

nearly as possible when they located there, and this information is to be transmitted to the Department of the Interior for their information, so that when the surveys are concluded the squatters' claims can be ascertained very much better than by the present mode.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. RYAN, from the Committee, reported the Bill with an amendment, which was concurred in.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN moved the adoption of the report of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of Bill (T) "An Act in amendment of the Acts respecting Steamboats." He said: Under the general Act which this proposes to amend, the provisions have been really enacted with reference to sea going vessels, and copied, I believe, from the English Acts of Parliament. These provisions are inapplicable to small vessels, and can only be put in force at great expense and some risk and inconvenience to passengers and freight. The boats which vessels are required to carry are "yawls" of a certain size — I think 18 feet in length — and these cannot be conveniently stowed away on small vessels. It is proposed to give the Minister of Marine and Fisheries authority to require only small boats to be carried on certain kinds of vessels. On the rivers and lakes much smaller boats will answer, and are as much as the steamers can conveniently carry. There are other amendments of a similar character.

Hon. Mr. HOPE — Does this Bill apply to vessels navigating the lakes?

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — Yes. I have got a series of petitions from owners of vessels on the inland waters, asking for this legislation.

Hon. Mr. Aikins.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time; and under a suspension of the rules it was read the third time and passed.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (105) "An Act further to amend the Acts 42 Vic., cap. 15, and 43 Vic., cap. 13." — (Mr. Aikins).

Bill (91) "An Act to prescribe a declaration to be taken by all employés on telegraph lines under the control of the Government, and to provide for the punishment of telegraph operators and employés who divulge the contents of certain documents." — (Sir Alex. Campbell).

Bill (101) "An Act to amend the Act 36 Vic., cap. 60, respecting the Montreal Harbor Commissioners." — (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

Bill (100) "An Act to provide for the allowance of drawback on certain articles manufactured in Canada, and used in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway." — (Sir Alex. Campbell).

The Senate adjourned at 9 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Saturday, March 19th, 1881.

The Speaker took the chair at three p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CANADA AND ASIA MARINE TELEGRAPH.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. CORNWALL moved:—

"That a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence between the Government of Canada, the Imperial Government, Mr. Sandford Fleming and others, in reference to Mr. Sandford Fleming's scheme for connecting Canada with Asia by submarine telegraph, together with all other documents relating to the same."

He said: I do not know that I need to speak at any length on this subject. The motion speaks for itself. It has been known, I fancy, to all the members of this House that Mr. Sandford Fleming took the initiative in proposing the grand scheme of a telegraph line from