

ON THE ROAD BOARDS BILL.

7 F.—No. 1.

SATURDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT :

Mr. Carleton,
Mr. Fox,
Hon. Mr. Hall,
Mr. Jollie,

Captain Kenny,
Mr. Mervyn,
Mr. Reid,
Mr. Vogel.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Chairman notified to the Committee that he had received from the Printer the Bill as reconstructed by the Attorney-General in general accordance with the resolution agreed to on the 31st August, and directed copies of the Bill to be distributed among the Members of the Committee.

The Committee then adjourned until Monday, the 7th September, at 10 o'clock a.m.

MONDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

(No Quorum.)

Members present:—Messrs. Jollie, Mervyn, and Captain Kenny.

The Chairman directed that notice should be given to Members of Committee to meet at 10.30 a.m., on Wednesday, 9th September.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1868.

Committee met pursuant to notice.

PRESENT :

Mr. Carleton,
Hon. Mr. Hall,
Mr. Jollie,

Captain Kenny,
Mr. Mervyn,
Mr. Reid.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Resolved, That clauses 114, 115, 116, and 117 be altered. That clause 118 be altered so as to give power to Superintendent of appointing polling places. That clauses 119 and 120 be altered. That clause 122 do stand as printed. That clause 123 stand. That clauses 124 and 125 be expunged. That clauses 126, 127, and 128 stand. That clause 129 be altered. That clause 130 be retained. That clause 131 be retained. That in line 6 of clause 132 the words "one year" be omitted, and the words "six months" substituted. That clause 133 be retained, but altered. That clause 134 be struck out. That clauses 135, 136, 137, and 138 be retained. That clause 139 be retained, and the word "councillors" at the end of the clause be struck out, and the word "members" substituted. That clauses 140 and 141 be retained. That in clause 142 the word "Governor" be struck out, and the word "Superintendent" be substituted, and the clause be retained with that amendment. That in clause 165, line 54, between the words "of" and "are" the words "not exceeding" be inserted. That in clause 167, line 18, the words "between the twenty-fourth and" be struck out, and the words "on or before the" be substituted. That in clause 169, line 45, the word "Justice" be struck out, and the word "Justices" substituted.

On motion of Mr. Reid, *Resolved*, That after clause 77 a clause come in empowering the Board, with the assent of the Superintendent, to erect and maintain pounds where such may seem to be required.

On motion of Mr. Carleton, *Resolved*, That clause 31 be altered, and the following provision added:—"Provided that any member of a Board may be Clerk or Treasurer or any other such officer without salary," and that clause 32 be altered. That in clause 33, lines 48 and 49, the words "Legislature of the Province" be struck out, and the words "Superintendent and Provincial Council" be substituted.

On motion of Mr. Carleton, *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Committee, endowments under the provisions of this Act should be confined to those road districts which adopt this Act.

On motion of Captain Kenny, *Resolved*, That (in reference to clauses 9 and 10) at any time after the constitution of any road district under this Act, the Superintendent, if he shall have received a petition to that effect, signed by one-fourth of the number of persons liable to be rated under this Act in respect of rateable property in any district, shall and is hereby required, by Proclamation, to divide the district into such number of separate wards or subdivisions not exceeding four, and by such names and with such boundaries respectively, as shall by such Proclamation be assigned to the same; and that in every district divided into wards the members of the Board shall be elected in and for the several wards thereof; and there shall be three members elected for each ward. This provision not to take effect until the first annual election under this Act.

On motion of Captain Kenny, *Resolved*, That provision be made in the Bill, by the insertion of a new clause, that on petition to Governor or Superintendent of such number of ratepayers as shall constitute a majority of votes, any district coming within the operation of this Act may be permitted to adopt an acreage assessment.

The Committee then adjourned *sine die*.