

cessitating, on the part of steamers, 110 lbs. of steam, to enable them to navigate those violent waters. Buoys, lines, and so forth had to be used, moreover, to protect them from damage. The machinery of these boats could be altered in a little time to enable them to comply with the Dominion law; as at present it would have prevented their running all season.

Bill read second time.

Hon. Mr. McMASTER moved the second reading of the Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Co. Bill from the Commons. He said the Company wished incorporation. They had a capital of a million—half of which was subscribed. Carried.

The Bill was reported from Committee without amendment.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON submitted the fifth report of the Printing Committee, setting forth that, after a full and careful examination into all the facts connected with Mr. Taylor's contract, and considering the actual necessity, in the public interest, of having the printing executed with as much promptitude as possible, the committee recommended an advance in the price of certain portions of his work, and that the increased prices should apply to the years 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1874; also that as the contract expires next year, tenders be advertised for during the recess, to be sent in before the opening of next session.

The hon gentleman stated the report of the sub-committee was not adopted by the general committee; but it contained recommendations considered valuable and worthy to go before the House. He did not recommend the adoption of the report, which involved the payment of money. The House of Commons would deal with that question, and would have the report up first. He would move therefore, the consideration of the report, on Monday next. Carried.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY said, in justification of his course, last night, in expressing doubts as to the power of the House to deal with the oaths bill, he might cite the exactly similar course of a high legal authority in the other House (Mr. Blake.) When the Government registration of births, marriages and deaths' bill was up for second reading, that gentleman urged doubts as to whether Parliament could deal with the subject, which might properly belong to the local legislatures. The Minister of the Crown said he would not press the second reading, at that time, to allow of the matter being better considered, and the bill was postponed.

Hon. Mr. Bureau—We did so here concerning the Manitoba bill.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, the House then adjourned.

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The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

After routine.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS submitted a return to an address for copies of powers of attorney used by J. A. Macdonald, H. N. Nathan, jr., J. J. C. Abbott, and others, on behalf of F. Cumberland, D. McInnis, and others, in their subscription of articles of agreement in reference to the Canada Pacific Railway, and in the subscription of stock.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL introduced an Act to amend the Act for more effectually preventing the desertion of seamen, and for other purposes—mainly intended for Quebec.

THE OATHS BILL.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU asked if it was the intention of the Government to recommend the sanction of the oaths' bill already passed, as soon as possible.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said the honorable gentlemen surely could not mean that he (Mr. C.) should reveal the advice given to His Excellency on the subject. The bill had been submitted to His Excellency this morning, with the advice of the Government, but what course would be pursued he was not at this moment able to inform the House.

THE NORTH WEST.

Hon. Mr. IETELLIER DE ST. JUST enquired as to the truth of the reports of Indian troubles in the North West.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said the Government had nothing very definite on the subject. No precise information seemed to have reached Fort Garry. The acting Lieutenant Governor telegraphed that tidings had reached them, that Indians from the United States, and from Yellowstone River, were coming into the Dominion territory. There was nothing beyond that. By way of precaution, certain steps had been taken which, should anything occur, he thought would prove sufficient for the protection of our people and the country.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE said he felt disposed to relieve the Government of its anxiety in regard to his motion for a committee of enquiry into all matters connected with the Pacific Railway contract, Re