

As far as he was personally concerned, he might say that on two very important occasions, he acted chiefly on account of his reliance on the word of Sir George Cartier—that word, which, as the hon. Senator who spoke last had so well expressed it, had never deceived any one. That was first when he accepted, at Sir George Cartier's request, the trust of conducting the educational affairs of Lower Canada, and the second instance was when he accepted the task of forming the first local administration of the Province of Quebec. He regretted that the Government had not thought fit, owing to the state of the public business, to follow the suggestions thrown out by the leader of the Opposition (Hon. Mr. Letellier) and had not adjourned the House; however, the unanimity of feeling which had been shown, and the suggestion coming from the hon. gentleman, illustrated the fact that the lamented baronet was admired and esteemed by his political adversaries as well as by his friends.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said as it appeared to be the general wish of the members of the House to adjourn he would, seconded by Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just, move an adjournment until half-past seven o'clock. Carried.

AFTER RECESS.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved that on Tuesday, the 20th inst., and every succeeding day thereafter, there be two distinct sittings of the House, one from 3 to six p. m., and the other from 7.30 p. m. onwards. Carried.

THIRD READINGS.

Act to incorporate the Lachine Hydraulic Works Company, and grant certain powers thereto.—Hon. Mr. Ferrier.

To amend chap. 58, Con. Stat.—Hon. Mr. Ferrier.

Act respecting interest in Nova Scotia.—Hon. Mr. Kaulback.

To incorporate the Oshawa Board of Trade.—Hon. Mr. Benson.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Girard, moved a rider to the bill for the continuation of the Insolvent Act of 1869, to suit the changed character of the courts in Manitoba. The bill, as amended, was read a third time.

Hon. Mr. REESOR moved the adoption of the seventh report of the Committee on Printing. Carried.

DECK LOADS.

The House then went into committee on the Deck Loads Bill.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said, after consultation with the Minister of Marine, he was prepared to amend the clause as to spars, so as to allow vessels to carry five undressed spars above deck, as the member for Victoria (Hon. Mr. Ryan) had suggested. He moved the amendments be concurred in.

Hon. Messrs. WILMOT and KAULBACK said the representatives of the Maritime Provinces in the other House were opposed to this bill all through. They again urged the striking out of the clause placing a restriction on the vessels trading with the West Indies, Mr. Kaulback moving to that effect.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL reiterated his objection that there had been no argument to show these restrictions were not necessary, even granting that of the River St. Lawrence vessels had been omitted from the bill. On enquiry he learned that this was due to the fact that they sailed to the Brazils and other South American ports during summer, and were vessels of a different kind from the St. John, being better adapted for long voyages, and that they could take deck loads more safely. On the other hand, the vessels sailing from the Maritime Provinces to the West Indies proceed during winter; and when their cargoes of shocks become covered with ice, they constitute an exceedingly heavy and dangerous deck load. He learned also that the casualties connected with the thirty-one vessels going between the Maritime Provinces and the West Indies took place in three years, and were mainly due, so far as could be ascertained, to the practice of excessive deck loads. He was informed that the limit proposed by the bill was the very limit which any prudent man would adopt for himself, without a bill at all. He argued, therefore, that, supposing there was need of legislation in other directions, it would be wrong to reject this opportunity of dealing with such an urgent case.

After further discussion, in which Senator WARK joined, a division took place on the amendment, which was rejected. Contents, 14; non-contents, 25.

On the Post-master General's motion, the bill was then read a third time.

REGISTRATION BILL.

House in committee,

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST suggested an amendment respecting the clause as to mortgages.