

of the Committee, or by some other authority, in order to see whether the Rules of the House have been complied with. In this the hon. gentleman is right; it would simplify greatly the work of the Committee; and a party presenting a Bill, finding that it was not in accordance with the Rules of the House, could alter it, or have to withdraw it. The question arises: that all this could be done by the Rule which the hon. gentleman has read, if enforced strictly. If Bills were deposited eight days previous to the meeting of Parliament, there would be plenty of time, probably a fortnight and more, for the Bills to be examined by the proper authority—either the law officers of the House, or the Secretary of the Committee, or, perhaps, by some other Committee, such as the Standing Committee on Standing Orders. We have a Committee especially for that purpose, to see whether the notice was given in the newspapers, and in the *Official Gazette*, within the necessary time, &c., and the same Committee, perhaps, might report also on these Bills, if it were thought proper that the Committee should so report; or, as the hon. gentleman suggests, either the law officers, if they have the time, or the secretaries of the different Committees—perhaps, all the secretaries together—could do this work. I agree that something might be done in this direction, but it all depends on the strictness with which the Rule about the eight days is complied with. If we relax the Rule, as we are always disposed on both sides of the House to do, of course we must suffer for it; but that would not prevent, I think, some mode being adopted, at all events, to secure the revision and examination of the Bills before they are submitted to the different Committees.

Motion agreed to.

MASTERS AND MATES BILL.

Mr. McLELAN moved the third reading of Bill (No. 89) respecting certificates to masters and mates of inland and coasting ships.

Mr. LANDRY. Was any change made in the fees for certificates?

Mr. McLELAN. The \$4 fee was reduced to \$2.

Bill read the third time, and passed.

PIG IRON BOUNTY.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole on the resolution to provide that a bounty be paid on all pig iron manufactured in Canada from Canadian ore be received.

Motion agreed to; and resolution concurred in.

SUPPLY.

House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

1. Charges of Management.....\$172,140.87

Mr. BLAKE. I notice that there are increases under the head of Winnipeg board allowance, and other increases at Victoria, Charlottetown, and an increase of \$2,000 in salaries of savings bank agents, and establishment of new offices.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The business at Winnipeg has increased so largely that we required another clerk, for which we ask \$900 salary. Then, again, the officers there have represented to us that, owing to the cost of living in Winnipeg they should have a general increase of salaries. It is the opinion of the Government, while we are prepared to admit that the cost of living is higher in Winnipeg than almost any other place at the present moment, that it would

not be advisable to make a permanent increase in salaries, because it is supposed that in a year or two, when that country will have a surplus production, the cost of living will not be any more there than at Ottawa. It was, therefore, thought proper to give a certain board allowance, while the expense of living continues as at present. At Victoria, there is an increase to one or two of the employés to the extent of \$200. At Charlottetown, there is an increase of \$200 to one of the employés. With regard to the salaries of savings bank agents, as the hon. gentleman understands, we now pay these agents in proportion to the deposits. The smallest sum paid is \$200 a year. If the deposits reach \$120,000, they receive \$300, and when they reach from \$200,000 to \$400,000, they receive the maximum of \$400. Under that arrangement as the deposits increase in the different savings banks, the agents are entitled to an increase of \$50 or \$100 as the case may be. Then there are numerous applications for the establishment of savings banks in different places, and these are now under consideration. A vote is now being taken for the establishment of three or four additional offices, if it is found necessary to establish these additional offices. Some of the applications are from Sydney mines, and other places in Nova Scotia where mining operations are increasing; one or two from Prince Edward Island, and two from New Brunswick.

Mr. BLAKE. With reference to the board allowance at Winnipeg, what is the principle upon which the allowance is made?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. For example, a clerk who has \$800 or \$900 a year is to get \$20 a month extra, and other salaries in proportion.

2. The Governor-General Secretary's Office.....\$9,730.00

Mr. BLAKE. There is a reduction here.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Yes; an indication of our anxiety to retrench, which I have no doubt will be very gratifying to the hon. gentleman.

Mr. BLAKE. I suppose it is occasioned by the vacation of a senior officer, and the appointment of a new one at the minimum salary of a chief clerk.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. Part of it is—\$600, I think.

Mr. BLAKE. I see a first-class clerk has been reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,450.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It resulted in part from the fact that when the late deputy-head of the Department was superannuated we did not bring in an additional man. Col. Stewart, who was appointed at \$2,000 a year, had \$2,150 at the time of his death, and it is provided that his successor shall have \$1,800. We also took in a younger man:

3. Office of the Privy Council for Canada.....\$17,755.00

Mr. BLAKE. That is a contrast; there is an increase here.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. There is an accountant and draughtsman, making \$1,100, and the remainder is mainly for increases to the different employés. There will be four second-class clerks, one additional third-class clerk, and one accountant and draughtsman.

Mr. ROSS (Middlesex). Will the hon. gentleman explain why three additional clerks are added to that Department. The increase in salaries are very considerable, as well as the increase in the number of the clerks.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It was found necessary that we should have a man who is competent as a draughtsman.

Mr. MACKENZIE. What is meant by a draughtsman?

Mr. BLAKE. I suppose the fact of the matter is, that because the office has no head it wants more tails.