

der will be brought down and the fullest information given to the House, and the House will be in a position to judge whether the contract should be ratified.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The hon. gentleman is mistaken when he says I knew there was no advertisement; I did not know it.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Why did the hon. gentleman suppose this contract was made subject to the approval of the House if there was an advertisement?

Mr. MACKENZIE. I could not tell that.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. If there was an advertisement he is perfectly well aware it did not require to be made subject to the approval of the House.

Mr. MACKENZIE. I am quite aware of that, nor is there any law now requiring it to be subject to the approval of the House, even without an advertisement. The Privy Council has power to give a contract, but it is not in accordance with the Public Works Act. Although there was no advertisement I was not aware of the fact. I heard the rumor when I came into the House, but in order that I might verify my information I determined to make this request of the hon. gentleman.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I am quite willing to lay every paper connected with the matter upon the Table without a motion, but if the hon. gentleman will make his motion it will give me an opportunity of explaining to the House all the circumstances.

Mr. MACKENZIE. Very well. I now give notice that to-morrow I will make the motion.

The House adjourned at 6.15 o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, 15th February, 1882.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 3) to incorporate the St. Lawrence Marine Insurance Company of Canada.—(Mr. Gault.)

Bill (No. 4) to amend the Act incorporating the Sun Mutual Insurance Company of Montreal.—(Mr. Gault.)

Bill (No. 7) for the better prevention of fraud in relation to contracts involving the expenditure of public moneys.—(Mr. Casgrain.)

RAILWAY PASSENGER TICKETS.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK, in introducing Bill (No. 5) respecting the sale of Railway Passenger Tickets, said: The object of this Bill is to enable railway companies to appoint agents in different towns or places where they have any agencies for the sale of railway passenger tickets, and authorizes the hon. the Minister of Railways to do the same thing. It also provides that no person, except those so authorized, shall sell railway passenger tickets. It provides, further, the penalties which shall be imposed on any person who shall sell those tickets without authority; also, that the railway companies shall be bound to redeem all the tickets issued by them which are unused in whole or part; that is to say, that if any person in a railway company issues a ticket, and the person who buys it only travels on it a part of the journey, the

company shall be bound to redeem it for the unused portion. I am satisfied that on the second reading of the Bill I shall be enabled to give the House reasons sufficient to induce them to pass it into law.

Mr. BLAKE. I hope the hon. gentleman will not die before he gets the Bill passed.

Bill read the first time.

STADACONA INSURANCE COMPANY.

Mr. CASGRAIN introduced a Bill (No. 6) to amend and extend the Act to empower the Stadacona Fire and Life Insurance Company to relinquish their Charter, and to provide for the winding up of their affairs.

Mr. VALLÉE. Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member give the House some explanation with regard to this bill?

Mr. CASGRAIN. The object of the bill is to wind up the affairs of this Company as soon as possible, which unfortunately cannot be done owing to certain claims pending in the courts, and especially owing to certain other claims which are not before the courts, which claims the Company is desirous of settling within a specified time, so as to be able to wind up its business and declare a final dividend.

Bill read the first time.

DUTIES COLLECTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mr. DeCOSMOS enquired, 1. What is the total amount of Customs, Excise and Stamps respectively, collected in British Columbia during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1881? 2. What is the total amount of revenue collected from other sources, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1881? 3. What is the total amount of revenue collected from all sources in British Columbia during the last fiscal year?

Mr. BOWELL. The total collections on account of import duties in British Columbia for the past year, 1880-81, reached \$599,477.72. From other sources: entrance and clearance fees, \$320; bonded warehouse fees, \$400; examining fees, \$60.90; petroleum inspection, \$848; mariner's fund revenue, \$2,249.75; steamboat inspection revenue, \$606.49; seizure's revenue, \$620; copyright revenue, \$2.49; total, \$604,535.35. The following figures show the amount of Excise and Stamps, respectively, collected in British Columbia during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1881: from Excise, \$46,355.78; Bill Stamps, \$1,187.50; total, \$47,543.28. The total amount of revenue collected from other sources, during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1881, by the Department of Inland Revenue: inspection of weights and measures \$59.35; rent of camp reserve with buildings and wharf, New Westminster, \$395; total, \$454.35. Receipts from British Columbia, other than Customs and Excise: Post Office Department, \$15,464.85; telegraphs, \$8,931.24; steamboat inspection, \$606.49; casual, \$1,434.81; fines and forfeitures, \$51; miscellaneous, \$150.45; total, \$26,639.84.

POPULATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BY LAST CENSUS.

Mr. DeCOSMOS enquired, 1. What is the approximate population of British Columbia, as determined by the Census of 1881? 2. What is the approximate number of the population, as far as ascertained, in each Commons electoral district. 3. What is the approximate number of Whites, Chinese and Indians respectively, distinguishing the number of adult males and females under each head.

Mr. POPE (Compton). The statement I will give is not an approximate but the real number. The total population by the last Census was 49,459. In New Westminster, 15,417; Cariboo, 7,550; Yale, 9,200; Victoria, 7,301; Vancouver,