

parliamentary practice for the course which he had taken. He (Hon. Mr. Tupper) approved of the motion of the hon. member for Hochelaga, although he could quite understand the motives which had induced the Hon. Minister of Militia to propose the amendment which he had moved.

Mr. O'CONNOR would vote for the amendment of the hon. member for Hochelaga.

Mr. FORTIN denied that the hon. member for Provencher had asked for a Committee, he had merely said he had no objection to have the case investigated by the Committee.

Mr. McDONALD (Antigonish) approved of the motion of the hon. member for Hochelaga.

Some misunderstanding having arisen as to the statement made by Mr. Ross, out of which the discussion arose, he was requested to repeat it, which he did.

Hon. Mr. TUPPER said it was obvious that the hon. member was mistaken as to the basis of his motion, and he hoped the hon. member would withdraw or modify it.

Hon. Mr. McDUGALL (Lanark North) refused to do so. He said he was not mistaken, and that he desired to have a record of the events placed on the journals of the House.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER hoped the hon. member for Lanark would not press his motion after the distinct denial of the hon. member for Provencher and the discussion to which the House had just listened.

Hon. Mr. McDUGALL (Lanark North) said he would consent to let this matter remain over till next session. (*Cries of "no, no," and "withdraw," from the Ministerial side of the House.*)

Mr. MACKENZIE said it would be better to adopt the suggestion of the hon. member for Lanark.

Mr. MASSON (Terrebonne) said the suggestion was unfair to the hon. member for Provencher. In fact, the whole discussion was unjust to that hon. member. After his public denial it should have been dropped. It would never do to let this unfounded charge hang over the hon. member's head till next session.

Hon. Mr. McDUGALL (Lanark North) said the hon. member entirely misunderstood him. He was willing to withdraw the motion. (*Cheers.*)

Mr. McDONALD (Middlesex West) said this matter had been used in the local elections of Ontario and had caught many a good Conservative vote. It was, no doubt, brought into this House at this late hour of the session for the purpose of making political capital out of it in like manner.

The House having refused to allow Hon. Mr. McDougall to withdraw his motion a division was called for. The amendment moved by **Hon. Mr. DORION** was first put and the vote resulted

as follows: Yeas, 94; nays, 46; and the House passed on to the next item.

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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. BAKER in the absence of Mr. Workman, moved the second reading of the Bill to incorporate this Company—motion carried, and the Bill passed through Committee and was read a third time and passed.

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DOMINION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Hon. Mr. CAMERON (Peel) moved the second reading of the Bill to incorporate this Company—motion carried, and the Bill passed through Committee and was read a third time and passed.

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BAIE VERTE CANAL SURVEY

In answer to Hon. Mr. Anglin, **Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN** said it would not be possible to have the report of the engineers on the Baie Verte Canal, as the surveys were not yet completed. As soon as the report was ready he would have it sent to the hon. members.

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RIEL

Mr. WHITE (Hastings East) asked whether the Extradition of Riel for the murder of Thomas Scott had been demanded; If not, why not? and whether any steps have been taken to bring to trial the murderers of Thomas Scott in the Province of Manitoba; and what instructions, if any, were given to Governor Archibald in reference to the bringing to trial of said murderers.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said that at the time of the murder the Dominion had no authority in the matter and could not, therefore, demand the extradition of Riel. The Extradition Act under the Ashburton Treaty did not extend to the North West, and if it had extended there, it did not include the crime of high treason, or murder in furtherance of high treason. As to the second question, the administration of criminal justice did not rest with the Dominion Government, but with the Local Government, and as to any instructions to Governor Archibald, all such instructions had been laid before the House, but no instructions could be given him on such a subject, as the matter rested with him and his responsible advisers selected under the Constitution.

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INSPECTION OF FISH

Mr. FOURNIER moved an address to His Excellency for copies of all correspondence respecting the inspection of fish.—Carried.