

then moved that Mr. Lount was guilty of a breach of the privileges of the House, and that he be taken into custody by the Gentleman Usher under warrant of the Speaker.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST objected to the manner in which case had been presented to the House, inasmuch as the petition and bill had been introduced by a member of the Government, who was also Chairman of the Committee which was acting as a judicial tribunal. He also objected to having case again brought up after it had been more than once dealt with by the Senate.

Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE took similar ground, referring to Todd's Parliamentary Practice, Vol. 2.

Hon. Mr. OJELL took a different view, and urged that such an objection ought to have been made previously, but in any case that was not the proper stage at which to bring up such a point.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT exonerated the chairman from having in any way whatever attempted to influence the Committee.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON said the House was entirely deviating from the actual question under consideration—the assertion of the privileges of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST did not intend to say that the least undue influence was used by the Chairman.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL perfectly understood that.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST acknowledged the ability of the Postmaster General to act as chairman, but he wished to establish a principle in accordance with the usages of the House of Lords. He hoped the hon. gentleman would withdraw from the Committee.

Hon. Messrs. WARK and BOTSFORD said it would now be very inconvenient to alter personnel of Committee, though it might be well to establish a principle for future guidance as soon as a similar case arose hereafter.

Question was postponed in order to allow the minutes to be laid before the House, giving reason why witnesses refused to be sworn.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said that he had been guided solely by the desire to assist in establishing precedents for the future in connection with a matter new to the House. He only assumed such a position temporarily until the House came to a decision as to the proper course to be pursued in relation to such questions hereafter. It was, however, purely chimerical to argue that he could exercise any undue influence on the Committee. He had

simply charged himself with it as a matter of duty and in the interests of the House for the reasons given.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD asked why the Intercolonial Railway, between Amherst and Truro, was not opened for traffic at the time stated by the Government it would be, and when it is probable such portion of the Railway will be opened?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL replied that he was informed that the road will be probably opened early in July or August.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY said that the Postmaster General was a month earlier than the Commissioners who said September.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Then we had better say September. (Laughter.)

Hon. Mr. McLELAN alluded to the heavy bridging, tunnelling, and grading on the line and explained that the road was rapidly drawing to completion, as it was nearly ready for the track.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE was glad to hear hopes held out that the line would be soon opened.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY said the general expectation of the public had not been satisfied but the difficulty arose from the location of the route with which the Commissioners had nothing to do. He found by the report of the Commissioners that all the money had been paid to contractors six weeks before for work which was not nearly completed.

INDEMNITY, &c.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the following resolution:

That the Clerk be instructed to lay before the Senate, at the commencement of every session, a statement of the indemnity and mileage paid to Senators for the last session; and until further orders, to deliver to the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons charged with the audit of the Treasury accounts a copy of any such statement, whenever he may deem it necessary to apply for the same.—Carried.

QUARANTINE.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the Quarantine Bill was read a third time. An amendment having been made by the Government with the view of preventing the introduction of disease by peltries, furs, &c., as suggested by one of the members from Manitoba on a previous occasion.

RAILWAY BILL.

On motion of Hon. Mr. FERRIER, the Grand Trunk Railway and International Bridge Agreement Bill was read a third time.

DOMINION NOTES.

The House then went into Committee