

12.—Without entering into detail upon the important measures which your Excellency, in your Speech, has so fully explained and recommended to our notice, we beg to assure your Excellency, that they shall all command our best consideration; and we trust that our united efforts may tend to promote the true and lasting happiness and prosperity of the community at large.

House of Assembly, }
9th February, 1857. }

Passed.

Ordered,—That the Address do pass, and be presented to His Excellency by Mr. Speaker and the whole House.

Telegraph Company Act
Amendment Bill.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, upon the Bill to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company.

Mr. SPEAKER left the Chair.

Mr. KNIGHT took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER resumed the Chair.

Reported with Amendments.

The Chairman reported from the Committee that they had passed the Bill to them referred, with some Amendments, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he handed the Bill and Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Amendments adopted.

And the said Amendments having been read throughout a first and second time, were, upon the question put thereon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered,—That the Bill as amended, be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Abolition of Imprisonment
for Debt, and Judges' Retirement
Bills, read 1st time.

Mr. PRENDERGAST, pursuant to notice and leave granted, presented a Bill to abolish Imprisonment for Debt; and a Bill to provide Retiring Allowances to Assistant Judges, which were severally read a first time.

Ordered,—That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

Notice for Education Bill,
and Baccalieu Light-house
Bill.

The Hon. SURVEYOR GENERAL gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to bring in a Bill for the encouragement of Education; also, a Bill to provide for the erection of a Light-house on Baccalieu.

Notice for Select Committee
on Prevention of fire in St.
John's.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on to-morrow he will move for a Select Committee to take evidence and report on the measures best calculated to prevent the spread of Fire in the town of St. John's.