

and peaceable possession thereof on the 8th of March, 1869, shall be entitled to receive letters patent therefor, granting the same absolutely in fee simple. That he thought, would cover every possible case that could arise. He understood there was a considerable number of settlers in remote districts on the Red River and Assiniboine. Sir George Cartier had contemplated giving them their lands free.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS said that was right enough. He had stated this before.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said the only object of the Government was to satisfy the North West people, and avoid further trouble and expense. They had found, when they came into office a Commission, sitting to settle this question at an expense to the Dominion of \$40 a day. The whole privilege would not have been worth the amount which would soon have been spent to define it. (Hear and a laugh.)

After some further remarks from Messrs. Scott, Sutherland and Aikins, in reply.

Hon. Mr. REESOR advocated a just and generous policy towards the people of the North West. Any mistakes made in dealing with the half-breeds, hitherto, might well be rectified. The losses and evils of all kinds which might result from their ill-treatment, should convince all of the importance of an early and fair settlement of the settlers' claims. We had the experience of the United States as a solemn warning in this matter.

The motion for a second reading was then put and carried; contents, 36; non-contents, 2.

The House then went into Committee on the Bill, when Mr. Scott moved his first amendment.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole upon the Bill, Hon. Mr. Allan in the chair, and during the sitting

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL remarked that he had heard that immediately before the surveys were made, certain persons who were living in Manitoba took the trouble to stake out portions of lands in order to claim them as their property in addition to the land they were occupying.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill with several amendments which were concurred in by the House, on the motion of the Hon. Mr. SCOTT, who also moved the suspension of the 42nd Rule, and the the third reading of the Bill.—Carried.

SECOND READINGS.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN moved the second reading of a Bill from the Commons, en-

titled the Federal Bank Charter Time Extension Bill.—Carried.

He also moved the second reading of a Bill from the Commons, entitled the Bank of Nova Scotia Bill.—Carried.

He further moved the second reading of the Ontario Bank Charter Amendment Bill (from the Commons).—Carried.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD moved the second reading of a Bill from the Commons, entitled the Provincial Steamship Company Incorporation Bill.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER moved the second reading of a Bill from the Commons, entitled the Victoria Bank Change of Name Bill.—Carried.

MESSAGE.

A message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk, to return the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Lochiel, Hawkesbury and L'Original Junction Railway Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill without any amendment.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LETELLIER, seconded by Hon. Mr. Scott, the House adjourned until Monday at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, May 18.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

After routine, the Bill to give certain powers to the Port Whitby Harbor Company was reported from Committee, amended, and on motion of Hon. Mr. VIDAL read a third time.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD moved the third reading of the Bill to incorporate the St. Croix Printing and Publishing Company.—Carried.

NEW BILL.

Hon. Mr. RYAN introduced a Bill to amend the Act 29 Vic. Cap. 57, of the Province of Canada, which was read a first time.

REPORTS.

Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR moved the adoption of the second report of the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts. He said the clerk's accounts had been examined in the usual way, by a competent Committee, and found correct. Seconded by Hon. Mr. DUMOUCHEL and carried.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON moved the adoption of the fourth report of the Joint Committee on Printing, and explained its character.—Adopted.