

the baseness of a man who, while pretending friendship to Mr. McGee, was all the time cognizant that preparations for the death of that gentleman were being made. But there was no proof whatever of this—at least none made public.

The motion was then withdrawn.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILROAD

Mr. Bolton moved an address for copies of all petitions presented to the Privy Council, since November last, in reference to the selection of a route for the Intercolonial Railroad. Carried.

C. B. AND K. C. B.

Hon. Mr. Chauveau moved that the papers and correspondence laid before this House, respecting the marks of Royal favour which Her Majesty had been pleased to confer, be referred to a Committee of seven members, to report thereon with all convenient speed; the Committee to consist of Messrs. J. H. Cameron, Campbell, Gray, Casault, Parker, and the mover. Speaking in French, he said the papers referred to were a proof of the deep interest which Her Majesty had taken in the welfare and progress of the New Dominion. While admitting that our position as a young country was not so great historically or otherwise as that of some older countries, we were convinced of one thing, that a man in this country was worth a man in any country in the world. In other countries certain favours were bestowed on public men who were supposed to have rendered important public services, and it was not astonishing that in this country also a public man should be somewhat exacting as to the honour which should be paid him; but, while to some the first distribution of favours might have appeared very ungenerous, a reflection on certain parties as their ancestors, the recent graceful action of the Sovereign had remedied what appeared so disagreeable at first. That action had shown the true light in which the British Government desired to place public men who otherwise might have felt aggrieved. The honourable gentleman also repeated his remarks in English. Carried.

MARINE MATTERS

Sir John A. Macdonald introduced a Bill to regulate lighthouses, buoys and beacons; also a Bill respecting the relief of sick and distressed mariners; also a Bill respecting fishing by foreign vessels. He explained that

the object of the Bill was to make the existing laws of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick on this subject laws of the Dominion.

INDEMNITY BILL FOR MINISTERS

Sir John A. Macdonald introduced also a Bill to indemnify certain persons for sitting and voting in the House of Commons while holding offices of emolument under the Crown. He explained that the persons indemnified by the Bill were Messrs. John A. Macdonald, G. E. Cartier, Tilley, Galt, McDougall, Howland and Langevin.

STATUTES OF CANADA

On motion of **Mr. Mills**, the Bill to amend the Act respecting the Statutes of Canada was read a third time and passed.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SALARY

Mr. Oliver moved concurrence in the resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole, declaring it expedient to alter the provision made under the 105th section of the British North America Act of 1867, and to fix the salary of His Excellency the Governor-General at \$32,000 per annum.

Carried on a division.

Mr. Dufresne introduced a Bill founded on the resolution intitled "an Act to fix the Governor's salary."

Hon. Mr. Dorion said if the member for Montcalm was really desirous to carry this measure, he should leave the responsibility of it with the Government, who had several measures of their own, especially the consolidated revenue Bill, into which they could introduce a clause to carry out the wishes of the House. It was the duty of the Government to follow the instructions which had been given by the House by so large a vote.

Mr. Dufresne said he introduced the Bill because he was serious in desiring to carry it. He was afraid, judging from the position taken by the Government, that if the matter was left in their hands they would not give practical effect to the wishes of the House; but if the Government would declare that they would take it up and proceed with it seriously, he would withdraw his motion.

Mr. D. A. McDonald said he would not give his support to making the reduction applicable to the present incumbent of the office.