

13th section of the Act 36 Vic., entitled "An Act respecting Pilotage"; if not, when he would do so.

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Westmorland) said that the Act required the Government to make the appointment within thirty days. The appointment was not made within that time, and therefore it could not now be made; but he proposed to amend the Act in order that he might be able to do so. He would then attend to the matter at once.

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PILOTAGE DISTRICT

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL enquired whether the Governor-General had fixed the pilotage district of the Port of Miramichi as provided for in the provisions of an Act passed in the 36th year of Her Majesty's reign, and entitled "An Act respecting Pilotage" and if not, when such district would be fixed and published in the *Canada Gazette*.

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Westmorland) said that the Committee had been called upon to furnish the bounds, and as soon as that was done the district would be published.

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SHIPPING REGULATIONS

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL asked whether the Governor in Council had made the necessary rules and regulations referred to in section 53 of part 4 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to Shipping, and for the Registration, Inspection, and Classification thereof". If they had not, when those rules and regulations would be made and published in the *Canada Gazette*, as provided by the said Act.

Hon. Mr. SMITH (Westmorland) said that the Government had not made the rules and regulations under that statute but the matter was now under their considerations. He was not prepared to say when they would be adopted, but he might state that when they were appointed they would be non-compulsory.

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IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL asked whether it was the intention of the government to place a sum in the estimates for the improvement of the navigation of the Southwest Miramichi River.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: It is not the intention of the Government to place such a sum in the estimates.

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FREE PASSES ON RAILWAYS

Mr. FORBES asked if the Government railways in New Brunswick passed the members of the Local Parliament over them without charge, by instruction from the Dominion government.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that instructions were given recently to pass the members of both governments over the roads,

when engaged in their official duties. The members of the Local Parliament were not passed over them.

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INDEMNITY

Mr. DOMVILLE asked whether it was the intention of the Government to provide any general scheme to indemnify Joseph Hall and others for losses sustained by fire from the Intercolonial Railway.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE: It is not the intention of the Government to provide any general scheme for the indemnification of parties suffering from fires, but every case will be considered on its merits. The case of Mr. Hall was at present before the Government.

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TENDERS FOR CARS

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury) asked whether the sixteen railway cars for the Intercolonial Railroad, or any number of them, for the construction of which tenders had been asked for in an advertisement dated April 7th instant, tenders to be received until April 18th, and a portion of said cars to be delivered on or before 1st June next, and the balance on 25th June, and signed by Louis Corvell, had been arranged for with certain parties and were being built by the said parties, previous to the time tenders were asked for the construction of the same, and why so short a notice was given for tenders and the construction of the same, rendering it impossible, as claimed, for any manufacturers to finish the work within the time specified who were not previously arranged with.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that he was not aware that Mr. Corvell had made any previous arrangements. He was instructed to advertise for tenders by the Engineer-in-Chief, and did advertise. As soon as his (Hon. Mr. Mackenzie's) attention was called to the time specified for the construction of the cars, he agreed that it should be extended to four months. (*Hear, hear.*)

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FRASER RIVER

Mr. DEWDNEY asked whether it was the intention of the Government to cause a survey to be made of the Fraser River between Big Bar and Soda Creek, British Columbia, for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of removing such rocks as obstruct the navigation between those points.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said that it was the intention of the Government to survey that part of the river which might be considered navigable, with a view to removing any obstructions which might exist, but not any more of it.

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DUTY ON SUGARS

Mr. DOMVILLE asked whether the Government were aware what were the quantities of sugar equal to and above No. 16. Dutch