

other individuals since the 31st March, 1874, relative to the question of re-printing British copyright works, under certain conditions, as set forth in "An Act to amend the Act respecting copyrights" passed by this Legislature in the session of 1872, and reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure on the 14th of June, 1872. He almost dreaded to bring this subject again before the attention of this House. He had so often had their indulgence that he thought they would scarcely have the patience to listen to him again; but it was simply to have the papers, which he thought would be very important and very useful in considering the measure of copyright, which his hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture had introduced into that House and which was on the way towards its second reading. He might mention, however, that he was greatly gratified to find that this subject had now assumed a new position. It had occasionally made some progress, but generally, to every step it made forward, it made one backward; but at length the question of copyright had attained a prominent position—it had been mentioned in the Speech from the Throne, and he hoped they would be able to succeed in framing a bill which would be satisfactory to the printing interests of this country, and which would also not be objectionable to the printing interests of England. He would just recall what our position was with regard to this question. An address to the Imperial Parliament on this matter had been moved last year, praying that the bill of 1872, which was passed and which met in every respect the wants of the printing and publishing interests of Canada, should have the consent of the Government at home, it having been reserved for the consideration of Her Majesty's Ministers. In order to guide this House in its deliberations it was necessary that copies of the documents and resolutions which had passed between the Imperial and Dominion Governments should be placed before the House, that they might know what were the views of the Imperial Government on the question. He was sure that the hon. gentleman who had taken so active an interest in the matter, would

have no objection to produce the papers for the information of this House, or of any Committee (whether a Committee of the whole or a private Committee), to whom he might refer his views.

HON. MR. LETELLIER replied that he should be in a position to afford hon. members of the Committee, all the correspondence that had taken place on the subject, in order that a law might be passed best suited to the interests of the Dominion.

LANDS IN MANITOBA.

HON. MR. GIRARD then inquired whether the inhabitants of the Province of Manitoba can reckon upon the speedy solution of the difficulties which have been pending ever since their entry into Confederation on the subjects—

1st. Of the lands of which they were in possession at that time without sufficient titles, but for which Letters Patent from the Crown were guaranteed to them by the Manitoba Act.

2nd. Of the rights of cutting hay and other rights reserved to them by the said Act.

3rd. Of the grants of land for their children provided for by the same Act, and of the causes which have prevented the making thereof.

The hon. gentleman said he was sorry to bring this question again before the House, but when he looked at the provisions of the Manitoba Act, with reference to those who were in the possession of land in that Province, and when at the same time he considered that for four or five years this question had been before them, and nothing had been done, he must confess he was by no means satisfied, and not only was he not satisfied, but the Province which he had the honour to represent was not, and never would be satisfied until their interests were better attended to. Hon. gentlemen would at once admit that nothing was more painful for any one than not to have any title to one's property; and no one in that Province could be said to have a sufficient title. It was well known that the only title to property was the book which was kept for a time by the Hudson's Bay Company. However sufficient a title this might have been in the old time, it was certainly not