

— No. 30. —

(M. 3935.)

Colonial Office to Board of Trade.

Sir,

Downing-street, 7 March 1876.

I AM directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to transmit to you, to be laid before the Board of Trade, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor General of Canada, with enclosures, respecting the custom of deck-loading in timber-laden ships.

Lord Carnarvon desires me to enclose a copy of a correspondence on this subject, which was presented to Parliament in July 1873.

The Assistant Secretary,
Marine Department, Board of Trade.

I am, &c.
(signed) *W. R. Malcolm.*

See ante, No. 29.

Correspondence on Deck Loads Act. Parl. Paper, [C., 823], 1873.

— No. 31. —

(M. 5303.)

Colonial Office to Board of Trade.

Sir,

Downing-street, 3 April 1876.

WITH reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to transmit to you, for the information of the Board of Trade, an Extract from the Votes and Proceedings of the Dominion House of Commons on the 13th of March with regard to a Resolution proposed by Mr. Mitchell respecting Imperial Legislation affecting Canadian Shipping.

The Assistant Secretary,
Marine Department, Board of Trade.

I am, &c.
(signed) *W. R. Malcolm.*

Enclosure in No. 31.

EXTRACT from the Votes and Proceedings of the Dominion House of Commons on the 13th March 1876.

“MR. MITCHELL moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of the whole, to consider the following Resolution, for the purpose of founding an Address to Her Majesty thereon:

Resolved, As the opinion of this House that any legislation affecting British merchant shipping which may be adopted by the Imperial Parliament should not include in its operation Canadian tonnage, or if such legislation should be applied to Canadian tonnage, it should also include foreign tonnage, in order that no advantage should be had by the latter over the former by the effect of such proposed Imperial legislation.

Mr. *McLeod* moved in amendment that all the words after “that” be expunged, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: “The Despatch forwarded by the Government of the Dominion to Lord Carnarvon under date the *8th February 1876, is approved, and that this House expresses a hope that the views therein contained will be adopted by the Imperial Parliament in any legislation affecting British Merchant Shipping.”

* *Qy.* Despatch of 10th February 1876, No. 18, and Enclosures.

Mr. *Langevin* moved in amendment thereto, that all the words after “that” in the said proposed amendment be expunged, and the following inserted instead thereof: “In the opinion of this House it is desirable that the Government should continue the efforts made by the late and present Governments, to ensure the exemption of Canadian shipping from the effects of any Imperial legislation calculated to place Canadian shipping at a disadvantage with foreign ships in British and foreign ports.”

And a debate arising thereon, the said debate was, on motion of Mr. Mackenzie, adjourned.