

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 8th February, 1889.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 14) to incorporate the Alberta Railway and Coal Company.—(Mr. Shanly.)

Bill (No. 15) respecting the Kootenay and Athabasca Railway Company.—(Mr. Mara.)

Bill (No. 16) to provide against frauds in supplying milk to cheese and butter factories.—(Mr. Burdett.)

### PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. WOOD (Brockville) moved :

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, the time for receiving petitions for Private Bills be extended to Friday, 22nd instant, and the time for presenting Private Bills to Thursday, 28th instant.

Motion agreed to.

### TRADE COMMISSIONER TO SOUTH AMERICA.

Mr. McMULLEN asked, 1. What has been paid to Simeon Jones, Esq., of St. John, New Brunswick, on account of remuneration or expenses as Trade Commissioner to South America? 2. Is any further sum claimed by or payable to him, or on account of expenses or services rendered by him in connection with said commission?

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Jones has been paid \$1,000 on account. This is not the total amount of his expenses. His bill, I think, is in, and is before the Auditor General. Neither does that include any remuneration for services outside of expenses, on account of which nothing has as yet been paid.

### THE FISHERIES QUESTION.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) asked, Is it the intention of the Government to treat the temporary offer made by the British Plenipotentiaries to those of the United States at the time of the signing of the Fishery Treaty in Washington, November, 1888, and known as the *Modus Vivendi*, as still in force, and to issue licenses as therein provided to American fishermen for the fishing season of 1889?

Mr. TUPPER. That subject is now under the consideration of the Government.

### THE ELECTORAL LISTS.

Mr. CHOQUETTE asked, What is the total amount expended up to date on the preparation, revision, printing, &c., of the electoral lists, in pursuance of the Electoral Franchise Act?

Mr. BOWELL. I will have to ask the hon. gentleman to be kind enough to let that stand, as I have not yet been supplied with the figures, I hope to have them on Monday.

### THE DREDGE PRINCE EDWARD.

Mr. PERRY asked, Is the Government paying Captain Doyle, of the dredge *Prince Edward*, wages or salary during the time said dredge is laid up? If so, what is the amount?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. Yes. In accordance with the rule which obtains on the spoon dredges of the department in the Maritime Provinces, the master and engineer of the dredges are retained in the employment of the department, and are employed in looking after and superintending the repairs which have to be made annually. Mr. Doyle receives \$90 per month.

### PINE TIMBER ON INDIAN RESERVE.

Mr. BARRON asked, Whether the pine timber on the Indian Reserve No. 6, under the Robinson Treaty, known as Shawanakiskie's Reserve, was sold in 1886 to a Mr. Robillard? Is the said Robillard the same as Honoré Robillard? Is the said Honoré Robillard a member of the House of Commons of Canada; and, if so, what constituency does he represent?

Mr. DEWDNEY. Timber was sold to Mr. Robillard in September, 1886. Honoré Robillard is the licensee. Mr. Robillard was not then a member of the House of Commons. He is now member for Ottawa city.

### MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.

Mr. FOSTER presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER read the Message, as follows:—

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending 30th June, 1890, and in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," the Governor General recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 7th February, 1889.

### THE ESTIMATES.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I would like to take this opportunity to enquire of the Government, whether they intend to pursue the practice introduced by Sir Charles Tupper last year, of proceeding forthwith with the consideration of the Estimates before the annual financial statement is made, or whether it is their intention to have the financial statement made before the items are considered in detail?

Mr. FOSTER. It is the intention of the Government to follow the practice introduced last year in this House for the first time, I believe, and which is followed in England—that is, to go on with the Estimates without waiting for the financial statement. I hope there will be no objection to taking up the Estimates on, say, Tuesday next.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I always thought that the English practice was a very good one, and I have no objection in the world on my part to offer to the suggestion of the Minister.

### THE RECENT LOAN.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved for :

Return showing amounts received on account of loan recently negotiated, together with a statement of the sums (forming portions of the same) placed on deposit with Canadian or other banks since the 1st day of July, 1888, and the rate of interest agreed to be paid on the same.

Mr. FOSTER. I see the hon. gentleman has asked for "statement of sums placed with Canadian or other banks since the 1st of July." That, if I interpreted it literally, would not give him what he wishes. Probably he had better amend it by saying "30th of June, 1888."

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Very well, Sir, "30th of June, 1888."

Motion agreed to.