

An act to amend the act to incorporate the International coal and railway company, and the acts in amendment thereof; and,

An act to incorporate the Nova Scotia slate company, were severally read a second time, and considered by the House.

And thereupon, on motion,

*Resolved*, That the amendments to such bills be agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the clerk do carry the bills and amendments back to the Council and acquaint them that this House have agreed to the amendments to such bills respectively.

A bill to amend the law relating to the division and partition of lands was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the bill be referred to the committee on amendments to the laws.

The following bills were severally read a second time, viz. :

A bill to authorise the Sessions to lay off land for a public landing at Paradise bridge, Annapolis;

A bill to legalise assessment rolls for the district of Chester;

A bill relating to assessment for schools in the county of Yarmouth;

A bill to amend the act to incorporate the governors of Kings college, Windsor;

A bill to incorporate the trustees of Zion Church in Halifax;

A bill to incorporate the North Sydney marine railway company;

A bill in relation to the Middle River church property;

A bill to authorise the sale of a school house and lot of land at Lower Stewiacke;

A bill to legalise assessment rolls for the county of Sydney;

A bill to provide for a lock-up at Waverley, in the county of Halifax.

*Ordered*, That the bills be referred to the committee on private and local bills.

Four petitions of inhabitants of the county of Cumberland were presented by Mr. Annand and read, severally praying the House not to pass any measure for a Confederation of the British North American Provinces without first submitting the question to the people at the polls.

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

A petition of inhabitants of the county of Antigonishe was presented by the hon. the Attorney General and read, praying for assessment for the support of schools.

*Ordered*, That the petition be referred to the committee on education.

A message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,—

The Council have agreed to the bill entitled, an act to postpone the spring sittings of the Supreme Court at Halifax, without any amendment.

And then the messenger withdrew.

The order of the day being read,

The House proceeded to the consideration of the resolution moved on the 10th instant relating to a Confederation of the British North American Provinces; and a debate arising thereon, after some time spent in such debate,

*Ordered*, That the debate be further adjourned until to-morrow.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at three of the clock.

Amendment to International coal co. amendment bill.

N. S. slate company read 2nd time.

Amendment agreed to.

Sent back to Council.

Division of lands amendment bill read 2nd time.

Com. on amendments to the laws.

Bills read 2nd time.

Paradise public landing.

Chester assessment rolls.

Yarmouth school assessment.

Kings College amendment act.

Halifax Zion Church.

North Sydney marine railway.

Middle River Church property.

Lower Stewiacke School house and lot.

Sydney assessment rolls.

Waverly lock up Com. on private bills.

Pet. for submitting Confederation to the polls.

Pet. for assessment for support of schools.

Ref. to com. on education.

Message from Council.

Agree to bill to postpone spring sitting Supreme Court at Halifax.

Order of day, debate on confederation of B. N. A. Provinces.

Debate adjourned.