

April 22, 1872

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 22, 1872

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers

A number of petitions were read.

Mr. GIBBS presented the first report of the Joint Committee on Standing Accounts. It recommended that a quorum of the Committee should consist of nine members, which was carried.

Mr. HARRISON, seconded by **Mr. STREET**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate *The Mail Publishing Company*. Read a first time.

Mr. HARRISON also moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Act relating to the carrying of dangerous weapons. Read a first time.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS submitted certain statements concerning claims for losses by the rebellion in Manitoba and a statement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Mr. HARRISON introduced a Bill to extend the right of appeal in criminal cases. Read a first time.

In answer to Mr. Harrison,

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said after the proceedings of last session it was not the intention of the Government to recommend the placing of duties on flour, wheat, corn, et cetera.

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QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Hon. Mr. GRAY: Whether any arrangement has been come to between the Dominion Government and the Ontario Government, pending the investigation into the difference as to the Western bounds of Ontario, touching the mining rights, or the granting of Letters Patent in the disputed territory, whereby the development of that region can be satisfactorily carried on, and future litigation avoided?

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD who was almost inaudible, was understood to say that there had been correspondence about the

boundary line, but none about mining locations.

Hon. Mr. GRAY inquired whether any steps had been taken by the Dominion Government to determine the exact position of the boundary line at the north-west angle of the Lake of the Woods, so as to prevent future difficulties with the United States relative thereto.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD was understood to say that there would be a Joint Commission on the part of the United States and Canada to settle the boundary line to the westward.

Mr. FOURNIER: Whether it is the intention of the government to take any action to compel the Hon. Judge Joseph Noel Bossé, appointed to perform judicial functions for the Districts of Montmagny and Beauce, to comply with the order of the Government of Quebec, dated 7th April, 1869, directing him to reside at St. Thomas de Montmagny, and ordering him to establish his domicile there as soon as possible.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said the matter rested with the Local Government, and it was only in case of impeachment that the General Government could interfere. No petitions had been presented to Parliament.

Mr. GODIN: Whether it is the intention of the Government to issue regulations for the protection of fish in the inland lakes and rivers and to grant licences for fishing in these lakes and rivers under such suitable restrictions as will prevent the destruction of the fish in them, and whether permission will be granted to Canadians to exercise this branch of industry to their own profit to the exclusion of foreigners, or whether leave will be given to foreigners to engage in the business concurrently with Canadians?

Hon. Mr. TUPPER: It is the intention of the Government to issue regulations so far as Canadians are concerned, but it is not the intention to grant concurrent privileges to foreigners.

Mr. GODIN Whether it is the intention of the Government to pay the claims that have been sent in to it by hotel keepers and wagon owners, who have boarded and provided transport for the Volunteer Force, or have rendered it other services during the Fenian invasion of 1870, and whether it is the intention of the government to oblige those Officers of the Volunteer Force, in whose hands the amount of such claims may have been placed, to pay over the same immediately to the proper parties.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said that in 1870 the Government had paid all accounts presented by Commanding