

the bill was right it should have such an operation. It was absurd to talk of the vested rights of parties who had brought suits before the passage of the bill. Would they permit suitors who in this way had attempted to forestall the action of Parliament and oust its jurisdiction, to have any advantage by such sharp practice? He had little sympathy with such an argument, and did not believe it would receive any consideration from the House. The French population of the Maritime Provinces numbered about 90,000 souls, and Mr. Perry was the only representative that large body had sent to the Dominion Parliament. After having been elected by an overwhelming majority his election had not been petitioned against, and it would be a most unjust and ungracious act to prevent him from enjoying his seat free from the annoyances he might be subject to without an act of indemnity. He trusted there would be no objection to the second reading of the bill (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL hoped the hon. gentleman would not press the amendment.

Hon. Mr. HAVILAND said he did not intend to press it to a division. He only wished to lay the whole of the facts before the House fairly, that the question might be fully understood. He would not have spoken so warmly, but for the uncalled for observations of the Secretary of State.

After some further remarks on the subject, from Hon. Messrs. Scott, Haviland, Campbell, Letellier, Botsford, Miller, Vidal, and Rescor, the motion for a second reading was carried. The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill, and reported it without amendment, when it was read a third time.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the Bill from the Commons, respecting the Electric and Hardware Manufacturing Company, which he explained was designed to allow two companies to amalgamate and carry on business as a single body hereafter.—Passed.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the House into Committee of the Whole, to consider the Bill, from the Commons, entitled Navigable Waters Obstructions Removal Bill. He said the title and preamble of the measure explained its object. He then proposed some amendments to render the Bill more effective, which were agreed to. The Bill was reported as amended and read a third time.

The Bill to incorporate the Imperial Bank was received from the Commons, with an amendment, made, for the reason,

that the clause as it stood, would have had the effect of deterring British capitalists from subscribing for the said stock.

Hon. Mr. PENNY moved that the House do not insist on the last amendment.—Carried.

Another message was received from the Commons, announcing their concurrence in a number of bills sent from the Senate.

On motion of Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, of Kingston, the House then adjourned till Tuesday.

TUESDAY, May 19.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. HAMILTON, of Kingston reported seven bills from the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN moved the third reading of the Bill to change the name of the Victoria Bank of Canada to that of the Manufacturer's Bank of Canada. Carried.

The following Bills were also read a third time:

To amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.

An Act respecting the Bank of Nova Scotia.

MARINE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the third reading of the Bill entitled "An Act to regulate the construction and maintenance of Marine Electric Telegraphs." He proceeded to explain the measure, and said he had the authority of a gentleman in the other Chamber for the statement that he had conversed with Cyrus Field, of the Atlantic Telegraph Company, on Friday week, on the subject of this bill, and that consequently Mr. Field could not be described as ignorant of what was going on in Parliament respecting it. This was a sufficient answer to the objection that the promoters of this bill were taking advantage of the ignorance of that Company. He contended that if they had any legal status or rights as opposed to this measure, they would have taken good care to be present for their assertion. The Nova Scotia Act on which the Company had based hypothetical rights as regards that Province, some years ago, was disallowed in England. If this bill passed we should have several ocean lines of telegraph, and a cheaper service. The bill simply proposed extending to other Companies rights now held by one, which had purchased out a French Company, and made other successful exertions to preserve its monopoly. (Hear, hear.)