

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 12TH JULY, 1854.

At a meeting of the Committee on Beacons and Lighthouses, held in the House of Representatives this evening after the adjournment of the House, in consequence of not having been a quorum present in the morning, to take into consideration the resignation of the Chairman, the Hon. T. H. Bartley, Esq., present Messrs. Mackay, Wakefield, King, and Gledhill, it was proposed by Mr. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Gledhill, that Mr. E. J. Wakefield be the future Chairman of the Committee, which being carried, the Chairman reported progress, and the Committee adjourned to Thursday, at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, 13TH, JULY 1854.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—

Mr. E. J. Wakefield in the Chair.
Mr. Gargill Mr. Mackay
Major Greenwood.

Captain P. Deck attended to give evidence.

A paper of written questions having been delivered to Mr. Deck a few days since, by order of the Committee, he produced the same with answers therein written opposite to such questions. The paper is marked B.

The Chairman read the questions seriatim, and Mr. Deck his answers to the same, after which the Chairman proceeded to examine him further.

Mr. John Alexander Smith, lately examined by the Committee, transmitted a paper containing remarks relative to beacons, lights, buoys, &c., which is to be considered additional evidence. The paper is marked D.

Adjourned to 14 a.m. to-morrow, 14th July.

FRIDAY, 14TH JULY, 1854.

The Committee met to-day pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—

Mr. E. J. Wakefield, in the chair.
Major Greenwood Mr. Mackay
Mr. Gledhill Mr. Gargill.

Major Greenwood acted as Chairman until the arrival of Mr. Wakefield, a short time after the business of the day had been entered on.

Captain Drury, R.N., attended to give evidence. He was then examined.

Moved by Mr. Mackay, seconded by Mr. Gledhill, and carried unanimously, That the evidence be now closed.

Moved by Mr. Gledhill, seconded by Mr. Mackay, and passed unanimously, That the Chairman be requested to prepare a series of resolutions for the consideration of the Committee, to be submitted at the next meeting.

Adjourned to Saturday, the 22nd July, at 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 22ND JULY, 1854.

The Committee met this day, at 11 a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT :—

Mr. E. J. Wakefield, in the chair.
Messrs. Picard Messrs. Gargill
Weld Gledhill
Major Greenwood Rhodes
Mackay.

The Chairman read certain resolutions which he had drafted as the basis of a report.