

inaccuracies they can be corrected for the bound edition.

Hon. Mr. DEVER — But the harm is done.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE — The correction will go as wide as the harm. But under any circumstances we certainly ought to be prepared here to depend as much upon the reports of our speeches as members of the other House, who never see the reports until after they are published from one end of the Dominion to the other. Not only have they no opportunity to revise them, but they have to risk the errors incidental to the transmission of hastily prepared reports over the wires at a late hour in the night. If any serious errors occur they can be corrected by a statement in the House, as is often done in the other Chamber.

The report was adopted.

EUROPEAN, AMERICAN, CANADIAN  
AND ASIATIC CABLE COM-  
PANY'S BILL.

CONCURRENCE IN AMENDMENTS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved concurrence in the amendments made by the House of Commons to Bill (F) "An Act to incorporate the European, American and Canadian Cable Company (Limited)." He said: The changes made are, in the first place, to the title, introducing the word "Asiatic," and more definite power is given to the Company to lay a cable to China and Japan. The clause restricting the rate to 50 cents a word has been struck out and a clause substituted authorizing the Governor in Council to fix the rate, and from time to time to alter the same. Several clauses in the Government Bill are introduced, giving special preference to Government messages, and in favor of not only the Canadian Government, but also the Governments of such other countries as the cable may connect with, giving them special advantages and privileges.

The motion was agreed to.

DOMINION LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT  
BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS moved the second reading of Bill (77) "an Act to amend the Dominion Lands Acts."

*Hon. Mr. Macfarlane.*

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Senate adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

THE SENATE.

*Friday, March 18th, 1881.*

The Speaker took the chair at three p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE CREDIT FONCIER FRANCO-CANA-  
DIEN BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported Bill (31) "An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien," without amendment.

Hon. Mr. GIBBS moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY — I think the House should pause before reading the Bill a third time, for reasons which I shall briefly state. It is not my intention to enter into an argument, but simply to state my reasons for opposing the third reading. My contention is that the effect of the Bill will be to give legislative sanction and recognition to the statute passed by the Legislature of Quebec, which some of us think to be *ultra vires*, and contains provisions that would not be entertained by this House were they embodied in the Bill which is now before us. I think it is quite clear that this Bill, if it passes, will give legislative sanction to that Act, at all events, to this extent, that it will not be in the power of persons opposing that Act hereafter to say that it is *ultra vires*. When I made the point the other day I was told by the mover of the Bill that the Quebec Act had nothing whatever to do with this Bill. I was surprised at that somewhat broad — I will not say bold — assertion, and I waited to see what explanation could be given of it. My hon. friend, very soon afterwards, was answered in this way, that the Quebec Act must either be a part of the Bill, or not; if it was a part of the Bill, then it was clearly *ultra vires*. If it were not a part,