

never yet succeeded in bringing Canadian oil on the market equal to, or that was to be compared with, oil from the United States. Under these circumstances I for one shall have great pleasure in supporting the Bill brought in by the hon. member for Stanstead. While we are quite willing to afford any reasonable protection to the oil producers of this country, I think they should be prepared to put oil on the market that will compare favourably with the oil from the United States. When we find that we can get as good oil from Canada as from the United States we shall be prepared to give due credit for it. In the meantime the people of the Maritime Provinces are united on the question, and wish to have the test the same on American as on Canadian oil. It is easily seen that the legislation of last year is generally admitted to have been a failure. I believe it would be advisable to put the test on both oils at 115°.

MR. BABY moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

MOTIONS FOR RETURNS.

The following Motions for Returns were severally agreed to:—

Order of House—Return showing the number of actions of seduction tried in the Courts of the different Provinces composing the Dominion during the past six years; stating the number in each year, namely, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878 and 1879.—(Mr. Furrow.)

Order of the House—Copies of all petitions, correspondence and documents which have passed between the Department of the Interior and Mrs. Maria Wood, wife of Melville Burke Wood, of Winnipeg, a clerk in the Land Office there, or her solicitors, and the said Melville Burke Wood, in reference to the claim of the said Mrs. Maria Wood, for the maintenance and support of herself and child.—(Mr. Macmillan.)

House adjourned at
Twenty minutes after
Twelve o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Thursday, 22nd April, 1880.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

PROMISSORY NOTES DUTIES ACT EXTENSION BILL.

(Mr. Baby.)

FIRST READING.

Resolution considered in Committee and reported.

MR. BABY introduced a Bill (No. 108) For extending the Consolidated Act of 1879 respecting duties imposed on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange to the whole Dominion.

Bill read the first time.

QUEBEC TIDAL DOCK COMPLETION BILL.

(Sir Samuel L. Tilley.)

FIRST READING.

House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

(In the Committee.)

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: This is a proposition to advance to the Harbour Commission of Quebec \$250,000 in addition to the sums authorised by the Act 34 Vict., cap. 62. It appears that, in 1875, contracts were entered into by the Commissioners for the completion of the work of improving the harbour and the construction of a tidal dock. It was found that \$250,000 would be required more than the amount authorised under this Act, and it was understood at the time that this authority would be asked for by the Government when the sum was required. It is now applied for, for the purpose of completing the contracts entered into and approved at that time by the then Minister of Public Works.

MR. MACKENZIE: Has the hon. gentleman received any communication from the Commissioners to the Government on the subject.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY: Yes.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: What is the position of the Trust at present? I think Quebec has had already, in advance, three-quarters of a million.

MR. LANGEVIN: More than that. There was a vote of \$1,200,000, by law, \$750,000 of which was to redeem an equal amount of old debentures. Besides, there was a vote of \$500,000 for a graving dock under the control of the Commissioners. They pay 5 per cent.

SIR RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT: So there will be a total charge of nearly \$2,000,000. What are the revenues?

MR. LANGEVIN: The revenues have increased, but they expect that when this work, under contract, is finished, and the additional work, the wet basin, is complete, they will have a large revenue from these docks, but till then they can-