

THURSDAY, May 21.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Hon. Mr. LETELLIER the Bill respecting Carriers by Water, as amended, was read a third time.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER moved the third reading of the Bill to incorporate the Montreal Link R.R. Co.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH moved the third reading of the Bill to incorporate the Canada Mutual Marine Insurance Co.—Carried.

Hon. Mr. LEONARD moved the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Consolidated Silver Mining Co.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND pointed out the bill was to give power to a Co., including strangers, to carry on mining in Utah, a foreign country over which the Dominion had no authority. The House should pause before assuming to exercise such power. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER said there was no difference between this bill and that of the North Star Silver Mining Co., which passed here. The Dominion would not assume to control that Co. in the States, but the local authorities would, doubtless. The great advantage our legislation would secure, was the means of exercising influence with the directors, or head office of the Co., here in the interest of any Canadian employes who might have claims against them.

Hon. Mr. MILLER thought the bill would not be strictly constitutional; but what difference was there between the incorporation of this and Insurance Companies on either side of the line, which were in the habit of doing business in either or both countries. Could we not incorporate a Co. to do business in the States, as well as they could incorporate companies to transact business in the Dominion?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL supported the objection to the clause giving power to carry on business in Utah. The Dominion had no authority in the matter. Insurance Companies did business by the comity of nations, a different thing from mining and like enterprises.

After further discussion the motion was carried on division.

The Bill to incorporate the Hopewell Shipbuilding Co. was, on motion of Hon. Mr. McCLELAN, read a third time.

The Bill to enable Joseph Mennier to build a toll-bridge over the L'Assomption

was read a third time, as amended, on motion of Hon. Mr. Bellerose.

FISH PROTECTION.

Hon. Mr. FLINT complained of the great destruction of fish in the Lakes in rear of Kingston, Belleville and other towns on Lake Ontario, by Americans and others, which, if allowed to continue, would soon denude our waters of a valuable resource for the poor. Fish was becoming scarce all the time, the settlers not being able to put an end to the destruction, partly in consequence of the long distance offenders would have to be carried to a Government officer. He urged the importance of action towards the protection and fostering of this valuable interest, and gave an instance of the great success of this policy as regards a lake of his own, and concluded by asking:—Whether it was the intention of the Government to adopt measures for the better protection of Fish in the Inland Lakes and streams in rear of Kingston, Napanee, Belleville and Trenton.

Hon. Messrs. SIMPSON and SKEAD supported the recommendation of a better system of fish protection, indicating the good results to the people which could not fail to flow therefrom.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT pointed out the difficulty of watching all the Lakes between the Ottawa and Lake Ontario, but promised to discuss this question with the Minister of Marine; he had no doubt that, so far as the resources of the department went, the minister would be willing to lend them aid for the protection of the fish.

THE BALLOT.

Hon. Mr. PANET called attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the Militia, particularly in the District of Quebec, especially as regards the strength of the muster-roll. The ranks in some corps were very thin, there being nothing like prescribed or necessary strength. He advocated measures of improvement, and enquired: If it was the intention of the Government to amend during the session the Militia Law of the Dominion. In regimental Divisions where the Volunteer system presently in force has proved ineffective, is it the intention of Government to enforce the ballot as provided for in the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada, 31st Victoria, Chapter 40, or by what means is it intended to fill the ranks when Volunteers cannot be procured?