

would be open to the whole Island. He knew that it would be more convenient for some at the north end of Queen's County to go to Summerside than come to the city. Allusion had been made to factory cloth; he knew by experience that the article produced at Stanfield's mills was superior to any that could be made by hand.

The resolution was agreed to.

Progress having been reported, the House adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 19.

Government House.

Mr. BELL, from the committee of supply, having reported several resolutions, on the resolution granting £200 to Government House being read—

Mr. HOWAT said that last year £400 had been granted for the same service, but he found on looking over the public accounts, that £800 had been expended. At the last general election, he heard the hon. member for Princetown (Mr. G. S.) say that if a Government could expend money without having it voted by the House, the representatives of the people might as well remain at home. He hoped the Government would explain how that extra appropriation had been expended.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN admitted that the Government had expended more money in this service than had been voted by the House, but under circumstances which he thought would be justified by the committee. During the past year, two distinguished visitors came to the Island—Prince Arthur and Sir John Young—and it was the duty of the Government to see that they should be received and entertained as their rank required. Government House was not in such a state of repair as would have justified the Government in entertaining therein either of those distinguished guests, and therefore an extra expenditure was required.

Hon. Mr. CALLBECK said that two years ago £400 had also been voted by the House, but £200 only was expended, so that although £800 was expended last year, it only exceeded the amount actually granted for that service to the amount of £200. When Mr. Dundas left the Island, he sold off the furniture, the greater portion of which belonged to himself, and in addition to the ordinary expense, the Government had to place two men upon the premises

to take care of the property at a cost of £5 per month for each. The Government were under the necessity of re-furnishing Government House at the expense of the Colony, as the Administrator did not consider that he should do so as he was, then, but receiving half the pay as Administrator which Mr. Dundas received when here, and, therefore, did not feel that he should be called upon to furnish Government House; and of course when these distinguished guests visited the Government had to do so before their arrival.

Mr. HOWAT wished to know if it was an admitted principle that any government could thus vote money which had not been granted by the representatives of the people.

Hon. Mr. CALLBECK said circumstances might arise which would call for an expenditure unforeseen by any one. Such were the visits of the Prince and Governor General, but, under ordinary circumstances, he did not know that the right was claimed.

Hon. Mr. MCAULAY said Government House had always been a bill of expense. The year before last, it appeared the allowance was more than was required, and this year it had cost twice the amount that had been voted for it. When the predecessors of the present Government exceeded their license, the voice of the present party was raised loud and long against their action in spending money which had not been voted by the House. If Government House was not in such repair as it should have been, the fault lay with the Government; yet in this matter he trusted the House would accept of the excuse given by members of the Government, and he hoped they would do better in the future.

Clerk of the Council Bill.

A message from the Legislative Council was received, to the effect that the Council had agreed to the bill for the appointment of the Clerk of the Legislative Council, with an amendment, to which the concurrence of the House was requested.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN said the amendment provided that nothing in this bill should have any force or effect until Her Majesty's pleasure should be known, which he presumed had been added by the Council to guard against any difficulty which might arise similar to that which had originated in New Brunswick. He would move that the amendment be agreed to.

Carried.