

sides, there were many men in the House who could give valuable information on the subject.

Sir John A. Macdonald thought that by agreeing to the motion a valuable preliminary report might be got up by the committee. It would be a pity to allow the motion to stand over for another year—for he might inform the House that it was his intention to move, when the House rose finally that session, that it be prorogued till after New Year, and probably till the 1st of February next. There was, at the same time, much in what had fallen from the members for Lambton and Chateaugay.

Mr. McDonald (Lunenburg) alluded to the bounty question as one which was of great interest to the Lower Province people, and one concerning which there ought to be some declaration by the Government.

Hon. Mr. Anglin said that, as a member of the Committee, he thought their labours ought to be of a comprehensive character, embracing everything relating to the fisheries.

Sir John A. Macdonald, in reply to the member for Lunenburg, said the motion was quite wide enough to allow the Committee full scope for their inquiries.

The motion was carried, with the following additions to the Committee:—Ross (Prince Edward), Fisher, Chauveau and Langlois.

PORTIONING OFF BOUNDARIES

Hon. Mr. Chauveau moved the second reading of the Bill to annex a portion of the Seignior of Belair, County of Quebec, and another portion thereof to the County of Port Neuf. Ordered to be referred to Committee of the Whole on Monday.

CRIMINAL LAWS

Sir John A. Macdonald then introduced the Bills from the Commission appointed to assimilate the criminal laws of the various Provinces. He had adopted the principle of separate Bills rather than a code for various reasons, one obvious one being that in case any particular statute were materially altered it would be more convenient to repeal it *in toto* and re-enact it than make gaps in any code. Following the English system, therefore, they had been divided into separate Bills.

The following Bills were then introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald, and ordered for a second reading on Tuesday:—

Bill respecting the criminal law.
 Bill for the better security of the Crown.
 Bill respecting accessories to and abettors of indictable offences.
 Bill respecting offences relating to the code.
 Bill respecting forgery.
 Bill respecting offences against the person.
 Bill respecting malicious injuries to property.
 Bill respecting larceny and other similar offences.
 Bill respecting procedure in criminal cases.
 Bill respecting the duties of Justices of the Peace out of sessions in regard to persons charged with indictable offences.
 Bill to regulate the sale of poisons.

CURRENCY RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Hon. Mr. Rose the report of the Committee of the Whole on the currency resolutions was received and concurred in.

EXTRADITION TREATY

Sir John A. Macdonald moved the House into Committee on the Bill respecting the treaty between Her Majesty and the Government of the United States for the apprehension and surrender of certain offenders.

Mr. Chamberlin alluded to the many difficulties in the working out of the Extradition Treaty, and concluded by saying that he would propose an amendment to the third clause, proving that no notice issue for extradition till ten days after the committal by a magistrate.

Sir John A. Macdonald explained that the object of the Bill was to extend throughout the Dominion the Act of the late Parliament of Canada regarding extradition.

Hon. Mr. Smith objected to the Bill on the ground of jurisdiction.

Col. Gray, Mr. Anglin, and Mr. Dunkin, supported it.

Mr. Harrison stated that before the Ashburton Treaty was passed at all, an Act was passed on this subject by the Parliament of Canada, which was even more extensive than the Ashburton Treaty, and that Act continued in force notwithstanding the treaty. He agreed that the treaty should be extended so as to include larceny, bigamy, counterfeiting and rape.

The House then went into committee—Mr. Stewart Campbell in the Chair.

The Committee rose and reported the Bill with an amendment. Ordered for a third reading on Friday.

The House adjourned at half-past 11 o'clock.