# COMMONS DEBATES.

Bernier, Blake, Bourassa, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Oameron (Middlesex), Oampbell (Renfrew), Cartwright(Sir Richard) Oasgrain, Charlton, Cockburn, Cockburn, Cook, Davies, Desaulniers (Maskin'é), Desjardins,	Holton, Innes, Irvine, Jackson, King.	Mitchell, Paterson (Braat), Platt, Ray, Rinfret, Robertson (Shelburne), Scriver, Somerville (Brant), Somerville (Bruce), Springer, Trow, Vail, Watson, Wilson65.	
NAYB:			
Messieurs			
Allison, Bain (Soulanges), Baker (Missisquoi), Baker (Vietoria), Barnard, Beaty, Bell, Benoit, Bergin, Billy, Blondeau, Bowell, Bryson, Burns, Campbell (Victoria), Carling, Caron (Sir Adolphe), Chapleau, Cimoo, Cochrane, Colby, Cochrane, Colby, Coctigan, Couplin, Cuthbert, Daly, Desaulniers(St. Maurice) Dickinson, Dodd	Fortin, Foster, Gault, Girouard, Gordon, Grandbois, Gorillet, Hackett, Haggart, Hall, Hay, Hesson, Hickey, Hilliard, Homer, Hurteau, Jamisson, Kilvert, Kranz, Landry (Montmagny), Langevin (Sir Hector), Lesage, Macdonald (King's), Mackintosh, Macmaster, Macmilan (Maldlesex), McMillan (Vaudreuil), McCaltum, McCoarthy, McDougald (Picton),	Wallace (Albert), Wallace (York), Ward, White (Cardwell).	
Dugas; Dundas, Everett, Farrow, Ferguson(Leeds & Gren)	McGreevy, McLelan, McNeill, Massue,	White (Hastings), White (Renfrew), Wigle Wood (Brockville), Wood (Westmoreland), Woodworth, Wright114.	

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Amendment negatived.

Motion agreed to, and House resolved itself into Committee.

Committee reported.

### HALF-BREED CLAIMS.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell) presented a detailed statement respecting half-breed claims in the North-West.

Mr. LAURIER. Is this the report anticipated in the issue of the Mail this morning?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). That is the report. I may say to the hon. gentleman that a good many people have seen proofs of it, it being a matter I brought down of my own accord to the House without an order.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and the House adjourned at 2 o'clock a.m., Friday.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 16th April, 1886.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

## CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Mr. CHAPLEAU moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 106) to amend an Act to restrict and regulate Chinese Immigration into Canada. He said: It is almost a repetition of the Act of last year with very few additions, especially in the framing of the Bill, so as to render the working of it more practicable. The few additions or alterations may be thus summarised: The administration of the Act is put into the hands of the Department of Customs, for the reason that in almost every seaport or port of entry the officers of Cus-toms will necessarily be the controllers of Chinese immi-gration. The second feature of the alterations is an organised system of registration. Registration was provided for last year, but it was rather left to the good-will of the resident Chinese, at the time of the passing of the Act, to register or not as they pleased; and, therefore, Chinese residing in Canada, not registered as such, might have lost the privilege of claiming they were residents, through not having their certificate of registration. By this Bill the registration is made compulsory; and not only citizens but all children, births, deaths, and even departures from the country, must be registered, so as to enable the Department to have always statistics of the number in the Dominion. Besides that, there is also a little addition assimilating conductors of trains, in which Chinese immigrants might pass through Canada or might travel in Canada, to masters of vessels, who were specially pointed to in the legislation of last year. It is a repetition of the Act of last year with these few alterations.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### ELECTORAL DISTRICTS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Mr. BAKER (Victoria) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 107) to amend the Act to readjust the representa-tion in the House of Commons (35 Vic., chap. 13) as affecting the electoral districts of Vancouver Island. He said: When the Act was passed, in 1872, fourteen years ago, certain provisions were made for the election of members to represent the Province of British Columbia in this House. Sections 4 and 5 read as follows :-

"The electoral district of Victoria shall consist of those portions of Vancouver Island known as 'Victoria district,' fisquimalt district ' and 'Metchosin district,' as defined in the official maps of those districts which are in the Land Office, Victoria, and are designated respectively, 'Victoria district official map, 1858,' fisquimalt official map, 1858,' and 'Metchosin official map, A.D. 1858; and shall return two members. "The electoral district of Vancouver shall consist of all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such islands adjacent thereto, as were formerly dependencies of the late colony of Vancouver Island, and shall return one member."

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Until very recently there was great doubt as to whether the islands off-lying the district of Victoria, which I have the honor to represent, belonged to my district or to the district of Vancouver. The islands are right off the coast line of the electoral district of Victoria, and at the next election there are persons there who will have to cast their votes for a member to represent them in the House of Commons. Unless those islands are placed where they rightly belong, in the district of Victoria, those persons will be compelled to go to the electoral district of Vancouver to cast their votes, according to a recent decision of the Department of Justice. There are two islands, one in the mouth of the harbor of Victoria and another in the mouth of the harbor