

times—for it seems to haunt him on every occasion he addresses the House on this question—did not allow me to proceed to place him and the House in possession of these facts. Nor has that manufacturer yet made any application to amend the demands he had made, and which I have repeatedly pointed out could not be acceded to in the manner in which they were made. I can assure the hon. gentleman that no change has been made which would be detrimental to the manufacturer or that would hamper him in any way in creating a foreign trade, if he can find a foreign market for the output of his establishment. As we have no Foreign Consuls we have adopted the principle of accepting the declaration and certificates of the British Consuls at the different foreign ports, and also of the American Consuls where there are no British Consuls, so that the House will see that every facility has been offered that can possibly be offered in order to create an export trade. I shall be very glad to have all the information which my hon. friend has asked for, not only in this motion, but in the other, brought down at the earliest possible moment.

Motion agreed to.

RETURNS.

Motions for the following Returns were severally agreed to:—

Copies of all Departmental orders and advertisements as to the proposed Canadian Loan of four millions, with statement of the offers made with rates and amounts, the offers accepted, with rates and amounts, the amounts since taken and the rate, and also the rate at which balance of the loan is now held.—(Sir Richard Cartwright.)

Report of Capt. Scott, R. N., and assessors, upon the loss of the Steamer *Princess Louise*, and the evidence taken on the enquiry into such loss.—(Mr. Weldon.)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 5:30 o'clock, p.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 24th January, 1884.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three O'clock.

PRAYERS.

PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. BEATY moved that the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to Saturday, the 9th of February next, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee.

Mr. BLAKE. Mr. Speaker, of course every Session we decide that next Session we won't have these extensions, and then the first thing we do is to make them. Now, it does seem to me that the hon. gentleman, by proposing an extension for so long a period as to the 9th, is inviting the promoters of Private Bills to wait till somewhere about the 7th or 8th before putting in their petitions, and that it would be much better to extend, if it is necessary to extend at all, for a week than for a fortnight.

Mr. BEATY. The view of the Committee was that to extend to the 9th and make that final, would be better than to extend to an earlier date, and then extend again. This is intended to be the last extension as well as the first, as far as the Committee are concerned.

Mr. BOWELL.

Mr. BLAKE. If my hon. friend says that is an intention which is to become operative this Session, I shall be better pleased.

Mr. BEATY. Yes.

Motion agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 9) to amend the several Acts relating to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company.—(Mr. Kilvert.)

Bill (No. 10) further to amend the Act to incorporate the South Saskatchewan Valley Railway Company.—(Mr. Kilvert.)

Bill (No. 11) respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches therein named.—(Mr. McCarthy.)

Bill (No. 13) to repeal An Act to render Members of the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces now included, or which may hereafter be included, within the Dominion of Canada, ineligible for sitting or voting in the House Commons of Canada.—(Mr. Ouimet.)

FRAUD IN RELATION TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

Mr. CAMERON. I have been requested by Mr. Casgrain to move for leave to introduce Bill (No. 12) to amend the Act for the better prevention of fraud in relation to contracts involving the expenditure of public moneys.

Bill read the first time.

BAYFIELD HARBOUR.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT enquired, Whether the attention of the Minister of Public Works has been called to the injury done to the Harbour of Bayfield by recent storms, and whether it is the intention of Government to provide a sum in the Estimates for its repairs?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. In answer to the hon. gentleman I may say that my attention has been called to the injury done to the harbour at Bayfield by the recent storms. The question of providing a sum in the Estimates for its repairs is now engaging the attention of the Department.

SALARIES OF JUDGES.

Mr. McMULLEN enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill for the purpose of equalizing and increasing the salaries of the Judges of the several courts in the Dominion?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I am sorry to say that the Government is not in a position to give an answer to the hon. gentleman just now.

GRAVENHURST AND CALLANDER RAILWAY.

Mr. COCKBURN, in moving for copies of all correspondence with railway companies or individuals, respecting the construction or subsidizing of the proposed railway link between Gravenhurst and Callander, also copies of any agreements or proposals affecting the same, said: In making this motion I wish it to be understood that I am not actuated by any desire to embarrass the Government or to pry into the private affairs of companies or individuals. Circumstances that have taken place regarding this important scheme, constrain me to make some enquiry respecting it. Hon. gentlemen do not need to be told of the importance of this link or branch of railway which is intended to serve most important interests. Hon. gentlemen will recollect that this scheme has already been received with very