

would sell a piece of property mortgaged to him. It is only useful to him as a going concern. It is necessary that it should be kept going in order that it may be of any value to him, and therefore it appears to me that the labor and the materials that are absolutely necessary to keep the concern going in order that it should earn anything at all should be a first charge upon the earnings of the concern. There are some other minor provisions in the Bill. I think these are the principal ones.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Of course, I will not discuss the Bill now, but I wish to know from the hon. gentleman if the last clause he speaks of is to have a retroactive effect; whether this clause would apply to the railways that have now a bonded debt.

Mr. MULOCK. The clause is not limited in its effect.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. GIGAULT moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 112) further to amend the Canada Temperance Act, 1878. He said: My object in moving this Bill, is to amend the Scott Act, so that electors may vote for or against prohibition or for partial prohibition. Partial prohibition shall mean the prohibition of all alcoholic liquors other than cider, beer and wine. For the sale of wine, it shall be necessary to obtain a license and to pay the duty imposed by the Provincial Legislatures. The number of licenses shall be limited according to population. There will be one hotel license for every 500 souls. The council shall have the right to reduce the number of licenses to a less number. The form of the ballot paper shall be changed so that the first space shall be marked for the petition, the second against the petition, and the third for partial prohibition. What is considered now as the third part of the Scott Act shall become the fourth part, and whenever partial prohibition shall be adopted, the Governor General in Council shall publish an order declaring that the third part of the Scott Act shall be in force in the electoral district where the election has been held. The Scott Act was enacted in order to consult the public with respect to the traffic in intoxicating liquors. Some electors believe that total prohibition promotes the cause of temperance, others are in favor of the license system, while many electors believe that it is unwise and unjust to prohibit the sale of beer and wine. By means of the amendment which I propose, every elector will have an opportunity of supporting by his vote a measure in accordance with his views.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

SCHOOL OF NAVIGATION AT QUEBEC.

Mr. AMYOT asked, Whether it is the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to vote a sum of \$1,000 for the maintenance of a school of navigation at Quebec, and, if not, what sum do they purpose asking for in that behalf?

Mr. McLELAN. It is not the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to vote a sum for a school of navigation, there being other arrangements at present by which all requiring instruction receive it from the examiner appointed there.

ESQUIMALT GRAVING DOCK.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria) asked, Is it the intention of the Government to increase the length of the Esquimalt Graving Dock; if so, to what extent, and will it necessitate a cessation of work by present contractors?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Arrangements have been made to lengthen the dock a distance of fifty feet, and doing so will not necessitate any cessation of the work. The dock will be lengthened from 380 to 430 feet. I may take this opportunity of saying that in view of the future extension of the dock it was at first intended to have an entrance at the end, and that would take about 50 feet. We thought, however, that as such extension might not be necessary for 50 or 60 years it would be better at once to add that distance to the dock itself and leave the question of new docks for a future generation.

ESQUIMALT GRAVING DOCK—CONSTRUCTION.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria) asked, Is it the intention of the Government to substitute granite for sandstone, in the Esquimalt Graving Dock; and if so, by how much will the cost be increased?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. No change has been made in substituting granite for sandstone.

TELEGRAPH AND SIGNAL SERVICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria) asked, What was the total revenue from all sources of telegraph and signal service in British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1884, as also total expenditure on said service for same period?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. There will be due from the 1st of January to the 30th June, 1884, \$40,372.12; and from 1st July, to 31st December, 1884, \$18,707.05, making a total revenue of \$33,139.17. The expenditure from 1st January to 30th June, 1884, was \$21,093.64; and from 1st July to 31st December, \$18,469.84, making a total expenditure of \$39,543.48, or an excess of \$5,500 of expenditure over revenue.

GOVERNMENT LOANS IN CANADA.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT asked, Whether the Government have borrowed any further sums of money from any banks or persons, in Canada or elsewhere, in addition to sums borrowed prior to 1st of March?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The Government have. That answers the hon. gentleman's question, and perhaps he has no objection to have a little more information. The Government have, since the last return, borrowed \$250,000 from the City and District Savings Bank, making the total amount of debt from those sources of \$12,462,855 at the time.

LOUIS RIEL.

Mr. CASEY asked, Has Louis Riel been in the employ of the Government in any capacity at any time during the past year, or is he now in their employ? If so, in what capacity has he been or is he employed, and what amount has been or is to be paid to him?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Louis Riel has not been in the employ of the Government in any capacity at any rate during the past year, nor is he now in the employ of the Government.

H. R. PRINGLE.

Mr. CASEY asked, Has H. R. Pringle, of Cobourg, been at any time since the general election of 1882, or is he now in the employ of the Government in any capacity? If so, what capacity, for what period and what pay or allowance has he received or is he to receive?