

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Imperial Trusts Company of Canada.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the River Detroit Winter Railway Bridge Company, and to change the name of the Company to the River Detroit Railway Bridge Company.

An Act respecting the Central Ontario Railway.

An Act to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of Samuel May.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Saskatchewan Railway and Mining Company.

An Act to prevent the Disclosure of Official Documents and Information.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the words following: "In Her Majesty's name, His Honor the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills."

The Deputy Governor was pleased to retire, and

The House of Commons withdrew.

**BILL INTRODUCED.**

Bill (125) "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada." (Mr. Ogilvie.)

**THE INSPECTOR OF PENITENTIARIES.**

**INQUIRY.**

**HON. MR. BELLEROSE** inquired—

- 1st. Whether the salary of J. G. Moylan, Esquire, Inspector of Penitentiaries, has been increased during the last four years?
- 2nd. If so, in what month?
- 3rd. What year?

**HON. MR. ABBOTT**—The salary was increased in the month commencing with the financial year 1889.

**MOTION.**

**HON. MR. BELLEROSE** moved—

That J. G. Moylan, Esquire, Inspector of Penitentiaries, be summoned to the Bar of this House for examination in reference to certain statements made by him in his Report to the Honorable the Minister of Justice for the year 1889, in regard to the British Columbia Penitentiary, and particularly in reference to the evidence taken at Victoria, B.C., in the month of September of that year.

**HON. MR. ABBOTT**—I have a letter here from Mr. Moylan which I propose to read to the House and it will be for my honorable friend behind me to state then if he desires to proceed further with his motion. Mr. Moylan writes to me as follows:—

DALY AVENUE, 22nd Arpil, 1890.

"DEAR MR. ABBOTT,—It was with great surprise I heard this morning, that the Honorable Senator McInnes had taken strong exception to some statements

I made in my last report to my Minister, respecting certain charges against the management of the British Columbia Penitentiary. I wish to disclaim as emphatically as I can all idea of reflecting in such report upon the Honorable Senator's action, or of referring to him disrespectfully in any way. I had no such intention, and I deeply regret that the language I used has been construed as applicable to him, a construction which I never contemplated, which I assure you I never intended and which I now repudiate and deny:

"Yours very truly,  
"JAS. G. MOYLAN.

"Hon. J. J. C. ABBOTT,  
"The Senate."

**HON. MR. BELLEROSE**—I have never even thought of injuring the Inspector of Penitentiaries, and I may say I have never even thought of injuring any man; but gentlemen know the circumstances in this instance, the circumstances in other instances they are not aware of. I have always been charged with meddling with St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, and I never could get an investigation to show that I was not. The House having shown a disposition to support my views on this occasion, Mr. Moylan has been forced to withdraw those insulting, and, I may say, libellous reflections on a member of this House and consequently on the Senate. I have no objection whatever to terminate here the proceedings I have begun. I am happy to be able to do so as far as the Inspector of Penitentiaries is concerned, because I hope it will show to the House that I have no animus in anything I have done or which I may yet have to do against that individual.

**HON. MR. POWER**—I think that the termination of this difficulty which has been reached is a satisfactory one, but I rise for the purpose of suggesting that the letter should appear on the records of the Senate. It should appear that the hon. gentleman from Delanaudière made his motion, and thereupon this letter was submitted, and in consequence of the fact that the letter had been submitted the hon. gentleman withdrew his motion.

**HON. MR. BELLEROSE**—My intention was to move that the letter be printed in the Minutes.

**HON. MR. MILLER**—The letter will go into the Debates of course.

**HON. MR. POWER**—It should be in the Minutes.

**HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)**—I may say that I was not a party to the course adopted by the hon. gentleman who has