

substituted for my Bill, but if they do not introduce a measure of that kind, I intend to ask the vote of this House.

Bill read the first time.

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS.

Mr. CURRAN, moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 4) for the distribution of assets of insolvent debtors. He said: This Bill has been prepared under the direction of the Boards of Trade of Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg, and embodies the views of the commercial community of the Dominion.

Mr. MITCHELL. I would like to ask the hon. the mover of the Bill whether it contains any provision for the discharge of the debtors when their property is taken away. Without such a clause the Bill will be incomplete.

Mr. CURRAN. The promoters of the Bill have not thought proper to include a clause for the discharge of insolvent debtors. This Bill merely aims at an equitable distribution of the assets. However, as the matter is to be referred to a committee later on, any additions thought necessary will be made there.

Mr. MITCHELL. I understand that the Bill simply provides to take away the property of unfortunate debtors, but does not admit of the discharge of the debtors; I think it is a very one-sided affair.

Bill read the first time.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 2) to regulate the employment of children and young persons and women in the Workshops, Mills and Factories of the Dominion of Canada.—(Mr. Bergin.)

Bill (No. 5) respecting the liability of carriers by land.—(Mr. Coughlin.)

Bill (No. 6) to further amend the law of evidence in criminal cases.—(Mr. Cameron, Huron.)

THE FACTORY BILL.

Mr. BLAKE enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce the Factory Bill?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. That is under consideration.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Mr. SHAKESPEARE enquired, Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a measure this Session restricting the immigration of Chinese into the Dominion of Canada?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. Until the report of the Commission is received and considered, the Government have not come to any resolution on the subject.

PUBLIC DEBT OF CANADA.

Mr. CHARLTON enquired, The net amount of the public debt of Canada on January 1st, 1885?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The net debt of Canada on the 30th June, 1884, was \$181,719,931.30; the increase of the debt from the 1st July, 1884, to the 31st December, 1884, was \$7,194,953.75; total, \$188,914,885.05.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Has the hon. gentleman the gross amount besides?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. No. The question is not as to the gross amount.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LOAN.

Mr. CHARLTON enquired, Of the loan of \$22,500,000 which Parliament at its last Session authorized the Government to make to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, what amount has been paid over to that company up to January 29th, 1885?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. The amount paid to the company up to the 29th January, 1885, is \$18,591,600.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.

Mr. DESJARDINS enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to accept as final the judgment rendered by the Supreme Court as to the competency of the Dominion Parliament to pass the Liquor License Act, 1883?

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. A report is being obtained as to the effect the decision of the Supreme Court will have on the laws of the different Provinces. Until that is received—and it will be received in a few days—the Government cannot express any intention on the matter.

RESIGNATION OF CAPT. LUDGER BOLDUC.

Mr. LANDRY (Montmagny) moved for:

Return of all papers relating to the resignation of Capt. Ludger Bolduc, after the collision which occurred on the 20th May, 1884, between *La Canadienne* and the brig *Alliance*, of Jersey; covering complaint, enquiry, report, &c., and all correspondence relating to the matter.

Mr. LANGEЛИER. (Translation.) If the hon. member has no objection, I shall ask him to add to his motion a demand for papers concerning the appointment of that same Capt. Bolduc. The reason why I make the demand is this: Capt. Bolduc superseded Capt. Auguste Dupré, who commanded that steamer for several years without meeting with any accident whatever. For one reason or another means have been found to dismiss him and to appoint in his place Capt. Bolduc, to which the accident mentioned in the hon. member's motion has happened. Therefore, I shall ask him to add to his motion a demand for papers relating to the appointment of Capt. Bolduc.

Mr. LANDRY. I believe the hon. member wishes to mix up two questions which are altogether distinct and separate. If he wishes to get information he is at liberty to do what I am doing, by making a motion to that effect.

Mr. LANGEЛИER. I believe it is useless to make two motions for the same object.

Mr. LANDRY. It is not altogether the same object.

Mr. LANGEЛИER. Nothing is more natural than to ask for the circumstances of the appointment while asking for the circumstances of the resignation.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I think the hon. member ought to give a notice of motion. I do not think there would be any objection, but at all events the Deputy Minister will be notified of the motion and he will be enabled to see whether the motion may be granted or not.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS IN BANKS.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved for:

Statement showing the amount of money on deposit to the credit of the Government of Canada on the 1st day of January, 1885, whether in Canada or elsewhere, together with the names of the banks wherein the said moneys are deposited, with the amount in each bank respectively; also the amount at interest and the rate of interest, if any, allowed on the said deposits in each case.

He said: If the Finance Minister thinks that it would make