

Dominion with the surplus debts of Ontario and Quebec. The difference by this correction of the bill would be \$10,000 a year in favour of Nova Scotia, to which the other House thought she was entitled.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD had a different recollection of the arrangement of last year, between the representatives of the Lower Provinces and the Government. He understood Nova Scotia was to come into the settlement on the basis of interest on eight and not on nine millions, and more for the reason that she had by cleverness, persistence and good management, obtained better terms than some of her sister provinces. (Hear, hear, and a laugh.) It was thought she should be satisfied with interest on the old debt of eight millions which would have placed her on an equal footing with those provinces. He thought that understanding ought to have been adhered to.

A lengthy discussion ensued, hon. Messrs. Messrs. Miller, McLellan and Kaalbach expressing surprise at the opposition of the representative of New Brunswick, and arguing skillfully from the concession of better terms to Nova Scotia, her circumstances, and the habits of her people, who were larger relative contributors to the Dominion revenue than the people farther West, that she was fully entitled to the trifling advantage conferred by the bill, and which was admitted to have been kept from her by mistake. It was urged that it would be unjust and foolish to deny that important Province her right in this matter. The hon. gentlemen also controverted the statement of the Senator from New Brunswick, as to the understanding with the Privy Council last year.

Hon. Messrs. DEVER and WILMOT argued the case of New Brunswick, in reply, maintaining that she contributed more to the revenue in proportion to population than any other Province, save, possibly, British Columbia, whose good quality in this respect, Dr. Carrall had insisted upon.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT corroborated Mr. Botsford's impression as to the agreement of last year.

The bill was read a second time, referred, reported and read a third time.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE, seconded by Hon. Mr. Armand, moved the second reading of the bill authorizing one Meunier, to construct a toll bridge over L'Assomption River.

After some discussion as to the principle of dealing with bills of a private character in this Parliament, which appeared distasteful to Mr. Bellerose and other

members, who favored this bill partly because others of a similar character had been agreed to this session,

Hon. Mr. SCOTT, in response to suggestions thrown out by Mr. Ryan, on the subject of the proper course for these Houses in the matter of bills to be submitted, said the Government would probably consider as to a means of securing a decision upon the nature of bills hereafter. He believed the present, as it dealt with a navigable stream, was within the capacity of the Dominion. — Motion carried.

#### ICE BRIDGE AT QUEBEC.

Hon. Mr. RYAN moved the second reading of the bill to repeal certain provisions of law and regulations thereunder, injurious to the free navigation of the St. Lawrence. — Carried.

Bill referred to Committee.

#### EXTRADITION OF CRIMINALS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Extradition Act of 1873. He explained, it was suggested by the Colonial Secretary, and was intended to take cognizance of the number of crimes for which offenders could be extradited. The bill was not to apply to the United States, but only to the countries that reciprocated in the matter, Denmark, France, Germany and Belgium. It would not take effect till approved by the Imperial authorities.

Bill referred to Committee and read a third time.

#### DUTIES OF CUSTOMS BILL.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER moved the second reading of this bill, whose object, he explained was to raise the new duties agreed upon, at the instance of the Finance Minister in the other House, so as to obtain the money needed to meet the occurring obligations of the country and carry on its promised public works. He believed the bill should and would meet with the approval of this House also.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER said that it was very well known that the duty of dealing with the tariff of the Dominion devolved entirely on the other Chamber, and it was not prudent that this Chamber should, except in some extreme case, alter it. At the same time it was not contrary to Parliamentary usage that the Senate of the country should express its opinion with regard to any tariff proposed. He did not propose to discuss the question as to what the deficit of the present year was, but to