

answer, and which I, of course, have great pleasure in answering at the earliest possible moment, without waiting for the day the notice was given for. It is a fact that all along, and up to the present moment, and now, the Imperial Government has been and is in active consultation with the Government of the Dominion as regards the settlement of the Behring Sea question. The Canadian Government have taken the greatest possible pains to lay before the Imperial Government fully all their views on the subject, and I may say that included amongst them are their views with regard to the stoppage of the traffic of those sealers that have already left the Pacific coast, and some of them the Atlantic coast, for the fisheries. It would not, of course, be proper for me at this stage, without the papers to discuss the details of the arrangements, which I may say are not absolutely completed, although approximately near completion; but I may say this, that there is not a point which any hon. gentleman could suggest—at least, so far as I know—any precaution to preserve the interests of Canadian fishermen or of Canada, that has been neglected or omitted in the communications which the Canadian Government have made to the Imperial Government.

CANADA AND MICHIGAN TUNNEL CO.'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. MCCALLUM moved the second reading of Bill (19) "An Act respecting the Canada and Michigan Tunnel Company." He said: This Bill is merely to extend the time for building a tunnel under the River Detroit between Canada and the United States, and there can be no great objection to it.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

RIVER ST. CLAIR RAILWAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL CO.'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington) moved the second reading of Bill (17) "An Act respecting the River St. Clair Railway Bridge and Tunnel Company." He said: This Bill simply asks for an

extension of the time for the completion of the railway bridge and tunnel. It does not ask for any new powers.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

LAKE TEMISCAMINGUE COLONIZATION RAILWAY CO.'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington) moved the second reading of Bill (22) "An Act respecting the Lake Temiscamingue Colonization Railway Company." He said: This is a railway Bill, and the railway is partially constructed in small sections, some of it being narrow gauge, and the Bill asks for power to confirm an arrangement between the company and the Canadian Pacific Railway for the completion of the road.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The Senate adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, June 2nd, 1891.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

INDIAN LANDS SETTLEMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (A) "An Act for the settlement of certain questions between the Governments of Canada and Ontario respecting Indian Lands." He said: It is no doubt in the knowledge of all that a treaty was made on the 3rd of October, 1873, between the Government, acting by the late Mr. Morris and others, and certain tribes of Indians, respecting certain Indian reserves which were set apart in the lands in the portion of territory which was then in dispute as between the Dominion Government and the Ontario Government, and which has since turned out to be the property of the Government of Ontario. As a matter of course, the arrangements