, in the county of Colchester, was presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying that the report of the post office committee of last session may be carried out as respects the fines remitted to him by such committee.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Petition of Hiram Hyde,

A petition of Hiram Hyde, of Truro, in the county of Colchester, was also presented by Mr. Archibald, and read, praying a return of duties paid by him on a large quantity of wire, batteries, and instruments, imported from the United States of America for purposes connected with telegraphic communication.

Referred to committee on trade.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on trade and manufactures.

Pictou steam ferry bill reported.

Mr. Wade, from the committee on private bills, reported that they had considered the bill to incorporate a company to establish a steam boat ferry across the harbor of Pictou, and had made an amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the house, with the bill—and he delivered the bill, with the amendment, in at the clerk's table.

Read 2nd time.  
Committed.

The bill, with the amendment, was then read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to a committee of the whole house.

Petition of Anselm Frouton,

A petition of Anselm Frouton, of Clare, in the county of Digby, was presented by Mr. Comeau, and read, praying to be relieved from a certain claim for law expenses, alleged by him to be unjustly made upon him.

Referred to select committee.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to Mr. Zwicker, Mr. Whitman, and Mr. S. Campbell, to examine and report upon.

Unlawful assemblages bill.

Mr. Josiah Coffin, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill respecting unlawful assemblages—and the same was read a first time.

Referred to sel. com.

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to Mr. Archibald, Mr. Josiah Coffin, and Mr. Wade, to examine and report upon, with amendments or otherwise.

The hon. the financial secretary, by command of his excellency the lieutenant governor, presented to the house,

Health officer's acct. at Halifax.

Accounts of the health officers at Halifax, for their services during the past year.

Referred to immigrant committee.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on the expenses of sick immigrants.

Accounts of expenditure for relief of distress in Halifax and Lunenburg Co.

Also—accounts and vouchers for the expenditure of the sum of one hundred pounds, granted during the last session, for relieving distress in the counties of Halifax and Lunenburg.

Referred to committee on public accounts.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the committee on public accounts.

River fisheries county exclusion bill.

Mr. Archibald, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to exclude certain counties therein named from the operation of the law relating to river fisheries—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Committee on bills.

On motion, the house resolved itself into a committee on bills.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thorne took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report progress.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of bills committed.

Then the house adjourned until Monday next, at three of the clock.

Monday,