

the Bill to amend the Act providing for the separation of the County of York from the County of Peel, and to provide for the selection of a County Town. The Honorable gentleman contended that the Committee had exceeded their duty in introducing an amendment with reference to the separation of those Counties, which had already been provided for, and with which the Bill had nothing at all to do, and which in point of fact destroyed the Bill altogether.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER contended that nothing could be fairer than to leave the matter in the hands of a majority of the rate-payers, which was the effect of the amendment. It provided in the first place to leave it to the rate-payers to vote for the separation of the United Counties; and in the next place to leave it with them to choose the County Town.

Hon. Mr. CRAWFORD hoped that the House would strike out the amendment, and pass the Bill as it came from the Lower House, which, he was sure, was what the people of the County of Peel wanted.

Hon. Col. PRINCE raised the point of order whether the Committee could amend the Bill as they had done.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER decided that they could not.

The amendment was then discarded, and the Bill, as it originally came from the Assembly, read a third time.

ADDRESS TO HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET, seconded by Sir E. P. TACHE, moved the adoption of the following Address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which it is the intention of the Council to present to him on the occasion of his approaching visit. The Address was received with cheers, and adopted.

May it please Your Royal Highness:

We, the Legislative Council of Canada; in Parliament assembled, approach Your Royal Highness with renewed assurances of our attachment and devotion to the person and Crown of Your Royal Mother, our beloved Queen.

While we regret that the duties of State should have prevented Her Majesty from visiting this extensive portion of Her vast Dominions, we loyally and warmly appreciate the interest which she manifests in it, by deputing to us, Your Royal Highness, as Her representative; and we rejoice, in common with all Her subjects in this Province, at the presence among us, of him, who at some future, but we hope distant day, will reign over the Realm, wearing with undiminished lustre, the Crown which will descend to him.

Though the formal opening of that great work, the Victoria Bridge, known throughout the world, as the most gigantic effort in modern times, of Engineering skill, has been made a special occasion of Your Royal Highness's visit, and, proud as are Canadians of it, we yet venture to hope, that you will find in Canada, many other evidences of greatness and progress, to interest you in the welfare and advancement of your future subjects.

Enjoying, under the institutions guaranteed to us all, freedom in the management of our own affairs, and, as British subjects, having a common feeling and interest in the fortunes of the Empire, its glories and successes, we trust, as we believe, that this visit of Your Royal Highness will strengthen the ties which bind together, the Sovereign, and the Canadian people.

CORRUPTION AT ELECTIONS.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON moved the second reading of the Bill further to provide against corrupt practices at Elections.

Hon. Col. PRINCE condemned the present system of conducting elections—of which, he said, himself was a great sufferer in pocket. He objected, however, to that clause of the Bill which provided that the candidate should take an oath that neither he nor his agents had made use of bribery.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a Special Committee.

THIRD READINGS.

BILL to incorporate the Town of St. Thomas.
BILL to authorize the Board of Examiners of Land Surveyors to admit certain gentlemen.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER then left the Chair.

[EVENING SESSION.]

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER took the Chair at Seven o'clock.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON moved the second reading of the Bill to provide for the separation of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

Hon. Mr. PERRY opposed the Bill. The inhabitants of those Counties did not desire a separation. He would move, therefore, that the Bill be read a second time this day three months.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON seconded the amendment. This Bill had been thrown out of the Council often before. The people did not desire it, and he appealed to the House to throw it out again.

Hon. Mr. CRAWFORD supported the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON was astonished at the opposition to the Bill. It was petitioned for, and he hoped the House would grant it. He could not conceive on what grounds it was opposed. He hoped the Bill would pass.

The House divided on the amendment, which was carried. Contents, 15; non-contents, 9.

THIRD READINGS.

BILL to extend the Act respecting accidents by fire to country places.

BILL to remove doubts as to By-laws respecting Fences and Ditches.

BILL respecting Municipalities in Lower Canada.

BILL respecting Registry Offices, Privileges, and Hypothecs in Lower Canada.

BILL further to prevent corrupt practices at Elections—amended by the oath clause being struck out.

The Council then adjourned.