

tion in favor of the grant of £7 10s to pay for His Excellency's pew in St. James' Church was carried.

A vote for £300 for the Delegates on the Land Question was then proposed, on which a brief discussion took place.

Hon. Mr. COLES opposed it. Officers receiving salaries should not get more than their actual expenses.

Hon Col GRAY—The cost to every man in the Island would not exceed a farthing a day. The people would not complain, they had received a great boon. As to the ideas of the hon leader of the Opposition about the emoluments of public officers, he probably considered that for his sessional pay of £30 a member should be ready to run the blockade, or cross the Straits on the ice, or risk his life in any other way. The salaries are not adequate to the proper support of some of the public officers and their families.

Hon. Mr. WARBURTON, when in the late Government, had crossed late in the fall to Pictou, and returned from Shediac in a small schooner, and he refunded £22, part of the assumed amount of his expenses, to the Treasury. He admitted that the salaries were low, but the present Government, when in opposition, declaimed against them as being too high.

After a few words from Messrs. Conroy and Howlan in opposition, and Messrs. Davies and McAulay in support of it, the resolution was carried on the following division :—

Nays—Thornton, Coles, Sutherland, Howlan, Conroy, Warburton, Hensley—7

Ayes—Davies, Kaye, Howat, Laird, Secretary, Duncan, Pope, Longworth, Haslam, McLennan, Ramsay, Montgomery, Green, and McAulay—14

TUESDAY, April 26.

The resolution for the £300 for the delegates being reported, was agreed to.

The Revenue Bill having been reported from Committee and read 1st time—

Hon Mr COLES.—It would be useless to say the dollar is worth 6s. while collectors levy the duties at 4s. or 4s. 6d. on amount of invoices.

Hon Mr POPE—As well to leave it as it was. Gold is the standard of value—at the present time one gold dollar is worth two in greenbacks.

Hon Mr DAVIES admitted the difficulty; by order of the Government the Collector last year ascertained the Bank rate for dollars.

Hon Col. SECRETARY—The United States paper dollar does not represent nominal value. On the Quebec Exchange the ratio of gold is published daily.

Hon Mr POPE—Formerly, the sovereign in the States was worth 4 dollars and 80 or 84 cents; now it is worth 8 dollars and 61 cents.

Hon Mr LONGWORTH—The Canadian Government had power to fix the value of American gold; he would recommend a clause giving similar power here; this would entail loss neither to the Revenue nor Importer.

Hon Mr POPE read a clause to that effect.

Hon SPEAKER—The proper remedy would be to take away from our Currency Act the fixed value of all foreign coins; the clause would be inconsistent with the Act.

It was decided that whether the rates were changed monthly or weekly, yet as the different Collectors would receive the Gazette each week, they should act on the rate last gazetted.

Progress reported.

The Bill for altering the time of holding certain Terms of the Supreme Court was read a third time and passed.

The Hon J. C. POPE, a member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented to the House, a Supplementary Estimate of the expenditure of the Government for the current year, namely, Pew in St. James' Church, for the use of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Seven Pounds.—Laid on the table.

Hon Mr COLES asked whether the Government had made any provision for the expense of the contested election in the Legislative Council last year.

Hon Col GRAY replied that the matter remained with the Hon Attorney General. If his report should warrant that it be paid by the Government, it might be paid next session, or hereafter. It was a question which required considerable investigation.

The Revenue Bill was read a second time and passed through Committee.

The Debentures Bill was taken up in Committee.

Hon Mr COLES objected to the preamble of the Bill. It was entirely too long. It set forth what was to be done with debentures in 1869. He thought this might be dispensed with.

Hon the SPEAKER was of the same opinion. He did not know what would take place in 1869, therefore he would vote against the preamble as it stood.

Hon Col SECRETARY, Hon Mr LONGWORTH, and Mr BRECKEN contended that the preamble might properly remain as it was, since it only specified the objects of the Bill; but they were willing that a part of it should be struck out, which was done, and the Bill reported agreed to with amendments.

The Land Assessment Act amendment Bill was read a third time and passed.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 27.

Hon Col SECRETARY moved that the Bill in extension and amendment of the Act authorizing the Lieut. Governor and Council to open a Cash Account with the Bank of P. E. Island, be recommitted in order to strike out the clause in such Bill, which declares that Warrants shall be issued under such Bill, only for the payment of amounts authorized by any appropriation Bill passed or to be passed by the Legislature. This clause was not, he said, in the original Bill, and it would necessitate the Bank to examine in the case of each check to see whether the amount was in the Appropriation Bill or not.

Hon Mr COLES said he had no objection to striking out the clause; but he thought the Treasurer ought to be required to see that no warrants were issued except for those amounts authorized by the Appropriation Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was accordingly recommitted.

In Committee, Hon Mr COLES further contended that the Treasurer should be held responsible for the warrants issued.

Mr BRECKEN, Hon Col SECRETARY, and Hon Col GRAY maintained that it was absurd to hold an officer responsible for warrants issued by the Government, whose servant he was.

The objectionable clause was struck out, and some other amendments made, and the Bill reported back to the House. On the question being put that the report of the Committee be received, the House divided :—