

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

(From our old Reporter, Mr. J. Hooper.)

NOTES ON A COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, March 1.

The Speaker again took the Chair at the opening of the House, and apparently rather disposed than inclined to do so, as he did not even stand up to do it.

Mr. HARRISON followed in favor of the petition.

Mr. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY opposed the petition.

Mr. HARRISON said that it was agreed with it would be better to have it referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. NEARNESS was presented of his petition, and moved, "We bring in many of these bills, both

from Sir John and Preston, from persons who had suffered by them, we would therefore go for the petition to be referred to a Select Committee."

Mr. NEARNESS said certainly the house would exceed the limit of bringing in more extraordinary petitions, and this was one of them.

Mr. SAYER thought that the time of the House too valuable to be wasted on such petitions.

Mr. HARRISON said that he had been ready by him last session, as he should presume the Committee would return to him.

Mr. HARRISON would oppose those petitions.

Mr. NEARNESS said that it was a petition from Alliston, and others, praying greater facilities for the shipping of lumber.

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Mr. HARRISON presented a petition from J. W. ST. JOHN, and others, praying a return of all powers given to the Committee of Trade, which was referred to a Select Committee.

Mr. JONES presented a petition from R. Allen and others of Loch Lomond, and praying aid for the establishment of an Institute at that place. Ordered to be referred to the chair.

Mr. HARRISON brought in a report of the Committee appointed to reply to that part of His Excellency's Speech which related to the Fisheries, which he said was both lengthy and stringent.

Mr. HARRISON was in the chair, on a Bill for the better protection of the Fisheries on the Miramichi River, and authorising the Wardens to follow and seize parties fishing illegally into any County through which such river and its tributaries might run. No progress was reported, and it was asked to be referred to the Committee of Trade.

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