

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

The following Motions for Returns were severally agreed to:—

Copies of the returns, annual and monthly, made by the Banque de St. Jean, since 1875, to the Government; also for copies of the certificates granted by the Treasury Board to the said Bank on going into operation.—(Mr. Bergeron.)

Return of all claims presented for drawbacks on goods manufactured for export since March 2nd, 1882, showing the name of all applicants, their places of business, the articles on which the drawback was claimed, and the amount of each claim, distinguishing between the claims which have been allowed and those which have been disallowed and those under consideration and not yet decided, and giving the reason for such disallowance; also, copies of all regulations made by the Department with reference to such claims, together with a copy of one allowed claim and the sworn declaration thereto of each exporter of boilers, machinery, sewing machines, or other manufactures of iron.—(Mr. Paterson, Brant.)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 5:50 o'clock p.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

THURSDAY, 22nd February, 1883.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORTS.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House of the 20th February, 1882, a report giving full information on all subjects affecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, up to the latest date, and particularly all details as to:

1. The selection of the route; 2. The progress of the work; 3. The selection or reservation of land; 4. The payment of money; 5. The laying out of branches; 6. The progress thereon; 7. The rates of tolls for passengers and freight; 8. The particulars required by the Consolidated Railway Act and amendments thereto, up to the end of the previous fiscal year; 9. Like particulars up to the latest practicable date before the presentation of the return; 10. Copies of all Orders in Council and of all correspondence between the Government and the railway company, or any member or officer of either, relating to the affairs of the company.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY presented, pursuant to a Resolution of the House of the 20th February, 1882, a report of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in account with the Government of Canada, viz.:—Rails Advance Account, Land Grant Bond Account, Current Account and Subsidy Account; also, a Memorandum as to substitution of Canadian Pacific Railway of Credit Valley Stock for \$1,000,000 cash deposit, and a Schedule of Correspondence as to Canadian Pacific Land Grant Bonds.

BRANCH PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY.

Mr. HACKETT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to build this year the branch railway from Cape Traverse to the main line of the Prince Edward Island Railway, for which a sum of money was voted at the last Session of Parliament?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. It is the intention of the Government to proceed with the work in the spring.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD.

FRAUDS IN RELATION TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

On the order for the second reading of Bill (No. 5) for the better prevention of fraud in relation to contracts involving the expenditure of public moneys (Mr. Casgrain), being read,

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The House is very thin, and I would ask my hon. friend to allow this Bill to stand over. We will give him plenty of opportunity to bring it forward.

Mr. CASGRAIN. I shall be very glad to accommodate my hon. friend, the more so because on one occasion he did not accommodate me.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. We will turn over a new leaf.

Order allowed to stand.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

The following Motion for a Return was agreed to:—

Copies of the judgments in the case of Russell and the Queen in the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council, and of the judgments in any Provincial Courts of inferior jurisdiction, or in the Supreme Court of Canada, in all cases raising the question of the right of a Provincial Legislature to pass laws affecting, regulating or restraining the number or character of persons licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, or the times of such sale.—(Mr. Blake.)

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 3:45 o'clock p.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

FRIDAY, 23rd February, 1883.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S MEMORANDUM.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER presented a memorandum of the progress of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He said: I received this after the return which I laid on the Table of the House yesterday. It contains the report from the Secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway of the progress of the work, and I would like to have it printed with the papers laid on the Table yesterday. My attention has been called to the terms of the Resolution, and on Monday I expect to lay on the Table of the House a report containing full information on the subject.

Mr. BLAKE. I purposed calling attention to some of the facts in the existing returns, as far as they went, that any deficiencies not contemplated might be guarded against in the complete report.

REPORT.

Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, being for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1882.—(Mr. McLelan.)

PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. BEATY moved that the time for presenting petitions for Private Bills be extended to Monday the 12th day of