

amendments be concurred in, and the bill read a third time. Carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. AIKINS, the Weights and Measures Bill, reported from Committee, was read a third time.

Hon. Mr. ODELL submitted the report of the Joint Committee on the Library, and explained its principal features, including a recommendation of the collection of manuscripts and documents bearing upon early Canadian history, and the increase of the pay of officers of the library. The hon. gentleman said if the report was adopted he would move that its recommendations be approved, in reference to the increase of salaries therein mentioned.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL suggested a different form of motion, embracing a schedule containing the recommendations in detail, as the statute required. He thought no objection would be taken to the substance of the motion.

Hon. Mr. ODELL said a similar report had been adopted in the Commons, without question.

In accordance with the Postmaster-General's suggestion, the motion was left over for the preparation of a schedule in the desired form.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the Procedure in Criminal Cases Law Amendment Bill was referred to Committee of the Whole, reported and read a third time.

Hon. Mr. FERRIER moved the second reading of the Lachine Hydraulic Works Company Bill. He said the corporators were owners of real estate along the Rapids whose immense water power they designed to utilize for manufacturing purposes. He thought this a desirable object. These parties now wanted to do what they had opposed private parties doing for the last five or six years; being owners of the land they thought themselves best entitled to the profits of such an enterprise. If carried out he had no doubt in twenty years a city would have sprung up in the vicinity of this enormous water power.

Hon. Mr. RYAN desired that a petition against this Bill from one of the owners of the real estate mentioned, should be referred to the committee with the Bill. This proprietor opposed the scheme on public as well as private grounds.

Hon. Mr. FERRIER moved that all petitions against the Bill be referred to the Committee. Carried.

Hon. Mr. RYAN moved the second reading of the Merchants' Warehousing Company Bill—Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, of Kingston—Carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the Railways Act Amendment Bill. He explained it was intended to empower companies to build snow fences during the winter and remove them in spring, and side lines or branches, not exceeding six miles in length, with certain restrictions as to notice that should previously be given. Carried.

In the absence of Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR, Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON moved the consideration of the third report of the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts. He said it required little explanation. He thought the schedule submitted would meet with the same measure of approval in the House it received in the committee. The sub-committee to whom it was referred were unanimous in reporting this schedule to the General Committee, which were also unanimous in adopting it.

Hon. Mr. CHAUVEAU made certain suggestions with respect to some of the official staff, upon which a conversational discussion arose.

At length, as it appeared the general opinion that the committee had fairly considered all claims, the motion for adoption was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. RYAN moved the second reading of the Canada Investment and Guarantee Agency Bill. Carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, the House then adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 16, 1873.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

THE COPYRIGHT QUESTION.

Hon. Mr. RYAN said—I should perhaps apologize to the House for having delayed so long the motion which stands on the paper in my name. In explanation of the delay, I may state that it was hoped that before this, some satisfactory despatch on the subject of the Copyright Bill, which was sent home last year to the Imperial authorities, would have been received. I don't know whether any such has come to hand, but I am afraid that no information on this matter has reached this country. As my remarks will be somewhat qualified by the answer to an enquiry on the subjects which I shall put, I wish the Hon. Postmaster General to state whether anything has been received from England on the subject of copyright.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Nothing.

Hon. Mr. RYAN—I regret exceedingly, and I think the House will also, when I