

Mr. Ferguson was sorry for the sake of the member who spoke last that he was not in a position to do much damage in that direction. He repudiated the honourable gentleman as a roving bachelor. (Laughter). For his (Mr. Ferguson's) part, he hoped the suggestion of the leader of the Government would be adopted.

The amendment and report were withdrawn.

VERCHÈRES ELECTION

Mr. John Crawford presented the final report of the Verchères Election Committee, finding—1st. That F. Geoffrion, Esq., sitting member, has been duly elected; 2nd. That the petition against him was frivolous and vexatious. The first resolution was adopted by yeas Messrs. Bodwell, Drew, Coupal and Crawford; nay Mr. Brousseau. The second by yeas Messrs. Bodwell, Drew, Coupal; nays Messrs. Brousseau and Crawford.

CANADA WEST FARMERS' INSURANCE COMPANY

Mr. Rymal moved that the 60th rule, requiring a Bill to hang ten days in the lobby be suspended with reference to the Bill respecting the Canada West Farmers' Insurance Company. Carried.

CANADA VINE GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Mr. O'Connor introduced a Bill respecting the Canada Vine Growers' Association, and moved the suspension of the 60th rule with reference thereto. Carried.

STRATFORD BOARD OF TRADE

Mr. Redford introduced a Bill to incorporate the Stratford Board of Trade, and moved the suspension of the 60th rule with reference thereto. Carried.

CANADA SHIPPING COMPANY

On motion of Mr. Workman, the Bill to incorporate the Canada Shipping Company was read a third time and passed.

BANK OF AGRICULTURE

On motion of Mr. White, the Bill to incorporate the Bank of Agriculture was read a third time and passed.

MERCHANTS' EXPRESS CO. OF CANADA

On motion of Mr. Morrison, the Bill to incorporate the Merchants' Express Company

of the Dominion of Canada was considered in Committee, and having been reported was read a third time and passed.

SUNDAY LABOUR

In reply to Mr. Morris,

Hon. Mr. Rose stated it was the intention of Government to discourage as far as practicable Sunday labour on the Carillon and Grenville Canal, and all other Canals.

POINT IROQUOIS CANAL DRAINAGE

Mr. Ault, in the absence of Mr. J. S. Ross, inquired whether it is the intention of the Government to complete proper and efficient drainage on the north side of Point Iroquois Canal embankment.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said this subject had come under the notice of the department, and an engineer had been instructed to take steps for doing what might be found to be necessary.

DREDGING OPERATIONS

Mr. Stephenson moved for returns of money expended under the appropriations made by the Parliament of Canada in 1861 for dredging operations, etc.—Carried.

After recess,

PRINTING COMMITTEE'S 13TH REPORT

Mr. Mackenzie moved the adoption of the sub-report annexed to the thirteenth report of the Printing Committee, as amended and adopted in the Senate. He explained that, as adopted in the Senate, the report left Mr. Hartney, the Clerk of the Committee, on the \$100 allowed him specially by Committee, the 12½ per cent which was deducted from the rest of his salary. The object of his motion was to make the action of the two Houses uniform, the difference being only \$127.50.

After the question had been debated upwards of an hour and a half, and over twenty members had spoken, the House divided. Motion lost—yeas, 51; nays, 72.

THE CASE OF W. WESTON

Mr. Chamberlin moved an address for a report of Mr. Dowe or any other officer in the Post Office Department upon the case of W. Weston.