

# House of Commons Debates

FOURTH SESSION—SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 28th May, 1894.

The **SPEAKER** took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

**THÉOTIME BLANCHARD**, Esquire, member for the Electoral District of Gloucester, N.B., introduced by Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Costigan.

THIRD READING.

Bill (No. 77) to incorporate the Dominion Gas and Electric Company.—(Mr. Boyd.)

IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READING.

Bill (No. 66) to empower the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company to issue debentures, and for other purposes.—(Mr. Lowell.)

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 109) for the relief of Joshua Nicholas Filman.—(Mr. McKay.)

Bill (No. 114) to incorporate the Colonial Mutual Life Association.—(Mr. McKay.)

GOVERNMENT COAL AT SOREL.

Mr. **BRUNEAU** asked, Who is authorized, under the Department of Public Works, at Sorel, to lend or sell coal belonging to the

Government? Have the Government been informed, and if so, in what manner, that coal has been so lent or sold to a merchant of Sorel? Has the coal been paid for or returned? What is the quantity so lent or sold?

Mr. **HAGGART**. In the absence of the Minister of Public Works, I have to say that no coal has ever been loaned or sold to coal merchants at Sorel by any officer in charge there or any other person.

FISHERY OVERSEER FOR VERCHERES.

Mr. **BRUNEAU** asked, Whether a petition, signed by many inhabitants of the parish of Contrecoeur, was not forwarded to the Government recommending the appointment of Mr. Cléophas Giguère, of the said parish, as fishery overseer for the county of Verchères? If so, when was the said petition transmitted to the Government? Who has been appointed to fill that position? What is the date of the appointment? Does the person so appointed reside within the limits of the territory placed under his supervision?

Sir **CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER**. A petition purporting to be signed by residents of Contrecoeur, recommending the appointment of Mr. Cléophas Giguère as fishery overseer for the county of Verchères, was received at the Department of Marine and Fisheries on the 3rd December, 1892. Mr. Gédéon Magnan was appointed to fill the position on the 16th of February, 1893. He resides within the limits of his division. I may add that a second petition urging the appointment of Mr. Giguère was transmitted on the 2nd March, 1893.