

## THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were read a third time :  
**BILL** to continue for a limited time, equal Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

**BILL** to amend the Act relating to the incorporation of the Town of Dundas.

**BILL** respecting the Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company.

## SUPERANNUATION BILL.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON hoped that this Bill would not be urged by the Government this Session, as he could not find it in his conscience to support it, without further information respecting it.

Hon. Mr. MURNEY would also be forced to vote against the Bill if brought in during the present Session. He required time to consider it; and he thought that the House desired time to consider it also. He also complained of the outside influence brought to bear on Hon. gentlemen by employees to be benefitted by this Bill.

Hon. Mr. MATHESON also desired time to consider this Bill. He was in favor of the Bill, but hoped that it would not be brought up this Session, at the present late period of it.

Hon. Mr. PERRY thought that by postponing the Bill, the House would be better prepared to discuss it next Session. In the time between this and then, the Bill could be amended so as to make it more acceptable.

Hon. Sir E. P. TACHE opposed the Bill. If the public officers could not be induced to act in a provident manner, otherwise than by the coercion of an Act of Parliament, that course might be pursued. But it was a different thing when the country was called on to provide for the officers after they had left the service. It should be shown, as it was contended was the case, that the pensions would not be supplied by the country, and that they would be supplied by the officers themselves.

Hon. Col. Prince contended that the Bill was founded on just, true and equitable principles. It was not a pension Bill. That name was a stain on it. It was a Bill to enable the employees of the Government to tax themselves for their own support in their old age. He could mention the case of a gentleman in the Indian department who had become deranged from the labor of his office; and pointed out that under this Bill he would receive an annuity, and in case of his death, his wife and family would receive a proportionate annuity. He appealed to the generosity and liberality of the House to sustain the Government in this Bill. At the same time he would rather the Bill should be withdrawn than thrown out.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET could show the House that the proposed scheme would cost the country less than the present system was costing it. However, he did not wish to force the measure on the House. It was not one of those questions which involved the interests of the Province, or which would warrant him in push-

ing it through at any risk. The House admitted the propriety of making provision for the old officials, and delay was only asked for in order that Hon. gentlemen might consider the Bill more fully than they could at the present late period of the Session. He would therefore yield to the wish of the House thus expressed, and withdraw the Bill. At the same time he did not think that he was thereby exhibiting any mark of cowardice, (hear, hear) or any sign of weakness. (Hear, hear.) Before sitting down he would remark that the House seemed to take a wrong view of the Bill. It was not a pension Bill, as his Hon. friend had remarked. It was a Bill desired by nine-tenths of the employees themselves—and the same right ought to be extended to them that was extended to an Insurance Company, which asked for incorporation with power to manage their own affairs. This fund would be self-supporting when once the country had given the necessary aid to start it; and this necessary aid could not be refused, as it would not be fair to call on the clerks themselves to bear the burthen of starting it. When once the fund was started it would be self-sustaining. Out of a single department, he had been informed, twenty thousand dollars could be saved under the Bill. He hoped that during the recess Hon. gentlemen would think over these things, and that next Session they would be able to give that support to the Bill which it deserved.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON expressed his pleasure that the Hon. Commissioner of Crown Lands had yielded to the wishes of the House, and withdrawn his Bill.

The Bill was then withdrawn.

## FEUDAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET moved the second reading of the Bill for the final abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole, from which it was reported without amendment.

The Bill was then read a third time.

## TIMBER IN LOWER CANADA.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET moved the second reading of the Bill further to protect Timber in the forests of Lower Canada.

The Bill was read a second time and referred to a Committee of the Whole.

The Bill was reported without amendment, and read a third time.

## SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were read a second time :  
**BILL** respecting the Municipal Institutions of Lower Canada.

**BILL** respecting Registration Offices, Privileges, &c., in Lower Canada.

**BILL** to incorporate the Town of St. Thomas.

**BILL** to extend the Act respecting the investigation of accidents by fire to country parts.

## YORK AND PEEL.

Hon. Col. PRINCE moved for the consideration of the amendments of the Committee on