

found it stated in last year's report that they had bought twenty-five engines, but had not paid for them. He felt it his duty as a public man, representing one of the British Provinces, to urge upon the Parliament of the new Dominion to resent such a Bill as this, where the bondholders have not given their consent to its being passed.

**Mr. Grant** thought the Grand Trunk system would require many such Bills as this to rectify it. In past sessions of the Canadian Legislature they had had many such Bills before their asking for assistance. He referred to the eloquence and ability of the gentlemen from the Maritime Provinces, and said though they had not built many railroads there he was happy to say they owned them. He hoped these gentlemen would infuse a spirit of economy into their legislation so that they would be able to build a great canal in the Valley of Ontario, and give assistance to the Government.

**Mr. Macfarlane**, at the suggestion of the honourable member for Lambton, was not disposed to press his motion for the postponement of the Bill, but would oppose it in Committee.

The second reading was carried on a division.

**Mr. Jones (Halifax)** enquired whether the Government have taken means to ascertain the view of the American Government on the subject of a Reciprocity Treaty, and if not, whether it is their intention to secure its renewal—also in the event of failing to secure its renewal, what course they intend adopting with reference to the granting of Licenses to American Fishermen?

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said the Government was alive to the importance of the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, and would give the subject every attention. With respect to granting licenses to American Fishermen the subject was under consideration.

**Hon. Mr. Anglin** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to do anything for the improvement of the Ports of the Province of New Brunswick, on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Bay Chaleur, by dredging or otherwise; and if so, when such improvements will probably be commenced?

**Hon. Mr. McDougall** said it was the intention of the Government generally to consider the means for the improvements of navigation, but as such improvements involved the

expenditure of large sums of money, he was not prepared to say when they would be undertaken.

**Hon. Mr. Smith** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government generally that the salaries of the Judges of the County Courts, recently established in New Brunswick, shall be paid by the Government of the Dominion of Canada?

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said the Government not only had the intention to pay, but were bound to pay, all salaries to Judges which by law they must pay (laughter).

**Mr. McConkey** enquired whether the Government contemplate the use of any extraordinary means during the incoming season to encourage immigration from Great Britain and elsewhere, to this Dominion?

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said the Government was disposed to favor immigration, but would look to the Local Governments of the several Provinces for cooperation.

**Mr. Bolton** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government to subsidize a line of steamers to ply between Montreal and Pictou or Halifax, Nova Scotia, touching at intermediate ports, and if so, will such subsidy be granted under public tender, and whether a like subsidy is to be extended to a line of steamers between Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the West Indies?

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said the important points involved in this question were under the consideration of the Government.

**Mr. Bodwell** enquired whether it is the intention of the Government, in the Bill respecting Patents of Invention and Discovery, to extend to citizens of the United States the same facilities for obtaining Patents of Invention and Discovery in Canada that are afforded to citizens of this Dominion; and whether privileges under Patents now enjoyed by citizens of the United States in the Province of New Brunswick are to be extended to other parts of the Dominion?

**Hon. Mr. Cartier** said a Bill to be introduced would show to what extent the Government would be prepared to extend the privileges in question.

**Mr. Workman** enquired whether the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal have completed the deepening of the Ship Channel between Montreal and Quebec, so that it shall be 20 feet deep, when there are 11 feet of water on the flats of Lake St. Peter, and