

ing stone, and they exported to Chicago some 600 tons of the same stone by rail over the Intercolonial and Grand Trunk railways, and the parties who are interested in those quarries state that the price they got remunerated them for transporting the stone even that distance by rail. It arises from the fact that it is very superior stone, and in fact is superceding that from the celebrated Connecticut quarries. The stockholders of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island road have been informed by the owners of the quarries that they intend to carry on that industry very extensively, provided they can get railway facilities to transport it to the United States. The New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Railway is chartered by the Local Legislature, but inasmuch as it connects with the Intercolonial Railway it comes within the purview of this Parliament, and they ask for power to extend their road to a deep-water terminus to accommodate this new and important trade which has sprung up.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

NIAGARA GRAND ISLAND BRIDGE CO.'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. MCCALLUM moved the second reading of Bill (35), "An Act respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company." He said: This is a very short Bill, merely extending the time for commencing and completing the work.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

RED DEER VALLEY RAILWAY AND COAL CO.'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. HARDISTY moved the second reading of Bill (31), "An Act to incorporate the Red Deer Valley Railway and Coal Company."

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (24), "An Act to incorporate the Dominion Life Assurance Company." (Mr. Merner).

Bill (O), "An Act to incorporate the Hawkesbury Lumber Company." (Mr. Clemow).

Bill (19), "An Act to incorporate the Assinaboia, Edmonton and Unjiga Railway Company." (Mr. Clemow).

Bill (25), "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company of Canada." (Mr. Macdonald, Toronto).

Bill (30), "An Act respecting the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec." (Mr. Macdonald, Toronto).

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, 5th March, 1889.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills, reported without amendment from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, were read the third time, and passed:—

Bill (14), "An Act to incorporate the Alberta Railway and Coal Company." (Mr. Ogilvie).

Bill (15), "An Act respecting the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company." (Mr. Reid, B.C.).

THE COST OF LEGISLATION.

MOTION.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the expenditure of the Country in respect of legislation, and the practicability of reducing it; and that such committee shall consist of the Hon. Messrs. Miller, Scott, Vidal, Ross, and the mover.

And that a Message be sent to the House of Commons requesting their concurrence and joint action in such enquiry.

He said: In rising to move this motion, which has been on the Paper for some days, it is not my intention to occupy much of the time of the House by explanation. I imagine that every hon. gentleman in the Senate is familiar with the subject of this motion that the proposed