

was, that interest had been fostered until it became prosperous, and then, when there was a general cry that it was succeeding too well, the Government turned the cold shoulder to it.

Hon. Mr. PENNY—Do I understand the honorable gentleman to [admit it was injured by the present Government.]

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON—It was begun by the late Government and continued by the present Administration. The present Government alone were to blame for the destruction of the direct tea trade.

Hon. Mr. PENNY said as the honorable Senator admitted that the policy was initiated by the late Government he would say no more on that subject. With respect to the tea trade the ten per cent. duty only lasted eighteen months, and great difficulty had been experienced in getting the British Government to assent to it, so that no great advantage could have resulted from it in the direction of establishing trade with China.

The bill was read a second and third time and passed.

INSPECTION OF PETROLEUM.

The bill to provide for the inspection of petroleum was read a third time and passed.

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved second reading of bill respecting the claim of the Dominion on the Northern Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said this was an unfair measure. Admitting that the money had been misappropriated, he asked was it fair to compel the stockholders to refund it when the bondholders were alone responsible for the spending of it. Nothing could be more unjust, and it was only because the Government were exasperated at the manner in which the money had been spent that they insisted upon the passage of this bill as a condition upon which they would allow the affairs of the company to go through Parliament.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said the Northern Railway Company had been very leniently dealt with by the Government of this country, and this bill was, after all, a compromise, out of which they were getting a very large advantage.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said what he complained of was that the Government were exacting this money from the shareholders, who were not responsible for the misconduct of the person appointed by the bondholders.

The motion was carried, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the bill to amend the Act respecting weights and measures.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said the House had just cause of complaint that such an important matter should be left to the last day of the session, when many members who would like to have taken part in the debate, and who could have made useful suggestions, were absent. The object of the weights and measures act was a good one, and he thought it was unwise to depart from it as the Government proposed to do by this bill.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said the bill had been introduced some time ago in the Commons, and had been delayed from one cause or another there. In consequence of the difficulty in enforcing the weights and measures act in some parts of the country, it was thought best to leave it optional with parties to make contracts for any particular kind of measure, and that the standard measures should be used when others were not specially named. It was one of those laws which, in all countries in had been found extremely difficult to enforce. He hoped the time was not far distant when the weights and measures of the country would be uniform in all the provinces.

The bill was read a second and third time and passed.

THIRD READINGS.

The amendments to the bill to amend the Quebec Harbor and Pilotage Act of 1873, were concurred in, and the bill was read a third time and passed.

Bill respecting certain Ordnance and Admiralty Lands in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, was read a third time and passed.

The House adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 28th.

The SPEAKER took the chair at ten o'clock a.m.

After routine,

THE SUPPLY BILL.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the Supply Bill.

Hon. Mr. MACPHERSON said he wished to call the attention of the House to the very large amount in schedule A. That amount should properly have been voted last session, because it had already been expended. It was an after vote, and, therefore, showed that the estimates of the year, in fact during the past two or three years, had been delusive. Next session there would be a schedule A to supplement the