

relieved the Government from a large measure of responsibility. The fault, as he understood it, lay with the Printing Committee, who had entrusted the work to a person who was unable to perform the work satisfactorily.

Hon. Mr. MILLER said that he could not understand how one rule was applied to a contractor in Ontario, and a different one to a contractor in Nova Scotia. Here relief was given to a man in an embarrassed situation, while in the Maritime Provinces a man was crushed down, and received none of the same consideration. He did not find fault with the Government for the course they had pursued in connection with tenders and contracts; but he did not wish to see any favoritism.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON said that Mr. Taylor had certainly made every exertion to keep his engagement—even going to the extent of sacrificing private property. Messrs. Hunter & Rose, of Toronto, were getting at least 25 per cent. from the Government of Ontario more than the contractor in question, and they too were coming upon the Government for an additional allowance.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said that the Government must be considered more or less responsible inasmuch as they appointed the Committees and controlled the House.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said that the blame to be attached in this matter rested equally upon all of them. Members of the House were themselves the means of creating the fault. It was the too far-stretched economy which was responsible for the evils complained of by the hon. gentleman from Richmond. Clearly the Government was not to blame in the matter, and after the very able manner in which his hon. friend on his left had demonstrated this, he would not occupy the time with saying anything more about it. The fact was, that in all large contracts in railways and printing, the only reliable security for the work being properly fulfilled, was to pay for it what it was really worth. He agreed with his hon. friend as to the importance of the matter, and no doubt, now that the matter had been brought up, an effort would be made by the printer to have the statutes out earlier. So far as the Government were concerned, they were quite as anxious as any one that the statutes should be out in due time. In order to prove this he need only to read the headings of laws, which had been published from time to time in the *Canada Gazette*, in order to lose no time in placing them before the country (a number of

which the hon. gentleman then read.) The printer must take the responsibility of the delays of which the hon. member had complained.

After some further remarks from Hon. Messrs. MILLER, AIKINS and ROBERTSON, the matter dropped.

The House then adjourned.

MONDAY, 17th March.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

Among petitions was one presented by Hon. Mr. Ferrier, from nearly 5,000 inhabitants of Quebec in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

TITLES;

Hon. Mr. MILLER asked the leader of the Government in the House whether the Government of Canada had received any instructions from the Colonial Office relative to the honorary titles of the Lieutenant Governors of the several Provinces of the Dominion, since the Duke of Buckingham's despatch of July 24th, 1868, expressing Her Majesty's pleasure regarding such distinctions? In explanation of his motion he stated that he had noticed that the Lieutenant Governors of the different Provinces, with the exception of Nova Scotia, assumed both on formal and informal occasions the title of "His Excellency," though they could only be appropriately styled "His Honor," in accordance with the despatch in question. The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia never assumed it whilst acting in his official capacity, though it could be used in his case by virtue of his position as Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's forces in the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL replied that there was no despatch since the one in question, but the terms of that document were explicit that "His Honor" should be applied to the Lieutenant Governors. He did not conceive how any gentleman filling the position of Lieutenant Governor could allow himself to be addressed by any other title than that which the Queen has given him.

POSTAL DELIVERIES.

In answer to Hon. Mr. READ, Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL stated that it is not the present intention of the Government to establish Postal Deliveries in the Dominion, in consequence of the large expense—from \$70,000 to \$100,000,—that would be probably entailed.