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a stage. The following bills were referred to the Legislative Council for concurrence:—An Act to amend Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Statutes of Elections to the General Assembly; an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Albert Mining Company, and to provide for winding up the affairs of said company; an Act to authorize the Town of Portland to make an assessment for the purposes of a new street in Ward 3.

Mr. Butler reported from the joint committee on the Library, submitting new revised rules for its government, and stating that valuable works have been taken from the Library and not yet returned, and that they have endeavored to make such alterations in the rules as would check the evil as much as possible. The changes made are in rule 3, the hours of keeping open the library during recess is changed from 12 to 4 to from 2 o'clock to 5 on Wednesday afternoons. The 7th rule now reads that no book shall be issued except to the following persons (other than members) clerk and clerk assistants of both branches of the Legislature, and limits the number of books that may be taken to three. The 8th section limits the number of books that may be taken home by any member to twelve. The 9th section is struck out. The House rose for dinner at 1 o'clock.

The House went into committee on a bill to authorize the County Council of Carleton to issue debentures and make assessments for the purpose of paying for certain lands and erecting County buildings. Mr. Lytton in the chair. The bill was agreed to and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Black introduced a bill regulating the assessment of rates and taxes in the parish of Sackville, Westmorland County, and presented a petition praying that the same may pass and become law. The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Ritchie moved the House into Committee to further consider a bill conferring certain powers on the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Mr. Lytton in the chair. The bill was agreed to with amendments.

When the bill was reported the Attorney General said that as similar bills had been enacted in other Legislatures he would not oppose this bill, but he had very grave doubts in his mind as to the propriety of the competency of this House to enact it.

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Yes: Fraser, Wedderburn, Crawford, Perley, Hanington, Marshall, Black, Thompson, Theriault, Johnson, Colter, Kenny, Cottrell, Beveridge, Hill, Woods, McManus, Barberie—18.

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The Standing Rules Committee recommended a suspension of rule 18 to enable the introduction of a bill to incorporate the Richibucto and Buctouche Railway Company.

Mr. Blair gave notice of motion for Thursday next.

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After some motion business the House took recess until 2.30.

After recess, Mr. Ritchie introduced a bill to incorporate certain powers to be known as the Quaddy River Driving and Boom Company under suspension of the rules. The bill was read a first and second time.

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in addition to his salary, made by the Receiver General (by sundry checks) out of Provincial funds from time to time, extending over a period of nearly five years since 1873, amounting up to 1877, to seventeen hundred dollars and upwards, did not appear in the Public Accounts, but were, as it is shown subsequently, repaid into the Treasury in one sum by the present Attorney General out of his private means, and since which time he, the Attorney General, has continued, as he had stated, to pay Mr. Bliss of his own money two hundred dollars per year, for no part of which the Attorney General has yet been repaid in any way.

That the making of payments out of the Treasury in these transactions is wholly indefensible in principle and if continued is open to very great abuse. Moreover there cannot be any reason assigned consistent with the public interests why the salary of a public official should be paid for years out of the private and personal funds of members of the Executive, whether such payments are by way of advance or otherwise.

Some discussion followed in a labored defence of the Government, speaking until 10.15 when he suggested that progress be reported and leave asked to sit again.

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On motion of Mr. Blair the debate was made the order of the day for Wednesday afternoon at 2.30.

Mr. Blair presented the petition of F. Clemons & Co. and other merchants of St. John against the St. John assessment Bill.

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THREE-CARD MONTE MEN OUT WEST.

The reason why I urge upon every one, however smart, not to put too much confidence in his own smartness, will be seen further on.

Yesterday I had to wait several hours at Monmouth, Ill. a station on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road. Monmouth has been frequented by three-card monte men for years. I have always known it, have often seen them there, and have often written about them.

Well, yesterday they were there again. One of them, with a Canada-Bill dialect, wanted to show me some strange "keerds" he got up in Chicago.

"What were you doing up there?" I asked, knowing he was a three-card monte man and feeling an interest in his modes.

"Me and pap," he said, "took up some hogs. We took up a pile on 'em, an made a heap; but pap he got swindled by a three-keerd monte man. Got near ruined. But I grabbed the keerds, and I'll show you how they done it."

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