

expenditure on account of the expeditionary force sent to Manitoba was adopted and a bill introduced founded on that resolution.

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INSPECTION

On the resolution declaring it expedient to amend and consolidate, and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada, the law respecting the inspection of certain staple articles of Canadian produce, questions were asked by the hon. members for Halifax and Châteauguay (Hon. Mr. Holton) as to whether it was intended to make the inspection of all the leading articles of produce compulsory.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS replied that the Government intended to refer the bill proposed to be introduced to the Committee on Banking and Commerce, for the purpose of ascertaining what articles should be obligatory, and he thought the matter should be allowed to stand over until the report of the committee was received.

The resolution was then adopted and a bill introduced.

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THE TREATY BILL

In answer to the member for Peel (Hon. Mr. Cameron),

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD stated that it was the intention of Government to go on with the bill respecting the Treaty of Washington tomorrow (Wednesday).

It being six o'clock the House rose.

AFTER RECESS

PACIFIC RAILWAY

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER in moving the House into committee on certain resolutions respecting the Pacific Railway, said that he thought he had sufficiently explained the purport of the measure, when he introduced the bill the other day. There were several of the resolutions which ought not to be taken into consideration in committee of the whole House: but in order that the scheme should be better understood, it had been arranged that an analysis of the bill should appear by reading the resolutions themselves, and he would give the House an explanation of every item as it might come under discussion.

He had forgotten to mention when he addressed the House previously, that, with regard to that portion of the proposed railway if Nipissing is to be the starting point, that will run within the limits of the Province of Ontario, he would inform the House that some months ago, a deputation of his colleagues were authorized by Order in Council, to meet the Government of Ontario in order to confer with them respecting the lands they would be willing to place at the disposal of the Dominion Government to aid in the construction of such portion of the Canada Pacific Railway as will run through Ontario. He thought the Minister of Finance (Hon. Sir Francis Hincks), and Secretary of State (Hon. Mr. Aikins) were the gentlemen authorized to confer with the Government of Ontario, and if his memory did not fail him, the result of the conference was that the Ontario Government would be inclined to place at the disposal of the Dominion Government, for the benefit of the company building the railway, every alternate block, as was promised in the Province of British Columbia. They had no reason to believe other than that the understanding arrived at with the then existing Government of Ontario would be carried out by the present possessors of portfolios in that province.

The resolutions he had the honour to introduce did not ask authority to give to the company constructing the railway property which did not belong to the Dominion. The bill in the hands of every member provided that, with regard to that portion of the railway passing through the Province of Ontario, the land grant to be given to the company shall be such as may be agreed upon between the Dominion and Ontario Governments.

The House then went into committee, **Mr. STREET** in the chair.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER moved the first resolution as follows:—

That a railway, to be called the Canadian Pacific Railway, be constructed in pursuance of, and in conformity with the agreement made between the Dominion and the Province of British Columbia, and embodied in the order of the Queen in Council admitting the said Province into the Union, under the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said this resolution would pass as a matter of course, as they had bound themselves to it last year; but he thought they should have some information as to the time when the Government expected to be able to commence the railway. He thought it a great mistake to commence the actual work of construction until not only an exploratory but an instrumental survey of the various routes had been made. The published report gave very little information.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN explained that, when he laid before the House the report of the Engineer-in-Chief of the Pacific Railway, he stated that the report was not complete, but that the appendix, containing large and copious extracts from the reports of the District Engineers, would be ready very soon. The printers were to