

The resolution was adopted and a bill founded thereon was introduced and read a first time.

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EMIGRATION

Hon. Mr. POPE moved the second reading of the bill to provide for the incorporation of the Emigration Aid Society.—Carried.

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QUARANTINE

Hon. Mr. POPE moved the second reading of the Act relating to quarantine.—Carried.

The SPEAKER left the chair at 5.20, the House agreeing to consider it 6 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS

TORONTO CORN EXCHANGE

Mr. GIBBS in the absence of Mr. Beaty, moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.—Carried.

The House went into committee on the bill, rose, and reported. Third reading tomorrow.

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AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. COLBY moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Agricultural Insurance Company of Canada.—Carried.

The House went into committee on the bill, rose, and reported, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

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ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. CARTER moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Accident Insurance Company of Canada.—Carried.

The House went into committee on the bill, rose and reported, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

BILLS ADVANCED

Mr. BARTHE moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Sorel Board of Trade.—Carried.

The House went into Committee, rose, and reported, and the bill was read a third time.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of the Town of Lévis.—Carried.

The House went into Committee, rose, and reported, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

Mr. GIBSON moved the second reading of the bill to incorporate the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.—Carried.

The House went into Committee on the bill.

Mr. MILLS said the House would exceed its power in passing this act. He could not understand upon what ground they could give the power to hold real estate. They were not carrying out the principle of a federal union and were depriving the Local Legislatures of those powers which were necessary to give them that influence which every government should possess in order to produce the necessary prestige for the conduct of the affairs of the country.

Hon. Mr. WOOD said the question was could they take property otherwise than in conformity with the civil law of the several Provinces. He maintained that a company incorporated in the Province of Quebec could do business in any other Province of the Dominion, and that it was entirely a wrong impression to suppose that more power was obtained by procuring a charter from the Dominion. He thought that the Minister of Justice (Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald) should form an amendment to the third clause limiting the acquisition of property.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD replied that it would not be well at that moment to discuss so difficult a question as that opened by the member for Bothwell (Mr. Mills). The principle of the bill having been established that there might be a missionary society incorporated, having its missionary operations in all parts of the country, they must come to the conclusion that it was necessary. In order to hold real estate the corporation must have a Dominion existence. A missionary society incorporated for provincial purposes could not hold real estate in any other province than in that province from which it obtained its incorporation. The argument drawn by his hon. friend opposite from the fact that foreign corporations were acknowledged by the International Congress did not come in there. No decisions went so far as to show that foreign corporations could hold real estate in England and therefore this corporation holding property in the Dominion must get power somewhere. It might be that this Parliament could incorporate this Missionary Society throughout the Dominion, and