

looked for. It accumulated, no doubt, in some of the bays, but was always carried off scattered and sent to sea by the spring freshets. The mill owners on the Chaudiere were as much interested as any person in Belleville or elsewhere could be in the protection of the Ottawa. The consumption of sawdust at the Chaudiere mills would not be possible, at present, without great loss to their owners, already pressed for space. Fires in adjacent property and threatening the city also, might be the result of burning sawdust without sufficient space and proper appliances.

After some further discussion, in which Hon. Messrs. MACPHERSON, FLINT and SKEAD participated.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT described the injury New Brunswick rivers had sustained from sawdust, in their partial filling up and otherwise, including the poisoning of the fish. The Province was obliged to legislate in a manner to compel the mill owners to burn their sawdust, which became useful as fuel. He hoped the Bill's indulgence in the matter of sawdust would not be extended to New Brunswick, which had already suffered too much from this nuisance.

The Bill was read a second time.

#### SECOND READINGS.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD moved the second reading of the Maritime Railway Equipment Company Bill.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL called attention to the 6th clause of the Bill, with respect to the rank the securities granted by the Company should hold, and how far they should form a lien upon the property, and as to the rights of priority. The Private Bills Committee should carefully scrutinize any such clauses of Bills affecting the registry laws of the different Provinces and their legislative rights in such matters. Our action here might produce confusion in the titles to real estate and in regard to legislation.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD said the remarks of the hon. Postmaster General were quite correct. The Private Bills Committee ought to consider them.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the Pictou Harbor Bill, N. S., Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL explained its provisions. Their design was to place this port in the same position as others as regards harbor commissioners, a harbor master and the levying of tonnage dues.

Hon. Mr. WARK urged the importance of having harbour authorities acquainted with the proper positions for lights and buoys, upon which the safety of the ship-

ping largely depended. Commissioners should be appointed for Richibucto also. He would like time to consult with the member for this place in another House.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL promised the hon gentleman should have every opportunity, and that he would consult the Minister of Marine as to the suggestion made.

Hon Mr. ARCHIBALD stated the hon. Minister of Marine said other harbours could have the benefits of this bill on application; Sydney was mentioned as an instance.

Bill read a second time.

On the order for the King's County Board of Trade Incorporation Bill—Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY objected to the continuance of this kind of legislation. Our statute book was becoming encumbered with Incorporation Acts of a local character, which should be passed by Provincial legislatures. At the early part of the next session it would be well to lay down some general rule or start on some principle that we might have something to guide us in regard to these measures.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE supported the preceding views, saying however, the rule ought to be introduced at the end of a session, so as to give fair warning, and make a beginning in good time. We had been too much occupied with bills of a local character.

Hon. Mr. DICKSON said these remarks did not apply to the present bill. It was difficult to know where the line was to be drawn. Therefore it would have to be defined by Act of Parliament what was proper for us to consider under the British North America Act.

After remarks by Hon. Messrs. BOTSFORD and FERRIER, Hon. Mr. DICKEY said he could not act as suggested, at the end of this session, as he would not be here. But a line had to be drawn somewhere, and the beginning of next session would probably be a very good time. Motion carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved second reading of the Intercolonial Railway Construction Law Amendment Bill, to warrant a change of gauge to four feet eight and a-half inches. Carried.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS moved second reading of the Superannuation Act Amendment Bill, which he explained was to reduce, by one-half, the deductions from the salaries of the civil servants. Carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved second reading of the Bill respecting facilities for the transmission of timber down streams. Carried.