

of the amendment. Hon. J. S. Macdonald spoke against the Quebec resolutions as a proper basis for Confederation. On the Committee appointed to consider the constitutional difficulties of the country the Hon. Attorney General West no doubt remembered that they had voted together in favor of Legislature Union of such a Union he was still in favor. He could not therefore permit the resolution to pass with securing to sanction what he felt bound to condemn. The hon. member spoke at some length against Confederation and in favor of the amendment.

Mr. DUNKIN did not see that anything was to be gained by the mere substitution of one paragraph for another. He protested against the system of compelling members Session after Session to vote upon all sorts of propositions in amendment to the Address. The correct, and certainly the simplest plan was merely to vote nay on the paragraph. He had voted against amendments for the reasons he had said before, and he would do so now (Hear.)

Mr. DORION replied to Mr. Dunkin explaining that this object amendment was to pledge the House to submit the question to the people.

Mr. HOLTON briefly addressed the House and the yeas and nays were then called for on M. Dorion's amendment. While the members were being called in.

Mr. JOHN MACDONALD (Toronto), was permitted to address the House. His views had undergone a material change since he last addressed the House, though he was still opposed to the Quebec scheme. Then we had a Reciprocity Treaty, now we have none; then we were at peace, now we were almost at war. Besides, the English had expressed so much anxiety to see Confederation carried out, and as that was the only country he knew in the world which would put forth its whole strength to defend its humblest subject, he would not assume the responsibility of voting against the Address.

The vote was then taken, when the amendment was lost.

YEAS.—Biggar, Bourassa, Caron, Coupal, Dorion, (Drummond and Arthabaska) Dorion, (Hochelaga) Dufresne, (Iberville) Fortier, Geoffrion, Holton, Houde, Labreche-Viger, Lajoie, Macdonald, (Cornwall) Macdonald, (Glengarry) Paquet, Perrault, Pouliot, Rymal.—19.

NAYS.—Alley, Archambeault, Ault, Beaubien, Bellerose, Blanchet, Bowman, Bown, Brousseau, Burwell, Cameron, (Pell) Carling, Cartier, (Attorney General) Cartwright, Cauchon, Chapais, Cockburn, Cornellier, Cowan, De Boucherville, Denis, Dickson, Dufresne, (Montcalm) Dunkin, Dunsford, Evanturel, Gaucher, Gandet, Gibbs, Harwood, Haultain, Higginson, Howland, Irvine, Jackson, Jones, (North Leeds and Grenville) Knight, Langevin, Le Boutillier, Macdonald, (Attorney General) Macdonald, (Toronto West) MacFarlane, Mackenzie, (Lambton) Magill, McConkey, McDougall, McGee, McGivern, McIntyre, McKellar, Morris, Morrison, Munro, McMonies, Parker, Pissonneau, Poulin, Powell, Rankin, Raymond, Remillard, Robitaille, Rose, Ross, (Champlain) Ross, (Dundas) Scoble, Shanley, Smith, (East Durham) Somerville, Sturton, Street, Tremblay, Walsh, Webb, Wells, White, Wilson, Wright, (Ottawa Country) Wright, (East York).—79.

The remaining clauses of the Address were then agreed to.

On motion of the Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL WEST the Address was read a second and third time and passed, and a Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency, and present the same to-morrow at half-past 3 o'clock, p.m.

The House then adjourned at a quarter to ten o'clock.

June 12th, 1866.
The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Montreal Savings Bank.

After several petitions had been presented, the Speaker placed before the House a return of the Montreal Saving's Bank.

Presenting the Address.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU reported that His Excellency the Governor General, would receive the Address in answer to the Speech from the throne, to-morrow at half-past 3 o'clock at his office in town.

Printing Committee.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved, that the following gentlemen be a Committee on printing, viz:—Hon. Messrs. Aikins, Alexander, Buraham, Christie, Duchesnay, E. H. I. Dumonche, Foster, McDonald, Simpson, Sanborn, and Bessor.—Carried.

Private Bills.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that the following members be a Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, viz:—Hon. Messrs. Allen, Aikens, Campbell, Blair, Ferguson, Bosse, Bureau, Panet, Moore, Currie, Ferrier, Macpherson, McCrea, Olivier, Ross, Sanborn, Boulton, Ryan, Lacoste and Dickson.—Carried.

Importation of Live Stock.

Hon. Mr. READ gave notice that on Thursday next, he will inquire of the government, whether liberty has been given for the importation of live stock into Canada from Europe, if so of what description, and under what regulations and to whom.

Contingent Accounts.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that the Hon. Messrs. Alexander, Armand, Boulton, Christie, Lacoste, Le Tellier de St. Just, Armstrong, McMaster, Mills, Perry, Read, Ross, Duchesnay, A. J. Shaw, Campbell, Wilson, Bureau, Matheson and Seymour, be appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present session.—Carried.

Library Committee.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that the Hon. Messrs. Allan, Belleau Sir N. F., Ferguson Blair, Campbell, Moore, Bosse, Le Tellier de St. Just, Quessel and Ross, be appointed a Committee to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act on behalf of this House as members of a joint committee of both Houses on the Library.

Journals Committee.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved, that the Hon. Messrs. Cormier, Bennett, Blake, Chaffers, Flint, Foster, Gingras, Guevremont, Leonard, Leslie and Shaw, be appointed a Committee to purchase and perfect the journals of this and former sessions of the Provincial Parliament.—Carried.

Agricultural Committee.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that a select committee be appointed to inquire and report what measures can be adopted for the advancement of agriculture in this Province, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that the said committee be composed of the Hon. Messrs. Aikins, Alexander, Armand, Blake, Burnham, Duchesnay E. H. I., Le Tellier de St. Just, Olivier, Sanborn, Simpson, Christie, Moore, Proulx, Prudhomme, Armstrong, and Skead.—Carried.

Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU moved that the Hon. Messrs. Archambault, Belleau Sir N. F., Bull, Crawford, Ferrier, Hamilton, (Kingston), Hamilton, (Inkermann), Macpherson, McDonald, McMaster, Moore, Price, Ryan, Simpson, Vidal, Wilson, Mills, Read, Leslie, Allan, and Seymour, be appointed a committee on banking and commerce for the present session, to whom shall be referred all bills on those subjects.—Carried.

Explanations.

Hon. Mr. LE TELLIER DE ST. JUST said that before the House closed he desired to know whether the Government intended to give the explanations concerning the changes in the personnel of the Administration, which had been promised yesterday.

Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU said the position was the same to-day as yesterday, that Mr. Brown had not yet arrived, but was expected to-morrow, when he hoped the explanations would be made.

After some further conversation, in which several members took part, it was agreed that if Mr. Brown was not in his place to-morrow, and the House desired to have the explanations, they would be given.

The House then adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, June 12, 1866.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

The following bills were introduced, and read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

By Mr. DUNKIN.—"The Interest Act of 1866."

By Mr. BOURASSA.—"Bill to fix the rate of tire interest of money."

By Mr. MACKENZIE (Lambton).—"Bill to amend and consolidate the several acts respecting the assessment of property in Upper Canada."

By Mr. MCKELLAR.—"Bill to amend and consolidate the several acts respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada."

By Mr. BOURASSA.—"To amend Chap. 53 Con. Stat. L. C. respecting weights and measures."

By Mr. BOURASSA.—"Bill to amend Chap. 26 Con. Stat. Lower Canada, respecting water courses."

At half-past three the House adjourned to the Executive Council room, where His Excellency and Staff were in waiting to receive the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. The Speaker having read the Address in English and French,

HIS EXCELLENCY replied as follows:

Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House of Assembly, I thank you for your Address, and I now commend to your earnest consideration the important matters which will be immediately laid before you.

The members returned to the House, and the SPEAKER took the Chair at four o'clock.

The SPEAKER laid before the House the Estimates for the current year.

Hon. Mr. GALT moved that a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. GALT gave notice that he would move the House into Committee of Supply on Friday next.

Mr. BOURASSA introduced a bill relating to water courses.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL EAST gave several notices of motion, the purport of which was not heard in the Reporters' Gallery.

Mr. DUNKIN, in speaking to a motion for the adoption of a Report presented last Session, with reference to the business of the Private Bills Committee, explained, at some length, the inconveniences which beset the progress of private business in the House, and the means suggested to remove them. These were, to give one hour in two days of the week, and one whole sitting once a week exclusively to the despatch of private business. The motion was deferred until to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON moved an Address for correspondences relating to the proposed Union of the British North American Provinces.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON moved an Address for despatches on the defences of the Province. Some conversation took place on this motion between the Attorney General West and Mr. Holton, which did not reach the Gallery.

Attorney General MACDONALD moved a Special Committee of fourteen members, to prepare and report lists of members to compose Select Standing Committees.—Carried.

The Committee reported forthwith, naming the Select Standing Committees of last Session, substituting the name of Mr. McMonies for that of the late Mr. Notman.—The Report was carried.

Attorney General MACDONALD announced that to-morrow, after routine business, he would move that the House do adjourn, out of respect to the memory of the late members of the House (the late Mr. Notman, of North Wentworth, and the late Mr. McKenzie, of North Oxford.)

The House adjourned at half-past four o'clock.

June 13th, 1866.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock. After routine,

Returns.

The SPEAKER laid upon the table Returns of the Births, Marriages and Deaths in Quebec and Montreal for 1865.

First Reading.

Hon. Mr. OLIVIER introduced a bill to determine who are the real proprietors of the Commons of Berthier and Isle du Pads, Second reading on Monday next.

Committees.

On motion of Hon. Sir N. F. BELLEAU, the names of Hon. Messrs. Skead and Allan were added to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Also the name of Hon. Mr. Read to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Notice of Motion.

Hon. Mr. BOSSE, gave notice that on Friday next, he would move for an address to His Excellency, praying for a detailed statement of all the expense incurred to this day, in the erection of the Parliament Buildings and Departmental Buildings, in the City of Ottawa; also a statement of the sums required to finish the said buildings, and furnish them completely; also a statement of the amount that will be required annually for warming and lighting the buildings, and for wages, and other necessary expenses for the preservation and maintenance of the said buildings.

Hon. Mr. GUEVREMONT gave notice of motion for Friday, for an address to His Excellency.

1st.—Copy of the minutes of proceedings of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, at their meeting held on the 19th January, 1866.

2nd.—Copy of the minutes of proceedings of the said Commissioners, at their meeting held on the 10th March, 1866.