

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The Government has no objection to the motion which my hon. friend has made, and I am glad that he has made it, for it will give him, and those who are associated with him in the medical profession, the opportunity of knowing that the views that they have put forward have been successful, and that the legislation which is likely to take place in the Imperial Parliament on this subject is such as the medical profession desire.

The motion was agreed to.

HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS OF LAKES IN THE NORTH-WEST.

ENQUIRY.

HON. MR. SCHULTZ enquired :

Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed during the coming summer, with Hydrographic Surveys of Lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Winnipegosis.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—A survey is going on at this moment at Lake Huron, and the only body of persons who are able to conduct such a survey are employed there. So soon as the survey there shall have made satisfactory progress, the Government will be able to consider the further survey which the hon. gentleman points to ; but in the meantime nothing can be very well done, and certainly nothing has been done.

The Senate adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, February 12th, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

FIRST READING.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Last session, at the time the hon. gentleman

from Halifax (Mr. Power) was in his place, a Bill which was then in his charge, relating to seduction and inveigling young women into disreputable houses, was discharged from the Orders of the Day. It stood upon the paper for the second reading, but on promising that with reference to one of these matters I would introduce a Bill during the present session, it was withdrawn. The one to which I refer was the inveigling of young women into improper houses. In pursuance of that promise, I beg to introduce Bill (F) "An Act further to amend an Act intituled 'An Act respecting offences against the person.'"

The Bill was read the first time.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

HON. MR. POWER—I would like to ask the Minister of Justice if he proposes to introduce this year a Bill to codify the criminal law which he spoke of last session? If I remember right he went so far as to say that he would have a draft of the proposed code prepared.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I am not yet able to say absolutely whether we will or not. What we are proposing in consolidating the Statutes is to give the law as it stands. I suggested that probably during the present session we should submit to the House for consideration a Bill founded upon the criminal code which they have been endeavoring to introduce in England. Amendments in that code were necessary, and we have given some attention to them, as much as we could, amongst other measures. If we get sufficiently advanced with the Bill we intend to introduce it this session, not with a view of having it passed this year, but to have it distributed and read in order to take it up next session. I still propose to go on with that plan, not with the idea of proposing to pass such a code during the present session but with a view to going on as far as to present it to both Houses of Parliament towards the end of the session, and letting it go to the public during the vacation.

The motion was agreed to.