

urged on the one hand that we who voted for that bill were acting in favour of the Direct Cable Company—which is evidently a misunderstanding—I must say, on the other hand, that those on the other side who voted against it seemed to be acting for one company alone.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD—From the first inception of the bill two years ago, I considered it an invasion of private rights, and I opposed it—not as a friend of the Anglo-American Company. It is apparent now that the hon. members who supported it have found its operation to be an entire failure; and the predictions I made when it was before the House are borne out by the facts which have occurred. I considered then, and I do now, that the terms and provisions of that bill are an invasion of private rights, and I for one did not feel called upon to give it my support.

Hon. Mr. PENNY—I did not intend to make any reflections on the motives of the gentlemen who voted as they did, but merely to express my opinion that their action tended to the advantage of that one company, which was the only one in existence. I am sorry that my hon. friend should have thought that I intended to impute any motives to him.

The motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Mr. WILSON moved that when this House adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday, 2nd day of March next, at 8 p.m. Carried.

The House adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, March 2.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at 8 p.m.

Prayers were read.

After routine,

NEW BILLS.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST moved, seconded by Mr. SCOTT, that the time limited for receiving petitions for private bills be extended to Thursday, the 16th inst. Carried.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT introduced a Bill entitled an Act to define and settle the duties, rights and liabilities of common carriers by land and water in certain cases.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST introduced a bill entitled an Act to remove doubts in the Acts therein mentioned,

respecting the corporation of the Quebec Harbour Commission.

The House adjourned at 3:20.

FRIDAY, March 3.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at 3 p.m.

Prayers were read.

After routine.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House a copy of the report made during the past summer by Mr. F. Shanly, upon the Prince Edward Island Railway. He said:—I do not intend to make any remarks in moving this address, except that I am very anxious that the report should see day light. There was a report made on the Prince Edward Island Railway by the Local Government Engineer, Mr. Boyd, which was deemed unsatisfactory by the Dominion Government, and they afterwards appointed Mr. Swinyard to go over the road and make an examination of it, and test whether it had been constructed according to contract or not. According to the report of the latter gentleman, the road was very unsatisfactorily built: in fact, from the report published and laid before Parliament last session, it appeared that the engineer of the Local Government, Mr. Boyd, had been a mere tool in the hands of the contractors, Messrs. Schoieber & Beriland, and that it would require over \$100,000 to put the road in the condition required by the articles entered into with the Dominion Government. Payment was refused on the last certificate sent in by the engineer in consequence of Mr. Swinyard's report. There was an issue; on the one hand Mr. Boyd declared that the road was according to contract, and the report of Mr. Swinyard was to the contrary. When I was up here last spring an arrangement was made between the Minister of Public Works and myself, that Mr. Shanly should be appointed to examine the road, as he was an able and celebrated engineer, who had also practical experience of the construction and working of narrow gauge railways, of which ours was one, costing \$15,000 per mile, while Mr. Swinyard had been accustomed only to ordinary gauge railways, costing \$40,000 per mile. I am