

same to the House without amendment; and he delivered the bill in at the clerk's table.

*Ordered*, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole House.

Committed.

The hon. the Provincial Secretary reported from the committee on education; and he read the report in his place, and then delivered it in at the clerk's table, where it was again read.

(See *Appendix—Education.*)

*Ordered*, That the report do lie on the table.

The hon. the Provincial Secretary also reported from the same committee by bill, and thereupon presented to the House,

Rep. from com. on education.

A bill to authorise the sale of certain school property in the county of Shelburne; and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time.

Shelburne school property.

A bill to amend chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes, "of commissioners of sewers, and the regulating of dyked and marsh lands," was read a second time.

Sewers bill read 2nd time.

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to the committee on private and local bills.

Ref. to com. on private bills.

The following petitions were presented by the undermentioned members and read, severally praying the House not to pass any measure for the confederation of the British North American Provinces without first submitting the question to the people at the polls, viz.:

Petitions to submit question of Confederation to the polls.

Of inhabitants of the county of Queens, by Mr. Annand;

Of inhabitants of the county of Kings, by Mr. Bill;

Of inhabitants of the county of Kings, by Mr. Moore.

*Ordered*, That the petitions do lie on the table.

A petition of inhabitants of Little Glace Bay, in the county of Cape Breton, was presented by the hon. the Attorney General and read, praying for the passage of an act to secure to them the title to certain lands at that place.

Petition from Little Glace Bay relative to certain lands.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that the hon. the Attorney General have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Leave for bill.

A petition of the Lieutenant-Colonel and Officers of the Halifax volunteer forces, was presented by the hon. the Attorney General and read, praying to be placed in the same position with officers of the militia in their respective ranks.

Petition of Halifax Volunteers.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on the militia.

Ref. to com. on militia.

A petition of inhabitants of Waverley, in the county of Halifax, was presented by the hon. Mr. Shannon and read, praying for the establishment of a lock-up at that place.

Petition for Lock-up house at Waverley.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table, and that the hon. Mr. Shannon have leave to introduce a bill in accordance with the prayer thereof.

Leave for bill.

And thereupon, the hon. Mr. Shannon, pursuant to such leave, presented a bill to establish a lock-up at Waverley, in the county of Halifax; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Waverley lock-up bill.

Mr. Colin Campbell, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to legalize the assessment rolls for the county of Digby; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Digby assessment rolls.

Mr. Cowie, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to amend the act for the better encouragement of education so far as relates to the county of Queens; and the same was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Education bill amendment.

An engrossed bill to amend the act for the better encouragement of education, was read a third time;

Education act read 3rd time.

And the question having been propounded from the chair that such bill do pass,

Amendment moved.

Mr. Stewart Campbell moved by way of amendment thereto that such bill be amended by striking out the words *thirty cents* from the second clause thereof, and inserting in the place thereof the words *twenty cents*;

Which being seconded and put and the House dividing thereon, there appeared for the amendment twenty-one, against it twenty-three.

Negatived on division.