

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 26th April, 1887.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 22) to incorporate the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.—(Mr. Shanly.)

Bill (No. 23) to incorporate the Emerson and North-Western Railway Company.—(Mr. Watson.)

Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Goderich and Canadian Pacific Junction Railway Company.—(Mr. Porter.)

Bill (No. 25) to amend the Act incorporating the Brantford, Waterloo and Lake Erie Railway Company.—(Mr. Sutherland.)

Bill (No. 26) to incorporate the Kincardine and Teeswater Railway Company.—(Mr. McCarthy.)

Bill (No. 27) respecting the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company.—(Mr. Patterson, Essex.)

Bill (No. 28) to incorporate the Brandon, Souris and Rock Lake Railway Company.—(Mr. Small.)

Bill (No. 29) to incorporate the Manufacturers' Life and Accident Insurance Company.—(Mr. Brown.)

PUBLIC BILL—MORTGAGES.

Mr. McMULLEN moved for leave to introduce a Bill respecting the payment of mortgages.

Mr. SPEAKER. This is a public Bill, and notice must be given.

QUEEN'S, N.B., ELECTION.

Mr. SKINNER. I beg to give notice, that, as a question of privilege, I will, on Thursday next, draw attention to the papers in connection with the Queen's county return, and will move that the return be amended by the insertion of the name of G. G. King instead of that of Geo. F. Baird. I give this notice in order that the attention of hon. members may be called to it, and that they may be ready when the question comes up. I also give the notice because it might be said that it should have been pressed earlier, but, on consideration, I thought we would bring it up on Thursday.

JOINT STOCK COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. McCARTHY moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 30) to amend the Canada Joint Stock Companies' Act. He said: The Bill is for the purpose of giving power to loan companies to borrow money upon debenture stock. Several companies have that power now by special Act, but this is to confer the power generally upon all companies which come under the Companies' Act, and are loan companies, to borrow money upon debenture stock.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY—ALLOWANCE TO THE EX-WARDEN.

Mr. THOMPSON moved that the House do to-morrow go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

That in view of the valuable services rendered by Godefroi Laviolette, late Warden of the Penitentiary of St. Vincent de Paul, on the occasion of an outbreak among the convicts therein confined, and of the fact that in consequence of his energy and intrepidity on that occasion he received injuries resulting in permanent infirmity and incapacity to continue the

performance of the duties of Warden as aforesaid, it is expedient that, as an exceptional case, there should be granted to the said Godefroi Laviolette an allowance for life at the rate of \$2,800 a year, to date from the 31st January, 1887, and also a further sum of \$1,000 compensation for removal expenses, such sums to be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and such annual allowance to stand instead of any other superannuation allowance to which the said Godefroi Laviolette might be entitled.

Mr. LAURIER. May I ask the Minister if any enquiry has been made into the outbreak and the causes of the outbreak which took place at St. Vincent de Paul some time last spring?

Mr. THOMPSON. An enquiry has been made into the causes of the outbreak.

Mr. LAURIER. Will the hon. gentleman cause the result to be laid on the Table before this motion is taken up? It will be very important for us to have that information, as at present we have no data to go upon.

Mr. THOMPSON. What papers I can bring down I will.

Motion agreed to.

THE DEATH OF MR. MOFFAT.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. I am sure the whole of the House will agree with me in sentiments of the greatest regret at the unexpected death of the hon. member for Restigouche (Mr. Moffat). To those gentlemen who sat in Parliament with him it is not requisite that I should say anything. He was, I believe, a man who was liked and esteemed by both sides of the House. Of a retiring nature, not at all apt to press unduly his own position in Parliament or elsewhere, yet he enjoyed the confidence of his constituents in a marked degree. He succeeded his father, who before him held that county for some Parliaments, and ever since then, ever since he succeeded his father, he has generally been acceptable as a colleague in this House. I do not think it requires me to say more with reference to this lamented gentleman. Young in years, he has been out off suddenly and unexpectedly. When he arrived here he was apparently in better and stronger health than he had been for some years before, and everything about him promised a long and useful life. Such is the uncertainty, however, of mundane affairs that we were informed suddenly that he was found in his bed dead, and all we can do is to regret the loss of a worthy, honest and upright colleague.

Mr. MITCHELL. I rise to add my mite of sympathy to the statements given utterance to by the right hon. gentleman who leads this House. I am sure that those who sat in this House with the late Mr. Moffat for years past and who knew him as intimately as I did, will feel his loss as keenly as they would feel the loss of a member of their own family. A more honorable and straightforward man does not sit in this House to-day; a man who more tried to discharge his duties as a representative of the people and to promote the interests of the county he was elected to represent, does not remain behind him. I have known Mr. Moffat since childhood. I believe I was the principal means of bringing him out in 1882, and it was with great reluctance that he came out to redeem the county and to restore the prestige of his father, who had represented it before. His course since his election has been such as to recommend him to every member who had the honor of his acquaintance, and we were all taken by surprise when we heard of his death, which no one in this House regrets more than I do myself. As an honorable man, he had a reputation not alone here, but in the county where he was born, and which he represented with so much honor to himself and advantage to the county. I am sure that we all join with the right hon. gentleman in expressions of the deepest regret for the loss of Mr. Moffat, and of sympathy for the family and the friends whom he has left behind him.