

division, and the Bill was reported without amendment.

#### SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

The following bills were advanced to their final stage.

Respecting the shipping of seamen.

To make temporary provision for the election of members to the House of Commons.

To readjust the receipts and liabilities of the different Provinces. (Surplus debt Bill.)

Relative to inspection of staple articles of produce.

Respecting export duties on lumber from New Brunswick.

To make better provision for the trial of election petitions.

To establish a police force in the North West Territory.

To readjust the salaries of the Judges.

To raise the salaries of Ministers and indemnity to members of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the bill to admit Prince Edward Island into the Union. Carried.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACK briefly expressed his great satisfaction at the progress of this measure and the early completion of Confederation.

The bill was read a third time on the motion of the Postmaster-General, when the House adjourned till Friday, at eleven a.m.

FRIDAY, May 23.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at eleven o'clock.

#### QUEBEC HARBOUR BILL.

On the order for the third reading of the Quebec Harbour Improvements Bill.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said he had, at the suggestion of his hon. friend opposite (Mr. Head), who took some objection to the bill, on its second reading, assented to an amendment, which was proposed to be added as a rider at the end of the schedule of the 18th clause, to prevent the imposition of any tolls, rates, duties or dues upon timber, either square, round or any, or upon deals or sawn lumber exported from the port of Quebec, by sea, to any place out of the Province of Quebec before the first January, 1874.

Amendment agreed to.

The bill as amended was sent to the Lower House, which did not concur in it. The Bill subsequently passed the Senate in its original shape.

The House, having spent some time waiting for bills from the Commons, adjourned till half past two.

On re-assembling the Bill to grant to Her Majesty certain sums of money (the supplies) was passed on motion of Hon. Mr. Campbell, seconded by Hon. Mr. Aikins.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT.

His Excellency the Governor General having arrived at three o'clock, took his place on the throne. After a few minutes the Commons were summoned to the bar, when His Honor Mr. Speaker Cockburn presented the Supply Bill and the others passed since His Excellency's last official visit to the House, for the Royal assent.

The measures were presented in the following order and sanctioned accordingly:

An Act for keeping order on board passenger steamers.

An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

An Act to amend the Erie and Niagara Railway Company Act of 1863.

An Act to incorporate the Citizen Printing and Publishing Company, limited.

An Act to incorporate the North Star Silver Mining Company.

An Act to amend the Patent Act of 1872.

An Act to incorporate the Canada and Detroit River Bridge Company.

An Act further to amend the Act relating to banks and banking.

An Act to incorporate La Banque de St. Hyacinthe.

An Act to incorporate the Victoria Bank of Canada.

An Act to incorporate the Stadacona Bank.

An Act to incorporate the Imperial Bank.

An Act to incorporate the Dominion Board of Trade.

An Act respecting the Trinity House and Harbour Commissioner of Montreal.

An Act for the better protection of navigable streams and rivers.

An Act to incorporate Date's Patent Steel Company, limited.

An Act to incorporate the King's County Board of Trade.

An Act to extend the powers of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Acts incorporating