

Hon. Mr. WARK urged the claims of these settlers to favorable consideration.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill with certain amendments. Report was adopted and the Bill ordered to be printed, as amended, before the third reading.

The House then adjourned.

MONDAY, 20th May, 1872.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock p.m.

RAILWAY BILL.

Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, from Committee on Banking, Railways, and Commerce, reported Bill respecting G. T. R. and International Bridge Companies, without amendment.

PETITIONS.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN, from Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reported favorably on petitions of Manitoba Insurance Co.; Manitoba Bank; Ontario Shipping Forwarding Co.; Anchor Marine Insurance Co. They also reported that petitions of W. Ford Jones of Gananoque and others, and Dominion Trust Co. refer to provincial objects.

CIVIL ACTIONS IN BEAUCE AND MONTMAGNY.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU moved:—That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a tabular or other statement showing:

1st. The number of actions, oppositions or other proceedings of an appealable nature, in which contestations took place, and hearings on the merits were had in the District of Montmagny, from the first January, 1868, to the first January last; the number of such causes in which judgment has been rendered; how many of them have been carried before the Court of Revision or the Court of Appeals; how many of such judgments have been confirmed; how many reversed, and how many are still undetermined in Revision or in Appeal.

2nd. The number of actions, oppositions or other proceedings of an appealable nature in which contestations took place and hearing on the merits were had in the District of Beauce, from the first of January, 1868, to the first of January last; the number of such causes in which judgment has been rendered; how many of them have been carried before the Court of Revision or the Court of Appeal; how

many of such judgments have been confirmed; how many reversed, and how many are still pending undetermined in Revision or in Appeal.

3rd. The distance between Montmagny, St. Michel and St. Jean respectively, and the City of Quebec, and the mode of communication between those places and the City of Quebec and Montmagny, respectively.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said that a good deal of the information asked for was not in the control of the Dominion Government but was to be obtained by reference to the local administration.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS IN N.B.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD asked whether it was the intention of the Government to equalize the Electoral Districts, for the election of Members to the Commons in New Brunswick, and how it proposes to apportion the additional Members to which that Province is entitled. He called attention to the inequality of the electoral divisions in New Brunswick as respects the election of members for the Commons. For the last five years evident injustice had been done to large and populous districts. For instance, Westmoreland, with a population of 30,000, had only one representative, whilst three others, with only 23,000 souls, had one each. Restigouche, Sunbury, Albert and Victoria with 34,700 had four representatives. He mentioned some other facts in corroboration of his assertion at the commencement of his remarks, and urged the necessity of remedying the injustice that had been done under the temporary Act now in operation.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL replied that he was glad that the hon. member had called attention to a question of so much importance, and that he could only say for the present that the Government had gathered all the facts they could in relation to the subject, and would soon be able to state the conclusions to which they had come.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU asked—

1st. Whether the Government will, during the present Session, appoint a *Puisné* Judge of the Superior Court at Montreal, conformably with the Act of the Legislature of Quebec, passed at its last Session?

2nd. Whether to that end, resolutions will be introduced during the present Session, providing for the payment of the salary of such sixth Judge, or whether a