

Privy Council—whether they were to have a Judicial Commission of Privy Council, and whether they proposed to have the varied functions which belonged to that body in England. He objected to the principle of provincial representation in the Cabinet. So long as we had that principle we could not have national parties. If it had not been for this principle of provincial representation it would not have been necessary to have made the Cabinet so large.

The amendment was lost on a division and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

CROWN AND GOVERNMENT

Sir John A. Macdonald's Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government was read a third time and passed.

FORTIFICATIONS

On motion of **Sir G. E. Cartier**, the report of the Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions to provide a sum not exceeding 1,100,000 pounds sterling to defray the expenses of constructing works of fortification for the defence of Montreal and other cities, was received, and a bill introduced, founded on said resolutions, ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

NAVIGATION OF CANADIAN WATERS

On motion of **Sir J. A. Macdonald**, the House went into Committee on the Bill respecting the navigation of Canadian waters—**Mr. Cameron (Huron)** in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill. The report was received and the Bill ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

CIVIL SERVICE

The House went into Committee on certain resolutions relating to the Civil Service—**Mr. Blanchet** in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the resolutions, and the report was ordered to be received to-morrow.

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND

On motion of **Hon. Mr. Rose**, the Bill respecting the Consolidated Revenue Fund was read a second time, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill—**Mr. Blanchet** in the Chair.

[**Mr. Mills (Bothwell)**.]

Hon. Mr. Holton was not disposed to let this opportunity pass without again pressing the Government for a statement of the reason which induced the representatives of the late Government of Canada in London to change the subsidies as fixed by the Quebec Conference. The statement might be made to-morrow or next day.

Sir J. A. Macdonald said that although this was a different Government from that in power at the period referred to, still as there were some members of the old Government in the present Cabinet, he had no objection to complying with the request of the member for Chateauguay.

The Committee rose and reported—the report to be received to-morrow.

TOBACCO

Hon. Mr. Howland moved the House into Committee to consider certain resolutions respecting the importation of tobacco. In doing so he said that making every allowance, the discrepancies between the quantities imported and home grown, and those which the return showed as having gone into consumption, were so great as to afford evidence that much more tobacco was used, and went into consumption than the Government got duty on. The business of manufacturing tobacco could be conducted with so small an amount of capital, and in such a small space that great facilities for defrauding the revenue were afforded. With \$50 expenditure for cutting machines, and a room 8 feet square, several cigar makers might be kept at work, and a considerable business be carried on. There were thus great difficulties in the way of preventing frauds on the revenue. In endeavouring to supply a remedy Government had decided to take control of all the tobacco. He would propose that the importation of tobacco be limited to certain ports with power to the Governor-General to extend that limitation whenever it was shown to be in the public interest; then he would propose that tobacco so imported should be entered in bond, and that the only conditions on which it should be released, were the exportation of the tobacco, and evidence that it had been entered on the books of a licensed manufactory. By this means he hoped to be able to know precisely what amount of tobacco was imported and manufactured, and where it was, and a considerable saving of duty would be apprehended be effected. He moved that the House go into Committee on the Bill.