

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 1899.

Bill concerning
Elections in Co.
Shelburne pre-
sented

Bill presented
in amendment
of Act for regis-
try of Deeds

Bill presented
relating to As-
sessments

Pawnbrokers'
Bill presented

and report to the House upon, the Petition of Ebenezer Crowell and others, and there-
upon presented to the House a Bill concerning Elections in the County of Shelburne ;
and the same was read a first time.

Mr. J. E. Morton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill in amendment of the se-
veral Acts, relating to the Registry of Deeds ; and the same was read a first time.

Mr. J. Morton, pursuant to leave given, presented a Bill relating to assessments of
Poor and County rates, and the same was read a first time.

Mr. Murdoch reported from the Committee appointed last Session, to prepare, during
the recess of the House, and bring in this Session, a Bill relative to Pawnbrokers, and
thereupon presented to the House a Bill to regulate Pawnbrokers : and the same was
read a first time.

Resolved, That the Bills be read a second time.

Committee of
whole House
on Bills

On motion the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the
consideration of the several Bills which stood committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair,

Mr. Ruggles took the Chair,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Bills to con-
tinue expiring
Acts reported

The Chairman reported from the Committee, that they had gone through the Bill to
continue the several Acts relating to the Light-House on Cranberry Island, near the
entrance of the Gut of Canso; the Bill to continue the several Acts respecting the Liver-
pool Light-House; the Bill to continue an Act relating to the Court of Commissioners
at Halifax; the Bill to continue an Act, entitled, An Act in further addition to the Act
relating to Wills, Legacies, and Executors, and for the settlement and distribution of the
Estates of Intestates; the Bill to continue the Act respecting Aliens coming into the Pro-
vince, or residing therein; the Bill to continue an Act for the Summary Trial of Actions,
and the Act in amendment thereof; the Bill to continue the Acts now in force, relating
to Trespasses; the Bill to continue the Act for the better preservation of the Property
of the Inhabitants of the Town of Halifax, by providing for a sufficient Watch at Night;
the Bill to continue the Act for the establishing a Bridewell or House of Correction, for
the County of Halifax, and for providing a Police Office in said Town, with proper Of-
ficers to attend the same; the Bill to continue the Act to provide for the accommodation
and billeting of His Majesty's Troops, or of the Militia, when on their march from
one part of the Province to another; and the Bill to continue the Act in further amend-
ment of an Act, to regulate the Jurisdiction of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas,
within the County of Cape-Breton, and to fix and establish the times and places for
holding of the said Inferior Court and General Sessions of the Peace, in and for the
said County; and that the Committee had directed him to report the said Bills severally
to the House, without any amendment; and he afterwards delivered the Bills in at the
Clerk's Table.

The Chairman also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee, to
move for leave to sit again, on the consideration of the several Bills to them referred :
which the House agreed to

Ordered, That the Bills be engrossed.

Communication
from Officers of
Customs relative
to returns

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Letter received by him from Mr. Secre-
tary George, dated this day, transmitting, by command of His Excellency, for the in-
formation of the House, a copy of a Communication from the Principal Officers of His
Majesty's Customs at Halifax, stating, that the Return and Account relative to the
Custom-House Duties, requested by this House, in their Resolution of yesterday, were
in a course of preparation, and would shortly be laid before the House.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at twelve of the Clock.

Saturday,