

were passed, read, and a Bill introduced. On the third reading of the Dominion Notes Act, Hon. Mr. Holton moved an amendment, "that it is inexpedient to authorise an unlimited issue of Dominion Notes on a bonus so insufficient and unsatisfactory as a reserve of 20 per cent., which was lost, as were several other amendments, and the Bill was read a third time and passed. A Bill was introduced to indemnify the Government for special expenses of expeditionary force to Manitoba, and one to amend, consolidate and extend the Inspection Law to the whole Dominion. After recess, the House went into Committee on the Pacific Railway Bill, which, after some discussion and verbal amendments, was passed.

May 8th.—COMMONS.—Second reading Washington Treaty Bill, Hon. Mr. Blake moved an amendment, to the effect that there are just grounds for dissatisfaction with the Treaty, and to the manner in which the Fenian Raids claims were settled, the discussion on which lasted till midnight, when the House adjourned until the 10th.

May 10th.—COMMONS.—Hon Sir F. Hincks moved a resolution repealing duty on tea and coffee. Hon. Mr. Pope moved to amend the Immigration Act by repealing Capitation tax, which was adopted. After some explanations respecting the San Juan Arbitration case, the debate on the Washington Treaty was resumed, Mr. Mills opposing the Bill and supporting Mr. Blake's amendment, and Sir A. T. Galt supporting it, because as long as we belonged to the Empire we must support its interests, and we could advocate it if we liked at the end of 10 years. Hon. Mr. Howe and Col. Gray also defended the treaty, and the debate was adjourned until Monday, the 13th.

May 13th.—COMMONS.—Debate on Treaty of Washington resumed, Mr. Bodwell moved in amendment that it is inexpedient to proceed with Bill to give effect to treaty. Sir F. Hincks and Hon. Mr. Cameron supported the Bill, the latter gentleman warmly defending Sir John A. Macdonald from attacks made upon him. The debate was continued till near midnight, when the House adjourned.

May 14th.—COMMONS.—Debate on Washington Treaty resumed. Messrs. O'Connor, Harrison, Tupper, and Killam opposed Mr. Bodwell's amendment, Messrs. Cameron (Huron) and Jones (Halifax) supported it. At midnight the House again adjourned with division.

May 15th.—COMMONS.—The House met at half-past nine, and, after some inquiries being answered for the Government by Hon. Mr. Mitchell, adjourned.

COMMONS.—Debate on Washington Treaty resumed. Hon. Mr. Holton supported the treaty, considering peace necessary for the development of the Dominion. Sir Geo. E. Cartier, in a long speech in both French and English, defended the treaty. Mr. Campbell, of Guysboro, also supported the treaty, saying the return received from the United States was unduly belittled, and remarked on the fact that no petitions had been sent against the treaty. Hon. Mr. Dorian opposed the Bill, not because he would not support the treaty, but he wished to condemn the Administration. Mr. Smith (Westmoreland) Hon. Mr. Chauveau and Mr. Baker opposed the Bill, Mr. Fortier and Mr. Anglin opposed, and Messrs. McDonald (Lunenburg) and Street supported it, and the House again adjourned without division.

May 18th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Campbell stated that a uniform system of weights and measures for the whole Dominion would be submitted at the next session, and that the postal organization in Manitoba would be completed as soon as possible. Some discussion arose on the Public Lands Bill which was advanced another stage and the House adjourned.

COMMONS.—Debate on Washington Treaty resumed. Hon. Mr. Anglin opposed the Treaty and Hon. Mr. Tilley supported it. Hon. Mr. Mackenzie opposed. Hon. Mr. Morris defended. Mr. Bolton, Dr. Robitaille opposed, and Messrs. D. A. Macdonald, Thompson, Merritt, D. A. Smith, Workman, McCallum, Stephenson, Schultz and Grant approved. At 12 o'clock a division was taken on Mr. Bodwell's amendment, it was negatived by a vote of 125 to 50, and Mr. Blake's by a vote of 124 to 52. The second reading of the bill was carried by a vote of 121 to 55.

May 17th.—SENATE.—Several bills were reported and read and some amendments to Public Lands Bill adopted.

COMMONS.—A discussion arose on the question of appointment of Judges, several members pointing out the anomaly of Judges being appointed by the Provincial Government and paid by the Dominion, and advocating the making administration of justice independent of local legislatures. Mr. Colby's Insolvency Bill was then taken up, Mr. Jones (Halifax) supported by Col. Gray, moved that Nova Scotia and New Brunswick should be exempted from its action. Mr. Gibbs moved the 6 months hoist, which was negatived. Mr. Bellerose moved the adjournment of debate for a fortnight which was also negatived. Mr. Jones' amendment was also negatived and the bill was passed. The debate on the gauge for Intercolonial Railway was resumed, and the House being very thin the debate was adjourned.

May 18th.—SENATE.—Hon. Mr. Mitchell stated the Government were engaged in considering the subject of equalizing electorate districts in New Brunswick and apportioning additional members. Hon. Mr. Campbell, in answer to Mr. Bureau, stated that the Government intended to introduce a measure concerning Judges in Quebec. Several bills were read a second and third time, and the House adjourned.

COMMONS.—Several bills were read a third time and passed, and others passed through committee. The bill relating to Inspection was referred to Committee on Banking, and some amendments made to the Patent Law.

May 20th.—COMMONS.—The subject of subsidizing a line of steamers to West Indies was discussed. Hon. Mr. Langevin promised steps would be taken to open this communication during the recess. The question of naturalization of Germans was brought up by Mr. Young, and Sir J. Macdonald said the Government would ask Imperial Parliament for an Act on the subject, giving any person naturalized by Canadian Parliament all the rights of British subjects. Mr. Costigan moved an address for the disallowance of New Brunswick School Law. The debate lasted till midnight when the House adjourned.

May 21st.—COMMONS.—Bill to repeal duties on tea and coffee introduced and the House in Committee of Supply. Items for Charges of Management, Civil Government, Administration of Justice, Police, Legislation and Geological Survey were passed, the resolutions respecting Pacific Railway were amended and reported. On motion for