

exactly the right person to decide what should be charged his superior or co-ordinate officers for the goods.

Mr. THOMPSON. That is quite true, and it would be a good argument if there were no supervision over the accountant; but there is the accountant in the Department to whom the accounts of each penitentiary are submitted. It is his duty to see that precisely the same price is charged for the produce of the farm that the institution has been credited with.

Resolutions ordered to be reported.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, 5th May, 1887.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

### VACANCY.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received a notification of a vacancy occurring in the electoral district of Restigouche by the decease of Mr. Robert Moffat, and that he had issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

### NEW MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House that the Clerk of the House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a certificate of the election and return of Mr. Adam Hudspeth to represent the electoral district of the south riding of the county of Victoria, in the Province of Ontario.

### MEMBER INTRODUCED.

The following member, having previously taken the oath according to law and subscribed the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House:

Adam Hudspeth, Esquire, introduced by Sir John A. Macdonald and the Hon. Mr. White.

### CROWN SECURITIES ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. McCARTHY moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 51) to amend an Act respecting defective letters patent and the discharge of securities to the Crown. He said: This Bill is for the purpose of discharging the lien which the Government have on the lands of the makers of bonds under an old law which is practically now extinct. Before 1866 the mere entering into a Crown bond of itself became a charge or lien upon the obligors in regard to land wherever situated. Since 1866 the bond must be registered like any other security on the lands. I am told by the Referee of Titles that it costs a great deal when parties desire to have a title made, to discover whether this bond has been discharged to the Crown or not, and the object is to relieve the lands of all claim or lien by the Crown where it has not been registered.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

### FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 52) to empower the employés of incorporated companies to establish pension fund societies.—(Mr. Hall.)

### ELECTORAL FRANCHISE ACT.

Mr. TISDALE moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 53) to amend the Electoral Franchise Act. He said: The object of the Bill is to amend sub-sections 4 and 5 of section 3, and is to enable occupants or tenants to vote if they are entitled to vote at the time of the preparation of the list. As the law now stands, they have to be residents a year in the electoral division, before their names can be put upon the roll.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

### CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

Mr. CHAPLEAU moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 54) to amend the Chinese Immigration Act. He said: This Bill contains all the provisions of the Bill passed by this House last Session, but which did not pass through the Upper House. First, the Chinese wife of a white man shall not be subject to the duties imposed upon Chinese, she being considered as of the nationality of her husband. The second provision is to allow Chinese to pass through the territory of Canada, as it were, in bond. The third provision is to allow Chinese to take leave of absence for three months, and to return to Canada without paying a duty, after it is ascertained that there has been no fraud in the return of such immigrant. The fourth provision is to make one fourth of the net proceeds of the entry dues paid by Chinese immigrants payable to the Province of British Columbia.

Mr. BLAKE. The Bill does not contain any provision restricting the immigration of Chinese in a more stringent form?

Mr. CHAPLEAU. No.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

### FLOODS IN THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE.

Mr. HESSON, in the absence of Mr. CURRAN, asked, Has the report of the engineers charged with investigating the River St. Lawrence flood been received, and is it the intention of the Government to lay it before the House at an early day? If so, when?

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. There was only one report received from the engineers, and that was made public at the time. We expect another report in a very few days, and then I will bring it down.

### AMENDMENT TO THE CUSTOMS LAWS.

Mr. HOLTON asked, Is it the intention of the Government to propose any amendments to the Customs laws during the present Session of Parliament?

Mr. BOWELL. Yes.

### POSTMASTER AT PICKERING.

Mr. EDGAR asked, Who is the present postmaster at Pickering, in the county of Ontario, and when was he appointed to that office; also, was he deputy postmaster previously to December, 1883?

Mr. McLELAN. William Logan is the postmaster at Pickering, and was appointed on the 22nd November, 1884.