

more of the contents of that speech than the hon. gentleman himself.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Well, I certainly knew nothing of it.

Resolutions agreed to.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved:

"That the said Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Hector Langevin, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Guillet and the mover, to prepare and report a draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to the Houses of Parliament, in conformity with the said Resolutions"

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, from the Committee, reported the draft of an Address, which was read the first and the second time and ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

REPORTS.

The following Reports were laid on the Table:—

Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year 1880-81.—(Sir Hector Langevin.)

Report of the State of the Militia of the Dominion for the fiscal year 1880-81.—(Mr. Caron.)

Public Accounts of Canada for the fiscal year 1880-81; also Report of the Auditor-General on Appropriation Accounts for the fiscal year 1880-81; also, Statement of payments charged to unforeseen expenses by Order in Council from 1st July, 1881, to date.—(Sir Leonard Tilley.)

Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion for the fiscal year 1880-81; also, Report, Returns, and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion for the fiscal year 1880-81; also, Eighth Report on Weights and Measures; also, Report on Adulteration of Food.—(Mr. Bowell.)

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. I am glad to see that the hon. gentlemen have followed the excellent example set by the late Administration, and I trust that the excellent example of his colleagues will not be lost on the Minister of the Interior, and that he will bring down his report a little before the last days of the Session.

Mr. ANGLIN. Having first read it.

Sir RICHARD J. CARTWRIGHT. Having first read it.

SUPPLY.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved:

"That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty."

Motion agreed to.

WAYS AND MEANS.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved:

"That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty."

Motion agreed to.

House adjourned at 6 p.m.

Mr. BLAKE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

MONDAY, 13th February, 1882.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORTS.

Mr. SPEAKER presented a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the House of Commons.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER presented the Annual Report of the Department of Railways and Canals.

CONTRACT.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER also presented the contract entered into for the construction of the aqueduct on the Welland Canal, stating that the contract was subject to the disapproval of the House.

BILL INTRODUCED.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 2) for constituting a Court of Railway Commissioners for Canada and to amend the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879.—(Mr. McCarthy.)

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. BOWELL moved that a Select Committee, comprising Messrs. Bechard, Charlton, Colby, Desjardins, McDonald (Cape Breton), Ross (Middlesex), Scriven, Stephenson and White (Cardwell), be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates during the present Session.

Motion agreed to.

MURRAY CANAL.

Mr. WHITE (East Hastings) enquired, Whether the survey of the Murray Canal has been completed, and if so, has the route been definitely defined, and whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with its construction and when?

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I may say, in answer to the hon. member, that the final location is now being determined by the Chief Engineer, when contracts will be immediately asked for and the work vigorously prosecuted.

PROMISSORY NOTES AND BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

Mr. PATTERSON (Essex) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce an Act during the present Session to repeal the "Act to impose duties on Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange?"

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The intention of the Government with respect to this subject can only be properly stated when the Budget is brought down.

SALE AND MANUFACTURE OF CANADIAN TOBACCO.

Mr. VALLÉE enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to alter the law respecting the sale and manufacture of Canadian tobacco, in such a manner as to allow farmers to sell their tobacco in the leaf, and so as to enable manufacturers of foreign tobacco to manufacture at the same time Canadian tobacco, both kinds in the same establishment? Whether it is the intention of the Government to reduce the duty of fourteen cents per pound on tobacco manufactured from Canada leaf?