

seated at the table. The hon. member for Kingston should not have made a complaint until the *Herald* of that evening was published, when it would be seen whether there was ground for it.

At six o'clock the House rose for recess.

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AFTER RECESS.

CERTIFICATES TO MASTERS AND MATES.

Hon. Mr. SMITH moved the House into Committee to consider the following resolutions:—

1. That it is expedient so to amend the Act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships as to make it apply to ships over eighty tons register, and to ships going to sea on a voyage to any port or place out of Canada.

2. That it is expedient to make provision for the examination of masters and mates of inland and coasting ships, as regards ships of over eighty tons register, and voyages commenced after the first day of April, 1876.

The House went into Committee:—Mr GIBSON in the chair.

Hon. Mr. SMITH, in reply to Mr. WOOD, said that the Bill would apply to steamships as well as sailing vessels.

The Committee having reported the resolution,

Hon. Mr. SMITH introduced a Bill founded thereon, intituled: "An Act to amend the Act respecting certificates to masters and mates of ships."

The Bill was read the first time.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FOURNIER, a Bill intituled "An Act for the more speedy trial before police and stipendiary magistrates, in the Province of Ontario, of persons charged with felonies or misdemeanors," (from the Senate) was read the second time.

The Bill then went through Committee, was read the third time and passed.

CENTRAL PRISON, ONTARIO.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FOURNIER, the Bill to make further provisions respecting the Central Prison for Ontario was read a second time, and referred to the Committee of the Whole:—Mr. DYMOND in the chair.

The Committee reported the Bill, and it was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mills.

SPEEDY TRIALS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FOURNIER, the Bill for the more speedy trial before police and stipendiary magistrates, in the Province of Ontario, of persons charged with felonies or misdemeanors was read a second time, and referred to the Committee of the Whole:—Mr. TROW in the chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill, which was read a third time and passed.

COPYRIGHTS.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE moved the second reading of the Bill from the Senate, respecting copyrights. He said it was known that the Royal assent was refused to the Bill passed two years ago, on account of representations made by authors and publishers in England. During the recess he had interviews with some delegates representing English authors and publishers, and with several English authors, and he had received a draft bill from the Imperial Government which contained their views respecting this very complicated matter. The Bill now before the House was one that he thought embodied very nearly all that had been seriously demanded by authors and publishers; while it afforded a fair scope for Canadian publishers, providing as it did for the publication of works if within a certain time the authors did not take out a copyright or commence publication. He believed this Bill was acceptable to Canadian publishers, and it might fairly be presumed that it would receive the Royal sanction for which, of course, it would be reserved.

Mr. DYMOND said he felt obliged to dissent from the hon. Premier with respect to the merits of this Bill. In his judgment it would be better to have the law as it stood at present. He did not propose to delay the progress of the Bill at this stage, but he asked that time be given after the second reading for its further consideration. Before its final passage he would like to have an opportunity of offering a few remarks upon it.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON thought it would be better if his hon. friend wished to dissent from this Bill, for him to make his remarks now. The subject of copyright had engaged the attention of our