

Dr. Tupper then moved that the house receive testimony at the Bar, touching the appointment of Mr. McKenzie to the office referred to.

For the motion, 19; against it, 22.

Hon. Mr. Howe, from railway committee, reported a bill relating to railways.

Mr. Henry moved, in amendment, a resolution abolishing the railway office in Granville Street, and transferring its duties to the Board of Works.

Hon. Prov. Secretary replied. The House then went into the committee on the bill and passed it.

The committee having risen and reported, the hon. Prov. Sec. laid on the table a communication from the Governor of P. E. Island, with regard to light houses; also, a letter from Dr. McLeod and John Ferguson, of Sydney, in reference to a petition presented some time ago, and referred to the government.

Hon. Provincial Secretary also gave notice of a resolution in reference to the representation of Nova Scotia at the Great Exhibition in 1862.

Mr. Townsend called the attention of the Speaker to the fact that there was no quorum present. The House was accordingly counted, and but 23 found to be present.—The House therefore stood adjourned until 10 o'clock the next day.

SATURDAY, April 13.

Dr. Tupper called the attention of the Government to the model of a floating wharf to be seen in the old court house room of the Province Building, for which Mr. Thomas DeWolf had obtained a patent.

After some further conversation the subject dropped.

A Bill to amend the act relating to the construction of Railways, was read a third time.

Hon. Attorney General moved a clause by way of rider.

Mr. Harrington, Mr. Tobin, and the Attorney General, the report was received and adopted.

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved that a number of copies be printed. Agreed to.

Mr. McLellan, from committee on Road Damages, reported. The hon. gentleman also reported from committee on Humane Institutions.

Dr. Tupper expressed the pleasure he, in common with the rest of the Committee, had received from the inspection of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.

Mr. Longley, from the committee on Temperance, reported at length.

Hon. Mr. Howe announced to the House that, by a telegram just received at the Merchants' Reading Room, it appeared that Fort Sumpter had been attacked, and was bombarded all day yesterday. He alluded at some length to the deep regret he felt at this melancholy news, so injurious to the interests of the civilized world.

He was followed to the same effect by the Hon. Mr. Johnston, Dr. Tupper, Mr. Har-

ington, Attorney General, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Tobin.

Hon. Mr. Johnston suggested to the Hon. President of Council the propriety of the House passing some resolution expressing their sympathy in the calamities which have befallen the neighboring States.

Hon. Mr. Howe agreed to do so.

On the reading of the clause of the Post Office Committee Report, recommending the payment of the half-year's salary to the Messrs. King, for services in 1859, when they had taken a contract for the conveyance of the Western Mails at a nominal price.

After some debate Dr. Tupper moved that the clause be struck out, which was carried, 16 to 15.

The report, as amended, was then received and adopted.

Hon. Mr. Howe introduced a Bill to adjust the representation of the country. He laid it on the table, and said it was his intention to have it printed and circulated before the next session, when it would be considered.

After some remarks—

Dr. Tupper moved a resolution, that, previous to its publication, the proposed division lines between the counties be defined.

The resolution was laid on the table.

House adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House resumed at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Howe moved the following resolution in connection with the troubles in the United States.

Resolved, That the House has heard, with deep sorrow and regret, of the outbreak of civil war amongst their friends and neighbors in the United States: that this House, without expressing any opinion upon the points in controversy between the contending parties, sincerely lament that those who speak their language and share their civilization should be shedding each others' blood, and desire to offer up their fervent prayers to the Father of the Universe for the restoration of peace.

Hon. Mr. Howe, in reference to the case of the member for East Pictou, stated that he found, on looking into the question, that the parliamentary rule was to appoint a special committee to report whether the member had accepted an office of emolument under the Government, and if so, whether it vacated his seat. He therefore moved the following committee:—Messrs. Heffernan, Morrison, Robertson, Tobin, Donkin, and McKinnon.

After some debate—

Dr. Tupper submitted to the Speaker a question of order, and contended that the subject having been finally disposed of by the action of the House on the previous day, could not again be revived in the same session.

He was replied to by the Hon. Attorney General and others, after which the Speaker decided that the motion was in order.

The debate then proceeded, after which the Hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the com-