

QUEBEC PARLIAMENT.

Bill entitled "An Act to establish a tax on movable property." The provisions of this objectionable bill being similar to the "Lynch" bill, which the Council successfully opposed last year, renewed protests against any such legislation were made during last session of Parliament, with the result that the bill was defeated on a vote of seven ayes and thirty-three noes.

Bill entitled "An Act to impose certain direct taxes on certain commercial corporations." This bill was introduced so late in the session, there was so much delay in printing it, and it was hurried so quickly through the House, that it had passed its third reading in the Legislative Assembly before the Council could consider its provisions. A petition was addressed to the Lieutenant-Governor and the Legislative Assembly, praying that the bill be thrown out. The bill, however, became law, and it will be for the incoming Council to determine what steps should now be taken in regard to legislation so inimical to the commercial prosperity of this Province.

AUCTION DUTY ON TRADE SALES.

The Council, after enquiring into the effect of this duty, found that it tended to drive business away from this Province, and the Premier was therefore addressed praying for its abolition. Nothing, however, has yet been done in that direction, and the tax is still in force.

TORRENS SYSTEM OF LAND TRANSFER.

A Committee of the Council took advantage of the Provincial Premier's presence in this city, to wait upon him on 31st March, and explain the advantages of the Torrens System of Land Transfer and its easy adaptability to this Province. The Hon. Mr. Mercier promised to study the subject, and see what could be done with regard to its introduction. The Council hopes that its successors in office will not lose sight of this matter, but endeavour to promote the establishment of the Torrens System in the District of Montreal as introductory to its extension throughout the Province.

IMPERIAL INSTITUTE, LONDON, ENGLAND.

The Secretary of the Imperial Institute addressed the Council in May stating that H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, President of the Institute, shared with the Organizing Committee the hope that the Montreal