

the safety of the smaller Provinces, such as Prince Edward Island, whence he came, to the care of this Senate, where each member would have the right to stand upon the floor of this Chamber and question the Ministry of the day upon any of their acts, and hold them responsible therefor.

The bill was then read a second time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

#### QUEBEC TRINITY HOUSE.

HON. MR. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST moved the second reading of the Quebec Trinity House and Harbor Bill. He explained that the bill was intended to alter the composition of the Harbor Commission, and render it similar to that in Montreal. A large number of the merchants of Quebec were desirous of the proposed change.

HON. MR. RYAN strongly opposed the bill, saying that the present Board had performed their duty well, and no complaints were made against it. He was opposed to the principle of making the Commission nominative, and preferred to leave it as at present constituted.

HON. MR. PRICE said if the control of the Harbor Commission was vested in the Commissioners, they would waste ten times more money than the present Board, and would forfeit entirely the confidence of the merchants of Quebec. If the merchants of Quebec had not a majority on that Board, the merchants of that city would never be got to work in unison.

After considerable further discussion, the vote was taken on the second reading of the bill, which was carried by 23 to 17, as follows:—

**CONTENTS**—The Honorable Messieurs Armand, Bureau, Carrall, Chaffers, Chinic, Christie (Speaker), Cormier, Glasier, Guevremont, Leonard, Letellier de St. Just, McClelan, McMaster, Macdonald, Miller, Montgomery, Muirhead, Paquet, Penny, Scott, Simpson, Sutherland, Trudel—23.

**NON-CONTENTS**—The Honorable Messieurs Aikins, Alexander, Allan, Belle-rose, Botsford, Campbell, Chapais, Dickey, Dumouchel, Flint, Haythorne, Kaulbach, Macpherson, Price, Road, Ryan, Skead—17.

#### SUITS AGAINST THE CROWN.

HON. MR. SCOTT, on moving the second reading of the bill relating to suits against the Crown by Petition of Rights, explained the object of this bill was to give those persons who believed they had some good case against the Government, an opportunity of having their case heard before one of the Superior Courts of either of the Provinces.

The bill was read a second time.

#### MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

HON. MR. TRUDEL moved the second reading of the bill relating to Galarneau's Toll Bridge over l'Assomption River. Carried.

The Fisheries Act Amendment Bill was read a second time, passed through Committee, read a third time and passed.

The Coasting Trade Amendment Bill was read a second time, passed through Committee of the Whole, read a third time and passed.

The bill entitled an Act to continue for a limited time the Acts therein mentioned, was read a second time.

The Stave Bolts and Oak Logs Export Duty Bill was read a second time.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the bill for the extension of the Seamen's Act of 1873. The bill was reported without amendment, read a third time and passed.

The bill further to amend the Act respecting Railways was read a second time.

The bill respecting Larceny and other similar offences was read a second time.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes past twelve o'clock, P.M.

*Tuesday, April 6, 1875.*

The Speaker took the chair at three o'clock.

#### GATINEAU BOOM AND WORKS.

On the order for the resumption of the adjourned debate on Hon. Mr. Read's motion for the adoption of the third report of the Committee on Gatineau Booms and Works,

HON. MR. LETELLIER spoke upon the point of the Senate's powers in regard to the disposal of the report. He