

Canada to Asia, but unfortunately now the ground has been, to a certain extent, cut from under his feet by the passage of an Act this session which was introduced in the first place for an entirely different object. It is unfortunate that the papers for which I now move had not been previously printed and distributed to the House; if they had been I doubt if the legislation to which I have referred could have passed. I make this motion so that at the next meeting of Parliament these papers may be printed and placed in the hands of members.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — There is no objection to the Address, so far as the Government is concerned.

The motion was agreed to.

#### RICHELIEU RIVER EEL FISHERY.

##### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. TRUDEL moved: —

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House copies of all letters, documents and other writings, bearing dates between January, 1874, and the 18th March, 1871, that may be found in the possession of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, relating to the rights of Joseph Goyette Pierre Dionne and Toussaint Huot, in an eel fishery situate in the bed of the River Richelieu, between the opposite towns of Iberville and Saint John.”

He said: I move for these papers in order to ascertain the proprietary right to a certain fishery in the Richelieu River, to which the parties whose names are mentioned in the motion lay claim. There was a concession made to certain parties which will expire next year, and these parties want to have access to the papers moved for, in order to ascertain the title to the property.

The motion was agreed to.

##### THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed: —

Bill (42) “An Act further to amend the Acts incorporating the International Railway Company.” — (Mr. Odell.)

Bill (55) “An Act to amend the Acts relating to the New Brunswick Railway Company.” — (Mr. Odell.)

*Hon. Mr. Cornwall.*

Bill (97) “An Act to provide for the incorporation of a Company to establish a marine telegraph between the Pacific coast of Canada and Asia.” — (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

Bill (99) “An Act further to amend the Act therein mentioned respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.” — (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

Bill (90) “An Act to remove doubts as to the power to imprison with hard labor under the Acts respecting vagrants.” — (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

Bill (95) “An Act to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Superior Court of Prince Edward Island.” — (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

Bill (91) “An Act to prescribe a declaration to be taken by employees on telegraph lines under the control of the Government, and to provide for the punishment of telegraph operators and employees who divulge the contents of certain telegrams.” — (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

#### MONTREAL HARBOR COMMISSIONERS' BILL.

##### THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of Bill (101) “An Act to amend the Act 36 Vic. cap. 60, respecting the Montreal Harbor Commissioners.”

Hon. Mr. RYAN — Before the Bill is read the second time, I should like to make one remark: that is, that the allowance made by way of encouraging the deepening of Lake St. Peter is next to nothing.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — Why?

Hon. Mr. RYAN — Because without this legislation the Harbor Commissioners could at the present moment sell their four per cent. bonds at par and pay off the debt.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — But in the meantime they are indebted to the Government for a considerable sum of money on which they pay five per cent. and this reduces it to four per cent. I think that is something.