

After further long Debate.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Mitchell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill intituled: An Act "to amend the Act 23 *Victoria*, chapter 123, being an Act to Incorporate the Corporation "of Pilots for and below the Harbor of *Quebec*."

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Mitchell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, it was

Ordered, That the same be postponed until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill intituled: "An Act respecting malicious injuries "to property."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, from the said Committee reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the said Report be received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follows:—

Page 2, line 40. After "confinement" insert Clauses A. B. and C.

CLAUSE A.

Whosoever by such negligence as shall show him to be reckless or wantonly regardless of consequences, or in contravention of a Municipal Law of the locality, sets fire to any forest, tree, manufactured lumber, square timber, logs or floats, boom, dam or slide on the Crown domain or land leased or lawfully held for the purpose of cutting timber, or on private property, or on any Creek or River, or rollway, beach or wharf, so that the same be injured or destroyed is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to imprisonment in any gaol or place of confinement for any time not longer than two years, with or without hard labor.

CLAUSE B.

When in the opinion of the Magistrate investigating the charge under the preceding section, the consequences have not been serious, he may, in his discretion, dispose of the matter summarily without sending the offender for trial, by imposing such a fine, not exceeding fifty dollars, as he may deem right to impose; or in default of payment by committal to gaol for any period not exceeding six months, or until the fine be paid, and with or without hard labor.

CLAUSE C.

Whosoever unlawfully and maliciously sets fire to any forest, tree, manufactured lumber, square timber, logs or floats, boom, dam or slide on the Crown domain, or land leased or lawfully held for the purpose of cutting timber, or on private property, or on any Creek or River, or rollway, beach, or wharf, so that the same be injured or destroyed, is guilty of felony, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any term not exceeding fourteen years and not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labor, and with or without solitary confinement.

Page 4. Line 11. After the first "or" insert "unlawfully and maliciously."

Page 7. Line 16. Leave out from "fit" to "whosoever" in line 27.

Page 13. Lines 26-27. Leave out "six months" and insert "two years."