

Mr. SMITH: I have simply to say that I will reserve a good many remarks which I have to make regarding this matter until a fitting occasion presents itself.

Mr. MITCHELL: All right.

Resolution *ordered* to be reported.

House *resumed*.

Resolution *reported, read the first and second times and agreed to*.

Mr. SMITH introduced a Bill (No. 62) to amend the law respecting Deck Loads.

Bill *read the first time*.

THE MISSING PAPERS.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Clerk wishes me to give an additional explanation. He states that when he went to Sir John A. Macdonald for the papers, the right hon. member for Kingston was not then reading the papers, and that they were lying under a Bill which had just then been brought before the House in Committee of the Whole. When he asked for the papers, the right hon. gentleman said, "Very well, hurry up the translation as fast as you can," and did not, at the time, intimate that he wanted to see the papers again.

Mr. TUPPER: I think it is right for me to say that I think the Clerk entirely misunderstood Sir John A. Macdonald, because he requested me to make the communication I did to the House with reference to the matter before he left this evening.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is but just to the Clerk to say that, at all events, this was what occurred to him at the time.

House adjourned at
Two o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1878.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

NORTH RIVER NAVIGATION.

QUESTION

Mr. HADDOW, for Mr. CHRISTIE, enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to recommend, in the Supplementary Estimates, the sum of \$1,000 to improve the navigation of the North River as far as St. Andrews, in order to complete the work done by the Government before Confederation, thereby securing to St. Andrews and surrounding country the advantage of uninterrupted summer navigation.

Mr. MACKENZIE: The Government have no present intention to do so. Money was expended on this small river formerly by the Local Government, or the Government of old Canada, and it has not been looked upon as a work for the general advantage of the Dominion. Enquiry will, however, be made, if there is time to do so, but at present I can only give a negative answer to the question.

RESIDENT JUDGE AT SOREL.

QUESTION.

Mr. GILL enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Judge at Sorel, in place of Mr. Justice Loranger, who has retired; and when the appointment will be made?

Mr. LAFLAMME: I would call the attention of the hon. member to the allegation he makes in his question — "who has retired." The hon. Judge has not retired. There is, however, a conditional offer of resignation, the conditions of which are under consideration by the Government, and, as soon as the vacancy takes place, the appointment will be made.

TWENTY-FIVE CENT GOVERNMENT SCRIP.

QUESTION.

Mr. FARROW enquired, What amount of Government scrip of the denomination of 25 cents is still in