

The **MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE** (Sir Richard Cartwright) moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, 28th April, 1897.

The **SPEAKER** took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 64) to incorporate the British Yukon Chartered Company.—(Mr. Fraser.)

Bill (No. 65) respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.—(Mr. Landerkin.)

Bill (No. 66) relating to the Canadian Power Company.—(Mr. Gibson.)

Bill (No. 67) to incorporate the pilots doing duty between Quebec and Montreal.—(Mr. Guay.)

Bill (No. 68) respecting the American Bank Note Company.—(Mr. Frost.)

Bill (No. 69) respecting the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Company.—(Mr. Langelier.)

Bill (No. 70) respecting the Great North-west Central Railway Company.—(Mr. Richardson.)

Bill (No. 71) respecting the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company.—(Mr. Mills.)

Bill (No. 72) respecting the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company.—(Mr. Richardson.)

Bill (No. 73) to incorporate the Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan Railway Company.—(Mr. Bostock.)

Bill (No. 74) to incorporate the National Life Assurance Company of Canada.—(Mr. Lount.)

Bill (No. 75) respecting the attachment of the salaries of Dominion employees.—(Mr. Richardson.)

SEIZURE OF ILLICIT STILLS.

Mr. DUGAS asked :

1. Is it true that one F. A. Jobin, of Pont Rouge, in the county of Portneuf, was convicted of having had unlawfully in his possession a still, or of some other infraction of the law respecting the inland revenue.

2. If so, was the said F. A. Jobin condemned to prison?

3. Did he undergo the penalty imposed?

The **CONTROLLER OF INLAND REVENUE** (Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière). The initials of Jobin are not correctly given,

nevertheless, I will answer the question. One J. Jobin, of Pont Rouge was convicted and was condemned to prison. He underwent the penalty imposed.

Mr. DAVIN asked :

1. Is it true that one George Vézina, of Quebec, was convicted of having had unlawful possession of a still, or of having committed some other infringement of the Inland Revenue Act?

2. If so, was the said George Vézina sentenced to a fine and imprisonment?

3. What was the sentence given against the said George Vézina?

4. Did he pay the fine and undergo the term of imprisonment?

The **CONTROLLER OF INLAND REVENUE** (Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière). The following are the answers to the gentleman's questions :—1. Yes : on the 17th of March, 1896. 2. Yes ; on the 17th of March, 1896. 3. Fine of \$100 and one month's imprisonment, and a further fine of \$500 and one month. 4. He paid the fine of \$100 on the 13th April, 1896, and did not undergo imprisonment.

CLAIM OF THOMAS W. ASPDIN.

Mr. DAVIN asked :

1. Whether the papers respecting the claim of Thomas W. Aspdin for scrip or a land warrant, for services rendered during the rebellion at Fort Macleod, have been brought before the Acting Minister of Militia?

2. When will these claims be settled?

The **MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE** (Sir Richard Cartwright). That matter is under consideration. It is not possible to say when the claim will be settled, or how.

TERRITORIAL EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

Mr. DAVIN asked :

Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a sum in the Estimates to pay outstanding indebtedness of the Territorial Exhibition?

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier). The Government is at present investigating the accounts.

THE FAST LINE—WINTER TERMINUS.

Mr. ELLIS asked :

Is the Government aware that the Finance Minister in 1894 stated to the House that Halifax or St. John, or both, were in the provisional agreement for the Canadian winter terminus of the fast line? What is the present arrangement or understanding with regard to said terminus?

The **PRIME MINISTER** (Mr. Laurier). The Government is aware of the statement which is referred to in the question. The whole matter is at present undergoing careful consideration by the Government, and as soon as arrangements are completed they