

randum from the Minister of Customs, and of any Minute or Order in Council respecting the appointment of a Collector of the Port of *St. John, N. B.*, to succeed *James R. Ruel*, and of a Clerk, Landing Surveyor or Locker, to succeed *J. Sandall, S. E. Gerow, or T. Bustin*; and of all correspondence respecting such appointments.—(*Sessional Papers No. 42.*)

The Right Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 24th March, 1873, for copies of all correspondence between the Indian Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State, and the Crown Land Department of *New Brunswick*; and of all other documents in the possession of the said Department regarding that part of the *Tobique* Indian Reserve in *Victoria, N. B.*, upon which white settlers are residing. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

And also, Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 3rd June, 1872, for copies of the following documents :

1st. The Commission appointing the Hon. *F. G. Johnson* as one of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Province of *Quebec*.

2nd. The Commission appointing the said Hon. *F. G. Johnson*, Recorder of *Manitoba*.

3rd. The Commission appointing the said Hon. *F. G. Johnson* to the office of Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Manitoba*.

4th. The document cancelling his commission as Lieutenant-Governor of *Manitoba*.

5th. The Commission appointing *T. K. Ramsay*, assistant Judge of the Superior Court of *Quebec*. (*Sessional Papers No. 43.*)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Tupper*, Resolved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relative to the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported the Resolution accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth :

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act (33 *Vict.*, Cap. 4), by reducing the abatement (under Section 3) from the salaries of the persons to whom the Act applies, from four per cent. to two per cent., and from two and a half per cent. to one and a quarter per cent. per annum; and the diminution in the superannuation allowance (under Section 4), of persons who have not paid the said abatement during the year, or upwards from one twentieth to one per cent. for every year less than ten, during which they have not paid; and by providing that no person shall be subject to such diminution for any year during which he has not paid the said abatement after having completed thirty-five years of service.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Hon. Mr. *Tilley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday next.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of Harbor Masters for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be : "An Act to provide for the appointment of Harbor Masters for certain Ports in the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*."