

FRIDAY, March 26, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

The Hon. Col. Treasurer, from the committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Appropriation Bill for the service of the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-eight, which was read a first time, and, under suspension of the rule of the House, was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House. Mr. Perry in the chair. After some time spent therein, the House resumed. The chairman reported the Bill agreed to without amendment. Bill engrossed.

The Bill extending the Jail limits to debtors in custody, &c., was read a second time and committed to a committee of the whole House—Mr. Pope in the chair. After a short but unimportant discussion, the House resumed, the chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, which was granted. Adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY, March 27, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

The Appropriation Bill for 1858, was read a third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. Mooney, as chairman of the special committee to whom was referred all petitions relating to paupers, &c., reported that the committee had come to several resolutions, which were referred to the House in committee of the whole—Mr. Perry in the chair. After some time spent therein, the House resumed. The chairman reported the adoption of twenty-five resolutions, which were agreed to by the House.

Hon. Mr. Palmer, from the committee appointed to bring in a Bill to regulate the bankruptcy and relief of honest but unfortunate debtors, submitted a Bill to that purpose, which was read a first time, &c., ordered to be read a second time on Monday next. Adjourned for one hour.

MONDAY, March 29, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

Hon. Mr. Whelan, from the committee appointed to report upon the petitions of various Merchants, Agriculturists, and others, relative to extension of the Bank of P. E. Island, charter, submitted the following resolution, which was read a first time:—

Resolved, That it is expedient and necessary to alter and amend the Act 18 Vic., cap. 10, incorporating the Bank of Prince Edward Island, so as to authorise the Directors of said Bank, in times of general prostration of business, and when there is a scarcity of money, to suspend specie payments for a longer period than three months, in any one year, and not exceeding six months, should such protracted suspension be deemed absolutely necessary by the Directors; and also to empower and authorize the said Directors to receive, at their Banking House, Treasury Warrants and other Government securities, for the amount stated on the face of them severally to the extent of at least five thousand pounds, and the amount so received and deposited in their vaults, to represent an equal amount of the precious metals.

The Hon. Mr. Whelan then endeavoured to obtain the leave of the House to have one of the Indian commissioners (Theophilus Stewart Esq.) heard in his defence, relative to the over expenditure of his share of the last year's appropriation for the relief of the Indians. But this was, after a short discussion, over-ruled, on the ground that the commissioner had ample opportunity of being heard before the committee on Public Accounts.

The Bill to amend the City Corporation Act was, on motion of Hon. Mr. Wightman, discharged, to be read this day three months.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, informing the House that their Honors had passed the following Bills, viz:—

"An Act to prevent fraud by secret bills of sale of personal chattels."

"An Act relating to the office of Surrogate, and for other purposes." To which they desired the concurrence of the House.

"An Act to provide for the hearing and determination of causes in the Supreme Court in certain cases," with an amendment, to which they desired the concurrence of the House.

"An Act to provide for the collection in this Island of the Cape Race Light House Toll."

"An Act relating to the Fishery Reserves in this Island," without any amendment.

The amendment to the Bill, "to provide for the hearing of causes in the Supreme Court in certain cases," which was in the title of the Bill, viz:—After the word "cases," do insert "where Judges are interested or otherwise"—was read a first time, and a second and third time, under suspension of the rule, and passed.

The "Act relating to the office of Surrogate, and for other purposes" was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

The "Act for preventing fraud by secret Bills of sale of personal chattels," was read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

The Hon. Col. Secretary, moved that the engrossed Bill entitled "An Act to alter and amend the mode of electing the Mayor and Councilman of the City of Charlottetown," be now read a third time.

The Hon. Mr. Palmer moved, in amendment, that the Bill be read this day three months, which was lost on the following division:—

Ayes—Hons. Messrs. Palmer, Longworth, Montgomery and Wightman, Messrs. H. Haviland, Clark and Laird—7.

Nays—Hon. Col. Secretary, Hon. Col. Treasurer, Hons. Messrs. Whelan, and Mooney, Messrs. Cooper, Macintosh, Muirhead, Munro, Dingwell, Perry and McGill—11.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

The Hon. Col. Secretary, from the committee appointed to join the committee of the Council to prepare an address to His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, requesting him to transmit the joint address of both Houses to the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty upon the marriage of the Princess Royal with Prince Frederick William of Prussia, presented to the House the draft of an address as prepared by the joint committee which was agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and the same committee who prepared it be a committee to wait on His Excellency with the same.

The House then went into committee of the whole to further consider the Bill extending the jail limits to debtors in custody &c.—Mr. MacGill in the chair. After several amendments were made to the Bill, the House resumed. The chairman reported the Bill agreed to with amendments, which being accepted by the House, the Bill was passed to be engrossed, and that the title be "An Act for the relief of debtors confined under process of the inferior courts, and to amend the Act relating to the recovery of small debts."

Then the House adjourned for one hour.

TUESDAY, March 30, 1858.

FORENOON SESSION.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Longworth, the order for engrossing the Bill entitled "An Act for the relief of debtors confined under process of inferior Courts, and to amend the Act relating to the recovery of Small Debts," be discharged, and that the Bill be referred back to a committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by making lands and tenements liable to judgments obtained in the inferior Courts, by making the same matters of record in the Supreme Court.

The House went into committee—Mr. McGill in the chair. After some time therein, the House resumed. The chairman reported several amendments to the Bill, which were agreed to, and the Bill was engrossed.

A message was received from the Legislative Council, informing the House that their Honors had passed a Bill entitled "An Act to increase the rate of Treasury Warrants."

Also "An Act to prevent the running at large of Swine in Summerside and vicinity," without any amendment.

The "Act for raising a Revenue" was read a third time and passed.