

called the constant active part taken by the Hon. Mr. Vankoughnet in private bill legislation, when leader of the Government in the old Legislative Council of Canada. For a long time he differed with his colleague, Hon. Mr. Ross, on the point, and two or three times a session the House would hear strong opinions volunteered against private bills by Mr. Vankoughnet; not respecting private interests involved, but the effect on the public interest; and different opinions would come from Mr. Ross. This precedent, too, was worth something. Last session there was repeated Ministerial interference with private bill legislation, and usefully and properly; also with a view to the general advantage. The authority of Peel should not outweigh his own practical experience of the usefulness of this interference on certain occasions.

Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE did not object to Ministers having and expressing an opinion as to certain kinds of legislation, on principle, but to their exceptional action in special cases. The other day the hon. Postmaster General went very far indeed, namely, attacking the names of certain corporators, and exerting the influence of the Government in a special case, which was incorrect and unfair.

After some further discussion the matter dropped.

The Hon. ALEXANDRE RENE C. DE LERY, the Senator for Lauzon, was introduced by Hon. Messrs. Campbell and Panet, and after subscribing to the usual oath, was escorted to his seat on the Ministerial side of the House.

Hon. Mr. REESESOR submitted the report of the Joint Committee on Printing, on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Hon. Mr. RYAN, the Bill to Incorporate the Canada Investment and Guarantee Agency was read a third time, as amended.

The Act to empower the Montreal Northern Colonization Railway to extend its line to the terminus of the Canada Pacific, was reported from committee, with amendments. Hon. Mr. RYAN moved concurrence in them and that the bill be read a third time. Carried.

Hon. Mr. RYAN moved the third reading of the bill to incorporate the Merchants' Warehousing Company.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. REESESOR moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. DE LERY, that the report of the Joint Committee on Printing be taken into consideration to-morrow.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON gave notice of certain resolutions respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Goldsmiths' Bill having been re-

ported from committee, with amendments, Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST moved concurrence therein.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD, of B. C., asked that the amendments be read.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said the title of the bill would, according to the Postmaster General's desire, be changed—hereafter to stand—the Jewellers' Manufacturing Co. of Canada; and, instead of 'buying and selling' he would substitute the word 'dealing,' in one of the early clauses; and in the second clause the bill would read, instead of the company may purchase such goods, the company may purchase machinery. No manufacturing company could carry on business without a right to trade, to purchase material and machinery and then sell its own wares.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Instead of moving concurrence in the amendments, you should move the bill be referred to Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST, assenting, moved accordingly. Carried.

The Bill having been reported amended, was read a third time, on motion of Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST.

Hon. Mr. CHINIC moved the third reading of the Bill to grant additional powers to the Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship Company. Carried.

DECK LOADS' BILL.

On the order for Committee of the Whole, Deck Loads' Regulation Bill—Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL,

Hon. Mr. WARK argued it was an extraordinary anomaly of the Bill to impose restrictions as to deck loads on vessels sailing from Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy to the West Indies, while permitting vessels from Montreal and Quebec to go to South America, a longer and more perilous voyage, with any deck load they liked. He thought, in justice to the Maritime Provinces, that clause ought to be struck out, which he would move.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT said while he entirely agreed with the principle of the Bill, in the interest of life and property, he thought the clause relating to the trade with the West Indies required amendment. He quoted the opinion of the St. John Board of Trade, in opposition to this proposed deck load legislation, till our rivals the Americans enacted a similar law. Otherwise they would carry off the trade from the British Provinces. He believed this a correct view, and that very little would transfer the valuable trade between St. John and the West Indies to the Americans. If it was necessary to give latitude to British Colum-