

## WAYS AND MEANS.

Mr. FOSTER moved :

That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Motion agreed to.

## REPORTS.

Public Accounts of Canada, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Foster.)

Governor General's Warrants.—(Mr. Foster.)

Report of the Auditor General on Appropriation Accounts, for the year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Foster.)

Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Sir Hector Langevin.)

Annual Report of the Department of Marine, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Tupper.)

Steamboat Inspection, Harbour Commissioners, &c., &c.—(Mr. Tupper.)

Deck-loads—Report of Evidence.—(Mr. Tupper.)

Evidence on the Export Cattle Trade of Canada.—(Mr. Tupper.)

Annual Report of the Department of the Interior, for the year 1890.—(Mr. Dewdney.)

Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs, for the year ended 31st December, 1890.—(Mr. Dewdney.)

Summary Report of the Geological Survey Department, for the year 1890.—(Mr. Dewdney.)

Report of the Postmaster General, for the year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Haggart.)

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

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 5th May, 1891.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

## REPORTS.

Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Costigan.)

Report on Weights and Measures and Gas Inspection, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Costigan.)

Report of the Secretary of State for Canada, for the year ended 31st December, 1890.—(Mr. Chapleau.)

Report of the Board of Examiners for the Civil Service of Canada, for the year ended 31st December, 1890.—(Mr. Chapleau.)

Civil Service List of Canada, 1890.—(Mr. Chapleau.)

Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, for the calendar year 1890.—(Mr. Haggart.)

Report of the High Commissioner for Canada, with Reports from Agents in the United Kingdom, for the year 1890.—(Mr. Haggart.)

Report of the Director and Officers of the Experimental Farms, for the year 1890.—(Mr. Haggart.)

Annual Report of the Minister of Railways and Canals, for the year 1890.—(Sir John Macdonald.)

Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ended the 30th June, 1890.—(Mr. Bowell.)

## BETTER OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Mr. CHARLTON moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 2), to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Is it the same Bill as that of last year?

Mr. CHARLTON. Yes, with some modifications. The Bill is substantially the same as that introduced last Session. It was then introduced at a late day, not with the intention of pressing it at the time, but that the members of the House and the country at large might become acquainted with the provisions of the Bill. Some modifications are made in the present Bill in the direction of greater freedom for the operation of railways. I do not think it necessary to enter into a discussion on the merits of the Bill until it is printed and in the hands of members.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

## DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT.

Mr. CHARLTON moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 3) to amend the Dominion Elections Act, Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes. He said: The provisions of this Bill will be best understood by reading them. They are as follows:—

"Section eighty-four of the Dominion Elections Act, chapter eight of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph thereto immediately after the paragraph lettered (c):

"(c.) Every candidate who, either by himself or by his agent, at any time during an election, promises that the Government will make, or will be solicited by him to make, any grant of money for any railway, road, bridge, harbour, pier, public building, or other public work, to be expended within the bounds of, or for the benefit of, the constituency for which he is a candidate, such promise being calculated to influence the result of the election in his favour:

"2. Any promise of a grant of money, made by any Cabinet Minister or any official in the employ of the Government for any railway or public work or building within any constituency where an election contest is pending at the time of the making of such promise, and calculated to influence the result of such election in the interest of any candidate, is a corrupt practice within the meaning of the said Act.

"3. Any indirect or inferred promise, made by any Department of the Government sending engineers to make a survey for a railway or public work of any kind, not under contract, and for which a grant of public money has not previously been made, within any constituency where an election is pending, or within two months of the time of issuing the writs for an election in such constituency—the impression being thereby created that such railway or public work is to be proceeded with, and the result of the election being thereby influenced in the interest of any candidate—is a corrupt practice within the meaning of the said Act."

Mr. IVES. I would like to ask the hon. member, whether he provides for the case of a provincial Premier threatening to discontinue the construction of a railway unless a certain candidate were elected?