

mittee be drawn by ballot, which was lost, 20 to 18.

House adjourned for an hour.

The House re-assembled at half-past 7.

Hon. Attorney General reported from the Revising Committee the following gentlemen as a committee to investigate the eligibility of Mr. McKenzie, one of the members for East Pictou:—Messrs. Brown, Longley, Heffernan, Martell, Morrison, Donkin, and A. Campbell.

The hon. gentleman also made some explanations.

J. McDonald then arose to speak on the question of the Pictou Railway; he said he would conclude by a motion.

Hon. Atty. Genl. said that the question before the house was in reference to a committee; the gentleman must speak to the question.

After some remarks from several gentlemen, Mr. J. McDonald said he would be satisfied if the house went into committee before 12, in order to give him an opportunity of moving a resolution relative to the Pictou Railway.

Mr. Martell desired to be excused from serving on the committee before referred to.

Dr. Tupper, as one of the revising committee, spoke at length, protesting against the mode in which the committee on Mr. McKenzie's case had been appointed.

The Attorney General replied.

Some further debate ensued.

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved a resolution in amendment, on the subject of the committee; which, on division, was lost—yeas, 17; nays 20.

Mr. Pryor was appointed to the committee, in the place of Mr. Martell.

At a quarter past eleven, the House went into a committee on the general state of the Province.

Mr. J. McDonald briefly addressed the house in advocacy of the extension to Pictou, and moved the following resolution.

*Whereas*, When the Legislature assumed the responsibility of constructing Railways in Nova Scotia, at the public expense, it was designed to improve the internal communication and thereby promote the trade and prosperity of the country, by connecting the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay of Fundy with the capital, by lines of railway to Pictou and Windsor, or Victoria Beach, and the people of the Eastern Counties of the Province assented to the policy of railway construction by Government, on the faith of the extension of the Branch to Pictou.

*And Whereas*, It is of the greatest importance to the Province, and more particularly to the Eastern Counties, that the branch line to Pictou (attracting, as it assuredly would, the trade of Prince Edward's Island, Cape Breton, and other ports in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and the large local traffic flowing from the wealthy and populous Counties to the East of Truro, together with the traffic arising from the transport of coal from the inexhaustible coal fields of Pictou County), should be constructed without delay.

*And Whereas*, The correspondence now pending relative to an immediate, or even ultimate construction of an Inter-Colonial Railway is not of such a character as to inspire confidence in the negotiations and agreements contemplated in the resolution of the hon. leader of the Government, by which he assumes that the Province may be relieved of the whole or some portion of the cost of the Trunk Line, and the burden thereby imposed upon the Province.

*And Whereas*, The people of the Eastern Counties of the Province assented to the contraction of a large public debt for the construction of our public works, on the express pledge on the part of the promoters of these undertakings, that they should participate by means of a Railway to Pictou in the great benefits which public works of this nature confer; and the road to Windsor and the Trunk Line to Truro being now completed.

*Therefore Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House the Government should proceed to construct the line from Truro to Pictou without delay, and the Government is hereby authorized and empowered so to do.

Hon. Speaker seconded the resolution, and took the opportunity of stating that if the resolution was lost he would move another in amendment to the original resolution of the hon. Prov. Sect. moved at the commencement.

An adjournment was moved but lost—yeas 16, nays 18.

It being two minutes of 12, the house adjourned until 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, April 15.

MORNING SESSION.

House met at 10 o'clock.

Mr. J. McDonald moved the resolution introduced by him on Saturday, in relation to the extension of the Pictou railroad. After some debate,

Mr. Grant moved that the House resolve itself into committee on the general state of the Province, in order to allow the honble. Speaker to record his vote; which motion he subsequently withdrew.

The motion, however, was pressed, when there appeared—for it, 16; against it, 20.

Mr. Henry then moved his resolution for abolishing the railway establishment in Granville street.

Dr. Tupper addressed the house:

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House met at half-past two.

The Council transmitted their assent to a Bill relating to Railways, with certain amendment.

Hon. Provincial Secretary moved a resolution in reference to the Union of the Colonies; also, one relative to the representation of Nova Scotia in the Great Exhibition of 1862,—all of which passed *nem. con.*—They have been given before in this paper.

Dr. Tupper enquired whether the Bill sanctioned the payment to Cameron, of the amount which had been paid to him, under