

Mr. FOSTER. I have no doubt my hon friend who has discharged his duties so satisfactorily this year, will next year be upon that committee, and his influence will be felt in that direction.

Mr. LaRIVIERE. Will the indemnity be the same next year as this year ?

Mr. FOSTER. The sessional indemnity ?

Mr. LaRIVIERE. No ; as chairman of that committee.

Mr. FOSTER. I suppose about the same.

#### MONTREAL HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS.

House proceeded to consider amendment made by the Senate to Bill (No. 99) respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.

Mr. FOSTER. With respect to one of these amendments, I wish to say that it does not exactly carry out the intention of the Bill, and the effect of it will be to make the Commissioners appointed by the Government and those appointed by the local authorities equal in numbers upon the Commission, whilst the principle and policy has always been to have the Government appointees in a majority. I therefore move to amend by substituting "11" in place of "10," and "6" in place of "5," before the word "members," and to add the following clause :—

The Board of Trade, the Corn Exchange Association, and la Chambre de Commerce du district de Montréal, shall severally, at a meeting to be held at their respective chambers or usual places of meeting in the city of Montreal, at noon on the first Monday of August (or if that day be a legal holiday, then the next day, not being such a holiday) in each year, elect each one a person to fill the office of Harbour Commissioner ; the person having the majority of votes of those personally present at each of said several meetings, shall be held to be duly elected, and the secretary shall give him a certificate of his election, and shall also certify the same to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Motion agreed to.

#### WAYS AND MEANS.

House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. FOSTER moved the following resolutions :

1. Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1893, the sum of \$1,471,976.58 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

2. Resolved, That towards making good the supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending the 30th June, 1894, the sum of \$25,191,646.03 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Resolutions concurred in.

Mr. LaRIVIERE.

#### SUPPLY BILL.

Mr. FOSTER introduced Bill (No. 135) for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1893, and the 30th June, 1894, and for other purposes relating to the public service.

Bill read the first, second and third times, and passed.

#### LAND SUBSIDIES TO RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Bill (No. 133) relating to the granting of subsidies of land to railway companies read the second time and considered in committee.

Mr. DALY moved the third reading of the Bill.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). In my opinion, a Bill of this kind cannot originate in the Senate, as it makes a grant of land, any more than can a Bill making a grant of money. The Bill states :

1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Dominion Lands Act, the Governor in Council in all cases where authorized by any Act of Parliament to grant a subsidy in land to a railway corporation is hereby empowered to grant such subsidy wholly or in part in tracts, each comprising a township or a fractional part of a township.

It seems to me that this Bill comes within the rule.

Mr. DALY. This clause is in substitution of section 1 of chapter 12, 49 Victoria, and the whole object of the Bill is to clear up a doubt. The Hudson Bay Company will not give their consent to the townships named, being handed over as railway grants without the company's land being reserved, and it is in order to deal with that feature of the case, this Bill is required. We are not giving any power not already given by this House.

Mr. MILLS (Bothwell). It seems to me that it may be held that this Bill goes further than the hon. gentleman indicates. Suppose some grants have lapsed, what will be the position of the matter ?

Mr. DALY. The railway companies in question have never dealt with these lands in any way, and it is simply to remedy the defect in the present Act that this Bill is required.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed.

#### PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Mr. FOSTER moved second reading of Bill (No. 134) to amend the Revised Statutes respecting the Department of Public Printing and Stationery. He said : The object of this Bill is to regulate the payment of printing of forms, tickets, &c., for the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island