

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

FIFTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION

THE SENATE

OTTAWA, March 28.

LORDS' DAY.

Mr. VIDAL moved that a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Allan, Belcher, Chapin, Ferris, Flint, Girard, Grant, Haythorn, Howland, McClellan, McMaster, Nelson, Stoddart, and the mover, be appointed to examine and report upon the several petitions presented to the Senate praying for amendments to the law as may secure to the people undisturbed and peaceful enjoyment of the Lord's Day. He thought it would only be discharging the duty of the Senate to pay some attention to the two hundred and sixty well signed petitions which had been presented.

The motion was carried. ST. CLAIR RIVER FRONTIER TUNNEL COMPANY.

The bill was read a third time as amended, and passed.

FRIDAY IN SALE OF PATENT RIGHTS.

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OTTAWA, March 27.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Mr. NELSON inquired, in view of having a mining population in the Rocky mountains during the coming year, whether it is the intention of the Government to take immediate steps to have the boundary between the North-West Territory and the Province of British Columbia defined, and the question of the title to the land between the North-West Territory and the Province of British Columbia defined, and the question of the title to the land between the North-West Territory and the Province of British Columbia defined.

Mr. MACHESON hoped that the discovery of precious metals would be sufficient to induce an influx of a considerable mining population to the Rocky mountains. He thought the question of having the boundary between British Columbia and the North-West Territory immediately defined was now under consideration.

CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Mr. REESOR, in asking whether the Canadian Pacific Railway intended to proceed with the construction of the north-western branch of their railway in Manitoba, and when, hoped that the Government would be able to answer the question.

Mr. MACHESON said he was not in possession of any necessary information to answer the hon. gentleman's question.

OTTAWA, March 31.

SEDITION BILL.

Mr. POWER, in moving the second reading of the Sedition Bill, drew attention to the omission of the clause in respect to special legislation for the protection of the Dominion of Wales, and he thought it would be well to amend the bill in that respect.

Mr. DICKER thought his friend had exercised a wise discretion in not entering into a discussion on the bill. He said it had been objected to by the highest judicial authority in Ontario, and he thought the bill would be read a second time this day three months.

Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL said that with regard to investigating women into houses of bad fame, a measure would be introduced by the Government next session, but all he could promise concerning the question was that he would give it consideration.

Mr. ALMON thought that the bill should provide some severe punishment for those who were guilty of the offence.

Mr. POWER said that as the majority of the House were against the bill, he would not propose to move it, and he thought if further discussion was dispensed with, the amendment was then carried on division.

DOMINION LAND ACT.

On motion to go into Committee of the Whole on the Dominion Land Act of 1883 amendment bill.

Mr. REESOR said that there are certain features in the present law which are very arbitrary and exceedingly difficult to meet. If any person having incurred great expense in selecting land, and after undergoing great hardships in its improvement, should by some unforeseen misfortune, entirely beyond his control, be prevented from fulfilling the provisions of the law in regard to residence, all his improvements were forfeited and three years of hardships and a great amount of expenditure were lost.

Mr. MACHESON said the area to be brought under cultivation by the settler is very small. It is the desire of himself and the Government to provide the interests of the bona fide settler. The more the possible extent. No decision of an agent is final, and any complaint can always be referred to the court.

In committee of the whole.

Mr. PLUMB did not see the necessity for amending the law, provided all requirements of the law were strictly complied with. He strongly urged that young men should enjoy the great advantages of owning their own land, and that the Government should not be in a position to take away from them the property of their own hands.

Mr. REESOR said that the committee was granted permission to sit again on Wednesday.

THE TORRENS LAND SYSTEM.

Mr. VIDAL called attention to the petition of the "Dominion Land Law Amendment Association," praying for the introduction of the Torrens system of registry of title in the North-West Territories and inquired of the Government whether this matter has been under consideration, or if not, whether it will receive a careful investigation during the recess with the view of determining the expediency of introducing that system of registry. He enumerated the advantages of the Torrens system, which had proved very successful in Australia, where the land is as easily transferred as stock.

Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL said the matter should receive due attention during the recess.

SOUTHERN VALLEY RAILWAY.

The Southern Valley and Rocky Mountain Railway Company's bill changing the route of the North-West Central was reported from the committee, with some purely verbal amendments, which in no way affect the power of the bill. It was moved and carried that the bill be read a third time to-morrow.

House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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THE MEMBER FOR NICOLET.

Mr. METHOS rose in his place and read his resignation as member of this House. He then withdrew.

Mr. HECTOR LANGEVIN expressed the regret of the Government that the hon. gentleman had taken this course. The hon.

gentleman had performed his duty well as a member of the House and his presence would be very much missed.

STAYERS' POST-OFFICE.

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