

6th June, 1861.

His Excellency Sir Alexander Bannerman, Knight, Governor.

The Amendments are as follows :

After the word " thereof," in the fifth line of the third Section, insert " And that the number of the Directors to be so chosen shall be reduced from Seven to Five, Three of whom shall be a Quorum " ; and after the word " vote," in the last line of the same Section, add " until such proceedings of the Board of Directors shall be submitted to and approved of by the Governor in Council."

The Honorable the PRESIDENT acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor would be pleased to receive on to-morrow, Friday, at 12 o'clock noon, the Address of this House in reply to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Legislature.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Honorable Mr. KENT asked the Organ of the Government to explain the necessity of again Gazetting the Hon. A. Shea and Robert Kent, as Governors of the Newfoundland Savings Bank, they having accepted their appointments and being Gazetted under the late Government.

Honorable Mr. STABB, in reply, said that the wording of the notice was so obscure that he scarce knew the honorable mover's intention. There certainly is no intention of again Gazetting the Honorable A. Shea and the honorable mover as Governors of the Savings Bank. If, however, the honorable mover wished to know why they were Gazetted by the present Government, he would beg to inform him that Governors of Savings Banks are not life appointments. The Act requires that there should be eight members, five from the House of Assembly, of whom the Speaker must be one; and when the House is dissolved those members cease to be Governors. On the meeting of a new House there are five of the new members to be chosen Governors. The present Speaker is one, and A. Shea, Esq., Member for Placentia and St. Mary's, has been selected as a fit and proper person as a Governor, (not the Honorable A. Shea, Speaker,) and Gazetted accordingly. The honorable mover was also considered by the present Government to be a very proper person as Governor. There might not have been any necessity for Gazetting him, but thought the mover ought to be pleased to have been Gazetted in such good company. If, however, the honorable gentleman feared that he would lose caste with his political friends for having been Gazetted by the present Government, it is in his power to resign, and the Government would, no doubt, easily find an honorable gentleman to fill his place.