

dollars in the whole, as may be necessary to enable any party entitled to appeal to Her Majesty in Council on the subject of the *New Brunswick School Acts*, and desiring to institute such appeal to defray the expense thereof; and of such sums, not exceeding in the whole Five thousand dollars, as may be necessary to defray the expense of sending skilled manufacturers from *Canada* to the exhibition at *Vienna*; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

A Bill from the Senate, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts for more effectually preventing the desertion of seamen, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Senate, and acquaint their Honors, That this House hath passed the same, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, from the Committee of the whole House to consider certain proposed Resolutions with respect to the authorization of the payment of certain contractors for Sections Nos. 1 to 7 of the Intercolonial Railway, several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it appears that the tenders for contracts for work on the Sections of the Intercolonial Railway Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive, were made at a time when the requisite information as to the amount of work to be done on each could not be given by the Commissioners, and that such tenders were therefore made without adequate information or even an approximate estimate of quantities.

2. *Resolved*, That it appears that on sections Nos. 1 and 2, the work has been carried on by the original contractors;—that on No. 1 their work is completed and the track laid; and that on No. 2 the track is being laid, and the whole work contracted for will be completed in about two months.

3. *Resolved*, That it appears that the contractors on Sections Nos. 1 and 2 have made claims for extra work, which the Commissioners after full consideration and discussion with the Chief Engineer, have recommended that they be authorized to settle in full, at sums not exceeding, viz:—For No. 1, \$35,000—and for No. 2, \$45,000.

4. *Resolved*, That it appears that the original contractors on Sections Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, failed, and the Commissioners after full discussion with the Chief Engineer, have recommended that the following sums in addition to what has been already paid be allowed:—For No. 3, \$17,273—For No. 4, \$25,984—For No. 5, \$25,717—For No. 6, \$23,938—and for No. 7, \$20,892.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorize the payment to the several contractors for the sections aforesaid, of sums not exceeding those recommended by the Commissioners for the several sections respectively, provided that out of the sums so paid, all claims arising out of the work for labor, and other services, unpaid by the contractors, shall be paid by the Commissioners, and the balance only paid over to the contractors.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill from the Senate, intituled "An Act further to amend the Law respecting certain matters of procedure in "Criminal Cases;"

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Beaubien* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the amendment be now taken into consideration.