

Correspondence in relation to tenders, and of all tenders received by the Government since 1st January, 1890, relating to the purchase of timber limits on Indian Reserves.—(Mr. Devlin.)

Statement showing the number of breweries, distilleries and maltsters' establishments in Canada in the year 1891; the amount of capital invested therein; the value of the output; the amount of wages paid; number of employees, and the revenue derived therefrom.—(Mr. Flint.)

Copies of all letters, documents, orders and correspondence relating to improvements of Spanish River, District of Algoma; also, instructions to engineers in regard to the survey of said river and the reports of the engineer.—(Mr. Devlin.)

Return giving the names of the Junior Judges in the province of Ontario and dates when appointed, the name and population of the county to which appointed, also the salary and allowance of each of such Judges.—(Mr. Lister.)

Return showing the date on which the steamer "Stanley" commenced running between Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Pictou, N.S.; the date said steamer commenced running between Georgetown, P.E.I., and Pictou; how many trips were made; the date of each trip; how many mail bags were carried each trip; the date at which said steamer stopped carrying mails; the number of passengers and the amount of freight carried to and from Prince Edward Island; the amount of expenses and revenue for the winter 1893-94, in connection with said service.—(Mr. Perry.)

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and the House adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 29th May, 1894.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 128) to amend the Dominion Elections Act. He said: The object of the Bill is to shorten the time in certain constituencies between nomination day and polling day.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

INTEREST ON JUDGMENTS.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 129) to amend the Act respecting interest. He said: The provi-

sions of the statutes relating to interest on judgments in British Columbia have been repealed. Confusion has arisen in consequence, and some doubts exist as to whether judgments may be made to bear interest in the province of British Columbia, especially as respects County Court judgments. The object of this Bill is to remove that defect by providing that such judgments shall, in future, bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Does the Bill provide that these judgments shall bear interest irrespective of whether the original debt was an interest-bearing debt or not?

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Yes.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) The hon. gentleman will see that that is a very serious inroad upon the general principle which applies, I think, in all the other provinces.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. So far as I know, in the other provinces, these debts bear interest irrespective of the original contract.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT.

Mr. LANDERKIN. If the First Minister would allow me to say a word in reference to the Dominion Elections Act amendment, I would like to ask him if he intends to introduce an amendment so as to make the declaration take place at an earlier date than under the present Act? I think it would be very desirable if the hon. Minister would introduce such an amendment, because the difficulties and the dangers hitherto have arisen in the period between election and declaration. I think it would be well if the First Minister would so amend the law as to have the declaration made as speedily as it is now made in the local elections in the different provinces.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. That subject is not touched in the Bill, and my attention has not been called to it.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I think if the hon. gentleman—

Mr. SPEAKER. Order, order.

Mr. LANDERKIN. I know it is informal, Mr. Speaker, but I am in the habit of getting out of order sometimes. I may say, however, that when the Speaker so rules, I am generally right.

FRANCHISE ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. LAURIER. I do not want to press the hon. gentleman, but I notice that he has not introduced to-day the Bill, which stands in his name, to amend the Franchise Act. The hon. gentleman is aware that the revision of the lists is to begin now in a few days.