

to restrict their modes of lending.—(Mr. McDonald, Pictou.)

House adjourned at
Ten minutes after
Two o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 21st April, 1880.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

PICTOU HARBOUR ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

(Mr. Pope, Queen's, P.E.I.)

FIRST READING.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.), in moving the first reading of the Bill (No. 106) To amend an Act respecting the Harbour of Pictou, in Nova Scotia, said: The Bill is intended to give power to the three Harbour Commissioners to manage the business of the harbour. Under the present Act the Government have appointed Commissioners, and this Bill proposes to authorise them to appoint a Harbour Master as is done by the Harbour Commissioners at Montreal, Quebec, Sydney and other ports.

Bill read the first time.

REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN NAVIGABLE WATERS BILL.

(Mr. Pope, Queen's, P.E.I.)

FIRST READING.

MR. POPE (Queen's, P.E.I.), in moving the first reading of the Bill (No. 107) To amend the law respecting the removal of obstructions in navigable waters by wrecks, said: The Department of Marine and Fisheries is continually receiving complaints of wrecked vessels and other obstructions impeding navigation. It is the practice of many parties to put those wrecks on the banks of rivers and on the coasts, and leave them there, so that they are carried away by high tides and sunk in channels and other places where they become an obstruction to navigation. The Department is often called on to remove these obstructions; and we merely ask by this Bill for power to make the parties blameable for those obstructions, responsible to us for the cost of their removal.

Bill read the first time.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

QUESTION.

MR. BUNSTER: I would like to ask the Premier, after his great success last night, on the motion respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, whether he will commence its construction in British Columbia this season?

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: I think the hon. gentleman ought to have given notice of his question. However, I may say that the matter is under my serious consideration.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAY STATIONS.

QUESTION.

MR. DUMONT enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to construct railway stations in the parishes of St. André, Ste. Hélène and St. Denis, in order to meet the requirements of traffic in those several localities.

MR. LANGEVIN: In the absence of the hon. the Minister of Railways, I may inform the hon. gentleman that the subject is under the consideration of the Government.

COST OF MARINE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

QUESTION.

MR. HOUDE enquired, What was the expenditure incurred for the publication of the Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the years 1877 and 1878, respectively? What amount of saving, if any, has the Government effected in the publication of the Report for 1879.

MR. POPE (Queen's P.E.I.): The Accountant of the House of Commons reports that the amount of expenditure incurred between the 1st July, 1876, and 30th June, 1877, for publishing the Report of this Department, with the supplements, was \$13,597.82. In that year no list of shipping was published, but the Meteorological Report, and the Lists of Lights were published as supplements to the Report, along with other supplements, and they are now published separate from the Report; the Meteorological Report being charged to the vote for Meteorological purposes, and the List of Lights being now charged to the Department. The amount expended by the Accountant of the House of Commons, from the 1st July, 1877, to 30th June, 1878, was