

way Committee at all. It was only when it was admitted that a Bill was one which should pass in some shape that it should go to a Committee.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said it was impossible for them to enter into the discussion of the Bill until they had the despatch the hon. gentleman referred to in their hands, and therefore if the hon. gentleman wished the Bill fully discussed before it went to the Railway Committee, the second reading would have to be adjourned.

Bill read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraphs.

CRIMINAL LAW IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Hon. Mr. FOURNIER moved the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain provisions of an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia. He explained that these provisions were overlooked at the time the criminal law was re-enacted in this Parliament, and now the Nova Scotia Legislature had no power to repeal them. They gave power to a Justice of the Peace to try persons charged with larcenies not exceeding \$100 and offences committed by juveniles except capital offences. The repeal of these provisions would leave the general criminal law to apply in these cases.

Bill read a second time, referred to the Committee of the Whole, reported without amendments, read a third time and passed.

FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT.

Hon. Mr. FOURNIER moved the second reading of the Bill to prevent enlistment in the service of any foreign State in certain cases not provided for by the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870. He said he had nothing to add to the explanations he had made in introducing the Bill. It was simply to make the law the same all over the Dominion.

The motion was carried, and the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill, Mr. GOUDGE in the chair.

The Bill was agreed to clause by clause without amendment and reported.

The report was agreed to.

SUPPLY.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT the House then went into Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. SCATCHERD in the chair.

The item of \$49,768, salaries and contingent expenses of the Senate, was passed.

On the item \$106,540, salaries and contingencies of House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT explained the \$8,000 for the *Hansard*, which appeared for the first time, and \$7,500 for expenses of Committees.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON desired to call the attention of the Committee to the claims of an old and valued officer of the House who died, he might almost say, in harness, and who left his family comparatively unprovided for, he referred to the late Mr. ALFRED TODD, so long Chief Clerk of the Private Bills' Committee. It was perfectly unnecessary to say a word as to his ability and assiduity as an officer of the House. He was an officer of this branch of the Legislature since 1841, before the union of the old Provinces of Canada, and retained the same position at Confederation. At the time of his death he had been in the service of the Legislature of his country for a period approximating 40 years, during the whole of which time he (Mr. HOLTON) believed, he was never known to have failed in his duty, but year by year had been improving in the manner of its performance. He had studied, thoroughly the whole subject of Parliamentary law; he was in all respects a valuable officer, and an exemplary man; and he (Mr. HOLTON) was grieved to say that having been taken away suddenly, he left his family badly provided for, owing to circumstance which, it was unnecessary to pain the Committee by repeating. It had been a very common practice since he (Mr. HOLTON) had been in Parliament to vote gratuities of moderate amounts to families of officers who had died under similar circumstances. What he desired to do was to elicit the sense of the House as to the propriety of pursuing a similar course in this case, in order that the Finance Minister might know whether he would feel justified in placing an item in the estimates for this purposes. He was sure all he had said with reference to Mr. TODD would be borne out by gentlemen on both sides of the House who knew the value of his services.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON had the greatest pleasure in endorsing all that had been said of Mr. TODD, and he hoped the