

House for causes coming to Halifax from the country, on appeal; but this business would not cost a shilling difference in the building; while the bringing such causes to Halifax was a positive benefit to the city.

The motion to defer was negatived—27 to 19.

SHERIFFS' FEES.

The Sheriffs' Fees bill passed on division—26 to 13.

DISTRESSED SEAMEN.

Hon. Provincial Secretary moved, with reference to a despatch from Colonial Office, (presented April 11th), with reference to distressed seamen of Nova Scotia—a resolution to the effect that this House will be prepared to co-operate with her Majesty's Government for their relief. Agreed to.

RENOVATION OF ASSEMBLY HALL.

Hon. Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Esson, were appointed a committee to superintend the refitting, painting, &c., of the Assembly and adjoining rooms during the recess.

SUPPLY.

The House went into Committee of Supply and passed 76 resolutions for grants of money—most of them founded on reports of Standing and Special Committees.

On bringing up the report,

Mr. Archibald moved against the grant of £25 to John Nelson, to enable him to build a house of entertainment on a desolate road, between Musquodoboit and St. Mary's; but the vote passed.

Mr. McKeagney moved against the votes to model and normal schools at Truro, amounting to £900; the motion was lost, 5 to 31—so the votes were severally agreed to.

COUNCIL CONTINGENCIES.

Mr. Chambers moved for a committee to search the Journals of the Legislative Council, to ascertain the particulars of the account for contingent expenses of that body.

Messrs. Chambers, Moses, and McLellan were appointed.

POST OFFICE.

The usual sum was passed for support of the Post Office.

MUNICIPALITIES.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Johnston, 1,000 copies of the Counties and Townships Incorporation Bills were ordered to be printed for general circulation.

Adjourned.

Tuesday, April 15.

RAILWAY AFFAIRS.

Hon. Mr. Wier reported from committee on Railway affairs.

[The same remark applies to this Report as to that on Education, brought in on April 9d.]

Resolutions passed directing the Railway Commissioners to instruct their Shipping Agents to insure Railway property for this Province, when advisable to do so.

MESSRS. PIERS' DAMAGES.

Mr. Ryder moved a further sum (in addition to £500) of £250 to compensate the Messrs. Piers for the ruin of their property on Bedford Basin, by the Railway. Agreed to, 20 to 5.

POST OFFICE.

Hon. Solicitor General, from the committee on Post Office affairs, reported.

[The same remark applies to this as to previous reports.]

RAILWAY AND STEAM.

Dr. Tupper, (in consequence of an oversight on the part of the Railway Committee,) would move that the Executive Government have power to direct the construction of a Steamer Wharf at Parrsborough, by the Railway Commissioners, at their discretion, to facilitate travel and traffic to and from Westmoreland and Cumberland, over the Windsor line of Railway.

Mr. Parker said that if this resolution passed, he should move that a steamer wharf be built at the head of tide water, on the Shubenacadie, to connect the settlements along the banks of that river with Parrsborough, and the Bay of Fundy generally.

After some conversation, Dr. Tupper's motion carried—17 to 12.

ONSLOW GLEBE LANDS.

Mr. Aunand reported on the petition of persons in Onslow on the subject of church and glebe lands—to the effect that as the subject was rather a Provincial than a local one, and as the committee had not the information to deal with the question in its larger aspects, they declined interfering at this late period of the session.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL.

The Council sent down a number of bills, and the resolution respecting the judgment against James Wilson, agreed to.

PINE WOOD SCHOOL.

Hon. Financial Secretary moved that the £5 undrawn as seed money for the colored population of King's County, be applied in aid of Freedom School at Pine Wood Cornwallis.

Agreed to.

DEFERRED.

Several bills were deferred for 3 months, the period of the session being too far advanced to allow of their completion.

Adjourned.

Wednesday, April 16.

COLCHESTER ROAD VOTE.

Mr. Archibald obtained the transfer of £5 4s. 9d. undrawn moneys for Colchester, to be applied for the repair of the road leading from Salmon river to the Panton settlement.