

it will not be, as it was two or three years ago, when I and others, expecting some change would be made or introduced by the Government, waited and waited until finally, I remember, I stood in my place and asked the leader of the Government if any thing was to be done on that question, and I was then informed by him that the intention was to repeal the existing laws. I hope that will not be done on this occasion.

One other matter I must speak of, which has reference to the Province from which I come: it is that the promises which the Government made with regard to certain improvements at the points of transport during the winter months for our mails and passengers, had not been timely attended to. I have called attention in this House before to the breach—I will not say breach, but the non-performance of the promise that boat-houses should be erected at each of the capes between which our mails cross at this season of the year. Last year no commencement had been made, and this year I crossed at one of those points, not many days ago, and found the boat-houses had as yet no existence, although some gangs of carpenters had just commenced, at this cold season of the year to work upon them. I hope the Government will take more pains to put that service upon a thoroughly well organized footing. Last year, or the year before, I forget which, a committee of the other House of Parliament sat and examined a number of witnesses, and made an extensive report, which is in print now; and I think that that report contained many very useful suggestions which might be carried out with great advantage, for the improvement of the transport of mails in winter to and from Prince Edward Island.

Having occupied the time of the House so long I feel inclined to close my remarks.

The motion was agreed to,

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (A) "An Act respecting Real Property in the North-west Territories.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Monday, February 2nd, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

WHITE POPULATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

AN EXPLANATION.

HON. MR. ALEXANDER—During the debate on Friday, from information which I had previously obtained, I stated that the whole white population of British Columbia was 16,000 souls, all told. Since that time one of the hon. Senators of this House reproved me, stating that I had been wrongly informed; that it was a larger number. I have since made it my duty to see Mr. Homer, one of the representatives in Parliament, of British Columbia, and he informs me that the number is 25,000. I desire, of course, to make the *amende honorable* for the mistake. I made the statement in good faith, believing I had correct information, and I am very glad to hear that the white population of the province is 25,000.

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, February 3rd, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED.

Hon. James R. GOWAN was introduced, and having taken the oath prescribed by law, took his seat.

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 p.m.