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extraordinary expenditures. He thought the Government was fairly open to the charge of extravagance and restlessness in so far as they had refused to accept the suggestion approved of by nearly half of the members of this House irrespective of party, regarding the expenditure of \$6,000,000 in connection with the Intercolonial Railway. He was satisfied that the Government had made a serious mistake in rejecting the suggestion to construct the Intercolonial on the narrow gauge system and to use ordinary instead of steel rails, and that they had not shown proper solicitude for the tax payers of this country in dealing with the Intercolonial Railway. According to his calculation there would be between two and a half and three millions of dollars utterly wasted in that work, under the management of the Government. (*Hear, hear.*)

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NORTH WEST

Mr. SMITH (Selkirk) rose to make explanations respecting statements made in the speech of the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Schultz) yesterday.

Hon. Mr. McDOUGALL (Lanark North) objected to this irregular proceeding and said that the people of the country would come to regard the hon. member for Selkirk as a representative of the Hudson's Bay Co. sent to this House to rehabilitate them before the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON also condemned the course of the hon. member for Selkirk as irregular.

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INDEMNITY FOR MANITOBA MPS

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER moved that it be resolved that Mr. Speaker be authorized to direct the accountants of this House to pay respectively to the three members lately elected from Manitoba and attending the deliberations of this House the full sessional allowance, deductions, however, being made at the usual rate for the number of days of their non-attendance at this session. He explained that the hon. members from Manitoba had not been able to attend the thirty days necessary for them to obtain their sessional allowance, in consequence of the delay in the election and the distance they were obliged to travel to reach Ottawa.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Some formal business having been transacted, at 3.10,

The Usher of the Black Rod appeared and summoned the Commons to the Senate Chamber as follows:

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

The SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to acquaint this Honourable House, That it is the pleasure of His Excellency that the Members thereof do forthwith attend him in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—

An Act for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue.

An Act to establish one Uniform Currency for the Dominion of *Canada*.

An Act to prolong, for a certain time, the term allowed for the redemption of rents reserved on certain Indian lands in the Township of *Dundee*.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of Harbour Dues by the Corporation of the Town of *Owen Sound*.

An Act to indemnify the Members of the Executive Government, and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public Money, in excess of the Parliamentary Grant, incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870.

An Act to amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the *Ontario* Bank.

An Act to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Quebec* Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Mutual Life Association of *Canada*.

An Act to make further provision for the government of the North West Territories.

An Act for more effectually preventing the desertion of Seamen in the Port of *Quebec*.

An Act to amend the Act thirty-third *Victoria*, chapter forty, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of *Upper Canada*.

An Act respecting the Loan authorized by the Act 32 and 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 1, for the purpose of paying a certain sum to the *Hudson's Bay* Company.

An Act further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbour of *Quebec*.

An Act further to amend the Act respecting fishing by foreign vessels.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to Duties of Customs.

An Act to incorporate the *Sault Ste. Marie* Railway and Bridge Company.

An Act respecting certain officers of the Trinity House of *Quebec*.