

March 8, 1871

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 8, 1871

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3.20 p.m.

Prayers

Several petitions were presented.

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NEW BILLS

Mr. YOUNG introduced a Bill to incorporate the Dominion Life Association.

Mr. CRAWFORD called attention to the fact that there was a company in existence with almost the same title.

Mr. YOUNG thought it would be found that the title of the company he wished to incorporate was different from that of any now in existence.

Mr. BEATY introduced a Bill to incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.

Mr. POPE asked for leave to introduce an Act to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make agreements for the leasing, using and working of the lines of other companies in connection with their own.

The Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN presented a return of the distribution of the Statutes of 1870.

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LACHINE CANAL BRIDGE

Hon. Mr. HOLTON asked the Minister of Public Works whether the papers relating to the construction of the bridge over the Lachine Canal would soon be brought down.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN replied in the affirmative.

MONTREAL POST OFFICE

Mr. WORKMAN in the absence of Mr. Ryan, asked whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the Estimates this year an appropriation for the erection of a suitable building for a Post Office in Montreal.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS said that the Postmaster General was perfectly aware that it was very desirable to have a new Post Office erected in Montreal. He had been for some time negotiating for a site, but had not yet been able to obtain a suitable one on terms that he considered reasonable. He was still engaged in looking for it very carefully, and was very anxious to secure a suitable site.

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EASTERN AND NORTH AMERICAN RAILWAY

Mr. WALLACE asked whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for a greater supply of rolling stock on the Eastern & North American Railway, so much needed to accommodate the rapidly increasing traffic on the road.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said, the Government asked for a vote on the estimates to provide rolling stock for the Intercolonial Railway. The cause of the pressure on the Eastern & Northern Railway at present was that a large portion of their rolling stock was required on the Intercolonial, and the moment this fresh stock was supplied the pressure would no longer be felt.

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COMMUNICATION WITH MANITOBA

Mr. BOWN asked whether any and what arrangements have been effected for the conveying of Immigrants *via* the Canadian route from Fort William to Fort Garry, during the next season of navigation, and if so, why the same has not been announced.

Hon. Mr. LANGEVIN said the Government had made arrangements for the conveyance of immigrants from Toronto to Fort Garry. The charge from Toronto to Fort William would be \$5 each, children under 12 years half price. Each immigrant would be allowed 150 pounds of personal baggage which would be conveyed free. Extra baggage would be charged at the rate of thirty-five cents per 100 pounds. Horses, cattle, farming implements, &c., would be conveyed at the rate of 35 per cent under tariff charges. From Fort