

Hon. Mr. Johnson asked why did they want naturalization? Did they want any number of Fenians who were no better than wild beasts to crowd in here?

Sir John A. Macdonald ultimately moved that the Order for the third reading be discharged, and that the House resolve itself into Committee on the Bill with the view of amending it. Carried.

The House went into Committee and amended the Bill. The amendments were read a first and second time and the Bill passed.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY AGAIN

Hon. Mr. Rose moved that the House again go into Committee of Supply on the estimates for 1868-69.

Hon. Mr. Holton asked if it was the intention to go on with the items relating to the proposed new militia staff. These officers had not yet been created, and it would be irregular and inconvenient to vote the supplies for a service, the expediency of which had not yet been affirmed. If these items were postponed until the resolutions connected with the militia Bill were passed, it would perhaps save a double discussion.

Sir John A. Macdonald said this course would be inconvenient. Supposing the militia resolutions did not pass, then these estimates would be useless.

Sir G. E. Cartier said he would not move concurrence in these items unless the militia resolutions passed.

The House then went into Committee and passed the following items—militia and gun boats, from item 44 to 45.

The next four items were said to be extraordinary by the Minister of Militia, especially barrack accommodations, rents, etc., \$800,000. This item he said must be reduced to a better understanding with the Imperial Government. The remaining items under this head passed, also pensions, \$17,225.22.

On the item stock, Western extension, European and North American Railroad, \$120,000.

Mr. D. A. McDonald called for more information. It was an enormous sum.

Hon. Mr. Holton said that a former debate showed Nova Scotia to be already one million and a quarter dollars ahead of her allowance under the Union Act, and New Brunswick was three-quarters of a million ahead. Besides he might add, in the old Province of Canada they were never called on to vote

such tremendous sums, in so magnificent a way as here proposed. Let the members for New Brunswick who were always probing matters and insisting on economy see to it that in this instance the House was not being asked to be too trustful, if not extravagant. For his own part he knew nothing about the figures.

Mr. Savary said it was true the debts of the Maritime Provinces exceeded what they were allowed to enter the Union with; but Quebec and Ontario were in the same position.

The House rose at six o'clock.

After Recess.

VARIOUS BILLS ADVANCED A STAGE

The following Bills were read a second time, considered in Committee of the Whole and reported:—Bill to incorporate the Merchants' Express Company of the Dominion of Canada, as amended by the Committee on Banking and Commerce—**Mr. A. Morrison**; Bill to incorporate the Canada Shipping Company, as amended by the Committee on Banking and Commerce—**Mr. Workman**; Bill to incorporate the Bank of Agriculture, as amended by the Committee on Banking and Commerce—**Mr. White**.

The following Bills were read a second time, passed through Committee, read a third time and passed:—Bill to confirm a certain by-law passed by the Directors of the Lake Memphremagog Navigation Company, and amended by the Committee on Banking and Commerce—**Mr. Colby**; Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Niagara District Bank—**Mr. Street**.

INTERNAL ECONOMY OF THE HOUSE

Sir J. A. Macdonald introduced a Bill relating to the internal economy of the House of Commons.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

The House again went into Committee of Supply.

On the item relating to subsidies to N.B. Railways,

Hon. Mr. Holton asked information, and urged the necessity of proper precautions, lest, after the subsidies had been expended, the Companies should be unable to fulfil their obligations and the works should fall in an unfinished state on the hands of the Dominion Government.

After some remarks by **Hon. Mr. Fisher**,