

Mr. C. Simonds, by leave, presented a Petition of Robert James, a confined Debtor in the Gaol of the City of Saint John, praying relief.

Which being read, ordered that the same be received and referred to the Committee to examine and report on the subject of confined Debtors.

Mr. Smith moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to provide for the establishment, regulation, and improvement, of the great roads of communication through the Province, and to repeal all the Laws now in force relating to the same."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. Chipman, resolved that the Laws relating to Highways that have expired or are near expiring, be referred to a select Committee to revise the same, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. Chipman, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Campbell, be a Committee for that purpose.

Resolved that the Laws relating to the Fisheries that have expired or are near expiring, be referred to a select Committee to revise the same, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. Johnston, Mr. Stubs, and Mr. Simonds, be a Committee for that purpose.

Resolved that all the other Laws mentioned in the report of the Committee appointed to examine what Laws have expired or are near expiring, (the Revenue Laws excepted) be referred to a select Committee to revise the same, and to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Ordered that Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Wetmore, and Mr. Perley, be a Committee for that purpose.

Read a second time, a bill, "to extend the provisions of an Act, for appointing Firewards in the Towns of Fredericton and Saint Andrews, and ascertaining their power and duty, and for more effectually preventing fires in the said Towns, to the Parish of Portland, in the County of Saint John."

Ordered that the said bill be now committed.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Fraser took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Fraser, from the Committee, reported that they had gone through the bill to them referred, and had agreed to the same without any amendment.

Ordered that the report be accepted and the bill engrossed.

Read a second time, a bill, "to repeal an Act, intitled "An Act to prevent the importation or spreading of Infectious Distempers within this Province," and to make more effectual provision for the same."

Ordered that the said bill be committed to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Stubs, resolved that this House do on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on Ways and Means.

The House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply thereto:

"Gentlemen,

"I thank you for this Address, and anticipate the best results from your continued endeavours to increase the prosperity of the Province."

Mr. Stubs, pursuant to leave, brought in a bill, "for the better securing the Navigation of the inner Bay of Passamaquoddy."

Which was read a first time.

Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Secretary: