

Report as to efficiency
of fog trumpet at
Sambro.

The hon. the Provincial Secretary, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House,

Report of the commander of H. M. ship "Lily" to Vice Admiral Sir James Hope, as to the efficiency of the fog trumpet recently established on Sambro Island; and the same was read by the clerk.

Ordered, That the report do lie on the table.

Adjourned debate on
Confederation re-
sumed.

On motion, the House resumed the adjourned debate on the resolution relating to a Confederation of the British North American Provinces; and after some time spent in such debate,

Further adjourned.

Ordered, That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

TUESDAY, 17th APRIL, 1866.

PRAYERS.

Bills read 2nd time.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :

St. Lawrence coal co.

A bill to incorporate the St. Lawrence coal company.

Montreal and Pictou
coal co.

A bill to incorporate the Montreal and Pictou coal mining company.

Shelburne school
property.

A bill to authorize the sale of certain school property in the county of Shelburne.

Queens county school
property

A bill to amend the act for the better encouragement of education, so far as relates to the county of Queens.

Annapolis assess-
ments.

A bill to legalize assessment rolls for the county of Annapolis.

Ref. to com on pri-
vate bills.

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

Bills read 2nd time.

The following engrossed bills from the Council were read a second time, viz. :

Trusts and trustees

A bill entitled, an act to amend chapter 131 of the Revised Statutes, "of trusts and trustees;"

Divorce amendment.

A bill entitled, an act to amend the law relating to divorce and matrimonial causes;

Married women's
rights.

A bill entitled, an act for the protection of married women in certain cases.

Bills committed.

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

Bills read 2nd time.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :

Militia law amend-
ment.

A bill to amend the law in reference to the militia;

Seditious practices
bill.

A bill for the better security of the Crown and Government of Nova Scotia against treasonable and seditious practices and attempts.

Committed.

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

Petitions to submit
question of Confed-
eration to the polls.

Twenty-five petitions of inhabitants of the county of Antigonishe were presented by Mr. Miller; and two petitions of inhabitants of the county of Victoria were presented by Mr. Ross: and such petitions were read, severally praying the House not to pass any measure for a Confederation of the British North American Provinces, without first submitting the question to the people at the polls.

Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

Message from Council.

A message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

Agree to bills, viz. :

The Council have agreed to the bills severally, entitled as follows :

Halifax assessments.

An act relating to assessments in the county of Halifax ;

Mount Zion Chapel.

An act to authorize the sale of the Mount Zion chapel at Milton, Queens Co. ;

Caledonia Baptist
meeting house.

An act to authorize the sale of the old Baptist meeting house at Caledonia, Queens county ;

Sheriff's amendment.

An act to amend chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes (2nd series) "of sheriffs;"

Halifax health officer.

An act to authorize the appointment of an additional health officer for the port of Halifax,

Severally without amendment.

Agree to bills as
amended.

They have agreed to the bills severally entitled, as follows, viz. :