

suspensory power, such as has been taken by the authorities in the old country, instead of one for a limited period, or the hon. gentleman may get into trouble again during the recess. Perhaps the hon. gentleman will amend the resolution in Committee in the direction I have suggested.

Sir ALBERT J. SMITH. I think a general suspensory power should be taken, such as has been taken under the Imperial Act. I would like to ask if there is any reason given in the communication from the Colonial Office for this suspension.

Mr. POPE (Queen's.) I intended to have made the amendment in the Bill last Session, but I found that it had passed the Senate before I had an opportunity of suggesting the amendment: hence the necessity for introducing it now. I quite agree as to the desirability of making in Committee the amendment suggested by my hon. friend from West Durham. I may say, in reply to the hon. member for Westmoreland (Sir Albert J. Smith), that the despatch from the Colonial Office does not assign any reason for the suspension.

(In the Committee.)

Mr. POPE (Queen's) moved that the resolution be amended so as to read as follows:—

"That in view of the suspension by Her Majesty in Council, of the article of the Imperial Regulations, respecting lights to be carried by fishing vessels until the 1st of September next, it is expedient to give the Governor in Council power to suspend, from time to time, the corresponding provisions of the Act 43 Vic. Chap. 52, and for the meantime to revise the provisions of the former Act 31 Vict. Chap. 29, on the same subject."

Resolution amended, reported, read the second time and agreed to.

Mr. POPE (Queen's) introduced a Bill (No. 57) to give power to the Governor in Council to suspend the operation of certain provisions of the Act 43 Victoria, chapter 29, respecting the Navigation of Canadian Waters.

Bill read the first time.

PUBLIC BILLS.

The following Bills were read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 30) further to continue in force for a limited time "The better prevention of Crime Act 1878" (from the Senate).—(Mr. McDonald Pictou.)

Bill (No. 33) to amend the Law respecting Documentary Evidence in certain cases (from the Senate).—(Mr. McDonald Pictou.)

SALARIES OF JUDGES.

Mr. McDONALD (Pictou) moved to receive the report of Committee of the Whole adopted on the 8th instant on certain resolutions respecting the salaries of additional Judges of the Queen's Bench and Superior Court of the Province of Quebec.

Resolutions reported, read the second time and agreed to.

Mr. McDONALD (Pictou) introduced a Bill (No. 58) to provide for the salaries of an additional Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench, and an additional Judge of the Superior Court in the Province of Quebec.

Bill read the first time.

PRIZE FIGHTING.

Mr. McDONALD (Pictou) moved the second reading of Bill No. 29, entitled an Act respecting Prize Fighting (from the Senate.) He said: I have only to observe that this Bill was suggested from occurrences which took place on our borders during the season just passed, of a very dis-

graceful character, in which a number of people from across the border sought to make the soil of Canada the battle ground for a disgraceful, lewd prize fight. It was found that the law was defective in reference to the vindication of public morality and the peace of the people, and this Bill was introduced to remedy that evil.

Mr. ANGLIN. What do you propose to do?

Mr. McDONALD. In the first clause of the Bill the words "Prize Fight" are defined. The following are the principal provisions of the several clauses of the Bill:—

"2. Whoever, within Canada, sends or publishes, or causes to be sent or published, or otherwise made known, any challenge to fight a prize fight, or accepts any such challenge, or causes the same to be accepted, or goes in training preparatory to such fight, or acts as trainer or second to any person who intends to engage in a prize fight, is guilty of an offence against this Act, and upon summary conviction thereof, is liable to a fine of not less than \$100, nor more than \$1,000, or to imprisonment of not more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

"3. Whoever, within Canada, engages as a principal in a prize fight is guilty of an offence against this Act, and on summary conviction thereof is liable to imprisonment for not less than three nor more than twelve months.

"4. Whoever is present at a prize fight as an aid, second, surgeon, umpire, backer, assistant or reporter, or advises, encourages or promotes such fight, is guilty of an offence against this Act, and on summary conviction thereof, is liable to a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$500, or to imprisonment of not more than twelve months, or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

"5. Whoever, being an inhabitant or resident of Canada, leaves Canada with intent to engage in a prize fight without the limits thereof is guilty of an offence against this Act, and on summary conviction thereof is liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than four hundred dollars, or to imprisonment of not more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

"6. If, at any time, the sheriff of any county, place or district in Canada, any chief of police, any police officer, or any constable, or other police officer, has reason to believe that any person within his bailiwick or jurisdiction is about to engage as principal in any prize fight within Canada, he shall forthwith arrest such person.

"7. If any sheriff has reason to believe that a prize fight is taking place, or is about to take place, within his jurisdiction as such sheriff or that any persons are about to land or cross into Canada at a point within his county, from any place outside of Canada, with intent to engage in, or to be concerned in, or to attend any prize fight within Canada, he shall forthwith summon a force of the inhabitants of his district or county sufficient for the purpose of suppressing and preventing such fight, and he shall, with their aid, suppress and prevent the same, and arrest all persons present thereat, or who may land in or cross into Canada as aforesaid, and shall take them before some person having authority to try offences against this Act, to be dealt with according to law, and fined or imprisoned, or both, or compelled to enter into recognizances with sureties, as hereinbefore provided, according to the nature of the case.

"8. Every person offending against any of the provisions of this Act, except the principals engaged or intending to engage in a prize fight, shall be a competent witness in any proceedings under this Act, and may be compelled to appear and give evidence in the same manner and to the same extent as other persons."

Mr. PLUMB. I think everyone in this House must be glad to see an Act of this kind come down from the Senate. It is desirable that we should in every way conserve the peace. There are a few matters which I think, should come within the purview of this Bill that have not been introduced. I think that there are fights for prizes that are going on, not merely in the fistic ring but in a larger arena, which ought, perhaps, to be recognized, and which ought, perhaps, to be brought within the limits of an Act of this sort. The fiercest though not, perhaps, the bloodiest encounters are those that are constantly taking place among those who are wrestling for the prize of positions in this House and elsewhere, but I cannot see that there is any provision made here, when the ring is formed and when the prize is to be contended for, that those gentlemen who may engage even in the most severe bloodless encounters, can be arrested by the Sheriff for breaches of the peace. I have seen, in the course of my short political experience, encounters which caused more ill blood than can be caused by any which come within the purview of this Bill. I have no doubt this Bill is well intended. It comes with great propriety to us from a body which is removed from and looks down on those scenes of strife to which we our-