

policy for my right hon. friend to put up his followers behind him to defend the course the Administration will pursue in relation to this matter; and in place of protracting a discussion such as this, the right hon. gentleman or the gentleman in his Cabinet who occupies a prominent position in the Orange Association, which is largely at the bottom of this matter, or my respected friend the Minister of Justice, who is so able to do it, should rise and state the policy of the Government. I now call upon one or other of them, I do not care which—and I believe I have the right to do so, under the practice of the Imperial Parliament on such an occasion—to state what is the policy of the Administration on this matter. Let them come out frankly and state if they are prepared to stand by the course they have pursued of not touching the Bill, of not attempting to disallow it, but of letting it take its operation, emanating as it does from the power which had the constitutional right to pass it. I say, if one or other of those gentlemen will get up and make a declaration on this point, I believe they will squelch out the efforts which are being made to sow dissension throughout this land, and will put an end to this senseless debate which has been brought before this Parliament.

Mr. McCARTHY moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. MITCHELL. I think Sir John A. Macdonald will agree with me that we should go on and finish this to-night.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I do not think there is any chance of finishing the debate to-night. I know there are a great many gentlemen who intend to speak, and that being the case, and as it is must stand over for another day I think it would be well to agree to the motion of my hon. friend.

Mr. LAURIER. Though it is rather early, still, as an important member like the hon. gentleman (Mr. McCarthy) is to speak next, I think it is only right, in courtesy to him, that we should adjourn.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. LAURIER. Will this debate go on to-morrow?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Yes.

Mr. MITCHELL. Has the hon. gentleman the hardihood to take away from private members the only day we have this week, yesterday being a holiday?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. It was at the special request of the hon. gentleman that instead of taking last Wednesday for Government business we took to-morrow. He insisted upon it, and I gracefully yielded to his pressure.

Mr. MITCHELL. I asked that you should not take last Wednesday, but I did not agree that you should take this Wednesday away.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1889.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

PRIVATE BILLS—EXTENSION OF TIME.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN moved:

That as the time for the reception of reports from the Committee on Private Bills expires to-morrow, the same be extended to the 4th of April next, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the

Tenth Report of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph lines.

Motion agreed to.

INDIAN TREATIES.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, Whether any new Indian Treaties have been concluded since the 1st day of July, 1888? 2. If so, what extent of land, in square miles, has been assigned in each case as a Reservation for the Indians included in such treaty? 3. How many Indians came under the operation of said treaty, or treaties, in each case? 4. What are the terms of said treaty, or treaties?

Mr. DEWDNEY. A treaty was made on the 11th of February of this year with two bands of Wood Cree Indians. About 11,000 square miles were surrendered, and 377 Indians were treated with. The number of acres to each family of five is the same as in Treaty No. 6, namely, 640 acres. The terms are similar to those of Treaty No. 6.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY—MORTGAGE BONDS.

Mr. STE. MARIE asked, When will the Government produce the report ordered on the 4th March instant by this honorable House, on the motion of Mr. Ste. Marie, concerning the sale of fifteen million dollars of mortgage bonds by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The information asked for has not yet been received, but as soon as we have it the same will be laid on the table.

CAPE ENRAGE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER.

Mr. WELDON (St. John) asked, Has there been any change of the lighthouse keeper of the Cape Enrage Light? If so, when was it made, and for what reason, and who is the present keeper? Has there been any investigation or enquiry as to the cause of the late fire which destroyed the engine house; when was such enquiry made, and what was the result of the enquiry?

Mr. TUPPER. By Order in Council of 29th March, 1888, Mr. W. J. Starratt was dismissed from the service, it appearing on an investigation held by the agent at St. John, that he had not given proper care and attention to the duties required; that on certain occasions the fog-alarm was not sounded during thick weather as required by the regulations, and that he had absented himself from his station without leave. Mr. James G. Barbour, of Waterside, Albert County, was appointed lighthouse keeper by Order in Council of 11th May, 1888. The old engine house was destroyed by fire on the 19th of December last, and the agent of the Department at St. John was instructed on the 22nd of December, to make enquiries and report fully as to the cause of the fire, and so on. A report was received on the 29th of December from the agent, stating that he did not consider that suspicion rested upon anyone, that the fire was accidental, having taken inside near the roof, and made strong headway before it was discovered. The engineer stated that he had incurred a personal loss of \$100.

ARICHAT WEST BREAKWATER.

Mr. MACDOWALL (for Gen. LAURIE) asked, Whether the Department of Public Works has received any claim for compensation on account of property expropriated at the breakwater at Arichat West, in the county of Richmond, Cape Breton, for Miss Annabella Hubert; and if so, whether the claim can be favorably considered?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. A claim was received, and on enquiry it was ascertained that Miss Hubert was not