

## PROTECTION TO LABORERS.

On the Order being called for the second reading of Bill (No. 53) for the protection of persons employed by contractors engaged in the construction of railways under Acts passed by the Parliament of Canada.—(Mr. Purcell.)

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I would ask the hon. gentleman to allow that Order to stand, as the Bill has only been distributed to-day.

Mr. LAURIER. The hon. gentleman will have an opportunity to bring the Bill down again.

Motion allowed to stand.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and House adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 1st March, 1889.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

## WRECKING IN CANADIAN WATERS.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK presented report of the Select Committee on Bill (No. 2) to permit foreign vessels to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in Canadian waters.

Mr. CHARLTON. I was a member of that committee and failed to get the notice to attend. The hon. member for North Essex was also a member of the committee and was absent, and I regret that the committee has taken action in the matter in the absence of two members most directly interested.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK. I am sorry that the hon. members referred to were absent, but I presumed the notices were sent to them as well as to the others. The committee were unanimous in the report they made, and it did not occur to us that we should postpone the proceedings of the committee to find out whether the hon. gentleman intended to attend or to take any further interest in the matter. I can only say that there was a full quorum. There were ten members of the committee present, and they were unanimous in the report made.

Mr. BOWELL. It would be as well, as the Bill is materially changed from the original Bill, to have it reprinted for circulation among the members.

Mr. WELDON (St. John). I received notice to attend, and there was a large number present, who were unanimous in their finding.

Mr. CHARLTON. I received notice after the committee had met, and I went to the room at eleven o'clock, but the committee had adjourned.

## P. E. I.—WINTER COMMUNICATION.

Mr. LANDRY moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 96) to incorporate the Prince Edward Island and Continental Railway and Ferry Company. He said: I would ask leave to call the attention of the Government and of this House to the importance of this Bill. I shall not make any extended remarks at this stage, because on the second reading I shall have an opportunity of speaking at greater length.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON.

I wish simply to point out now that we hope, if this Bill becomes law and this company is organised, that, in the carrying out of the intentions of this Act, the contract between Prince Edward Island and the rest of the Dominion as to winter communication will be more effectually carried out than it has been in the past. From that point of view, I think it is a Bill of very great importance, and I therefore wish to ask the attention especially of the Government, as well as of other members, to the measure.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

## ESTREATED RECOGNISANCES BILL.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 97) to amend chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes. He said: Under the Indictable Offences Act, and the Summary Convictions Act, provision is made in a number of sections to enable the magistrate before whom an accused person is brought, or a person who gives evidence, to take recognisances for the appearance of the accused afterwards, or that the person will prosecute, or that the witness will attend, or for his reappearance on an adjournment, or for the appearance of a person who has been seized on a distress warrant, but it is not provided what the magistrate is to do with the recognisance when he takes it. Two or three years ago, an Act was passed in regard to the manner in which recognisances were to be estreated, but there is no provision in the existing law, by which these recognisances should be forwarded to the Superior Courts, in order that they may be enforced. It is to fill up that hiatus in the law that I have introduced this Bill, and I trust the Minister of Justice will examine into it, and, if he finds, as I am sure he will find, that I am right, that there is a very great omission in the existing law, the consequences of which are that prisoners go unwhipped of justice, he will take the Bill under his wing and will give it Government support, so as to allow it to get through this Session.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

## COMMERCIAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. CHARLTON. Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I desire to place before the House a matter of information which will be of very great interest, I presume, to every member of the House and to the Government. A telegram has to-day been received from Washington, which reads:

"House of Representatives this morning passed my resolution to promote Commercial Union with Canada. Nearly unanimous vote.

"ROBERT R. HITT."

Mr. FOSTER. That is a very bad hit.

## JESUITS' ESTATES BILL.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to give notice that, on the first convenient occasion I will move a resolution on the subject of the disallowance of the Act respecting the Jesuits' Estates passed in the Province of Quebec. I would have moved in this matter at an earlier period of the Session, were it not that the hon. member for North Victoria (Mr. Barron) had taken up this question, but, after a delay of two weeks, I find he has put a notice on the paper, which, from its position, can hardly be reached during the present Session, or, at any rate, until so late as to prevent a proper discussion of the subject.

Mr. SPEAKER. When members desire to bring up matters before the Orders of the Day are called, they should do so before those Orders are called, and should not interrupt other members after the Orders are called.