

NORTH WEST POLICE.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act respecting the Police Force in the North West, explaining it provided punishment for the sale of liquor in certain objectionable cases. He added, in reply to Mr. ALEXANDER, that the police numbered 300 and were provided with light field guns—were a flying artillery. There was a large nomadic force out west, and it was doubtful if we had enough police embodied.—Bill read a third time.

The following Bills were read a second and third time, under suspension of the rule:

Public Works Amendment Bill.
Vagrants' Act Amendment Bill.
Extra Judicial Oaths Suppression Bill.
Dominion Lands Act (Manitoba) Amendment Bill.

The Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Manitoba Bank, was read a second time on motion of Hon. Mr. GIRARD.

The House adjourned at eleven p.m.

FRIDAY, May 22.

The House met at three o'clock.

A number of bills were reported from the Banking and Commerce Committee by Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, of Kingston, some with and some without amendment.

THIRD READINGS.

The following bills were read a third time:

To enable the St. Francis and Megantic Railway Co. to issue bonds.

To enable the Western Railway Co. to extend and improve its connections, and issue stock.

To extend the powers of the Dominion Telegraph Co.

To amend the Act incorporating the Bank of Manitoba.

To incorporate the Mercantile Marine Insurance Co. of Canada.

The Banking Committee made a further report containing a recommendation that, hereafter, it be a requirement that \$200 be paid into the Private Bills Office by each promoter instead of the \$100 heretofore exacted.

Hon. Mr. FERRIER spoke in support of the report. He said it was naturally thought that this increased charge would probably prove the shortest way to the cure of the difficulty in connection with legislating upon

Private Bills, that ought to go before the Local Legislatures. Hitherto Private Bills cost less here than at the Local Legislatures, and at the present new rate there was no ground for complaint.

Hon. Mr. HAMILTON moved that the members of the Senate be summoned to consider the report to-morrow.—Carried.

TANTEMAR BRIDGE.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD called the attention of the Government to a return laid on the table with regard to a very large expenditure on a bridge of the Intercolonial Railway over the Tantemar River. No tenders were asked for the construction of that work, and the omission could not be explained on the principle of a sudden emergency, for the return showed it was contemplated the autumn previous that the expenditure should be incurred. Furthermore, no public notice for competition was given those parties who might be disposed to undertake the repair of this bridge, consequently it was given to an individual without a contract, and if the expenditure had been according to the returns, it was lavish for the amount of work performed. The statement furnished showed that a pier was to be taken down and a new one constructed for \$19,000. The parties who had charge of the work delayed it till they said it was too late in the season to complete it, and afterwards put some addition to this pier which cost over \$14,000, while the whole work of taking down the old pier and building another was to have cost only \$19,000. He had no hesitation in saying the whole affair showed a lamentable want of skill and practical knowledge. The expenditure for it was most lavish, the work not being what should have been produced. He had the opinion of an experienced engineer and practical man that the work done was not up to the mark, and that the pier ought not to have been removed. He (Mr. B.) had no doubt this sum of \$14,000 had been taken out of the income or revenue of the Intercolonial and European and North American Railways, which accounted, to that extent, for the smallness of the returns as compared with the increased traffic upon those railways. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER thanked the hon. gentleman for having enquired into this matter, which had not fallen under his own notice. He believed this subject was already before the Public Works Department. The information given by the hon. gentleman would serve, in future, in helping to prevent the recurrence of such