

DOING THE PARLIAMENT.

FIFTH PARLIAMENT—SECOND SESSION.

THE SENATE.

NEW SENATOR.

Mr. James G. Ross, of Quebec, was introduced by Sir Alexander Campbell and Mr. Chapin, and after making the usual declaration, took his seat.

ADDITIONAL MILITARY SCHOOL.

Mr. DICKEY, in presenting his motion calling attention to the expediency of the establishment of an additional school of military instruction, for the accommodation of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, strongly urged the claims of those provinces, and referred to the benefits which would derive from a school nearer and more convenient than the one at Fredericton.

Mr. ALEXANDER CAMPBELL said he was not in a position to answer the questions of the hon. gentleman, not having received notice. He did not think Fredericton was an inconvenient place for a school, but the arguments brought forward should receive attention.

THE NORTHERN LIGHT.

Mr. HAYTHORNE presented his motion calling for papers with regard to the present condition of the steamship Northern Light, and spoke of the difficulties which it was to encounter in crossing from Pictou to Georgetown during the winter, when the ice was sometimes fifteen inches thick. He said it was important for a vessel of her size to force her way through such obstacles, although she had done better to-day than she had done in the past.

MUNICIPAL ACT AMENDMENTS.

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PRIVATE BILLS.

The following bills were read a second time: To authorize the transfer of the Welland railway to the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron) moved the House into committee on his bill to amend the law relating to criminal cases, so as to allow prisoners to be examined in their own behalf.

RETRACTION.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron) said that in reference to his motion a few days ago for papers relating to the sale of the Government land at Fish Creek, coupling the name of another Lieutenant-Governor (Mr. Dewdney) in the charges he then made, he had to-day received a communication from that gentleman stating that he had no interest in the Northern Light, and intended that the remarks made by him were not to be taken as a charge.

THE HOUSE ADJOURNED.

The House adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.

CHILD LABOUR.

Mr. CURRAN presented a petition from the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, praying that an Act be passed prohibiting the employment of children under twelve years of age and requiring that children under fifteen be employed not more than half-time.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following bills were introduced and read a first time: The Private Estate Loan Company of Canada; to amend the Act incorporating the Great American and Short Line Railway Company and to change the name thereof to the Great American and Short Line Railway Company; to incorporate the Niagara Falls Railway.

SUPERANNUATION FUND REBATES.

Mr. CHARLES TUPPER, in answer to Mr. Curran, said that the intention of the Government was to place a sum in the estimates for the purpose of reimbursing the employees of the Department of Railways and Canals on the Lachine canal, each person not being members of the Civil Service, and that the money was to be charged against the superannuation fund, under the misapprehension that such persons belonged to the Civil Service.

THE BROTHERHOOD DEFENCE.

Mr. HECTOR LANGEVIN, in answer to Mr. Baker (Victoria), said there had been some correspondence with the Imperial Government in reference to the desirability of the continued maintenance of the Canadian presence of at least one of her Majesty's ships in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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