

because a motion was made by any hon. gentleman it must therefore go upon the journals of the House, that if that were done it might lead to very offensive motions appearing on our journals simply because some member might choose to propose it. That practice had not been followed in this House and he was satisfied it was not permissible either here or in England.

Mr. MASSON said it was of the utmost importance that the minority should be protected by allowing their motions, which might be ruled out of order on account of referring to money matters, to go upon the journals of the House. If that practice was not followed, then no member of the House could make any motion with reference to the expenditure of public money without moving a vote of non-confidence in the Government, or else moving to reduce the amount. The Minister of Public Works was mistaken when he said that motions which had been ruled out of order had never appeared upon our journals. He (Mr. MASSON) remembered that in 1870 no less than three such motions were so entered.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON said the hon. gentleman was altogether mistaken. If he would look at the journals of the English Parliament he would not find in them a solitary motion which was declared out of order. Such motions, with the decisions of the SPEAKER thereon, were to be found in *Hansard*. Any member could put his opinions on the journals of the House by adopting the proper mode.

Mr. MASSON said he had moved amendments to the tariff in 1870, which were ruled out of order by the SPEAKER, but which could be seen in the journals of the House.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said there was a difference between those amendments and the motion before the House—the former were out of order because of something they contained; it was the putting of this motion that was out of order.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER explained that the motion was not put from the Chair. On reading it he declared it out of order and returned it to the mover, not because some one said it was out of order, but because he (Mr. SPEAKER) considered it should not be put.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. YOUNG quoted MAY, page 259, contending that the SPEAKER had taken the right course in ruling the motion out of order when he saw it was informal.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:—

Mr. SCHULTZ—To incorporate the North-Western Manufacturing Co.

Mr. JETTE—To grant further powers to the Montreal, Chambly and Sorel Railway Company, and change its name.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT—To amend the Act respecting the Public Debt and the Raising of Loans authorized by Parliament.

Mr. MOSS—To legalize and confirm certain agreements made between the Niagara Falls International Bridge Co., The Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Co., and the Great Western Railway Co.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced a Bill to amend the Act respecting insurance. This measure, he said, would be referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce, and would be considered by them in its details. The object of the Bill was to make licenses renewable from year to year on a company's complying with the requirements of the Act. It also imposed certain restrictions on Mutual Insurance Companies in order that when their business was extended beyond the limits of the Province in which they were incorporated they might be placed on the same footing as other companies. The Government desired to institute a supervision and superintendence over such companies, and to create an officer to be known as the Superintendent of Insurance, whose duty it shall be to enquire into the solvency of Insurance Companies doing business in the Dominion. It was the intention of the Government in the first place to revise the Acts referring to Life as well as Fire and Marine Insurance Companies, but on full consideration of the matter it was determined to do no more at present than extend this supervision to the former. The Life Companies would not be otherwise meddled with in this respect—they would be expected to submit their affairs for inspection to the Superintendent of Insurance on the same terms and condi-