

## Thursday, March 12, 1857.

SIX Members only being present, at six o'clock, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House for want of a quorum, until to-morrow, at ten o'clock.

## Friday, March 13, 1857.

THE Hon. the Colonial Secretary, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented to the House the following papers, viz :

Copy of a Despatch of the Lieutenant Governor to the Secretary of State, dated 5th September, 1856, in reference to a Loan to be raised under the Imperial guarantee, for the purchase of proprietary rights in Prince Edward Island.

Extract of a Minute of the Executive Council on the same subject, and in reference to the financial condition of the Island.

Tabular Statement of the Revenue of Prince Edward Island, shewing its annual increase, decrease and total increase, from 31st January, 1848, to 31st January, 1856.

Tabular Statement of its annual Revenue and Expenditure, defining the yearly over and under, and total under Expenditure from 31st January, 1848, to 31st January, 1856.

Financial Statement of Prince Edward Island, to 31st January, 1856.

See Appendix (E.)

*Ordered*, That the said Papers do lie on the Table.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary also presented to the House the following Papers, viz :—

Copy of a Despatch of the Secretary of State to the Lieutenant Governor, dated Downing Street, 6th August, 1856, intimating that an Order of the Queen in Council had rendered inoperative the Act passed in the last Session of the Colonial Legislature, to authorise the Government to prohibit the exportation of Saltpetre and other Chemical Salts.

See Appendix (F.)

Copy of a Despatch of the Secretary of State to the Lieutenant Governor, dated Downing Street, 29th August, 1856, transmitting

Order of the Queen in Council, dated 21st August, 1856, leaving to their operation nine Acts passed in the last Session of the Legislature.

Copy of a Despatch of the Secretary of State to the Lieutenant Governor, dated Downing Street, 30th October, 1856, transmitting

Order of the Queen in Council, dated 22nd October, 1856, leaving to their operation fifteen Acts passed in the last Session of the Legislature.

See Appendix (G.)

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary also presented to the House the Public Accounts, as classified by the Auditors, for the year ending 31st January, 1857.

See Appendix (H.)

*Ordered*, That the said Accounts be referred to the Special Committee appointed to examine and report on the Public Accounts.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary also presented to the House the following Papers, viz :—

The Road Correspondent's Accounts of the Expenditure for the service of Roads, Bridges and Wharfs, in the past year.

See Appendix (I.)

The Road Commissioners' annual Returns of Statute Labour performed in the past year.

*Ordered*, That the said Road Accounts and Returns do lie on the Table.

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred every Petition praying for the opening of new Roads, to examine the same and report thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Perry, Hon. Mr. Mooney, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Muirhead, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Dingwell, and Mr. Laird, do compose the said Committee.