

for a grant of one half the cost of the bridge at Little Bras D'Or, and asked the members of government to bring down the papers on the subject.

The house resolved itself into committee of supply.

A discussion ensued, on motion of Dr. Webster, that a grant of £16 should pass to Dr. Jennings for medical service to rail way laborers. Opposition was offered on the ground that the rules of the house precluded such grants unless the case was brought within the rules regulating grants to transient paupers. A similar grant passed last session to Drs. Dennison and Weeks with the distinct understanding that no further applications of that kind would be entertained by the house. On division the grant was negatived by a large majority.

On a motion of Mr. Chambers to increase the road grant for each county except Lunenburg and Cumberland, by £400.—

The hon. the Speaker made some observations on the anomalous way in which the road grant had been divided amongst the different counties. He represented (as an example) the difference in size between the counties of Guysborough and Sydney, the former greatly exceeding the latter, and remarked upon the injustice of granting (as was now the case) the same sum to each. He hoped that in future some more equitable system would be adopted.

Mr. Henry explained in reference to the remarks of the Speaker that the information he had given was obtained from an old map, and since then part of the County of Guysboro' had been added to Sydney. Besides that the population of Guysboro' consisted principally of fishermen, who did not require or use roads to the same extent as an agricultural population such as Sydney. When this was considered the disparity would not seem so great, although he did not contend that the system of division was perfect.

Mr. Chambers withdrew his motion.

The hon. the Speaker moved that a grant of £400 for 4 years be given for the establishment of a Steam Ferry across the Strait of Canso. He explained at some length the necessity which existed for this grant, and stated that he wished this sum substituted in place of a grant of £250 previously passed by the House, but which had never been taken up.

The grant passed.

The house resolved itself into committee of supply, and, on motion of the Solicitor General, a grant of £20 passed for the relief of distressed Indians in Pictou.

Hon. Mr. Howe moved that a grant of

£200 be given towards the erection of a monument to the memory of Major Wellsford and Captain Parker, who fell at Sebastopol.

The Hon. Provincial Secretary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Henry, £200 was granted to Messrs Trotter and Murphy, to aid in the re-establishment of their milling establishment, destroyed by fire.

Mr. Henry moved that £50 be granted to the combined grammar and female school at Antigonish.

A grant to Mr. Hill of £100 17s. 6d. balance due him for preparing the plans of the new Court House, was passed; with the understanding that this sum, together with £100 previously paid on the same account, be deducted from the monies payable from the Provincial funds towards the erection of the Court House.

The committee of supply finally closed.

The house resumed and passed the resolutions reported from committee.

The Fin. Secretary moved a resolution empowering the government to encourage steam communication between Hantsport, Parrsboro' and the railway terminus at Windsor, and that the house should grant £200 for four years for that service.

Mr. Killam moved a resolution to the effect that all future applications of medical gentlemen for remuneration for their services to railway laborers should be recommended by the railway commissioners. Passed.

Mr. Whitman moved a resolution on the subject of relief to Indians—which provided that no applications shall be made to the house by overseers of the poor for reimbursement for expenses incurred by them for the support of the Indians unless certified by the Clerk of the Peace that the sum applied for has been actually assessed on the inhabitants, in which case the house would grant one half the expenses incurred.

House resolved itself into committee on bills, and on motion of the Atty. General a clause was added to the bill to amend the act limiting the erection of wooden buildings in Halifax—to exclude the new Court House from the operation of the act.

Mr. Wade gave notice of motion to rescind the resolution introduced by Mr. Whitman on the subject of relief to Indians. His objection was, that it introduced a new principle, the effect of which would be largely to increase the assessments for poor and county rates.

The committee adjourned. The bills passed.

The house adjourned until 12 o'clock next day.