

HON. MR. AIKINS—Yes, they are, because the barrels are taken indiscriminately by the packer and examined, and our own fishermen have good reason to complain that they are placed at a disadvantage with their neighbors who hold licenses from the Newfoundland authorities. I may just say to my hon. friend that the Government, in order to ensure that no injustice would be done to any individual or any section of the country by this Act, have provided that it will only be brought into force by proclamation of the Governor-General-in-Council, and it will be held by the Government until they are sure that no injustice will be done by it to the trade.

HON. MR. CARVELL—I would be very sorry to have it understood that any words of mine would put our fishermen at a disadvantage. I simply state that the whole system of fish inspection is a farce.

HON. MR. RYAN—The difficulty would be very much reduced if the Newfoundland Government would adopt a proper system of inspection there, and I think the tendency of the Bill now introduced will be to force the Newfoundland Government to some action of that description.

HON. MR. CARVELL—With the best intentions the Government may try to force the Newfoundland Government to take such a course as my hon. friend suggests, but, after all, it amounts to nothing. Supposing I am a fisherman on the coast of Newfoundland or Prince Edward Island. I have only to take out a license as inspector and inspect my fish myself, put my brand on them, and when the fish go to market they are sold on the reputation of my name, branded on the head of the barrel.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was then read the second time.

HON. MR. AIKINS moved that the Bill be read at length at the table.

Motion agreed to.

HON. MR. AIKINS moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

## INSOLVENT BANKS AND TRADING CORPORATIONS BILL.

### AMENDMENTS BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The order of the day having been called for "consideration of the amendments made by the House of Commons to Bill (A) 'An Act respecting Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies and Trading Corporations.'"

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL said :—The amendments made by the House of Commons to this Bill seem to be more formidable from their appearance upon the minutes of the House than they really are. The first one is to enlarge the Bill and make it apply not only to the companies originally named in it but also to loan companies and building societies. Building societies are of two natures: some of them have no capital stock, and others have. Where there is no capital stock it would not do to apply this bill to the winding up of such companies, because there is a whole scheme for contribution and a variety of provisions which are framed for and intended for joint stock companies. These are a different kind of societies to building societies where a building society has no capital stock. So I propose to concur in the amendment, and afterwards to introduce the words "having a capital stock" Then, in the same section, after the word "companies," it would be necessary to add, in order to make the sentence perfect, "building societies that have not capital stock." Then the next amendment is, to put the words, "either as a mutual or as a stock company," with reference to the business of insurance, whether it is done as a stock company or as a mutual company. The next amendment is to strike out the present provision of the Bill, under section four, and the next is a proposition to leave out the whole of section nine. Then they have stricken out altogether the clause about set-off. I think a portion of that should be inserted in the Bill, for this reason: it was stricken out, I believe, because some members of the House imagined that there was some new law on the subject of set-off established by this provision; but I apprehend that is not a sound opinion. There is no new law established by it, but