

run the risk of legislating 40 years ahead. He did not apprehend any difficulty in obtaining capital from one source or another; and he thought that the imposition of an export duty would be regarded as a breach of faith.

Mr. CHURCHILL thought it unwise to extend the leases as proposed. The bill would give large privileges to the General Mining Association without doing justice to the country.

Hon. PRO. SEC. expressed surprise that gentlemen from the western counties should oppose a measure so necessary to enable the treasury to meet demands which would be made upon it in the extension of the public works.

Mr. TOBIN referred to the memorials which had been presented in connection with this subject. He said that there were fourteen companies not raising a ship load of coal, and they only required the assurances which the bill would give them.

Mr. S. CAMPBELL said that in committee he had opposed the extension of the leases. He did not wish to see the agitation in reference to the mining monopolies renewed. He thought that many of the companies referred to had been formed merely for purposes of speculation; but for bona fide companies he believed that there was an abundance of capital in the neighboring country.

Hon. ATTY. GENL. and Mr. BOURINOT defended the companies against the imputation just made, and referred to the difficulties which had to be encountered in mining enterprises.

Mr. ALLISON withdrew his amendment.—Mr. BLANCHARD'S amendment passed 23 to 21.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. BLACKWOOD asked the government to lay on the table correspondence between Capt. Chearnley and Sir R. G. McDonnell concerning charges of unsoldierlike conduct against the former.

Mr. ALLISON moved the appointment of a Committee to divide the road grant for Queen's County as the members could not agree upon the division. The motion passed. Committee: Messrs. Bill, Lawrence and Donald Fraser.

Mr. TOBIN presented a petition from the merchants and citizens of Halifax asking that mortgages be exempted from city taxation.

Mr. LONGLEY introduced a bill to lay off land for a public landing at Paradise.

Dr. BROWN asked whether the government were in possession of any correspondence relating to the western extension of the Railway.

Hon. PRO. SEC. replied that the contractors had informed the government that they would be prepared to undertake to work immediately on receiving a certified copy of the act of incorporation.

Mr. MOORE introduced a bill to incorporate Crys'al Fount Lodge of Good Templars.

Mr. S. McDONNELL introduced a bill, as a partial Report from the Fishery Committee, to amend the act relating to River fisheries. The House adjourned.

SATURDAY, 28th April.

BILLS

The house met at 10 o'clock, and resolved itself into Committee on Bills, passing the bill

relative to the sittings of the Supreme Court in Cape Breton, the bill to assess the inhabitants of the town plot of Dartmouth; the bill relative to the establishment of a quarantine station at the port of Halifax, and two bills concerning the city of Halifax.

In the bill relative to the extension of Mining Leases the provision for the exaction of a fine from the Companies was struck out. The bill then passed,—also the bill to provide for the appointment of a Judge of Probate and Registrar of Deeds for the district of Barrington; the bill to amend the law relating to harbours and harbour Masters, and the bill relative to the partition of lands. The Committee adjourned.

Hon. ATTY. GEN. introduced a bill to enable St. Francis Xaviers' College to confer degrees.

MONDAY, April 30.

House met at 3 o'clock, P. M.

A bill to appoint a Registrar of Probate and of Deeds in the District of Barrington, was objected to by Mr. PRYOR and other gentlemen, on the ground that the principle was dangerous. Other districts might come in and demand the same right. On the other hand it was argued that the bill was rendered necessary by the peculiar situation of Barrington. On a division the bill was sustained by 13 or 33.

Mr. S. McDONNELL reported from the Committee on Fisheries.

Hon. PROV. SECRETARY moved the following resolution, which passed unanimously:

"Resolved, That His Excellency be authorized to advance a sum not exceeding, on the whole, \$5,000, to aid in the erection of a Quarantine Hospital at the principal outports of the Province, on being shown that such expenditure will tend to preserve the public health, and prevent the spread of a contagious or infectious disease, and that an equal sum has been provided by the County in which the outport seeking such outlay is situated."

The hon. gentleman then laid on the table copies of despatches relative to the fisheries; also, a copy of an address by members of both branches of the Legislature to the Queen, on the subject of Confederation, with a Minute of the Executive Council in answer thereto.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL introduced the following bills, which were also read a second time by common consent:

To alter and amend the Act for Incorporating the Mutual Bank.

An addition to the act for facilitating the settlement of titles in Cape Breton.

To compel the payment of balances due on applications for Crown Lands.

To provide against the introduction of diseased cattle.

To provide for the seizure of arms and munitions of war.

To amend Chapter 25, Rev. Stat., "Mines and Minerals."

To enforce the taking of the Oath of Allegiance.

Mr. TOBIN—a bill to establish a Merchants' Shipping Office in Halifax.

Hon. Mr. SHANNON—to appoint a Harbor Master in the city. The hon. gentleman sub-