

Hon. Mr. Anglin said that the Warden should not be clothed with such power.

Sir John A. Macdonald said the corresponding clause in the former Act had worked well. It enabled decisions to be arrived at in matters of urgency, when the whole Board could not be called together.

Mr. D. A. McDonald doubted the propriety of giving the Warden such power, and said his opinion in such a case ought, at least, to be given in writing.

The fourth clause was adopted, and also the succeeding clauses up to the ninth. On that clause being moved,

Mr. Blake objected to the Court of Inquiry appointed under it. They were here in fact organizing the directors as a Court of Criminal Jurisdiction but it was of limited jurisdiction. But still that was one of the things with which the Local Legislature had exclusive power to deal. He thought it would go better to leave this matter to them.

Sir J. A. Macdonald thought the suggestion a valuable one, and made a note of it in order to amend the Bill.

On the 29th clause,

Sir J. A. Macdonald drew attention to its provisions, which were that an incorrigible boy might be removed from the reformatories, which were local institutions, to the penitentiary, a general institution, on the warrant of the Lieut.-Governor. The converse of this proposition was also provided, viz., where a minor confined in the penitentiary showed such a disposition to reform as rendered it desirable to remove him from the contamination of confirmed criminals, that then he could be removed to a reformatory.

Clause 30 was adopted with the addition of Ascension Day to the list of Roman Catholic holidays.

After recess

Hon. Mr. Holton enquired whether the rumour that the Hon. Mr. Archibald had resigned his position in the Government, and whether the other rumour accompanying this one, that he had been appointed Chairman of the Intercolonial Railway Committee, were correct? He was prepared to believe the first one, because if it were not true, it certainly ought to be, but with respect to the second it would be somewhat extraordinary, for as yet there was no work for the Railway Commissioners to do. He was sure the Govern-

ment would be glad of the opportunity of giving an explanation on the important points.

Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald had no objection to give the information. It was true that Mr. Archibald had resigned, and now ceased to discharge the duties of the office which he had held—that of Provincial Secretary of State, but the other, no appointment had been made to the Board of Railway Commissioners.

PENITENTIARY BILL AGAIN

The House went into committee again on the Penitentiary Bill, and having considered the several clauses, amounting in all to 76, the committee rose and reported progress and obtained leave to sit again on Monday.

SECURITY TO BE GIVEN BY OFFICERS

On motion of **Sir J. A. Macdonald** the House went into committee on the Bill from the Senate respecting the security to be given by officers of Canada—Mr. Drew in the Chair.

The committee rose and reported the Bill with amendments. The report was received, the amendments read and concurred in, and the third reading of the Bill fixed for to-morrow.

INQUIRIES IN PUBLIC MATTERS

The House went into committee on motion of **Sir John A. Macdonald**, on the Bill from the Senate respecting inquiries into public matters—Mr. Stewart Campbell in the Chair.

The committee rose, the report was received, and the third reading fixed for to-morrow.

BILL RESPECTING THE BANKS

Hon. Mr. Rose moved that the House go into Committee on the Bill to enable Banks in any part of Canada to use notes of the Dominion instead of issuing notes of their own, and the resolution in relation to privileges granted to Banks of the 27th inst. be referred. In moving this motion, he explained that he proposed to strike out the words "thirteen millions of dollars" in his Bill, and substitute "eight millions of dollars". Since this matter was last before the House, he had looked into the statement as the amount which the late Government of Canada was authorized to issue of their bills, and was now quite prepared to accept the interpreta-