

you can at once turn to that chapter as all the chapters are numbered in consecutive order. Therefore as a saving of time I think my hon. friend has ample ground for asking for the amendment.

HON. MR. DE BOUCHERVILLE—I think it would be advisable before reading the Bill the third time that a diagram should be presented to the House showing the interlocking switch and hurdle gate.

HON. MR. MILLER—If the leader of the House accepts the amendment of the hon. gentleman from Halifax, would it not be proper then to amend the title of the Bill and instead of calling it an Act to amend the Act respecting Government Railways, to call it Act to amend chapter so and so of the Revised Statutes, "An Act respecting Government Railways."

HON. MR. ABBOTT—The hon. gentleman from Halifax has suggested that this amendment might facilitate reference to the Act, and as it would to a certain extent facilitate such reference, and cannot affect the Bill itself, his argument may have some force, and I do not attach sufficient importance to it to object to the amendment.

The preamble was agreed to.

HON. MR. VIDAL, from the Committee, reported the Bill as amended.

The amendments were concurred in, and the Bill was ordered for third reading on Thursday next.

**BILL INTRODUCED.**

Bill ( ) "An Act to amend the Act respecting Public Holidays."

The Senate adjourned at 5:30 p. m. until Wednesday at 8 p. m.

**THE SENATE.**

*Ottawa, Wednesday, May 25th, 1887.*

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 8 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

**THE FISHERIES DISPUTE.**

**QUESTION.**

HON. MR. MACDONALD, (B.C.)—enquired

"Whether in the event of an agreement of a temporary character, based on some of the provisions of the Treaty of Washington, being arrived at with the Government of the United States of America on the question of the Fisheries, will the Government of the Dominion see that the Province of British Columbia is included in such an agreement, so that its products of fish and oil may be admitted into the United States on the same condition as the like products of the other Provinces of the Dominion?"

He said:—My reason for asking this question is that British Columbia did not come under the Treaty of Washington, and did not enjoy any of the advantages of that Treaty; and in the event of any arrangement being made hereafter we think we ought to have the benefit of it the same as any province of the Dominion.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—In answer to my hon. friend I would say that the Government will do all in its power to procure the most favorable terms practicable in respect of the fisheries for all sections of the Dominion, without any distinction.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—If the pretended claims of our neighbors to the sovereignty of sea off the Pacific coast should be maintained we would have very little fisheries there to protect. Last year they claimed very exclusive rights over those waters and seized some of our vessels, contrary to treaty rights, and the law of nations, and also to the claims which they set up themselves on the Atlantic coast. I think the Russians claimed the sovereignty of the seas on the Pacific down to the 51st degree of lati-