

adultery committed by the respondent, and then one particular circumstance is described in the title. Then the Bill goes on to say "Whereas the said Fanny Margaret Riddell has proved the allegations of her said petition, and has established the acts of adultery above mentioned." etc. There is really only one "act" established by the evidence; therefore if the hon. gentleman who has charge of the Bill would consent to say "the act of adultery above mentioned" it would reconcile this one and the Bill could pass without dissent from anybody.

HON. MR. OGILVIE—I have no objection to the hon. gentleman's amendment.

The amendment was made by the clerk at the table by striking out the letter "s" from the word "acts."

HON. MR. OGILVIE moved the third reading of the Bill as amended.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed on a division.

CONVEYANCE OF LIQUORS ON HER MAJESTY'S SHIPS BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (122) "An Act respecting the conveyance of liquors on board Her Majesty's Ships in Canadian waters."

He said:—This is a Bill for the purpose of providing for the maintenance of discipline on board Her Majesty's vessels within the jurisdiction of this Dominion. It is a copy in substance and almost the same in words as the Act on the same subject in England, passed in 1853. One of the most important objects in attempting to preserve discipline on board ships is to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors to sailors, and the clause in the Imperial Bill was framed for that purpose and has been found to answer admirably wherever it has been in operation in British waters. But it ceases

to have effect in Canadian waters which are under our own jurisdiction. The subject was brought to the notice of this Government by a letter from Lord Granville pointing out that it was necessary to have similar rules here if possible to those which prevailed in British waters. The Bill has been framed on the English Act, which has worked well. The effect of it is to impose a penalty upon anybody who conveys or attempts to convey any spirituous or fermented liquors on board any of Her Majesty's ships or vessels. Power is given to the officers, commissioned and non-commissioned as well as to peace officers, to apprehend any persons found committing any offence against the provisions of the Act and bring him before a Justice of Peace.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the second time.

DOMINION CONTROVERTED ELECTIONS ACT.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (126) "An Act to amend the Dominion Controverted Elections Act."

He said: This is a Bill making provision for two matters only. One is to remedy a difficulty which has occurred because one of the courts competent to try these matters has no registrar.

HON. MR. SCOTT—There is a clerk of the court.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—But no Registrar for the High Court of Justice for Ontario. The second object is to provide for a mode of selecting the judges who shall try the case, in such a way as to create a sort of rotation amongst all the judges and give every judge of the Superior Courts his share of this work. I fancy in every way it is a suitable and proper Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.