

*Ordered*, That the Bill, as amended, be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting "The Merchants' Shipping Act, 1876."

(*In the Committee.*)

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal Section 23 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876" as respects all Ships in Canadian Waters, from and after the time which may be fixed for that purpose by the proclamation of the approval and confirmation by Her Majesty in Council of the Act to be passed for effecting such repeal.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gillmor* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gillmor* reported the Resolution accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal Section 23 of "The Merchant Shipping Act, 1876" as respects all Ships in Canadian Waters, from and after the time which may be fixed for that purpose by the proclamation of the approval and confirmation by Her Majesty in Council of the Act to be passed for effecting such repeal.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Smith* (*Westmoreland*) have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law respecting Deck Loads.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Cartwright*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 4th March, 1878, for copy of all Orders in Council relating to balances of appropriations of 1876-77, which may have lapsed, and been carried over to the following year in accordance with the 35th Section of the Act 31st *Victoria*, Chapter 5. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 67.)

And also, Return to an Order of this House, dated 4th March, 1878, for a Statement of the reason in each case for the superannuation of the persons in the Civil Service mentioned in the Return laid before this House on the 18th February, 1878. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 18.)

And then The House, having continued to sit till Two of the Clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1878.

PRAYERS.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 18th March, 1878, for a Statement shewing the names of the parties who tendered for the works now being constructed under the control of the *Quebec Harbour Trust* on the River *St. Charles* at *Quebec*, with the amount of each tender and the names of the several sureties; also the name of the person or persons who individually or as partners, were awarded contracts for the said several works. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 69.)