

Hon. Mr. WILMOT replied, after which the Bill was read a second time unanimously.

It was then referred to Committee of the Whole, and afterwards reported without amendment.

In reply to a message from the Commons,

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved that a message be sent to acquaint that House that the Senate gives leave to Hon. Messrs. Macpherson, Cochrane, Chapais, Foster and Campbell, to attend and give evidence before the committee of that House to which has been referred the enquiry as to the statement of Hon. Mr. Huntington relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway, if they see fit. Carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved second reading of the offences against the person amendment bill. He explained it was to substitute for the sentence of death against persons convicted of rape, a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary. The death penalty was not carried out, but its existence deterred juries sometimes from finding offenders guilty. Carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the bill respecting aliens in Manitoba and British Columbia. He explained he had received information from Senator Carrall, as to the courts in British Columbia; and he (Mr. C.) therefore proposed to introduce the words County Courts, as well as Supreme Court, for action in the matter of naturalization.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD—What time must a person reside there to become a British subject?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Those there now must live one year, but incomers hereafter three years.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD suggested an alteration. Three years was a long period.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL admitted it was, though Parliament might amend the term. The intention was to prevent foreigners exercising important rights in the country before they had become British subjects. It was thought the experience of Texas might be ours. If Parliament at any time thought it right, it could diminish the term of residence.

Hon. Mr. CARRALL advocated the change to one year, which he deemed quite sufficient. With all our resources, immigration agents included, we were not likely to witness such a rush of foreigners as might sway the elections and do much damage, should we change this Act, or bring in a fresh bill?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said it would be better to introduce a new bill hereafter. He proposed introducing the words "county courts," to suit Manitoba also.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD proposed a clause to secure the publication of the Dominion laws in Manitoba. The statutes had not been distributed there, and nobody knew what the laws under which they lived were.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL recommended the withdrawal of the amendment, which was unusual. He promised in return to draw the attention of the Government to the non-distribution of the laws in Manitoba with the view to the publication of a small volume containing all the Acts since the Union, for circulation in that Province and British Columbia, to put them on even terms with the other Provinces.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD said he was satisfied if his object was attained without his motion.

The Committee rose and reported the bill as amended. The House concurred in the amendments.

Hon. Mr. BUREAU said we have not yet received an answer to the address for copies of all powers of attorney used in the subscription of all articles of agreement, in reference to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and to the subscription of stock for the formation of such Company, dated 31st January last.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said the usual steps had been taken to this end. The moment the information was obtained it would be brought down.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY asked if a copy of the agreement with Sir Hugh Allan was on the table yet. It was promised last Friday.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said the Hon. Commissioner of Public Works had promised it, but it was not here yet. He would remind him of his promise to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the House then adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 29, 1873.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

After routine business,

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL called attention to the delay in making the motion for an enquiry touching the Pacific Railway Contract. When did the hon. gentleman propose to go on with it?

Hon. M. CHRISTIE—To-morrow.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—It means action of a want of confidence character, and I should like to see it disposed of. (Laughter.)