

Mr. FOSTER. That does not always follow.

Mr. LAURIER. I think it does.

Mr. LANDERKIN. The Government need it more than the members generally.

Motion agreed to.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 2) to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Bill (No. 3) to repeal the Electoral Franchise Act, and to make certain provisions in place thereof.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Bill (No. 6) to disfranchise voters who have taken bribes.—(Mr. Weldon.)

Bill (No. 7) to extend the ballot to the North-west Territories.—(Mr. Martin.)

#### PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Mr. COATSWORTH moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 4) to make further provision as to the prevention of cruelty to animals and to amend the Criminal Code of 1892. He said: This Bill is the one I introduced last session. The law has been found inadequate to meet the number of cases coming before the different magistrates, and the object of this Bill is to make further provision as regard the prevention of cruelty to animals, in order to meet cases of abandonment of diseased animals, and over-driving, and the use of animals as targets, the carriage of animals by rail and water, and other cases. The present provisions of the law are to be modified so that all cases of cruelty may be brought within its scope.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### N.W.T. REPRESENTATION ACT.

Mr. DALY moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 5) to amend the N.W.T. Representation Act. He said: The Bill is exactly the same as that introduced last session, but which was withdrawn by me in order to expedite the business of the House. Its object is to extend the ballot to the North-west Territories.

Mr. MARTIN. No notice has been given of the Bill. The notice reads "An Act to amend the N.W.T. Act."

Mr. DALY. I will strike the word "representation" out of the title of the Bill.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### FISHERY INSTRUCTIONS.

Mr. LEDUC (for Mr. Beausoleil) asked, Whether the Department of Marine and Fisheries has issued fresh instructions to the fishery overseers of the counties of Berthier, Maskinongé, St. Maurice, Nicolet, Richelieu and Yamaska, with reference to the fisheries,

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for the year 1894? If so, are the said instructions identical with those of last year, and do they permit the taking of soft fish during the close season for game fish? When were the said instructions forwarded to the fishery overseers of the said counties?

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. Yes. The instructions are identical with the exception that pickerel cannot be caught after 1st April. They permit the taking of soft fish during the close season for game fish. They were forwarded to the fishery overseers of the said counties on the 24th February, 1894.

#### FRENCH COMMERCIAL TREATY.

Mr. LAURIER asked, What is the policy of the Government with regard to the Commercial Treaty with France? Is the Government to ask or not to ask the ratification of the treaty?

Mr. FOSTER. I beg to say in reply to the hon. gentleman that two important delegations have asked to be heard with reference to this treaty, and the Government have therefore decided to defer giving their answer until after the Easter holidays, after these delegations have been heard.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

Mr. SMITH (Ontario) asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation this session dealing with tuberculosis?

Mr. FOSTER. The department is now making studies with reference to this matter, and no definite answer can yet be given.

#### ADDRESS IN ANSWER TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

The House resumed the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the session.

Mr. MACDONALD (Huron). In rising to make a few observations on some of the topics touched upon in the Speech from the Throne, I beg leave, in the first place, to extend my congratulations to my professional confrère, the hon. member for Ottawa (Sir James Grant), on the very able and eloquent speech he made in moving the address in answer to the Speech from the Throne. His graceful and well-timed remarks concerning the Earl and Countess of Derby, who left our shores a few months ago, after having so ably filled the Viceregal position in this country, are well deserving of compliment. His reference to the worthy and the noble Lord and Lady who have been called to preside over the destinies of this country was also exceedingly appropriate. I am sure that every member of Parliament, and every citizen of the country, will agree with these sentiments, so kindly and so eloquently expressed by the hon. member for Ottawa (Sir James Grant). Mr. Speaker, we in