

the Steam Navigation Company not to allow the steamer to touch at Murray Harbor if the water was any way shoal, and particularly if the hon Mr. Duncan should be on board.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND said the hon member who had just sat down appeared to be trying to make his constituents believe that he was a worthy successor to their representative now elevated to the bench. He (Mr. H.) had not said a word against the hon member's colleague (Mr. Kickham); on the contrary he had suggested that he should keep the first position, for being the senior member for the district, he had the better right to the vacant seat at the Executive board. He (Mr. H.) was glad to see Mr. McLean in this House; but there was one black spot in his political character—he was a great Liberal, though he had been supported by Conservatives.

Mr. KICKHAM did not aspire to being any higher than he was now; but he was not of opinion that the hon member for Georgetown meant any harm by his remarks. He had said this morning that some hon members must have been to see St. Patrick, but he (Mr. Kickham) thought as the Leader of the Opposition was so facetious himself to-day, he must have been to see Shela. (Laughter.)

The House then resumed, when the chairman reported five resolutions, which were ordered to be received on Monday next.

Warrant Book.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN then presented to the House a copy of the Warrant Book for the financial year ending 31st January, 1870, which was referred to the special committee on Public Accounts.

Petitions.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN also presented to the House several petitions praying for the opening of new roads, whereupon a committee was appointed, consisting of Hon. Mr. Kelly, Messrs. McLean, Owen, Arsenault and Prowse, to which said petitions were referred.

Hon. Mr. LAIRD presented to the House several petitions praying aid to Paupers.

Hon. Mr. KELLY, pursuant to notice which he had given in the Order Book some days previously, rose to move for leave to present a petition from Messrs.

Alexander Hayden, James Callaghan, and about fifty others, leaseholders on Lots 35 and 36, setting forth that the terms of the leaseholds of many of the petitioners residing on the Traquadie estate, were now nearly expired, being originally granted for forty years, which lands so held the petitioners had reclaimed from a howling wilderness to fertile fields; that petitioners had spent the best of their lifetime and energies in improving, clearing and stumping their said farms; that several of their terms expired in a year or two, and some of them sooner; that the said petitioners were given to understand that they would be deprived of all the fruits of their toil and industry unless they paid the proprietor the value of their improvements for a renewal of their leases for another short term; that the petitioners were encouraged by certain provisions in the bill now in progress in the British parliament, which provided compensation for out-going tenants at the expiring of their leases, or other determination of their titles, to pray that the House would pass a law with similar provisions.

After some debate the Speaker decided that the petition could not be received, on the ground that as the Bill introduced by the Right Hon. Mr. Gladstone in the Imperial parliament provided for grants of money to enable tenants to become purchasers—and that the petition now sought to be presented contemplated the same—it therefore should be initiated by the government, according to the standing rule of the House on petitions praying for money and money bills.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN said the government were alive to the necessity of some measure to meet the case of the petitioners, and those similarly situated, and he would assure the hon. member from Fort Augustus that they would give the subject their best consideration.

House adjourned.

MONDAY, March 21.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN laid a petition before the House praying for the placing of a steam ferry-boat on the route between Montague Bridge and Georgetown.

Currency Bill.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND introduced a bill to amend the act to regulate the specie currency of Prince Edward Island by de-