

REVISION OF THE STATUTES.

The House then went into Committee on Bills, and took up the bill for consolidating and revising the Statutes of the Province.

A good deal of desultory conversation occurred in reference to various points in the Revision. Several suggestions were made and adopted.

The committee, after a session of an hour, rose and reported progress.

The House then adjourned until three o'clock the next day.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Hon. Prov. Secretary, the late first clerk, A. James, Esq., was admitted during the debates, to the body of the House.

Hon. PROV. SECRETARY laid on the table a copy of a despatch from the Duke of Newcastle, acknowledging the receipt of the address of the Legislature to the Queen.

Also, despatches relating to the resignation of the late, and the formation of the present, Government.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, naming a committee to join one from the House.

Hon. PROV. SECRETARY laid on the table a Minute from the Executive Council of Canada, relating to the Intercolonial Railroad, dated 25th February, 1863.

Also, the annual report of the Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane.

Hon. SOL. GENERAL laid on the table a circular relating to the transmission of trade patents by post, accompanied by a report of the Postmaster General on the subject.

Mr. TOBIN presented a petition from a large number of Merchants in Halifax relative to drawbacks. It appears that at present drawbacks cannot be obtained unless the first cost of the goods amount to \$250. In New Brunswick the cost of the goods may be less than half that amount. The petitioners pray that the practice in the latter Province be followed.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Trade and Manufactures.

Mr. BLACKWOOD presented a petition asking for a change in the taxation of school-masters.

Mr. BOURNOR expressed his surprise that any petition asking for a larger sum of money for education should come from a County already so favored as Colchester.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Hon. Attorney General, the bill to vest certain public property in the Board of Works, was read a second time.

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Several amendments were made in the Licensing Law at the suggestion of Mr. Longley and Dr. Hamilton.

Mr. LONGLEY thought that it would be well to make it incumbent upon Clerks of License to visit the different houses of entertainment at stated periods, and report upon their condition.

Mr. MACFARLANE considered that it would be useless to make such a provision unless the Clerks of License were recompensed. It would be preferable in his opinion, to make the justices of peace look after the houses within their reach.

Hon. SOL. GENL. said that many magistrates knew far more about such places than was proper for them.

Mr. LONGLEY said that he had heard of cases where magistrates went on the bench and fell off through drunkenness.

Mr. TOBIN had also heard of lecturers giving addresses on the benefits of temperance, and going on a binge afterwards. (Laughter.)

After some further discussion in which Messrs. Tobin, Longley, Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Stocomb took part the 32nd clause of the Chapter was amended by inserting at the end of the clause the words "to some person named in the Summons" between the words "liquors" and "contrary."

(The object of this amendment is to require the name of the person to whom the liquor is sold to be inserted in the Summons.)

The 33rd clause was read, and passed without amendment.

The 34th clause was taken up, and the Hon. Atty. General proposed an amendment requiring that any person imprisoned for a breach of the provisions of the chapter shall pay the full amount of the penalty imposed upon him and costs, before he can obtain his release, even after the period of imprisonment mentioned in the clause.

Considerable discussion took place on this amendment, in which Messrs. Blanchard Archibald, Solicitor General, Mr. Longley, Hon. Pro. Secy, Hon. Atty. General, and Mr. J. McDonald took part—

Hon. SOL. GENERAL opposing it.

The Committee adjourned without coming to any decision on the proposed amendment.

The Bill to vest certain property in the Board of Works was reported up, and progress was reported on the Bill for the consolidation of the Statutes.

COLCHESTER ELECTION.

Mr. KAULBACK asked leave to present a petition from John D. Ashard and Samuel Beate against the return of Adams G. Archibald and Francis Parker Esquires. Leave was granted and the Petition read.

(Petitioners state that at the last general election for the Southern District of Colchester, Adams G. Archibald and Francis Parker and petitioners were candidates, that the said Adams G. Archibald and Francis Parker, the sitting Members by themselves, their agents, partisans, and others were guilty of bribery and corruption, and bribed and corrupted the electors of the said Southern District of Colchester, and did by many gifts and promises procure persons to vote for them, and others to forbear their votes, and so procured their election by means of bribery and other corrupt and illegal practices, whereby said election is rendered void. Petitioners therefore pray the House to consider the election as void.)

Mr. ARCHIBALD.—There is only one course that can be pursued with regard to this Petition.