

during the whole season, and they were mostly from accidents. I merely call attention to these matters, Mr. Speaker, in making this motion, to show that that part of the country, at least, is progressing fast, that settlement and traffic are advancing, and that shipping has increased immensely.

Mr. BLAKE. Amongst the interesting information my hon. friend gave us, there was one thing he missed. Would he tell us where Algoma is now? He did not seem to know last Session.

Mr. DAWSON. I shall be very glad to give the hon. gentleman such geographical information as he may require. There is a special Act defining the electoral district of Algoma. It extends from French River on the east to the Winnipeg River at Rat Portage on the west, and from the great lakes on the south to Hudson Bay on the north. It is a pretty extensive district.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. That is according to the latest advices.

Mr. DAWSON. According to the Act forming the electoral district.

Motion agreed to.

THE LIBRARY—MR. BOURINOT'S WORK.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. LANDRY (Montmagny). (Translation.) I would call the attention of the House to the fact that it is impossible for us to get Mr. Bourinot's work in the Library. There are but few copies of it, and I think that those hon. members who wish to refer to this work ought to be enabled to get it, and that a few additional copies ought to be bought for the use of members.

Mr. SPEAKER. That matter will be brought before the Library Committee.

RETURNS ORDERED.

Return of all sugars imported at Halifax from Jamaica from the 1st of January, 1883, to the 31st of December, 1883; also a return of all sugars from Jamaica entered for the same term at Montreal, either direct or *via* Halifax, giving names of vessel, number of pounds landed; value for duty of each cargo, and rate of duty per 100 lbs. of each shipment.—(Mr. Vail.)

Statement showing the several amounts collected by the Dominion Government for lands sold or leased; for timber, logs or staves, cordwood, telegraph poles or other product of the forest; with the names of persons making such payments, within the bounds and limits of the western part of Ontario, as determined by the decision of the Privy Council against the claim of the Dominion Government.—(Mr. Macenzie.)

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned, at 4.45 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 5th February, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Minister of Militia and Defence for the year ending 31st December, 1884.—(Mr. Caron.)

PRIVATE BILLS—EXTENSION OF TIME.

Mr. BEATY moved that in accordance with the recommendation of the first report of the Select Standing Com-
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mittee on Standing Orders, the time for the reception of petitions for Private Bills be extended to Saturday, the 21st of February instant. He said: I wish to say for the information of the House and of those persons interested in Private Bills, that the Committee desire it to be understood that no further extension will be made.

Motion agreed to.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 8) respecting the River St. Clair Railway Bridge and Tunnel Company.—(Mr. Bergin.)

Bill (No. 9) respecting the Canada Southern Railway Company, and the Erie and Niagara Railway Company.—(Mr. Bergin.)

Bill (No. 10) to reduce the capital stock of the Federal Bank of Canada, and for other purposes.—(Mr. Small.)

Bill (No. 11) to extend the jurisdiction of the Maritime Court of Ontario.—(Mr. Allen.)

Bill (No. 13) respecting carriers by land.—(Mr. Mc Carthy.)

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). I beg leave to move the adoption of the second report of *The Debates* Committee. I may say that we have dropped all that part of it relating to distribution. The number of copies that will be printed will enable us during the Session to make a daily distribution for the press and also to give them a bound copy at the end of the Session if members should be disposed to deduct the copies given to them. But in the meantime we thought it better to leave it over for further consideration and consultation with the members. The other part of the report relates to the translating staff, and further consultation induced the Committee to adhere to the recommendation of their first report.

Motion agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message as follows:—

LANSDOWNE.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons an approved Minute in Council appointing the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, the Honorable Sir Leonard Tilley, Minister of Finance, the Honorable Sir Hector Langevin, Minister of Public Works, and the Honorable A. W. McLellan, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the Act 31 Victoria, Chapter 27, intitled: "An Act respecting the Internal Economy of the House of Commons; and for other purposes."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, Tuesday, 2nd February, 1885.

COURT OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. McCARTHY moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 12) for instituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for Canada, and to amend the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Explain.

Mr. McCARTHY. The only explanation I desire to offer is this: That I propose to take the sense of the House on the second reading of the Bill. It has been already referred to Committee, the matter has been fully discussed there; and both the public and the House are familiar with the subject; and I propose, as I have stated, to take the sense of the House on the second reading.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.