

prevailed, to some extent, of judges on the conviction of a certain class of offenders allowing them to depart, sometimes by giving bail, but more frequently on their own recognizances, to appear when called upon to do so. The discretion exists with every judge to pronounce sentence when he deems fit to do so. He is not bound to pronounce sentence the moment the trial is over. Generally he does not do so. My hon. friend will see that this Bill systematizes that idea in a way that it could not have been done before the passing of the Act. For instance, it provides a means by which, if a prisoner violates the obligation which he assumes when he is allowed to go on probation, he can be brought before a justice of the peace, and the justice sends him to the court before which he was tried. If the court is not sitting he can be allowed to go on bail, or he can be remanded to gaol. All this machinery is provided by the Bill. And as to the discretion given which the court has frequently exercised before, generally where the crime was so insignificant that the judges did not wish to imprison the offenders this Bill systematizes that discretion, extends and expands it, and provides the machinery for working it out in such a way that the period after trial is a veritable period of probation, and if the young man wishes to reform himself he has an opportunity of doing so.

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

The Senate adjourned at 6 o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, 26th February, 1889.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were reported from Committee of the Whole, and read the third time, and passed, without debate.

Bill (C), "An Act relating to Bills of Lading." (Mr. Abbott).

Bill (27), "An Act to amend 'The Weights and Measures Act,' Chapter 104, of the Revised Statutes." (Mr. Abbott).

Bill (E), "An Act to permit the conditional release of First Offenders in certain cases." (Mr. Abbott).

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, 27th February, 1889.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS OF THE SENATE.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day having been called—"Consideration of the second report of the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts,"

HON. MR. ABBOTT said—I would ask the hon. gentleman to postpone the consideration of this report for a short time. I notice that it contains a recommendation for an increase in the salary of the chaplain, one of the officers of the Senate. I think it requires the consideration of the House, and I would like to have a little time to look into it myself. There has been under discussion by my colleagues and myself, for some time past, the propriety of inquiring into the expenditure incurred in legislation, and I propose to-day or to-morrow to give notice of the appointment of a joint committee, if the House assents, to act with a committee of the Commons, for the purpose of making such an inquiry. In the face of that inquiry it would be well, perhaps, to postpone a little any change in our own expenditure, unless it be to diminish it, to which I presume nobody would object. If there is any portion of this report that requires immediate attention, perhaps that might be proceeded with now.

HON. MR. READ—If it is the pleasure of the House, we might adopt the recom-