

or any member thereof, appointed to enquire into the condition of the Lobster industry of the Maritime Provinces.

And a Debate arising thereupon :—The said motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Sir *Richard J. Cartwright*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,—

*Resolved*, That the following Resolution, of which he gave notice in his place on Tuesday, 28th ultimo, be made the first Order of the Day on Wednesday, 14th March, instant, after Questions put by Members, and have precedence on each day thereafter until the Debate is concluded, “ That it is highly desirable that the largest possible freedom of Commercial intercourse should obtain between the Dominion of *Canada* and the *United States*, and that it is expedient that all articles manufactured in, or the natural products of either of the said countries should be admitted free of duty into the ports of the other, (articles subject to duties of excise or of internal revenue alone excepted).

“ That it is further expedient that the Government of the *Dominion* should take steps at an early date to ascertain on what terms and conditions arrangements can be effected with the *United States* for the purpose of securing full and unrestricted reciprocity of trade therewith.”

Sir *Charles Tupper*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker (all the Members of the House standing and being uncovered), and is as followeth :—

LANSDOWNE.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, a copy of the *Fishery Treaty* between *Great Britain* and the *United States*, in relation to the Fisheries of *Canada* and *Newfoundland*, signed at *Washington*, on the fifteenth day of February, 1888; and the Protocols of the various conferences, together with the Protocols from the British Plenipotentiaries offering to make a temporary arrangement for a period not exceeding two years, in order to afford a *Modus Vivendi* pending the ratification of the Treaty, and the Protocol of the American Plenipotentiaries expressing their satisfaction with the *Modus Vivendi* communicated by the British Plenipotentiaries. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 36.)

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Also, laid on the Table—A copy of the Statement presented by the British Plenipotentiaries to the Fisheries Commission at *Washington*, in relation to reciprocal trade relations between *Canada* and the *United States*, and the answer of the American Plenipotentiaries thereto. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 36a.)

Mr. *Chapleau*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—A detailed Statement of Bonds or Securities registered in the Department of the Secretary of State of *Canada*, under Section 23, Chapter 19, “ Revised Statutes of *Canada*.” (*Sessional Papers*, No. 37.)

Also,—List of Public Officers to whom Commissions have issued during the year 1887, under the provisions of Chapter 19, Section 2, “ Revised Statutes of *Canada*.” (*Sessional Papers*, No. 33.)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.