

bar and gave evidence of the service of certain papers on defendant.

The Bill was carried on a division, demanded by Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just. Contents 36; non-contents 19. It was then referred to special committee to examine evidence.

IMMIGRATION.

The House then went into Committee—Hon. Mr. Botsford in the chair—on the Bill incorporating Immigration Aid Societies, which was reported upon without amendment, read a third time and passed.

PRINTING.

On motion of Hon. Mr. SANBORN, the first report of the Committee on Printing was adopted.

QUARANTINE.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the bill respecting quarantine, which re-enacts laws respecting that subject, except those referring to public health, which properly fall under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Governments. It also includes several amendments to the laws of the Maritime Provinces, which experience has shown to be necessary.

Hon. Mr. SANBORN referred to the distinction made by the Government with reference to the subject of public health, and expressed the opinion that they had come to a proper conclusion although the view was different from that taken with respect to many other matters which came before Parliament although belonging properly to local jurisdiction. He urged the Government to lay down a general principle and apply it to all legislation. The Parliament, under its present position, was absorbing an amount of business which ought not to come before it.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE agreed with the previous speaker that the time had come to establish a certain principle with reference to such matters. He was glad that the Government had introduced such a measure which, he hoped, would prevent the introduction of disease into maritime ports in the way it was done in Halifax last summer.

Hon. Mr. GIRARD alluded to the necessity of preventing introduction of disease into Manitoba from North West by Indians and others.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD wished to know what distinction could be drawn between Public Health and Infectious diseases of Stock, on which Parliament had legislated.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT was of opinion that power of dealing with diseases should not

be divided, but given exclusively to local legislatures or General Government.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL agreed that it was advisable to have a definite principle, as urged by the member for Wellington Division, but it was found very difficult to arrive at a decision on the subject. A Joint Committee had been appointed during a previous session to deal with the question, but nothing had come out of it. Probably in the course of time a satisfactory arrangement would be arrived at, and such perplexities as now constantly arose prevented. As respects the measure concerning Infectious Diseases, he did not remember its exact nature, but supposed it referred to Quarantine. In answer to the member from Manitoba, he stated that it might be necessary to frame a law which would prevent infectious diseases, like small pox, coming into Manitoba from the North West Territory.

The bill was then read a second time.

PUBLIC OFFICERS.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the bill (from the House of Commons) respecting security to be given by officers of Canada.—Carried.

RAILWAY BILL.

Hon. Mr. FERRIER moved the second reading of the bill confirming a certain agreement between the Grand Trunk Railway and the International Bridge Company, and for other purposes.—Referred to Committee on Banking, Railways and Commerce.

PUBLIC LANDS.

The House again went into Committee on the Bill respecting Public Lands, Hon. Mr. Hamilton in the chair.

In accordance with the suggestion of Hon. Mr. BUREAU, the 107th clause was so amended as to read: "Governor in Council shall, at any time hereafter, subject to then existing rights, as defined or created under this Act, withdraw from the operation of this Act such lands as have been reserved for Indians or may be required to satisfy the half breeds claims."

The Bill having been considered,

Hon. Mr. SUTHERLAND asked the Government whether any steps had yet been taken in accordance with his suggestion of the previous night, that a grant should be made to a class of persons whose claims hitherto had been overlooked.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS would be prepared with an answer before the Bill was read a third time.