

a very serious and injurious mis-appropriation of the public monies.

He was replied to by hon. Mr. Howe, after which Mr. Johnston again addressed the house, when the debate was adjourned until 3 o'clock.

The house resumed at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Howe moved the following amendment to the resolution introduced in the morning by hon. Mr. Johnston:

*Whereas*, Mr. Daniel Cameron, having an unsettled claim against the Government of Nova Scotia, proposed in 1858, through his Counsel, to adjust that claim, either by arbitration or by suit at law, and was refused by the government of the day to do either;

*And Whereas* the Railway Committee in 1859 reported that Mr. Cameron should either be permitted to sue the Government or to have a re-measurement of his work;

*And Whereas*, the Government refused him the first remedy, and Mr. Cameron declined the other;

*And Whereas*, the claim being unadjusted in 1860 was referred by the present Government to Henry Poole, Esq., a disinterested and competent person, who struck a balance after investigation;

*And Whereas*, the Government paid only the amount awarded by that gentleman, without allowing Mr. Cameron interest on his claim, as was done by the late Government to the other contractors;

*Therefore Resolved*, that the House pass to the order of the day.

Mr. Henry then addressed the house. He was followed by Dr. Tupper, Mr. Blanchard, hon. Mr. Howe and Mr. Tobin; after which the vote was taken, when there appeared for Mr. Howe's amendment 24, against it 21.

Mr. Grant, chairman of the committee on the petition of Mr. Rand, relating to the seizure of sugar at Canning, reported that a majority of the committee were of opinion that the charges contained in the petition had not been sustained.

Mr. Tobin explained the views of the minority of the Committee. He was followed by Messrs. Henry, Grant, Morrison, and Wier.

The house adjourned at half-past 9; until 10 o'clock next day.

#### FRIDAY, April 12.

House met at 10 o'clock.

The house went into committee on bills, and considered a bill to amend the act relating to executive and legislative disabilities.

A lengthened debate took place, after which,

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved in amendment another bill, which he said was a consolidation of the law as it now stands. On division, the amendment was lost.

Mr. Johnston then moved that way office keepers be excluded from a seat in the house.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Cochran moved that Government Land Surveyors, Medical Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum, Supervisor of Great Roads, Deputy Crown Land Surveyors,

and Railroad Contractors be excluded—passed.

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved an amendment, to the effect that a conviction in the Supreme Court shall be sufficient to vacate the seat; which was lost. Then the bill passed.

The committee adjourned, and reported the bill up to the house.

Hon. Mr. Howe, from Railway Committee, reported a bill to amend chapter 80, Revised Statutes, "Of Railways."

The Legislative Council transmitted their assent to a bill to restrain the erection of wooden buildings within certain parts of the city of Halifax, with an amendment, giving the City Council power to extend the limits prescribed in the bill, provided 12 are agreed. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 17 to 6.

Hon. Mr. Johnston again called attention to the election in Kings County, and argued that according to law it should be held at the same time as in Victoria. He was replied to by Hon. Attorney General and others; after which,

Hon. Mr. Howe stated that the election in Kings would be held on the 4th June next.

The House adjourned until 3 o'clock.

House resumed at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Howe, from the Post Office Committee, reported.

Mr. Morrison, from the Committee on Navigation Securities, reported.

Hon. Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Railways, reported.

He also laid on the table the petitions praying for a dissolution, asked for by the member for Cumberland.

Mr. Colin Campbell explained the circumstances of the case of Mrs. Rice, who had lost £25 in the post office, whose claim had been rejected by the post office committee, and who, he thought, had been unjustly dealt with. He read an affidavit on the subject.

After some discussion, the matter was left to the Government.

Mr. Shannon moved that postmaster's salaries be regulated by the amount received by them for the last quarter, as per schedule laid before the committee by the Post-master General—which was lost.

Mr. Henry moved that that portion of the report which referred to a scale of postmasters' salaries be not received, and that the present system be continued—which was lost, 24 to 10.

A bill relating to executive and legislative disabilities, was read a third time.

Hon. Mr. Johnston moved that the bill be deferred for three months; for the motion, 20; against, 22.

Dr. Tupper moved a resolution for the issuing of a new writ for East Pictou, in consequence of the acceptance by George McKenzie, Esq., M.P.P., of an office as one of the Board of Examiners of Shipmasters—being an office of emolument under the Government.

On the question being taken, there appeared—for the resolution, 21; against it, 24.