

Mr. Peter Sinclair moved the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, "That the House will provide for payment out of the sum to be voted for the contingent expenses of the present Session, a sum not exceeding £15 to each of the proprietors or publishers of such of the newspapers of this Colony as will publish in full the Debates of the House as taken down by the Reporters during the present Session."

HON. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—I take exception to that resolution, Mr. Speaker. It is introduced contrary to the principle upon which the initiation of money votes is based.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL.—If that principle was carried out and applied to such a motion as this, we could not appoint an officer of this House without its becoming a matter of supply.

HON. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—The resolution under consideration does not refer to the appointment of officers to this House, and is therefore quite irregular.

MR. REILLY.—Perhaps Mr. Sinclair might get over the difficulty by altering the resolution.

MR. P. SINCLAIR.—I consider it would be well to give the publishers the amount named in the resolution ; but it will be for the House to decide.

HON. LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT.—Mr. Speaker, the only thing in the resolution to which any objection can be made, is the amount. I think the member who moved this resolution did so on the score of economy. Those printers, we know, are very grasping when they get an opportunity. They must be given to understand that they will be required to furnish slips to this House, similar to those of the Summary Reporter. When members from the country say that the majority of their constituents never see these debates, it will not do to give an extravagant sum for publishing them. If we give an order to have all the debates published without specifying any amount we do not know what sum may be charged.

HON. LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.—There is another objection to this resolution, and that is, that it has altogether taken the House by surprise, and if the construction the Hon. Attorney General put upon it is correct, any member may get up any afternoon and propose a subject without putting it in the Order Book.

HON. ATTORNEY GENERAL.—With respect to the rule of the House, it is quite correct that anything of importance should be placed upon the Order Book, but it is the first time that I have heard of any matter respecting the publication of the debates or the appointment of officers of the House, being taken up in that manner.

MR. SINCLAIR.—I have no desire, Mr. Speaker, to press the motion, as hon. members appear to object to it.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, through its Clerk, Mr. Ball, stating that a Committee had been appointed by that body to keep up a good correspondence between the two branches of the Legislature.

On motion, the House adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

BEN. BALDERSTON, Reporter.

SATURDAY, March 7th.

*House in Committee on expiring Laws.*

Mr. G. Sinclair in the Chair. Hon. Attorney General submitted the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to continue and amend the Act of the 21st Vic., Chap. 7, intituled "An Act re-

lating to accidents by fire in Summerside, and removal of nuisances from the streets thereof."

HON. MR. HOWLAN said, that a public meeting had been held at Summerside for the purpose of considering the propriety of obtaining an Act of Incorporation for that town, and he had expected that the hon. member (Mr. McLellan) would have been prepared to ask leave to introduce such a measure. He believed that it was also in contemplation to ask for money to build side-walks in that town. Improvements of that nature were required there, and he believed that the best way to obtain them would be to have the town incorporated.

MR. MCLELLAN considered that it would be quite time enough for the members for that district to move in the matter when the people asked them.

The Resolution was then agreed to.

HON. ATTY. GENERAL said, that the next Resolution had reference to the running at large of swine in the town of Summerside and vicinity. The hon. member then read an extract from the Act to which the resolution referred, and after making some comments on its provisions, moved the following resolution :—

"That it is expedient to continue and amend the Act of the 21st Vic., Chap. 10, intituled "An Act to prevent the running at large of swine in Summerside and vicinity."

HON. MR. DAVIES, in seconding the Resolution said, that the hints which had been thrown out by the hon. member for Tignish were, in his opinion, well worthy the attention of the hon. member for Summerside. His (Hon. Mr. Davies') opinion was, that the hon. member for that place should bring in a Bill for the incorporation of that town, for he was convinced that such a measure would be found to be of great service. They have now in Summerside a Bank, which has for some time been in successful operation, a Grammar School, and a Press. The business of the town has largely increased within the past few years, and it is now a place of considerable importance, and he certainly would like to see them having such powers as would enable them to manage their local affairs. He thought it was proper to state that if the hon. member brought in a petition asking leave to bring in a Bill of that nature, it would be favourably entertained by this House.

HON. MR. HOWLAN was only surprised that the hon. member for Summerside was not now prepared to ask leave to bring in such a Bill. He was aware that a meeting had been held in that town to consider the subject, and a long report of the proceedings had appeared in the newspapers. The Press of that town had also drawn attention to the propriety of the Government purchasing some property for the town. He thought the hon. member (Mr. McL.) should be cognizant of these facts. He had noticed, too, that it had been in contemplation to ask for money to build side walks, but although he belonged to Prince County, and would be glad to do all in his power to aid the chief town in that end of the Island, yet he doubted if it would be right for this House to grant public money for such a purpose. He was aware that their streets and side-walks required improving, but he believed the most satisfactory way in which that object could be accomplished, would be to have the town incorporated.

MR. MCLELLAN considered it a waste of time to be talking about what had occurred at public meetings. He did not expect that this hon. Committee was going to consider such matters now, and was therefore not prepared