

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON said he hoped that by the concurrence of other honorable gentlemen what was desired could be effected, and for the future there should be no such grounds for complaint.

Hon. Mr. WILSON thought it might be a great inconvenience for Mr. Lemoine to have to translate everything that might require translation. If he could not accomplish what was required from him in this respect, it would be well to name some person for that duty.

Hon. Mr. LÉVELLIER DE ST. JUST—Will Mr. Lemoine give the French translation of the report?

Mr. Lemoine then read the report in French.

The motion was then put as moved by Hon. Mr. SIMPSON, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Aikins, "That the first report of the Committee on Printing be now adopted," and it was carried unanimously.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT submitted a statement of all bonded securities registered with the Secretary of State.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT gave notice that on Monday the 13th April he will enquire whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government of Canada and the Imperial Government, relative to the disallowance of the Act for the examination of witnesses on oath before Committees of Parliament, and if not, whether the Government intend to take any action in this matter?

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN gave notice that on Monday the 13th April, he will ask if it is the intention of the Executive Government to submit during the present session, a measure for enforcing prepayment of postage on all letters?

Hon. Mr. ODELL gave notice that on Monday the 13th April, he will move for an humble address to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a return showing the date of sailing of each of the Allan steam packet ships under contract for carrying the English mails on their westward voyages from Liverpool, Great Britain, and the date of their arrival at Halifax, Quebec, and Portland, Maine, during the year 1873, specifying also the time occupied by such ships in each voyage.

Hon. Mr. READ had given notice that he would move that Mr Speaker be desired to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Senate Restaurant, but the motion was postponed until Monday.

Hon. Mr. PENNY, in accordance with previous notice, rose to move:—

"That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications addressed to the Minister of Customs within three years complaining of the conduct of the late Collector of Customs at Montreal, and in case such complaints were made of any correspondence relating thereto: and of reports indicating the result of any enquiry made by order of the Minister of Customs into the truth thereof; also of all petitions and correspondence relating to the pension which had been granted to the late Collector of the Port of Montreal." He said he made this motion for papers, because it was a matter of public notoriety that complaints had been made against the late Collector. It was proper for him to say at the outset that these did not directly affect the integrity of the administration of the customs law as between the Government and the importers; but if what was said of the Collector was true, there was no doubt that there was great demoralization in the office under his care. He did not desire that they should now enter into the character of the charges that had been made, but he wanted to call the attention of the Government to the manner in which the charges had been treated. He understood that there had been some kind of an inquiry, but he did not know what the nature of it was, though he thought it was of importance that it should be made known, because the charges were of a grave nature. * * * As the case now stood, there seemed to be one of two alternatives open to explain; the conduct of the Customs Department. Either it had consented to retain under the nose, as it were of the Collector, a subordinate officer who had grossly libelled him, and lied about him. Or it had shown no interest in ascertaining whether the most important officer in the country in respect to the collection of the revenue had been guilty of acts which must place him wholly in the power of those whom he ought to control. Either alternative was most disastrous to the public service.

The motion was carried, and it was ordered that such members of the House as are members of the Privy Council do wait on His Excellency with said address.

Hon. Mr. HOWLAN gave notice that on Monday next he will move an address to His Excellency the Governor-General for a copy of the advertisement for the winter steamer to Prince Edward's Island, as well as a copy of all tenders received for said service.