

Bill (53) "An Act to amend the Public Stores Act." (Mr. Lacoste.)

Bill (19) "An Act to amend the Copyright Act." (Mr. Lacoste.)

Bill (18) "An Act to amend the Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs." (Mr. Lacoste.)

Bill (43) "An Act to amend the Act 52 Victoria, Chapter four, intituled: "An Act to authorize the granting of Subsidies in Land to certain Railway Companies'." (Mr. Lacoste.)

The Senate adjourned a 4:40 p.m.

THE SENATE

Ottawa, Thursday, February 27th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

On the reading of petitions,—

HON. MR. DEVER said—While reading petitions, I wish to call the special attention of the hon. gentlemen of this House to a petition read yesterday from the city of St. John, largely signed by prominent citizens of that place, praying for the passage of an Act for the further prevention of cruelty to animals. I wish to call your attention to this, because I perceive on it the names of some of the most prominent men of that city, and it deserves more than a passing notice.

THIRD READINGS.

Bill (K) "An Act respecting the Board of Trade of the city of Toronto." (Mr. McKindsey.)

Bill (33) "An Act respecting the Peoples Bank of New Brunswick." (Mr. Botsford.)

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (O) "An Act further to amend 'The General Inspection Act,' Cap. 99 of the Revised Statutes." (Mr. Lacoste.)

Bill (45) "An Act to incorporate the Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific Railway Company." (Mr. McKindsey.)

Bill (23) "An Act to incorporate Belding, Paul & Company (Limited)." (Mr. Ogilvie.)

QUEBEC HARBOR COMMISSIONERS BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. LACOSTE moved the second reading of Bill (R) "An Act further to amend the Act respecting the Quebec Harbor Commissioners." He said: This Bill is merely to give power to the Harbor Commissioners of Quebec to issue certificates. It has been the custom to issue the certificates, and lately the question was put to the solicitor of the commission to know if they really had the right to do that, and his opinion was that they had no right. It is for the benefit of the traders and merchants of Quebec, and at their request, that this Bill is now presented.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THE STATIONERY AND CONTINGENCIES OF THE SENATE.

MOTION.

HON. MR. LACOSTE—A message has been sent by the House of Commons to this House, asking us to grant leave to our officers in charge of stationery and contingencies to appear before the Select Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Public Accounts to give information and evidence respecting the distribution of such stationery, and the expenditure for contingencies, as set out upon pages D. 17 and D. 18 of the report of the Auditor General, and also to bring with them all records relating to such items. I believe that it has always been the desire of this House to give as full information as we can in regard to our expenditure. If we refer to precedent we will find that in 1870 an account for mileage and indemnity of the members of this House was forwarded to the House of Commons at their request. We find also that in 1872 a similar demand was made, and that on the 27th of May of that year the Hon. Mr. Campbell, now Sir Alexander Campbell, moved that the Clerk be instructed to lay before the Senate every session a statement of the mileage and indemnity paid to Senators, and to deliver, until further orders, a copy of the same to the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons, whenever he might ask for them.