

fulfilled up to the letter, it might be resumed. He believed that had a similar clause been inserted in the last contract, they would not have had to put up with so much delay in regard to their printing, for they could have re-let the contract. He did hope the successful tenderers would hereafter give satisfaction. If not, Parliament would have the remedy in its own hands. He asked the hon. mover to suspend his motion till they were in possession of the opinion of the other House which, while it need not be imperative as to the action of the Senate, might be desirable as helping to guide hon. members. They would fail in duty, if they placed themselves in opposition to the Commons unnecessarily.

Hon. Mr. WARD had no objection to postpone his motion.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL followed in the same line as Mr. Simpson, admitting the mistake of accepting Taylor's tender because it was the lowest, and assuming the possibility of similar failures and difficulties were he to be deprived of the contract on the same principle. He went on to speak of the fitness of Taylor's establishment, his experience and other advantages for the performance of the work required, contending it could not be expected his rivals of the other firm could be in as good a position in this respect. He dwelt upon the claims of the old contractor for services and sacrifices, and urged the rejection of the report and the acceptance of his tender.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE strongly condemned the withdrawal of the contract from Hunter, Rose and Lemieux, to give it to Taylor for a slight saving, and characterised the experience of Parliament in this matter as one of utter disappointment. The Houses had been delayed for bills and other printed matter, while the work had really cost more than it could have been executed efficiently for by the old contractors. He thought MacLean, Roger, & Co. had the right to the contract, as their tender had been put in on the understanding that it would be given to the lowest, and that Taylor had not the slightest claim upon the Legislature.

A long discussion on the subject ensued, in which Hon. Mr. FERRIER admitted he had no personal knowledge of the Times establishment, and was probably mistaken, in saying it was a one-horse affair, and advocated an efficient system in future, as regards the printing. Hon. Mr. SKEAD urged the carrying out of the same principle of accepting the lowest tender in the case of

the paper contract, to which Mr. Hope had the best claim. Hon. Mr. McMASTER and Mr. LETELLIER twitted Mr. CAMPBELL with inconsistency, in now objecting to the lowest tender for the printing, after advocating its adoption in the case of Taylor and other contractors for public work. Hon. Messrs. ATKINS and REESOR strongly advocated the claims of Taylor, and predicted evils and failure from the acceptance of the Times contract. Hon. Mr. BUREAU spoke for the report, and Hon. Mr. BOTSFOED called attention to the duty of considering the decision of the Printing Committee, which possessed a representative character as regards both Houses. The opinions of these gentlemen should be an element in this case, should influence the House to a certain extent.

Hon. Mr. WARK at length moved that the further consideration of this report be deferred till to-morrow.—Carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SIMPSON, the seventh report of the Joint Committee on Printing was adopted.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Patent Act of 1872.—Carried. Third reading also.

ICE BRIDGE AT QUEBEC.

With respect to Hon. Mr. RYAN'S bill, to prevent obstructions to the navigation of the St. Lawrence,

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER was understood to say that the Government would take the matter in hand between this time and next spring, with a view to the object of the bill.

Hon. Mr. RYAN said that under those circumstances, and considering the advanced period of the session, he withdrew the bill.

JUDGES' SALARIES.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the bill to amend the law readjusting the salaries of the Judges. He explained that the salary of the Lieut.-Governor of P. E. Island was fixed at \$7,000. The salary of the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, in Ontario, was to be \$6,000 and the three new Judges in that Province would receive \$5,000 each, the same as the others. Bill reported from Committee and read a third time.

Hon. Mr. FERRIER moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the Standard Marine Insurance Co.—Carried.