

attend the next sitting of the House, and bring with him these lists.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. The case which the hon. gentleman makes for urgency is precisely one that any member of the House might make for any other matter. I simply requested him to let the matter stand over until the next sitting of the House, for the reason, as I stated, that the matter had not been mentioned at all. It would be inconvenient for the transaction of public business, whenever a member receives information affecting even a matter of privilege, if he were to rise and found a motion upon it, without giving notice to the House, and without any declaration on his own part that it involved greater urgency than any other business which this House can be called upon to transact. I think it would be unwise to establish a precedent of that kind; and, under all the circumstances, I think the hon. gentleman has not stated any reason why he is likely to be prejudiced by the delay.

Mr. LAURIER. I understood from the hon. gentleman when he spoke first that he objected to the motion because no urgency had been shown. But the moment he puts it on the ground that he has not had sufficient notice, then there is no objection to letting the matter stand until Thursday.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I am still of that opinion.

Motion withdrawn.

RETURN ORDERED.

Return showing the number of Royal Commissions that have been issued in each and every year since Confederation, to whom issued, together with the subjects enquired into, giving the cost of each and the total of all.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 3rd March, 1892.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from two of the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, a certificate relating to the Electoral District of Carleton, N. B., by which the said election was declared void; and he had accordingly issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ of election for the said Electoral District.

He also informed the House that he had received from two of the judges selected for the trial of election petitions, pursuant to the Dominion Controverted Elections Act, a certificate relating to the Electoral District of Gloucester, by which the sitting member was declared duly elected.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER further informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election and return of William Smith, Esq., for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

WILLIAM SMITH, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Ontario; introduced by Mr. Foster and Mr. Taylor.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 2) to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day.—(Mr. Charlton.)

Bill (No. 4) to prohibit the importation and migration of foreigners and aliens under contract or agreement to perform labour in Canada.—(Mr. Taylor.)

THE INSURANCE ACT.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 3) to amend the Insurance Act.

Mr. LAURIER. Explain.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). The object of the Bill is to abolish the practice of granting rebates of premiums upon first insurance, and also to compel insurance agents to take out licenses.

Motion agreed to; and Bill read the first time.

MIMINEGASH BREAKWATER.

Mr. PERRY asked, Whether the Department of Public Works has let the contract for new works at Miminegash Breakwater, Prince Edward Island? If so, to whom is the contract let and for what amount? If not let, why not?

Mr. QUIMET. The contract for an extension to the South Pier at Miminegash, and two dams built of brush and stone was awarded to Alexander McDonald, the amount of his tender being \$2,000. Alexander McDonald refused to sign his contract, and nothing has been done yet towards re-letting the work. Plans and specifications are being revised, and new tenders will be called for in a short time.

RAILWAY FROM SUMMERSIDE TO RICHMOND BAY.

Mr. PERRY asked, Whether it is the intention of the Department of Railways and Canals to commence building a branch railway from Summerside to Richmond Bay, Prince Edward Island, in accordance with a vote of the House of Commons passed for that purpose during the session of 1890?

Mr. HAGGART. A subsidy was granted by 53 Vic., chap. 2, for a railway from Summerside to Richmond Bay, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, three miles, a subsidy not exceeding \$3,200 per mile, nor exceeding in the whole \$9,600. Up to this time no company has applied to enter into a contract for the construction and operation of this road under the Act. The Government have