

Legislature; such union to take effect when confirmed by the Legislative enactments of the various Provinces interested, and approved by Her Majesty the Queen.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. Gray, be a Committee to wait upon His Excellency with the Address.

A Message from the Legislative Council.

Mr. Dibblee informed the House that the Council had agreed to—

The Bill in aid of the construction of Railways,
Without making any amendment thereto.

And that they had also agreed to—

The Bill to enable the Justices of the Peace for the County of Northumberland to sell certain Lands, and invest the proceeds in other Lands,

With certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

The amendments made by the Council to this Bill were severally read a first time, and are as follow:—

At A, Section 2, expunge the words, “as a Public Square.”

At B, Section 3, insert the words, “and proved as provided in the case of Deeds executed by Corporations.”

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

The said amendments were read a second time; and

On like motion of Mr. Kerr,

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended by the Council, be read a third time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Cudlip,

The House went into Committee of the whole on—A Petition from William Parks and Son, of the City of Saint John, laid before the House on the 29th day of March last, praying to be refunded Duties paid on Machinery imported in the year 1861, for their Cotton Manufactory.

Dr. Dow in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the matter of the Petition referred to them under their consideration, the following Resolution was moved:—

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that an humble Address should be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be paid to Messieurs William Parks and Son, the sum of \$—, amount of duties paid on a quantity of Cotton Machinery imported for the use of their Cotton Mill.

And upon the question for adopting the same, it was decided in the negative.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted.

On like motion of Mr. Cudlip,

The House went into Committee of the whole on—A Petition of James and Thomas Robinson, of Saint John, laid before the House on the 28th day of March last, praying for a return of Duties on Molasses destroyed by fire.

Mr. Scovil in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.