

whom leased, and at what rate leased, and the amount in arrears, if any, and the names of the party or parties so in arrears. Carried.

RAFTING OF TIMBER

Mr. Bellerose moved the second reading of the Bill respecting the rafting of timber on the inland waters of Canada. Mr. Bellerose said he was himself opposed to some of its provisions. He proposed referring it to a large committee for a report.

Hon. Sandfield Macdonald thought there was no hurry in pressing it now; the Bill might stand till February.

Mr. Smith believed such a law would be objectionable to New Brunswick.

Mr. Morris thought the Bill should go before the country in the shape in which it was intended to ask the House to pass it; therefore, he suggested that the mover should re-draft the Bill and submit it to the House again.

Mr. Mackenzie suggested that if the mover read the navigation law, he would find a great deal referred to in the Bill already provided for.

Mr. Bellerose was willing enough that the Bill as reported by the committee should stand till February. Last summer, the steamer QUEEN VICTORIA could not get to her wharf because it was occupied by rafts. Ferries had also been obstructed on the Gatineau by rafts.

Mr. McDougall thought matters affecting the trade and navigation of the country should not be legislated upon in this way. As to the case of the Gatineau bridge, it had been built over that river, and enabled rafts to pass underneath.

Mr. Dufresne could not see why the Bill should not be sent to committee, where it might be arranged so as to meet the views of different interests.

Mr. Dunkin thought it better the Bill should go before the committee, in order that it might assume the shape in which it could be passed or rejected in February, according to action or non-action in the meantime of the Local Legislatures.

Mr. Bowell believed from the letters which he had received from various correspondents that the best way of disposing of the Bill was

to give it the six months' hoist. If passed it would prove injurious to the lumber interests of the country. He moved that the Bill be read this day six months.

Hon. Mr. Cartier was in favour of allowing the Bill to go before the Committee, where it might be amended if found objectionable in details.

Mr. Ault thought it detrimental to the lumber interests to allow the Bill to pass, and therefore hoped it would be rejected.

Mr. Ferguson thought if the Bill was not required, the Committee were the best judges.

Mr. Bellerose offered to withdraw the motion if the amendment was withdrawn.

Mr. Bowell refused, unless the Bill was withdrawn.

It being six o'clock, on motion of the **Hon. Mr. Cartier**, the House adjourned till to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. McConkey—Enquiry whether, with the view of liquidating its indebtedness to the Bank of Montreal, and other floating obligations, it is the intention of the Government this session to issue and throw upon the country such an amount of debentures, on the credit of the Dominion, as will enable it to realize funds to that end.

Mr. Bolton—Whether any fishery bounties have been paid, or are intended to be paid, from the general revenues of the Dominion, since 1st July last, and if so, are such bounties confined to vessels or claimants of any particular portion of the Dominion.

Mr. Smith—Addresses for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of New Brunswick, relating to the salaries of the Judges of the County Court of New Brunswick, and a statement of the amounts, if any, paid to said Judges by the Government of Canada.

Mr. Street—Suspension of the 62nd rule with respect to the Bill to settle the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Mr. Fortin—Returns giving a variety of particulars concerning the vessels owned in the Dominion of Canada on the 1st of July, 1867.