

Government for compensation for work done on his contract on the Railway,—also the papers and documents connected with his claim.

POORS' ASYLUM.

Hon. PROV. SEC'Y by like command laid before the House the Accounts of the Poors' Asylum for the past year, which were referred to the Committee on Humane Institutions.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Hon. PROV. SEC'Y by like command laid before the House the Report of the Indian Committee, which was referred to the Committee on Indian affairs.

BIRTH OF A PRINCE.

Hon. SOL. GEN'L as Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Committee of the Legislative Council in preparation of addresses of congratulation to Her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of Wales on this auspicious event reported the following draft addresses which he read in his place.

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia :

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY :—

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with renewed sentiments of loyalty and affection.

Representing the people of this country, we feel privileged to be permitted to assure Your Majesty of the unbounded satisfaction, with which the inhabitants of Nova Scotia have learnt that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was happily delivered of a Prince, to the great joy of the nation and of the Royal Family ; and we beg to offer the most cordial and sincere congratulations of all classes of the people on an event so highly calculated to contribute to the happiness of Your Majesty, and to the interest and welfare of the nation.

We rejoice in the prospects presented by so auspicious an event, and fervently pray that the Grandson of Your Majesty, and of Prince Albert the Great and Good, may long be spared, and, emulating the bright example before him, may prove a blessing alike to your Majesty, his Royal parents, and the Nation.

TO THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The humble address of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia :

We, the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of Nova Scotia, now in Parliament assembled, unite in expressing the sentiments of universal satisfaction and heartfelt joy with which the people of this Province received the intelligence that a Prince was happily born to your Royal Highness, and that your Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the infant Prince, through Divine mercy, had continued to do well.

For ourselves and the people whom we represent, we most respectfully tender to your Royal

Highnesses the most cordial congratulations on an event so deeply interesting and auspicious, and we most fervently pray that the infant Prince may, under Providence, mature in years, and prove the source of much joy and happiness to Her Royal Highness and family, and to the nation at large,

To His Excellency Major General CHARLES HASTINGS DOYLE, Administrator of the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia and its Dependencies, &c,

May it please your Excellency,—

The Legislative Council and House of Assembly have passed the accompanying Addresses to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales respectively, congratulating them that Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was happily delivered of a Prince, and they respectfully request Your Excellency to forward their Addresses to their respective destinations with Your Excellency's assurance of the undeviating loyalty and affection of the people of this Province to Her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and to the Royal Family.

GRANTS TO AGED TEACHERS.

Hon. SOL. GENERAL presented a petition from an aged teacher at Antigonish, asking for a grant of land.

Considerable discussion ensued as to the policy of such grants

Hon. PROV. SEC. stated that it was in accordance with the practice to accede to the prayer of such petitions, but he thought that in nine cases out of ten the grants were not of the slightest use to the teachers. There was generally a struggle between some man that had a judgment and another that had a sale, or something of that kind, and the teacher received no benefit whatever from the grant.

Mr. TOWIN thought that if the granting of 100 acres of land tended to bring any portion of it into cultivation it was a good thing. He did not see any use in keeping wilderness lands locked up—the sooner they were disposed of the better, even if given away.

Hon. SOL. GEN. said that in many cases such grants did lead to cultivation and settlement.

Mr. J. McDONALD would ask the attention of the House to the report of the Educational Committee on this subject. It provided that no such grant should pass to any teacher unless he could show that he had been actually engaged in teaching for so many years, and should produce a certificate of good moral character approved of by a clergyman of the denomination to which he belongs, and a member of his county. He would like to know what objection there could be to a grant passed under such a safeguard.

Hon. Mr. SHANNON had been on the Educational Committee for several years. It was time that the practice of passing these grants to aged teachers was stopped, and he was very glad that the Prov. Secretary had spoken on the subject. When a man was unfit for anything else he betook himself to teaching. The Grant, besides, did no good to the teacher, for the very moment it was obtained, the land was passed over to