

affect the mortgage of the province on the company's works.

After some discussion, Mr McLellan withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Whitman moved that the bill be deferred for three months, and that the government be authorised to give a perfect title to the company, on their paying into the Receiver General's office the sum borrowed from the province.

Mr. Young explained the position of the company, the nature of the security held by the province, and the object of the present bill; and said he could not understand the nature of the opposition raised to this bill. The security of the province remained untouched, and all they sought was to be enabled to borrow £6000 to complete the works, and so increase the value of the provincial security.

Hon. Solicitor General would not vote for this amendment if he thought the effect would be to embarrass the company; but as he understood it, the object was to relieve the company of the mortgage to the province, if they chose to pay it off, and so enable them to borrow money with a clear title, which they cannot now do, with the provincial mortgage standing.

Hon. Provincial Secretary spoke to the same effect.

Hon. Attorney General could see no objection to the bill; the effect of it would be to strengthen the provincial security. There was no objection to the resolution if it were not coupled with the bill, but he did not think it fair to the company to pass it in this shape.

Mr. Chambers spoke in favor of the resolution.

Mr. Henry in favor of the bill.

Then the bill passed.

On a third reading of the city of Halifax assessment bill, Mr. Young moved a resolution to amend the bill as follows:

Whereas, The bill now under consideration includes in the personal estate liable to assessment in Halifax, "all monies belonging to the inhabitants of the city invested in public or private securities, either within this province or elsewhere;" and it is proper to equalize the taxation upon this principle, and to render it more uniform and just Resolved therefore, that there shall also be added as liable to assessment, "all incomes arising from any profession, office, trade, or employment within the city;" and that the bill be amended accordingly.

The hon. gentleman stated that this was the case under the Massachusetts law.

Mr. Eason thought, as it was introducing a new principle, the bill had better pass without the amendment, as the City Council would have to be consulted.

Mr. Tobin and Mr. Wier both assented to the principle, but were afraid it was too late in the session to discuss a new matter of this kind.

Mr. Young suggested that it be sent to the Council, and if they objected to it, he would consent to have it struck out.

The resolution passed without division.

MONDAY, April 27.

Mr. Henry reported from a committee concerning a new revision of the laws, and submitted a resolution for carrying out such revision.

Mr. Young explained what was requisite and what should not be attempted. He considered that the commission proposed should not alter a line of the statutes, but supply omissions, cancel repealed clauses, and make better arrangement, by means of index, &c.

Hon. Atty. General explained his views in relation to having an accurate volume of the Statutes.

Mr. McLellan spoke of the comparatively recent revision, and of the additional expense and change now contemplated.

Mr. Morrison thought that one commissioner would accomplish what was required, as explained, as well as three, and at less expense.

Mr. Killam thought that a supplement to the present volume would be sufficient.

The report was received.

Hon. Atty. General approved of the suggestion made by the member for Yarmouth.

Hon. Sol. General did not think the mode proposed would be sufficient in relation to the magistracy of the Province. He approved of the new volume suggested by the committee.

Mr. Killam explained in support of his view concerning the supplementary volume. It would prevent the loss of the present volumes to those who had purchased.

Mr. Archibald considered that the expense would be about the same, and the arrangements made greater. He urged the publication of a complete volume and suggested certain alterations that should be attended to by the commission.

Mr. McLellan urged that the new volume was not wanted by the legal profession, the magistracy, or the people—Why, then, publish it, and set aside the present volume?

Mr. Henry answered, that the present volume was not law, in consequence of the numerous alterations that had been made, and therefore, if supposed perfect, was only calculated to deceive and lead to mischief. That was the imperative reason for a new publication.

Mr. Chambers argued that the magistrates did want this publication at present they had the book, but not the law.

Hon. Mr. Howe spoke against such frequent changes as had occurred.

Hon. Solicitor General said—Better make a set of perfect laws like those of nature, and then you might dismiss the legislature. The fact that the present volume was not to be