

The Committee would also recommend that the salary of Mr. *Botterell*, the Distributor, be increased by an addition of \$100.00, such increase to date from and commence on the 1st July, 1882.

On motion of Mr. *White* (Cardwell), the said Eighth Report, *was concurred in.*

Sir *Charles Tupper* laid before The House,—*Report of J. Page, Esq., Chief Engineer*, on the *Rapide Plat Canal*, suggesting that the appropriation of \$40,000 should be applied to the construction of a lock which would be serviceable as part of the general scheme for Enlargement—in place of a Weir, which would eventually have been done away with,—and submitting that the cost of the *New Lock and Channels* could be completed for \$200,000.

The Bill No. 137 for authorizing *Subsidies* for the construction of the lines of *Railway* therein mentioned, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, considered as amended, and agreed to.

And the question being put, that the Bill be now read a third time;

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment thereto, that the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, to amend the same by providing that in Order to secure as far as may be the continued operation of the Railways towards which it is proposed to grant subsidies for the purpose of supplying them with *Steel Rails*, it shall not be lawful to remove the *Rails* from any of such *Railways*, save for the purpose of replacing them with the other *Rails* as occasion may require;—which was negatived on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a certain proposed Resolution, respecting an advance to the *St. John Bridge and Railway extension Company*, of \$500,000.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to advance to the *St. John Bridge and Railway extension Company* from time to time as the work of constructing the undertaking of the Company progresses, as certified by the Chief Engineer of Government Railways, sums of money by way of loan not exceeding eighty per cent. of the amount expended for such construction, and not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$500,000, such loan to be subject to the following conditions: The Company to pay interest annually on the amounts advanced at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum and to execute a deed of mortgage to the Crown constituting the loan hereby authorized a first charge upon the undertaking; the Company to be entitled to pay off the loan with interest at any time within fifteen years from the making of the first advance; the Governor in Council to have power within five years from the same date to assume possession of the undertaking, on payment including advances already made and interest thereon, of the sum expended, and ten per cent. in addition thereto; and also to assume such possession in the event of the Company failing to carry out the undertaking as provided by their charter, on payment to the Company of the difference between the amount advanced and interest and eighty per cent. of the outlay on the works when the same are so assumed by the Governor in Council.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, read a second time, and agreed to.