

The Bill No. 78 to amend the Act 40 *Victoria*, Chapter 10, intituled: "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts respecting the Customs," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendment agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Bill No. 83 further to amend an Act respecting Savings Banks in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and to continue for a limited time the Charters of certain Banks to which the said Act applies, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill No. 64 to continue in force for a limited time the Act 43 *Victoria*, Chapter 36, *without amendment*.

Also,—with the following Bill No. 93 of their own, intituled: "An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act, 1880," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. (On motion of Mr. *Mousseau*, the said Bill was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, *to-morrow*.)

Sir *Leonard Tilley* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go again into Committee of *Supply*.

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment thereto, that all the words after "that" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—

"the leaders of the present Government during the General Election of 1878, declared, that if restored to power, they would re-adjust, but not increase the Tariff.

That in 1879 they so increased the Tariff, that the average rate of taxation has been raised, according to the Trade and Navigation Returns from 14.03 per cent in 1877-78, to 19.70 per cent in 1879-80, or by over 40 per cent.

That the reason given for this departure from their Election-pledges, was that the increase was required, in order to balance the public revenue and expenditure.

That the Government estimates the expenditure for the current fiscal year at \$25,573,000, being \$2,070,000 in excess of that for 1877-78, and the revenue for the current year at \$27,586,000, being \$2,013,000 in excess of the expenditure for the year, and \$4,297,000 in excess of the expenditure for 1877-78.

That the Government estimates the expenditure for 1881-82 at \$26,389,000, being \$816,000 in excess of that for the current year, and \$2,886,000 in excess of that for 1877-78; and the revenue at \$27,800,000, being \$1,411,000 in excess of the expenditure for the year, and \$4,297,000 in excess of the expenditure for 1877-78.

That it is thus proposed to raise for the current and the next fiscal years a revenue of \$55,386,000, being \$3,424,000 in excess of the expenditure for those years, and \$11,800,000 in excess of the expenditure, according to the scale of 1877-78.

That the rate of taxation is excessive and should be reduced; and in effecting such reduction regard should be had to those taxes, which press most severely on large masses of the population, which bear most unequally on different parts of the Dominion, and which, while most oppressive to the consumer, are least productive of revenue;—which was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

Anglin,
Bain,
Béchar, d,
Blake,
Borden,
Bourassa,

Geoffrion,
Gillies,
Gillmor,
Gunn,
Guthrie,
Haddow,

Paterson (*Brant*),
Pickard,
Rinfret,
Robertson (*Shelburne*),
Rogers,
Ross (*Middlesex*),