

the free exportation into the United States of all products of our country which we can induce them to receive, and which it would be for our advantage to export. That is the principle on which the party have declared their intention of negotiating—that is to say, for extended relations in reciprocity of trade in all those goods, articles and products that can be reciprocally exchanged without injury to our own country.

HON. MR. SCOTT—In other words, the National Policy.

HON. MR. POWER—Perhaps the hon. gentleman, having gone so far, will be kind enough to go a little further, and answer the question I asked a moment ago. I presume the Government are not prepared to begin negotiations on the basis of unrestricted reciprocity?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—My hon. friend is not guilty of any presumption at all in presuming that much.

HON. MR. BOTSFORD, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the Bill be now read the third time.

HON. MR. POWER—It cannot be done without moving the suspension of the rule, and I shall object, unless the hon. gentleman answers my question: whether the Government intend to carry on the negotiations on the basis of unrestricted reciprocity?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I move the suspension of the forty-first rule, and that the Bill be now read the third time.

HON. MR. POWER—His Honour the Speaker knows that one objection is sufficient to prevent that from being done, but under the circumstances I do not think I shall urge my objection, for if I objected for a week I do not think I would get an answer to the question I have put.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Senate adjourned at 6 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, May 29th, 1891.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SENATOR ALEXANDER'S SEAT.

MOTION.

THE SPEAKER presented the third report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, which was as follows:—

The committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, to whom was referred back, by order of your honourable House of the twenty sixth instant, their second report as to any notice given to the Honourable George Alexander of the intended meeting or proceedings of the said committee, beg leave to present the following as their third report:

That they have taken into consideration the report of the Clerk of the Senate in relation to the absence of the Honourable George Alexander from his seat in the Senate for two consecutive sessions of the last Parliament, and having also referred to the Journals of the House find that the said Honourable George Alexander, one of the members of the Senate for the Province of Ontario, has for two consecutive sessions of the last Parliament failed to give his attendance to this House.

That, in obedience to the order of your honourable House of the fifth instant, a copy of the said report was transmitted on the same day to the Honourable George Alexander through the mail by the Clerk of this House, with a notice that the same would be taken into consideration by the committee on the twenty-sixth instant.

That the Honourable George Alexander has addressed a letter to the hon. the Senator for Inkerman, dated the twelfth May instant, and has caused the same to be transmitted to him through the Clerk of this House, in which he states his inability to attend during the last two sessions of this House, and admits that his seat has thereby become vacant.

Your committee recommend that the following resolution be adopted by the House:—

Resolved, That the Honourable George Alexander, one of the members of the Senate from the Province of Ontario, has for two consecutive sessions of the last Parliament of Canada failed to give his attendance to this House, and thereby vacated his seat. That this House, in pursuance of the thirty-third section of the British North America Act, 1867, doth declare, determine and adjudge the said seat of the Honourable George Alexander vacated.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. LACOSTE,
Chairman of the Committee.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the report of the committee be adopted.

HON. MR. SCOTT—Does my hon. friend propose advising His Excellency or the Privy Council?