

accumulated interest for that purpose. The preamble of the Bill is an extract from the Will, and the sections of the Bill is in accordance with it.

Mr. SMITH.—I do not think there will be any opposition to the Bill. The only thing the Legislature will have to watch in legislating upon the subject is whether the Bill is in accordance with the Will of the Testator.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY.—It is perfectly in accordance with it.

Mr. FERRIS brought in a "Bill to authorize the opening of Winter Roads for Lumber Roads in certain cases."

On motion of Hon. Mr. FISHER the House went into Committee on a Bill to enable the County Councilors of the Municipality of the County of York to aid the Fredericton Railway Company in constructing a line of Railway from Fredericton to Hart's Mills to connect with Western Extension.

Dr. DOW said he was not going to oppose the Bill, as the County Council of the Municipality of York have prepared it, but he objected to the principle of allowing them to tax the County for \$30,000. Bill agreed to.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN laid papers before the House, asked for by the hon. member for Gloucester, (Mr. Young) and relating to the removal of the Post Office at the Port of Carriquet.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Carleton County to amend a law relating to the Salmon Fisheries of the River St. John.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FISHER the House went into Committee, and agreed to a Bill relating to the Fredericton Railway Company.

Dr. DOW presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of York, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick.

#### PEOPLE'S BANK.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved the House into Committee on a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the People's Bank of New Brunswick.

Mr. YOUNG in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. FISHER said the Directors of the Peoples' Bank have, in addition to the dividends paid, a considerable amount, and in place of dividing it among the Stockholders, they prefer to reinvest it in the Stock of the Bank. Instead of dividing it they prefer keeping the money in aid of the Capital Stock. The public would not have a right to complain, for by increasing the Stock they increase the security of the public.

Hon. Mr. McADAM remarked that if the Stockholders agreed to it there would be no trouble, for they were the people to be affected by it.

Hon. Mr. FISHER said the principle

Stockholders who had subscribed for most of the Stock were in favor of the Bill, but there might be a few scattered through the country who were not aware that it was intended to pass this Bill.

Mr. SMITH said he rather approved of the Bill, but they ought to be careful in legislating upon it, for it compelled Stockholders to take additional Stock, and this he did not think was right.

Hon. Mr. FISHER moved the following additional Section: "No such addition shall be made until the Stockholders or a majority of said Company shall fix and determine it by a bye law, or bye laws to be made therefor."

The Bill was then agreed to as amended.

Hon. Mr. CONNELL presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the County of Carleton, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick.

Mr. EXAN presented two Petitions from the County of Westmorland and three from the County of King's, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and the various subordinate Lodges in conjunction therewith.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY laid before the House the correspondence relative to the dismissal of Benjamin W. Weldon from the office of Sheriff, asked for by Mr. Young.

Mr. FERRIS presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the County of Queen's, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and the various subordinate Lodges; and Mr. WETMORE presented a Petition from Saint John to the same effect.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS.

Mr. SMITH asked the Provincial Secretary whether he still persisted in keeping information back in regard to the recommendation for the appointment of Senators?

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said it was not customary to give information in regard to advice given until that advice had been acted upon. It might be that the names recommended to Her Majesty would not appear in the Proclamation.

Mr. SMITH said they had been officially informed that the Proclamation had been issued; they had a right to ask the Government for this information, and they should not be kept in the dark for a fortnight, waiting until the steamer brought the Proclamation out. They should not keep the information back because they are acting as advisers to Her Majesty, as there was nothing in the Imperial Act requiring them to give their advice. He could not compel the Government to give information, but it was

right the people and House should have it.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said advice had been given, but they did not know whether it had been taken. When the Proclamation was published they had either to assume the responsibility of this advice or ignore it, but he had never known a parallel case where a Government had been asked to state what advice they had tendered.

Mr. SMITH thought it was only fair to the country that they should know who the Senators were; the Proclamation had come out, and the Government were not justified in withholding information.

Hon. Mr. TILLEY said there was no precedent for it.

Mr. SMITH said the whole thing was new, and the whole legislation was without a parallel in the history of any free country.

Mr. RYAN presented seven Petitions from the County of King's, praying that a Bill may pass to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick and the various subordinate Lodges connected therewith.

Mr. WETMORE brought in a "Bill to revive and continue an Act passed in the 21st year of the reign of Queen Victoria, entitled an Act to amend the Law for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors."

Hon. Mr. TILLEY, by command of His Excellency, laid before the House the Report of the Chief Superintendent of Schools for the year 1866.

Mr. STEVENS brought in a "Bill to ratify and confirm the incorporation of the New Brunswick Antimony Company," and a Petition praying that the Bill may pass.

Mr. STEVENS presented a Petition from Mrs. B. Cudlip praying that the Bill for extending St. John or Water Street towards Reed's Point may not pass into law, unless provision is therein made for compensation to the Petitioner for damages sustained in widening such street.

Mr. YOUNG gave notice that he would move the following Resolution:

Resolved.—That the House do, on Thursday next, go into a Committee of the whole on the message of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, laid before the House this day, communicating the correspondence relative to the dismissal of Benjamin W. Weldon from the office of High Sheriff of Gloucester.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION.

His Hon. the SPEAKER called the attention of members to the rule of the House, requiring any member moving a Resolution for the House to go into Committee on papers laid before the House by His Excellency, to give two days notice of such Resolution. It