

country to which they were hostile, it would be impossible to expect that such a thing could be done. It could not be supposed that such an anomaly could be submitted to. He therefore hoped that his hon. friend would not embarrass the Government by pressing such a motion as the one he had brought forward, and that he would not ask the Senate Chamber to decide on such a matter, because he must feel that the overwhelming sense of the House was against him.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT felt quite sure that his hon. friend would not press his motion, because even if it were carried, it must amount to nothing. If a man left this country owing any sum, and leaving any amount of property behind, the creditor could go into the adjoining country and bring his claim. No doubt he was under a disadvantage by having to go to a foreign country, but still he had the same facilities for the recovery of his money as he would have even if the motion of the hon. gentleman was passed. Under all the circumstances, he hoped that the motion would be withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER, after explaining that it was in no spirit to embarrass the Government that he brought this matter forward, but merely from the fact that a person charged with an embezzlement even to a small amount, could be extradited, he thought that the law of extradition should be extended so as to include what was often a far more criminal act against society than the embezzlement of a small sum of money. He agreed to withdraw his motion.

Hon. Mr. ODELL, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Botsford, who had given notice: "That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a return shewing the amount expended upon the south east pier of the Intercolonial Railway bridge over the Tantamar River, specifying whether or not tenders were advertised for the work, and if not, whether any public notice was given to invite competition for such repairs as were contemplated, stating the nature and necessity of such repairs and under whose superintendence the work was done," asked that the motion be postponed, and the request was complied with.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT, in accordance with previous notice, asked whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government relative to the disallowance of the Act for the examination

of witnesses on oath before Committees of Parliament, and if not, whether the Government intend to take any action in this matter?

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said in reply, that some correspondence did take place with the late Government, but he was not prepared to say what action the present Government would take in the matter.

Hon. Mr. McCLELLAN (Hopewell) asked—Is it the intention of the Executive Government to submit during the present session a measure for enforcing pre-payment of postage on all letters.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST replied that the Government had the question under consideration. It was a subject that deserved great study, and that was being bestowed upon it.

Hon. Mr. ODELL moved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a return shewing the date of sailing of each of the Allan steam packet ships, under contract for carrying the English mails, on their western voyages to and from Liverpool, Great Britain, and the dates of their arrival at that port and Halifax, Quebec, and Portland, Maine, during the year 1873, specifying also the time occupied by such ships in each voyage.

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. RYAN, and it was ordered on its adoption, that the address be presented by members of the Privy Council to His Excellency.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the advertisement for the Winter steamer to Prince Edward Island, as well as a copy of all tenders for said service.

The same order was made in this case, but the question was postponed for a week.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER introduced a bill against the adulteration of food, drink and drugs, and moved the second reading for Monday next.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL moved the suspension of the 28th rule of the Senate, in order to the formation of a joint committee with a Committee of the House of Commons, and after some discussion the motion was agreed to.

The House then adjourned on the motion of Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just.