

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM—It is a matter of gratification that my hon. friend has confidence in the government in this instance. Does he know that there is a regulation, as far as navigable streams are concerned, that plans of all bridges have to be submitted for the approval of the government before work can be proceeded with? I do not know that it is necessary to warn the members of the committee to discharge their duties with regard to this bill or any other bill. They are prepared to guard the public interest in every way. I am gratified to know that my hon. friend has such confidence in the government, even on the sawdust question.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the second time.

The Senate adjourned at 10 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, 28th May, 1895.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CUSTOMS SEIZURE AT MONTREAL.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE rose to inquire of the Government—

1. At what date certain books or pamphlets bearing among other titles the following:—“*For Steepy Americans, a literal translation from Li-guori's Theology, or Questions put daily by the Romish priests to women in the Confessional,*” were entered at the custom-house at Montreal?
2. Whether these books were not confiscated by the officer at the head of the customs at Montreal as being of too immoral and too indecent a character for circulation?
3. If so, at what date and by what officer?
4. To whom were these books consigned?
5. Whether the consignee or importer has been prosecuted according to law?
6. If so, at what date? If not, why the law has not been put in operation?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The Comptroller of Customs informs me that no book bearing the title mentioned by the hon. gentleman has been seized, but there was a book entitled “*Fruits of the Confessional.*” He is now searching for the papers,

and hopes to be able in a few days to give a full answer to the question.

The inquiry was postponed until Monday next.

THE COPYRIGHT BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (F) “An Act to amend the Act intituled: ‘An Act to amend the Copyright Act.’”

Hon. Mr. LANDRY, from the committee, reported the bill without amendment.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (29) “An Act to incorporate the James Maclaren Company (Limited).”—(Mr. McLaren.)

Bill (32) “An Act respecting the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company.”—(Mr. McLaren.)

Bill (50) “An Act respecting the Manitoba and South-eastern Railway Company.”—(Mr. Bernier.)

CANADA AND MICHIGAN TUNNEL COMPANY'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN moved the second reading of Bill (36) “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Canada and Michigan Tunnel Company, and to change the name of the Company to the Canada and Michigan Bridge and Tunnel Company.”

He said: This is simply a bill to change the name of the company and grant them the privilege of building either a tunnel or a bridge.

Hon. Mr. McCALLUM—I do not rise for the purpose of opposing the bill, but it makes quite a difference whether you go above the surface of the river or under the ground, and the question must be looked into closely in order to see if you are going to impede navigation. Therefore I think the hon. gentleman should explain a little more fully before we adopt the principle of the bill.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN—The true meaning of the bill is this, that they could not