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And also, the Senate have passed a Bill, intituled: "An Act to make further provision respecting Lighthouses, Buoys and Beacons," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Amendment made by the Senate to the Bill, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *McClary* Manufacturing Company," be taken into consideration To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Amendments made by the Senate to the Bill, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Great American and European Short Line Railway Company," be taken into consideration To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Amendments made by the Senate to the Bill, intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Chignecto* Marine Transport Railway Company, limited," be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *McLelan*, seconded by Mr. *Caron*,

*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to make further provision respecting Lighthouses, Buoys and Beacons," be now read the first time: The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to re-adjust the Representation in the House of Commons, and for other purposes;

Sir *John A. Macdonald* moved, seconded by Sir *Hector L. Langevin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Blake* moved, in amendment, seconded by Sir *Richard J. Cartwright*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "in dealing with the representation of the people in Parliament, the Municipal County organization has been observed in all the Provinces, save *Ontario*, and that in *Ontario* the said organization modified by a division of Municipal Counties into Ridings, has been generally observed;

"That on the occasion of the re-adjustment of 1872, the soundness of the said plan of observing the Municipal County organization, and the evil consequences of a departure therefrom, were recognized by Parliament, and on that occasion the First Minister of the day, Sir *John A. Macdonald* announced, with approval from all sides, the policy of the Government to the following effect, viz:—'with respect to the rural constituencies, the desire of the Government has been to preserve the representations for Counties, and sub-divisions of Counties as much as possible. It is considered objectionable to make representation a mere geographical term. (hear, hear). It is decided as much as possible to keep the representation within the County, so that each County that is a Municipality of *Ontario* should be represented, and if it becomes large enough, that it should be divided into Ridings—that principal is carried out in the suggestions I am about to make. That rule was broken in 1867, in three constituencies, viz:—*Bothwell*, *Cardwell* and *Monck*; and I do not think on the whole that the experiment has proved a successful one. I do not think it was unsuccessful as far as the representatives of those new constituencies themselves were concerned, as they are well and ably represented by the gentlemen who now hold seats for the constituencies; and I hope that if I am returned again to the next Parliament, I shall meet those hon. Members. But it is obvious that there is a great advantage in having Counties elect men whom they know. Our Municipal system gives an