

to passengers and loss of life upon the road, I am happy to say that, during the past year, no accident to a passenger has occurred in the operation of this railway. As regards accidents to employes, the road will compare very favourably with the past history of the road or the experience of other roads. I deplore very much the loss of the life of an employe the other day on this railway, in consequence of a locomotive going over an embankment; it was not caused by any deficiency in the rolling stock, or any defective wheel, but by a new frog, which showed no indication of any weakness at the point where the fracture occurred. The fracture may have been due to the changes and severity of the weather, and could not have been foreseen or prevented by any possible care. No doubt, the rolling stock of the road has been taxed to its utmost capacity, owing to the impossibility, up to the present, of obtaining the requisite rolling stock for the Rivière au Loup section, acquired in August last, notwithstanding our obtaining of all the rolling stock procurable from the Grand Trunk Railway; and our rolling stock will continue to be overtaxed until our new supply for that section is completed. The rough condition of a portion of that section, which must so remain till we are able in spring to relay it with steel, must involve a great pressure upon the rolling stock.

Motion agreed to.

RELIEF OF THE DISTRESS IN IRELAND.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

MR. SPEAKER read the Message, and it is as follows:—

“LORNE.

“The Governor-General recommends to the consideration of the House of Commons the propriety of granting \$100,000 for the relief of the present great distress in Ireland.

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“OTTAWA, 17th February, 1880 ”

COMMISSIONERS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE INTERNAL ECONOMY OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

MR. SPEAKER read the Message, and it is as follows:—

“LORNE.

“The Governor-General transmits to the House of Commons an approved Minute in Council, appointing the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Minister of the Interior, the Hon. Sir Leonard Tilley, Minister of Finance, the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Railways and Canals, and the Hon. G. Baby, Minister of Inland Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the Act 31 Victoria, Chapter 27, intituled: ‘An Act respecting the Internal Economy of the House of Commons, and for other purposes.’

“GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“OTTAWA, 17th February, 1880.”

House adjourned at

Five minutes after

Four o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Wednesday, 18th February, 1880.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced, and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 8) To amend the Act respecting Joint Stock Companies to construct works to facilitate the transmission of timber down Rivers and Streams.—(Mr. White, North Renfrew.)

Bill (No. 9) Respecting the Boundary between the Province of Ontario, and the Territories of Canada.—(Mr. Mills.)

BOUNDARY BETWEEN ONTARIO AND UNORGANISED TERRITORIES OF THE DOMINION.

MOTION FOR COMMITTEE ADJOURNED.

MR. DAWSON: Mr. Speaker, I bring forward this motion because I believe the time has arrived when some action should be taken in the matter to which it refers. I assumed the initiative in drawing attention to the subject last Session, because the debateable ground of the boundaries was in my constituency. If the recent award should be carried out, the district which I have the honour to represent, will be as large as all the Maritime Provinces combined, with Newfoundland and Gaspé added. It would have the great lakes of the Dominion for its