

The hon. the provincial secretary also, pursuant to leave given, presented a bill to authorise a loan for the construction of certain public works within this province—and the same was read a first time and ordered to be read a second time. Railway loan bill.

A petition of the executive committee of the Nova Scotia electric telegraph company, was presented by Mr. Killam, and read, praying that an investigation may be had of the accounts of expenditures and receipts connected with the construction and working of the line of telegraph from Halifax to Amherst while under the charge of the government, in order to ascertain the true balance, if any, to be paid by the company to the government on its transfer under their act of incorporation. Petition of executive committee of N. S. telegraph company.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table.

Then the house adjourned until to-morrow, at two of the clock.

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FRIDAY, 28th JANUARY, 1853.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Annand reported from the select committee appointed to prepare lists of members of standing committees on general subjects, that the committee had agreed upon such lists—and he delivered the same in at the clerk's table, where they were read, and are as follow, viz. : Report of lists of committees.

*Public accounts*.—Mr. Killam, Mr. Archibald, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Esson, and Mr. Marshall. Public accounts.

*Agriculture*.—Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. James Campbell, Mr. Holmes, Mr. McKinnon, the hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. Annand, Mr. Zwicker, and Mr. Comeau. Agriculture.

*Education*.—The hon. the provincial secretary, the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. L. M. Wilkins, Mr. H. Munro, Mr. S. Campbell, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Creighton. Education.

*Trade and manufactures*.—Mr. Wier, Mr. Killam, Mr. Locke, Mr. Bent, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Moore, Mr. P. Smyth, Mr. J. Munro, and Mr. McLelan. Trade and manufactures.

*Fisheries*.—The hon. the attorney general, Mr. L. M. Wilkins, Mr. Esson, Mr. Thomas Coffin, Mr. Jost, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. H. Munro. Fisheries.

*Navigation securities*.—Mr. Chipman, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Josiah Coffin, Mr. Young, Mr. Murray, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Wade, Mr. Wier, and Mr. Marshall. Navigation securities.

*Post office*.—The hon. Mr. Henry, Mr. Annand, Mr. McLelan, Mr. L. M. Wilkins, Mr. Hall, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Cowie, and Mr. M. I. Wilkins. Post office.

*Mines and minerals*.—Mr. Archibald, Mr. Hall, the hon. the provincial secretary, the hon. Mr. Johnston, Mr. B. Smith, Mr. H. Munro, and Mr. Doyle. Mines and minerals.

*Penitentiary*.—The hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. Mosher, Mr. Bourneuf, Mr. Jost, and Mr. Martell. Penitentiary.

*Transient pauper expenses*.—Mr. Brown, Mr. Dimock, Mr. Ryder Mr. John Campbell, and Mr. S. Campbell. Transient poor expenses.

*Sick immigrant expenses*.—Mr. L. M. Wilkins, Mr. Brown, the hon. the financial secretary, Mr. Doyle, and Mr. Young. Sick immigrant expenses.

*Indian affairs*.—Mr. Annand, Mr. Whitman, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Holmes, and the hon. the financial secretary. Indian affairs.

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