

AFTERNOON SITTING.

House in Committee of the whole on the Bill to amend the Land Purchase Act. Mr. Clark in the Chair. After a short but unimportant discussion, the House resumed. The Chairman reported the Bill agreed to without amendment, which report was received.

Mr. T. H. Haviland then moved the Bill be referred back to Committee, which, after some further discussion, was rejected on the following vote, viz:—Ayes, 4; Nays 11. The Bill was then read a second time and engrossed.

Hon. Col. Secretary moved the standing order be dispensed with, and the Bill be read a third time.

Hon. Mr. Palmer moved an amendment to the first clause of the Bill, that the words "or in the event of the occurrence or contingency," be struck out, which was also rejected after a good deal of discussion, on the same division as Mr. Haviland's motion was lost on.

The Bill was then read a third time and passed.

The first order of the day was then taken up,—the Bill relative to the Office of Surrogate, &c.,—and referred to next session.

The House then went into Committee of the whole on the report of the address in reference to the late Treaty between England and France in reference to the granting to the latter certain important fishing privileges on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Mr. T. H. Haviland in the Chair. After some time spent therein, the House resumed. The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the report without any amendment. Adopted.

WEDNESDAY, April 15.

Hon. Mr. Whelan moved the petition of James Douglas, Bay Fortune, be taken up, read, and referred to a Select Committee to report on the same next session, which, after some modification in the wording of the same, was passed, and Hons. Col. Secretary, Mr. Lord, Mr. Whelan, Messrs. Cooper and McIntosh appointed as the said Committee.

Adjourned for one hour.

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And being met, some unimportant routine business was transacted, such as receiving reports of Special Committees, respecting the delivery of addresses to His Excellency on various subjects. A message was received from the Lieut. Governor, requiring the attention of the members of the House at the bar of the Council Chamber; and they having attended accordingly, His Excellency closed the Session, after giving, in Her Majesty's name, his assent to the twenty-one Acts passed during the Session.

T. KIRWAN, Rep.