

to the confidence of Parliament in introducing this Bill, and endeavoring to secure a better arrangement than we have had in the past. We know the difficulty there was in securing the service of the Allan line for this country years ago and the benefits that followed the establishing of that line of steamers between Canada and England. The Allans certainly conferred benefits on this country that are difficult to estimate. I believe if we follow up the policy that is now proposed by the Government we will secure not only the first-class traffic of this country, but a great deal from the United States for our own lines. The only way we could do that, however, is by ensuring a service that is able to compete with the lines from New York. The "Etruria" and "Umbria" have made very fast trips, but I believe that we can secure as fast a service if we have the enterprise to do so. This Bill is worthy the attention of the Senate, and I believe the country will sustain the Government in carrying out its provisions provided always that they secure steamers which shall be equal to any coming to other ports on this continent.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington), from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

#### JUDGES OF PROVINCIAL COURTS BILL.

##### SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (150), "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, Chapter 38, respecting Judges of Provincial Courts." He said: This Bill has only two objects. One is the appointment of another judge at Montreal, and the other the appointment of three county court judges in British Columbia, in the county courts of Cariboo, New Westminster, Yale and Nanaimo. Hon. gentlemen will remember that there has been considerable discussion about the appointment of new judges in the city of Montreal. When, some three years ago, an additional judge was provided for Montreal, at that time it was thought that that would be sufficient; but

the business is increasing, and it is found absolutely necessary to have another judge. This provides for the payment of that judge. The three judges for British Columbia are required for similar reasons—the business is increasing, and there must be facilities afforded for the interpretation of people's contracts and redressing people's wrongs.

HON. MR. POWER—Have they no county judges on the mainland of British Columbia?

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.)—There are no county court judges there yet.

HON. MR. POWER—Are the judges who are proposed to be appointed under this Bill to take the place of the stipendiary magistrates who now do the work in British Columbia?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I am not prepared to say; but I know that many of the duties that were given to the stipendiary magistrates are removed to the county court judges, so that I presume that is the intention.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time, passed through Committee of the Whole without amendment, read the third time, and passed.

#### THE SHORT LINE RAILWAY BILL.

##### REJECTED.

Bill (149), "An Act to provide for the building and working of a line of Railway from Harvey to Salisbury or Moncton, in the Province of New Brunswick," was introduced and read the first time.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the forty-first Rule of this House be suspended, in so far as it relates to this Bill.

The motion was agreed to.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: The Bill is for the purpose of completing what is called the Short Line, which is a railway that was determined upon several years ago by this Government and Parliament, and which has been partially completed; but under the system which was adopted on former occasions when it came before the House, a certain section