

On motion of the Hon Mr Longworth, the number of the Committee on the Fish Inspection Bill was increased from three to five. Messrs Howlan and Green were added thereto.

On motion of Hon Mr Longworth, the Seduction Bill was read a second time, committed and reported agreed to.

Hon Mr COLES, in accordance with previous notice, asked for the Despatches, if any, sent to the Colonial Office in connection with the Militia Bill, and the Bill for the settlement of the Land Question; also for those accompanying the Petitions against the allowance of the latter. The hon member having accompanied his request with observations touching the policy of the Government on the above questions, was declared by the Speaker to be out of order, as the documents asked for must be laid on the table before any discussion relative to their contents could be entertained.

After some discussion on this point, the Hon Mr POPE said the papers asked for would be submitted.

The Hon Legislative Council announced, by message, that they had appointed the Hons Messrs Palmer, McDonald and Ramsay a Committee of good Correspondence.

Hon Mr HENSLEY gave notice that on Thursday next he would ask for copies of any instructions which might have been given the delegates to the Conference held last autumn on the subject of a Union of the Provinces.

House adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 7.

On motion of the Hon Mr Longworth, the Bill entitled an Act to continue the Seduction Act was read a third time and passed.

Hon Mr POPE submitted the Accounts of the Commissioner of Public Lands, and also the Colonial Treasurer's Accounts for the past year; which documents were referred to the Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of the Hon Mr DAVIES, a Supply was granted to Her Majesty.

House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 8.

Hon Mr POPE presented the Returns of the Road Commissioners for the past year.

Mr HOWAT, from the Committee appointed last Session to whom were referred certain Petitions relative to the Tavern License Law, submitted a Report; received and read, and referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr HASLAM, the Bill relating to the appointment of Hog Reeves, and to prevent the going at large of Swine, was read a second time and committed—Mr Green in the chair.

Mr HASLAM having explained the object of the Bill, remarked that some slight alterations were made to the present Act; one of which was to the effect that a majority of the electors of any School District, and not two-thirds of them as heretofore, should have power to make application for the appointment of two Hog Reeves annually; also that Hog Reeves, performing their duties in compliance with this Bill, should be entitled to the sum of four shillings, instead of 2s 6d, per head, for all Swine seized and taken up by them under the provisions of this Bill.

After some brief remarks from the Hons Messrs Hensley, Coles, Longworth and Warburton, the Bill was reported agreed to.

Hon. Mr. HENSLEY, one of the Committee of last Session appointed to report on the Spirituous Liquor License Law, presented a petition from divers inhabitants of P. E. Island relative to the subject of Liquor Licenses. Petition received and read, and referred to the House when in Committee on the report which Mr Howat submitted on the same subject.

Hon Mr WARBURTON, in accordance with previous notice, asked for Returns of Prince of Wales College, and also Returns

of the Grammar Schools at Charlottetown, Summerside and Georgetown, for the past year.

Hon Mr POPE replied that the documents in question were being prepared and would be submitted.

Mr McLENNAN presented a petition from divers Merchants and others, praying for a Charter for the purpose of establishing a Bank at Summerside. Said petition was received and read, and the following gentlemen appointed a Committee to bring in a Bill relative thereto, viz:—Messrs McLennan, Hensley, Green, Longworth and Davies.

Hon Mr HENSLEY said that as he understood the question relative to which he had given notice, would be answered without any further motion, he would now ask for any instructions which might have been given the delegates to the late Conference on the subject of Colonial Confederation.

Hon Col SECRETARY replied, and said that the delegates who attended the Conference held at Charlottetown last Autumn, were appointed in pursuance to the Resolution of this House passed last Session, and that those gentlemen were the same, with the addition of two to their number, who attended the Quebec Conference. He then produced and read a copy of a letter which had been forwarded to each of the delegates, notifying them of their appointment. He (the Col Sec'y) was not aware that any other instructions were given to the delegates.

Hon Mr LONGWORTH moved that the House go into Committee to take into consideration the Savings Bank Law, with the view of making some slight alterations in the Act of last Session.

The House went into Committee accordingly, Mr Yeo in the chair.

Hon Mr LONGWORTH then submitted a Resolution to the effect that it is expedient to amend the Law relating to the Savings Bank, with the view of enabling depositors to receive interest for monies deposited, to commence from the first day of each month subsequent to such deposit, and not from the first day of each quarter as now provided by the Act. Resolution reported agreed to, and the following gentlemen appointed a Committee to bring in a Bill in accordance therewith, viz:—Hons Messrs Longworth, Pope and Hensley.

Hon Mr LONGWORTH, chairman of said Committee, then presented a Bill to alter the Law relating to the Savings Bank, which Bill was received and read, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Hon Mr POPE submitted the Warrant Book for the past year; referred to Committee on Public Accounts.

Hon Mr POPE also submitted certain Despatches and correspondence relative to the Land Bill of last Session and the Militia Law of this Island; also correspondence relating to certain Petitions of Tenants of this Island, praying the disallowance by Her Majesty of the above Bill, for the settlement of differences between Landlord and Tenant: all of which documents were ordered to be laid on the table.

Hon Col SECRETARY presented the Writ of Election with the Sheriff's return of the Hon T. Heath Haviland as Member elect for Georgetown; after which Mr Haviland was introduced to the Speaker, and having taken the usual oaths, resumed his seat, vacated by his acceptance of the office of Solicitor General.

On motion of the Hon Col SECRETARY, the House went into Committee to take into consideration the repeal of the Oyster Bill of last Session, with the view of making other provisions in lieu thereof—Mr Yeo in the chair.

Hon Col SECRETARY then submitted a Resolution to the effect that said Bill be repealed in order that more extensive facilities be given to parties disposed to cultivate Oyster beds and encourage the growth and production of Oysters. Resolution reported agreed to, and the following gentlemen appointed a Committee to bring in a Bill in accordance therewith, viz:—Hon Colonial Secretary, and Messrs Green and Howlan.

House adjourned.