

Mr. FOSTER moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 12.10 a.m. (Wednesday).

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 11th May, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

### NEW MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election and return of James A. Lowell, Esq., for the Electoral District of Welland.

### LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

Mr. CHARLTON. I beg to move:

That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider further Bill (No. 2) to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.

I make this motion, believing that the House will, perhaps, be inclined to reconsider its hasty action on Monday night in refusing to grant even a consideration of the provisions of this Bill, and that in face of the fact that the leader of the Government had accepted one feature of the Bill, and had promised that it should be accepted by the Government. Under these circumstances, Mr. Speaker, the summary action of the House was, in my opinion, unjustifiable, and I think we will stand in a better position towards the country if we at least grant to this Bill the courtesy of a consideration; and for that reason I move that it be reinstated on the Order Paper.

Motion agreed to.

### MIMINEGASH BREAKWATER.

Mr. PERRY asked, Whether tenders for new works at Miminegash breakwater, P.E.I., have been asked for? If so, has the contract been let, to whom, and for what amount?

Mr. OUMET. No contract has been let for the above-mentioned work.

Mr. PERRY. I ask if tenders were asked for?

Mr. OUMET. No tenders have been asked for.

### POSTMASTER AT STE. LOUISE (L'ISLET).

Mr. CHOQUETTE asked, Whether the Government have received the report of the enquiry held by the Deputy Inspector of Post Offices, Quebec, in the matter of H. Potvin, Postmaster of Ste. Louise, in the County of L'Islet; if so, what is the purport of the said report, and what do the Government propose doing in relation to the matter?

Sir ADOLPHE CARON. (Translation.) In answer to the hon. member, I have the honour to inform him that the report in question has just been

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received, and that it is now under consideration. In a day or two I will be able to tell my hon. friend what is to be done.

### VISIT OF FARMERS' DELEGATES.

Mr. WHITE (Shelburne) asked, Whether any and what sum was paid to Charles H. Cahan, Esq., in connection with the visit of the farmers' delegates in the Province of Nova Scotia? And did the said Charles H. Cahan make any charge for, or receive any remuneration, for his services?

Mr. CARLING. Two hundred dollars was advanced to Charles H. Cahan, Esq., in connection with the visit of the farmers' delegates to the Maritime Provinces. Of this sum \$21.92 was refunded by him, \$31.48 expended by him in telegrams, &c., and \$126.60 paid by him to other parties for their travelling expenses—the balance, \$20, remained with Mr. Cahan on account of his travelling expenses outside the Province of Nova Scotia.

### REPORTS OF BRITISH FARM DELEGATES.

Mr. McMILLAN (Huron) moved for:

Copy of the reports of the British Farm Delegates, Messrs. McQueen and Davey, on the Maritime Provinces. He said: In moving this motion I desire to say that it is only due to the people of the country and their representatives in this House that the reports of these delegates should be brought down and laid on the Table. I understand that the visit of these delegates was brought about by the Premier of Nova Scotia when visiting London and as a result of a conference with the High Commissioner, it being settled that these delegates should come out and examine into the capabilities of the Lower Provinces as a field for emigrants from the old country. I understand there have been some rather unpleasant feelings aroused from the time the delegates arrived in Nova Scotia. I think, if I am not misinformed, the High Commissioner sent a despatch to the Government of Nova Scotia to meet those gentlemen, to entertain them and show them around. But when they arrived it was found that the Government at Ottawa had sent an official and appointed gentlemen to take possession of the delegates, if we may so speak, and show them round the province, and in visiting many parts of the province they found that their arrival was unannounced. So the visit assumes more of a political aspect than it should have done. The Local Government were certainly the proper parties to take hold of these gentlemen and show them through the country. When delegates visited the western part of Ontario, word was sent to the different localities and preparations made that they should see the province thoroughly, ascertain its capabilities from different standpoints, and obtain the views of the different political parties, if there was any advantage to be obtained from them. I believe money was well spent in bringing out delegates to enquire into the condition of the country for emigration purposes. But it appears that the Government were not well satisfied in some respects with the reports of the delegates who visited the Lower Provinces, or we would have had them published and copies laid on the Table of the House before this time. I understand the Government object to delegates who are sent out to