

Mr LONGLEY urged that a portion of the report be amended so as to require the steamer between Digby and St John to go up to Annapolis, whenever it was practicable.

Mr KAULBACK strongly urged the adoption of his amendment upon the House. He considered it due to the interests he represented to ask the House to consider favorably the application for a daily mail, particularly as it would be performed without entailing any additional expense upon the Province. No doubt could exist that the present line was not kept up as efficiently as it ought to be. There was not a covered conveyance on the road, and the mails were never up to time. When the House considered that daily mails were now running to the eastward and other parts of the Province, it must be seen that it was only an act of justice to grant similar facilities to Lunenburg.

Dr HAMILTON said that having signed the report he felt bound to sustain it, although he was in favor of granting additional accommodation to the western counties. He also stated that he had happened last winter to go to the westward, and must admit that the mail accommodation was not then what it ought to have been.

After some further remarks on the subject Mr. Kaulback's amendment was put and lost by the following division:

Yeas—Donald McKay, Kaulback, Bill, C J Campbell Longley, Allison, Ray, King, Annand, Balcarr, Brown—12.

Nays—Shannon, Moore, Townsend, Tobin, Donkin, Hamilton, Jost, Bourinot, Miller, Robertson, Provincial Secretary, J Campbell, Ross, Coffin, Cowie, Caldwell, MacFarlane, Financial Secretary—18.

Mr ANNAND then moved that the report be amended so as to authorize the Postmaster General to advertise for tenders for a tri-weekly mail to Shelburne.

This resolution was lost on the following division:

Yeas—Allison, Bill, Kaulback, Annand, C J Campbell, Ray, Balcarr, Brown—8.

Nays—Shannon, Mora, McKay, D. Fraser, Townsend, Whitman, Bourinot, Financial Secretary, Provincial Secretary, Robertson, Miller, J Campbell, Tobin, Hamilton, Cowie, Jost, Caldwell, Coffin, MacFarlane, Attorney General—20.

Mr Longley's resolution in respect to the running of the steamer to Annapolis, was assented to.

Mr. KAULBACK was about moving another resolution, but he did not do so after an explanation from the Provincial Secretary that the additional grant to the present contractor was only contingent upon the running a steamer on the Western coast.

Mr. ANNAND then moved that the recommendation of the report, that \$4000 be given to Mr. Hyde as compensation, be struck out. When the Annapolis railway was built, similar claims might be made.

Hon FIN. SEC. explained that Mr. Hyde would suffer large losses in consequence of the depreciation in value of very large buildings he had erected in connection with the mail service. Few

contractors had ever performed their duties more efficiently than Mr. Hyde.

The motion was lost, and the report was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. introduced a bill to postpone the July and extend the December term of the Supreme Court at Halifax.

The House then went into committee, and passed the foregoing bill; also, the bill for the more effectual preservation of useful birds and animals.

The FIN. SEC. moved a resolution providing for supplementary grants, which was passed.

The House adjourned.

MONDAY, May 6.

The house met at 3 o'clock.

A number of bills were finally passed.

Mr. PRYOR, chairman of committee on Militia, reported from that committee.

The report was adopted.

Mr. MCKINNON reported from the Committee on Indian affairs.

The report was adopted.

Mr. ROSS alluded to the necessity for making an additional grant to the breakwater at Neal's Harbor, Victoria.

Hon. FIN. SEC. had no objection to add three or four hundred dollars for the work in question.

RAILWAY TO DIGBY.

The house then went into committee on the general state of the Province, and took up the resolution relative to the extension of the railway to Digby.

His Honor the SPEAKER said that he felt it was altogether out of the question that he should delay the house, at that late period of the session, with any lengthy remarks on the subject before them. Indeed, it was unnecessary to show the advantages that would proceed from the extension of the railway to Digby. Those who were at all acquainted with the Western part of the Province must see that it was impossible for the line to remain at Annapolis. The harbor of Digby was in every way more suitable for the terminus. By bringing the road to that town, the counties of Shelburne and Yarmouth would be placed in position to receive immediate advantages from it that could not be expected if the terminus remained at Annapolis. No doubt, in the course of time, the line would be extended still further, and reach its natural terminus at the West, namely, Yarmouth. It was well known that the Harbor of Annapolis was not accessible, very often for some weeks, during the winter. Digby, however, did not lie under a similar disadvantage, but was accessible at all seasons. Before closing, he must add that the Western part of the Province would ever feel grateful to the present Government and to the Legislature for having promoted the building of the road to Annapolis. He trusted that, having gone so far, the Legislature would not refuse to grant the extension required—the extension that would be of great benefit to the Province generally.

Mr. S. McDONNELL alluded to the energy and zeal with which the Speaker had advocated the resolution in the interests of his constituents, but he was afraid it was too late in