

HON. MR. RYAN moved an amendment of the 29th clause, requiring a majority of the creditors in number and value to be present at the first meeting, which, after some discussion, was accepted. The hon. gentleman next proposed an addition to the 45th clause, providing that no inspector or assignee of any insolvent estate should purchase any portion of the debts or assets thereof. He also moved an amendment of clause 47th to oblige assignees who had not rendered an account of insolvent estates, under the previous Act, to do so, and to deposit any surplus funds arising from those estates with the Government. Carried.

HON. MR. PENNY moved an amendment of clause eighty-four; to simplify and condense a portion of its language, and render the meaning clear. He proposed the use of the language of the Scotch Act. Carried.

The bill having been gone through and reviewed,

HON. MR. SCOTT moved the Committee rise and report the bill with amendments, also concurrence therein. Carried.

LANDS FOR RAILWAYS.

HON. MR. BUREAU moved the third reading of the bill to amend the law respecting the appropriation of lands by railway companies. Carried.

INSPECTION OF PRODUCE.

HON. MR. SCOTT moved the third reading of the bill to amend the law relating to the inspection of staple articles of produce. He explained that it required pickled fish and fish oils, designed for exportation, or a foreign market, to be inspected. It would apply to all the Provinces but British Columbia and Manitoba.

HON. MR. HOWLAND asked what reason was there for an alteration of the existing Inspection Law.

HON. MR. SCOTT replied the bill was intended to exempt from its provisions British Columbia and Manitoba.

HON. MR. DICKEY said this inspection was to be compulsory in all cases of the removal of fish from one part of the Dominion to the other. The clause was rather involved.

HON. MR. SCOTT promised to call the attention of his colleagues to the matter. Motion agreed to.

HARBOR MASTERS.

HON. MR. LETELLIER moved the second reading of a bill to amend the laws respecting the appointment of harbor masters. He said the object of the bill was to have these officers wholly paid by the fees on vessels visiting the ports, instead of but partly, as hitherto. Registered vessels of 50 tons and under would pay a fee of 50 cents for each visit to two, but nothing for the subsequent visits; vessels of over 50 tons would pay \$1, only two visits in the year in this case, also, to be charged.

After some discussion, the motion was carried.

HURON AND ONTARIO SHIP CANAL.

HON. MR. ALLAN moved the second reading of the bill respecting the Huron and Ontario Ship Canal Company, whose object, he explained, was to extend the time for the completion of its undertaking. Carried.

CAPE RACE LIGHT-HOUSE.

HON. MR. SCOTT moved the second reading of the bill to repeal the Cape Race Light-House toll law. He said it was intended to relieve shipping of the toll levied on passing Cape Race by the Prince Edward Island Government.

HON. MR. HOWLAND stated that new ships, on their first voyage to England, had been charged a toll, as a contribution to the expense of this light-house, which the Newfoundland Government erected. Prince Edward Island collected this toll for that government. He did not know whether the loss of this toll to the Newfoundland authorities would be made up by the Dominion Government. Motion carried.

VIOLENCE AND THREATS BILL.

HON. MR. SCOTT moved the second reading of the bill to amend the criminal law relating to violence and threats. Carried.

House adjourned at six o'clock.

The House met at eight o'clock.

The Insolvency Bill was read a third time and passed.