

harbor and shipping facilities and interests would be promoted by the Government's assumption of this duty. It was very likely that, more or less, persons would be recommended from political considerations. We all knew how far that practice went. It was an evil and not an evil. He did not think there was a danger of persons being recommended who had not some sort of fitness. If they had none, with an active press and other means of information, the matter would soon be brought before Parliament and remedied. We must have faith in responsible Government and the controlling power of Parliament. He believed the proposed system worked well in Ontario and Quebec.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE believed the appointment of harbor masters by the Government would be an improvement, but as the larger and not the smaller vessels paid the fees, and the latter mainly frequented the minor harbors, they might be neglected. He hoped the Minister of Marine would see they did not thereby suffer.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL believed the smaller ports would receive attention. We must proceed by degrees. Taking charge of the larger was a step in the right direction. He would consult the Minister of Marine to see if the case of the smaller harbors could be met, and with a view of considering the classing of Sydney with Halifax, Pictou and St. John, he would ask the committee to leave the clause affecting it over.

Hon. Mr. ARCHIBALD—The two Sydneys should be added.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL assented.

Hon. Mr. LOCKE—If you ask exemptions of that kind others will be asked for.

With regard to the matter of the immediate appointments, some remarks were made.

Hon. Mr. ARCHIBALD said he had been told by Hon. Mr. Mitchell all the present harbor masters would be appointed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, and with a view to amending clause 14 in the above sense, the committee rose and asked leave to sit again.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the House went into committee on the Bill respecting the carriage of dangerous goods in ships, which was reported without amendment and read a third time.

DUAL REPRESENTATION.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LETELLIER the bill to prevent Provincial Legislators from sitting in the Commons, was read a second time.—Reported from Committee without amendment and passed.

SECOND READINGS.

The following bills were read a second time and referred to appropriate committees.

Bill L, Offences against the Person Amendment Bill—Hon. Mr. Campbell.

Bill J, Landed Credit Company of Canada Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. Bureau.

Bill from Commons, Banque de St. Jean Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. Bureau.

Bill from Commons, Stadacona Bank Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. Panet.

Bill from Commons, Banque d'Hochelaga Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. A. M. D.

Bill from Commons, Western Bank of Canada Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. Simpson.

Bill from Commons, La Banque de St. Hyacinthe Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. Oliver.

Bill from Commons, Victoria Bank of Canada Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. Ryan.

Bill from Commons, McNabb's Car Coupler Patent extension Bill—Hon. Mr. Vidal.

Bill from Commons North Star Silver Mining Company Bill—Hon. Mr. Vidal.

Bill from Commons, Dolphin Manufacturing Company's Charter Bill—Hon. Mr. Benson.

Bill from Commons, Union forwarding and Railway Company Bill—Hon. Mr. Skead.

Bill from Commons, Montreal and Champlain Railroad Bill—Hon. Mr. Ferrier.

Bill from Commons, Huron and Ontario Transportation Company Bill—Hon. Mr. Seymour.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved a second reading of the bill respecting steamboat inspection in British Columbia. He explained it had been considered advisable to suspend for a time, the extension of the steamboat inspection law, passed last Parliament, to British Columbia. He trusted no inconvenience would arise from this exception, and that the British Columbia steamboats, next year, would be able to stand the inspection required in the rest of the Dominion. As the Act came upon that Province without much warning, it was deemed advisable to give it some time to make preparation.

Hon. Mr. CARRALL, in support of the measure, described the rivers on the Pacific slope, the Fraser included, as of the cataract kind between May and July, ne-