

Committee on bills.

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Mr. Speaker left the chair,

Mr. Robertson took the chair of the committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Progress reported.

The chairman reported from the committee that they had made some progress in the consideration of bills committed.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

WEDNESDAY, 25th APRIL, 1866.

## PRAYERS.

Message from Council.

A message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,—

Agree to bills.

The Council have agreed to the bills respectively entitled, as follows :

Shelburne school property.

An act to authorize the sale of certain school property in the county of Shelburne ;

Queens co. school act.

An act to amend the act for the better encouragement of education so far as relates to the county of Queens ;

Annapolis assessments.

An act to legalize assessment rolls for the county of Annapolis ;

Severally without amendment.

Montreal and Pictou coal co.

They have agreed to the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Montreal and Pictou coal mining company, with an amendment to which they desire the concurrence of this honorable House.

Agree to amendment to divorce amendment bill.

They agree to the amendment proposed by this honorable House to the bill entitled, an act to amend the law relating to divorce and matrimonial causes.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Amendment to Montreal and Pictou coal co. read 1st time.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the bill entitled, an act to incorporate the Montreal and Pictou coal mining company, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Divorce amendment bill sent back to Council.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bill entitled, an act to amend the law relating to divorce and matrimonial causes, back to the Council and acquaint them that this House have agreed to such bill as now amended.

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Bills reported.

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St. Lawrence coal co.

A bill to incorporate the St. Lawrence coal company ;

Halifax jury law.

A bill to alter and amend the jury law so far as relates to the county of Halifax ;

School lands sale.

A bill to authorize the sale of school lands in certain cases ;

Little Arichat name.

A bill to change the name of Little Arichat in the county of Richmond ;

Without any amendment.

Equity Judge and Equity proceedings amendment.

Also, that they had considered a bill to amend chapters 125 and 124 of the Revised Statutes, "of an Equity Judge," and "of proceedings in Equity;" and had made amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House with the bill ;

And he delivered the bills, together with the amendments to the last mentioned bill, in at the clerk's table, where the amendments were read.

*Ordered*, That the bills reported without amendment be engrossed.*Ordered*, That the bill reported with amendments be engrossed.

N. S. salt works co. read 1st and 2nd time.

The hon. Mr. McFarlane, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to incorporate the Nova Scotia salt works and exploration company ; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.