

Hon. Mr. RYAN — If the Government should call on them to pay off the debt, they could raise money at four per cent and pay it.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then read the third time, under the suspension of the rule, and passed.

DRAWBACKS ON ARTICLES OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the third reading of Bill (100) "An Act to provide for the allowance of drawback on certain articles manufactured in Canada and used by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company." He said: It will be remembered that the Company incorporated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Bill are allowed to import free of duty certain articles that might enter into the construction of the road. Some of these articles may be produced in the Dominion, and this Bill is to place our manufacturers on an equal footing with their competitors by giving them a drawback equivalent to the duty which the Company escapes.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU — What is the value of the privilege?

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — The value of the privilege granted to the Company was supposed to be about \$163,000.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY — And this is about the same, I suppose.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — Yes.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was then read the third time, under a suspension of the rule, and passed.

THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT, EIGHTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON moved the adoption of the eighth report of the Joint Committee on Printing. He said: In asking the House to adopt this report, I wish to explain that we make a recommendation that the salary

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of one of the distributors should be increased \$100. I believe he is a very efficient distributor, and very likely entitled to the increase, but I did not feel disposed, at the close of the session, to recommend to the House, as far as I was concerned, an advance in the salaries of any of the officers. However, I believe he has given great satisfaction, and it was the unanimous desire of the Committee that this increase should be granted. On the whole, in view of the fact that he has received only \$500, I do not know but he deserves the additional sum. The rest of the report is of the usual character. Last year we succeeded in obtaining a reduction on the previous year's service of about \$12,000, and we are very sanguine that we will be able to reduce it, as against last year, \$7,000 more. I do not think we are weakening the service in any way, and I believe, through economy, management and a little tact, we will be able to bring the expenditure this year within \$50,000.

The report was adopted.

CUSTOMS DUTIES LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS moved the second reading of Bill (105) "An Act further to amend the Acts 42 Vic., cap. 15, and 43 Vic., cap. 18, as respects duties of Customs." He said: This is an amendment to the tariff. The changes do not amount to very much, and are confined, more particularly, to classification and making more definite the wording of the tariff, so that there will be less difficulty in the customs officers carrying it out. One of the first amendments is including mower and reaper knives under the head of agricultural implements. Another provides that pressed glass shall be considered as moulded glass. It appears that importations have been made under the head of pressed glass, and, inasmuch as it could not be classed, it came under the 15 per cent. duty. Then, in regard to iron and steel, it is intended to put a higher duty on nuts and bolts imported into this country, because they are manufactured here. These are some of the alterations made by this Bill.

The motion was agreed to.