

calm and peace, when there is very little to do, the Public Accounts Committee might perform some useful functions if the members were called together.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. As regards the Public Accounts Committee, those hon. members who follow the standard of my hon. friend would not be present, and I am afraid justice could not be done to the investigation of the Public Accounts.

Motion agreed to; and (at 4:30 o'clock p.m.) the House adjourned.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, 21st February, 1883.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### PRAYERS.

### BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 22) respecting the Crédit Foncier Franco-Canadien.—(Mr. Desjardins.)

Bill (No. 23) to further reduce the Capital Stock of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company.—(Mr. Bossé.)

Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Manitoba and North-Western Fire Insurance Company.—(Mr. Sutherland, Selkirk.)

Bill (No. 25) to amend the Acts respecting Cruelty to Animals.—(Mr. Richey.)

### NAVIGATION OF LITTLE BEAR CREEK.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria, B.C.), in the absence of Mr. SMYTH, enquired, What is the intention of the Government respecting certain improvements to the navigation of Little Bear Creek, in the county of Kent?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The Government is not in a position to answer the hon. member to-day.

### TWO CREEKS HARBOR.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria, B.C.), in the absence of Mr. SMYTH, enquired, What is the intention of the Government respecting Two Creeks Harbor, in the county of Kent, and the work to be done there upon the report of the Engineer?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. We have not the data in the Department, but an examination will be made during the recess in order to obtain the information required, to decide whether the work should go on or not.

### VETERANS OF 1812 WOUNDED IN ACTIVE SERVICE.

Mr. AMYOT (Translation) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to grant to the veterans of 1812, belonging to the Province of Quebec, and wounded on active service, a sum equal to that paid to the veterans in the same class belonging to the Province of Ontario?

Mr. CARON (Translation). In answer to the hon. member, I have the honor to say that this subject is now under the consideration of the Government.

### CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT OF 1874.

Mr. DUGAS (Translation) enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to amend, this Session, "The Dominion Controverted Elections Act, 1874?"

Mr. BLAKE.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN (Translation). I have to say, in reply, that this subject is under the consideration of the Government.

### MILLING WHEAT IN BOND.

Mr. WHEELER enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government, at an early date, to amend the Order in Council regulating the importation of United States wheat in bond for milling purposes, so as to allow the equivalent in Canadian wheat or flour to be exported to cancel such bonds?

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It is not the intention of the Government to amend the regulations in the direction the hon. member proposes.

### VITAL STATISTICS.

Mr. LESAGE enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to render the vital statistics more effective, more regular, and more general; and if so, whether they intend to increase the grant over the amount voted last Session?

Mr. POPE. It is the intention of the Government to render vital statistics more effective, more regular and more general. The latter part of the hon. gentleman's question is under the consideration of the Government.

### GRINDING IN BOND.

Mr. BLAKE moved for copies of all Orders in Council and Departmental Orders, not already brought down, on the subject of grinding in bond, or of the regulations for grinding in bond, or for the import of wheat and flour of United States growth or manufacture; also, for all correspondence with the authorities of the United States, on the subject of the transport of Canadian wheat into or through the United States, and of all regulations of the United States Customs authorities affecting such transport. He said: I am not aware whether there are any Orders in Council, or Departmental Orders or regulations not already brought down. Some regulations were made at a remote period for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of Canadian wheat from one part of Canada to the other, and also with reference to Canadian wheat sent into the United States to be ground in mills at Minneapolis and elsewhere. I observe, also, that very lately some Orders have been issued changing the practice in two of the border towns in the North-West. It is important that we should know precisely what are the regulations affecting this question.

Motion agreed to.

### HON. JOHN O'CONNOR.

Mr. BLAKE, in moving for a statement of any sums paid to the Hon. John O'Connor since his retirement from office, with dates and particulars; also, a copy of any paper showing the arrangement on which such sums were paid, said: It was stated in the newspapers that some arrangements had been made with Mr. O'Connor since his retirement—owing, I regret to learn, to serious illness—for his employment in the Government service in some capacity, and that he was in the receipt of a salary in that capacity. I am entitled to know how that is.

Motion agreed to.

### RECORDS OF ELECTIONS.

Mr. BLAKE moved for a statement, from the Records, of the Elections to the present House of Commons, showing the number of votes polled for the respective counties in the several Electoral Districts and in the various sub-divisions thereof, together with the number of ballots rejected and