

March 30, 1871

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 30, 1871

The **SPEAKER** took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers

AFTER ROUTINE

RED RIVER EXPEDITION

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER presented a statement of vessels chartered for the use of the Red River Expedition.

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REIFFENSTEIN DEFAULT

Mr. LAPUM asked whether it is the intention of the Government to pay the Municipalities of the former Province of Upper Canada (now Ontario) the amounts due under the Municipalities Fund, irrespective of the default of G. Reiffenstein, now imprisoned in the Penitentiary for having appropriated a portion of those monies.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER replied that it was not the intention of the Government that any municipality should suffer through these frauds.

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LACHINE CANAL

Mr. RYAN (Montreal West) moved for papers and reports having reference to the construction of culverts on the Lachine Canal since last session.—Carried.

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PRINTING OF ORDERS IN COUNCIL

Mr. MILLS resolution declaring it expedient that Orders in Council, Departmental regulations and proclamations of a permanent character having the force of law be printed each year in the same manner as the Statutes of Canada.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER read a report from the Queen's Printer showing they would cost, if printed separately, \$5,720, and if bound up with the Statutes a saving of half the press-work would result, making the cost probably from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

In answer to some remarks from the Opposition,

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER recommended having the motion stand over until Monday, when the Government would be prepared to state their views on the subject.

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S.J. DAWSON'S REPORT

Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry) moved for the report of S.J. Dawson, Esq., on the Red River Expedition of 1870.—Carried.

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CUSTOMS DUTIES

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS in reply to **Hon. Mr. Holton**, said the Government had given notice to customs officials that the repeal of duties on coal, coke, flour, wheat, &c., should take effect on April 1.

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INSOLVENT ACT

Mr. GODIN moved the House in Committee on Bill No. 35—an Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869, with which are combined the provisions of the Bill No. 20, an Act to amend Section 2 of the Insolvent Act of 1869, as amended by the Select Committee.

Mr. MAGILL in the Chair, the Bill was reported with an amendment, read a third time and passed.

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ANNEXATION OF SEAFORTH

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) withdrew his Bill to annex the Village of Seaforth to the South Riding of the County of Huron, on receiving the assurance of the Government that no election would take place before the re-adjustment of constituencies resulting from the census.