

as to means to effect the purpose it has in view, and could only resort to direct subsidy. He thought the best agents are local industries—the encouragement of manufactures and construction of public works. He thought it advisable to consider whether such Colonization Societies as existed in Quebec should not be legislated for in the same Bill—it would not be expedient to have two societies of a cognate character in the same locality. He was satisfied that whatever was done by the present head of the Department with the view of promoting immigration would be well performed; he was a man of business capacity and good judgment, and would bring those qualities to bear on the administration of this Department; but the same time it was well to remember that he was called upon to a large extent to make bricks without straw, since the means at his disposal for achieving anything were very limited.

Hon. Mr. WARK thought that the present Bill was intended to do a great deal of good, and expressed his opinion that it was not advisable for newly arrived immigrants to go upon wilderness lands before they had served some time upon cleared farms.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT expressed a similar opinion, and believed measures should be taken to keep our own people in the country by the encouragement of home industries.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said that the objection raised to the first clause was met by the fact that any money required would have to be voted in Parliament every session. At present the immigration offices were few in number, and there was no intention just now to enlarge the number, but only when the necessity arose. He was sure that the Minister of Agriculture would read with pleasure the remarks of the hon. member for Wellington Division with respect to himself. A great deal had already been done in the direction of promoting immigration since his hon. friend had joined the Government. As respects the reference to the Colonization Societies he would mention the matter to the Minister of Agriculture.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### ST. FRANCIS AND MEGANTIC R. R.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN moved the second reading of the Bill intitled: "An Act to amend the St. Francis & Megantic Railway Act," the principal objects of which are to enable the additional issue of half a million of bonds, and the construction of a

telegraph line along the route. Referred to the Committee on Railways, Banking and Commerce.

#### PUBLIC LANDS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, the Bill respecting public lands was made the first order of the day for Wednesday next.

The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 15th May.

The SPEAKER took the chair at half past nine, p.m.

#### LIGHT HOUSE.

After presentation of a number of petitions,

Hon. Mr. KAULBACK asked whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision in the Supplementary Estimates for the construction of a Lighthouse on Green Island, off St. Margaret's Bay, for the better protection of the large interest engaged in Shipping and Navigation along the Southern Coast of Nova Scotia? The hon. gentleman alluded to the importance of the work, and pressed its construction in strong terms on the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL replied that the matter was under the consideration of the Government who were aware of the importance of the work, and would probably come to a favorable decision respecting it. The House then adjourned.

THURSDAY, 16th May, 1872.

After presentation and reading of Petitions,

#### PETITIONS.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN—From Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reported favorably on Petitions of Louis Archambault of Quebec; of D. McInnes and others; Canadian Suspension Bridge Co.; G. E. Archer and others; D. A. Macdonald and others of Alexandria, O.; T. Reynolds and others; W. McMaster and others; Committee reported petition from Chatham Board of Trade as belonging to jurisdiction of local legislatures.

#### MESSAGE.

Messages were received from House of Commons with Bills respecting securities given by officers of Canada, Dominion Notes, G. T. R. and International Bridge Companies. These Bills were read a first time.