

April 17, 1874

### COLLECTION OF DEMANDS AGAINST VESSELS

On motion of **Mr. KIRKPATRICK**, the report of the Committee of the Whole on the resolution declaring it expedient to make further provision for the collection of demands against vessels was received.

**Mr. KIRKPATRICK** introduced a Bill founded on the resolution, which was read a first time.

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### BUSINESS AND THE BALL

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** said that with the consent of the House, he would pass to private bills, to advance some of them in order that committees might get to work on Monday.

Some little playful discussion ensued as to the reason which induced the hon. member for Châteauguay (Hon. Mr. Holton) to allow the ordinary routine of business to be passed for the sake of the ball this evening.

**Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** said the hon. member only wanted to pass the order for going into Committee of Supply which meant the consideration of the duty on malt to go into the consideration of the duty on hops. (*Laughter.*)

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### PRIVATE BILLS

The following Private Bills were read a second time:—

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Canadian and Great Northern Telegraph Company—**Hon. Mr. HOLTON**.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Confederation Life Association—**Mr. YOUNG**.

An Act to consolidate the mortgages and other preferential charges of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, and for raising further capital, and for establishing a Superannuation and Provident Fund Association, and for other purposes—**Mr. IRVING**.

An Act to incorporate the London and Canada Bank—**Mr. ROSS (Durham East)**.

An Act to incorporate the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company—**Mr. THOMSON (Welland)**.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Royal Canadian Insurance Company—**Mr. BOYER**.

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### RAILWAY COMMITTEE

**Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** moved that Mr. McCallum (Monck) be added to the Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraphs.—Carried.

### CONSOLIDATED FUND

**Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT** submitted a concurrent statement of the Consolidated Fund expenditure for the nine months ending 31st March, in the year 1873-1874.

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### SUPPLY

The House then went into Committee of Supply, **Mr. SCATCERD** in the chair.

On the item—charges of management, \$68,100,

**Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT** explained that the increase in this vote, amounting to \$8,550, was made up of increases in the Post Office Savings Bank Department, as follows: the establishment of an office at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, \$3,000; increase of salaries in the office of the Assistant Receiver General at Toronto, \$1,000; at Halifax, \$1,500; at St. John, New Brunswick, \$1,500. He explained that owing to the importance of the position it was necessary to have good men and to keep them. Their salaries had, therefore, to be increased.

**Hon. Mr. TUPPER** said when the present Government had been in Opposition they had considerably embarrassed the Government by opposing this very increase. He, however, would not pursue a similar course.

After some discussion the item passed.

The following items under the head of "Civil Government" were all passed without discussion:—The Governor General's Secretary's Office, \$6,350; the Department of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, \$12,800; the Department of Justice, \$13,300; the Department of Militia and Defence, \$32,250; the Department of Secretary of State, \$26,700; the Department of Minister of the Interior, Dominion Lands (Act 36 Vic., Cap. 34), \$36,270; the Department of Receiver General, \$20,560; the Department of Finance, \$47,230; Customs, \$27,280; Inland Revenue, \$21,300; Public Works, \$48,680; Post Office Department, \$70,920; Department of Agriculture, \$33,560; Department of Marine and Fisheries, \$20,900; Treasury Board Office, \$3,200; Marine and Fisheries Department Agencies, \$14,900; Dominion Lands Office, Manitoba, \$14,615; Public Works Department, British Columbia, \$4,000; Departmental Contingencies, \$175,000; Stationery Office—for Stationery, \$15,000; to meet the possible amount required for new appointments and re-adjustments of salaries (Act 36 Vic., Cap. 31), \$70,000.

The following items (under the head of "Administration of Justice") were also passed without discussion:—Miscellaneous, \$10,000; Circuit Allowances, British Columbia, \$10,000; Manitoba, \$3,000.

Also the following, under the head of "Police"—Dominion Police, \$25,000; Water Police, Montreal, \$13,395; River Police, Quebec, \$24,500.