
 MONDAY, 9th APRIL, 1866.

PRAYERS.

Petitions to refer
question of Con-
federation to the
polls.

The following petitions were presented by the undermentioned members and read, severally praying the House not to pass any measure for a federal union of the British North American Provinces, without first submitting the question to the people at the polls, viz. :

Of inhabitants of the county of Lunenburg (four), by Mr. Hebb ;
Of inhabitants of the county of Victoria (three), by Mr. Ross ;
Of inhabitants of the county of Halifax (four), by Mr. Balcom ;
Of inhabitants of the county of Annapolis, by Mr. Ray ;
Ordered, That the petitions do lie on the table.

Message from Council.

A message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Agree to bills.

Mr. Speaker,

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

N. S. chamber of
commerce.

An act to incorporate the Nova Scotia Chamber of Commerce.

Strait of Canso ma-
rine railway com-
pany.

An act to incorporate the Strait of Canso marine railway company.

Bridgetown school.
Cape Breton sessions

An act to authorize the sale of a school house and lot in Bridgetown.

An act to legalize the proceedings of the sessions in the county of Cape Breton.

Barrington assess-
ment rolls.

An act to legalize the assessment rolls for the district of Barrington,
Without any amendment.

N. S. slate co.

They have agreed to the bill entitled an act to incorporate the Nova Scotia slate company, with an amendment, to which amendment they desire the concurrence of this honorable House.

And then the messenger withdrew.

Amendment to N. S.
slate co. read 1st
time.

The amendment proposed by the Council to the bill entitled an act to incorporate the Nova Scotia slate company, was read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time.

Halifax spring sittings
bill read 1st and
2nd time and com-
mitted.

The hon. the Attorney General, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to postpone the spring sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax ; and the same was read a first time, and *nem. con.* a second time.

Ordered, That the bill be committed to a committee of the whole House.

Motion to adopt re-
port on internation-
al telegraph co.

Mr. Archibald moved that the report of the select committee on the bill to incorporate the International telegraph company, presented on the sixth instant, be received and adopted by the House, which being seconded and put was agreed to.

Agreed to.

Ordered, accordingly, that the report be received and adopted.

Report adopted.

And thereupon,

Bill deferred.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill to incorporate the International telegraph company be deferred for three months.

Bills read a 3rd time.
Infirm ministers fund
Baptist association

An engrossed bill to incorporate the trustees of the infirm ministers fund of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the trustees of the infirm ministers fund of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia.

Halifax charter
amendment.

An engrossed bill to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax, was read a third time.

Title added to.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to amend the act concerning the city of Halifax in relation to the public health.

Aconi coal company.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Aconi coal company was read a third time.
Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, an act to incorporate the Aconi coal company.