

Bill (No. 133) to extend to the Province of Manitoba an Act for the more speedy trial, in certain cases, of parties charged with felonies and misdemeanours.—(Sir Hector Langevin).

Bill (No. 134) further to amend the Act respecting the Public Works of Canada.—(Sir Hector Langevin).

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. The right hon. First Minister, having been obliged to leave the House, has asked me to say that a statement has appeared in the *Globe* newspaper that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have applied to the Government for a further loan of \$5,000,000. There is no foundation at all for this statement. There has been no application, either by the Company or by any member or director of the Company, for any such loan or any loan whatever.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to; and (at 1:20 o'clock, a.m.) the House adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 4th April, 1884.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell), in moving the adoption of the Seventh Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, said: This report was presented yesterday, and appears in the Votes and Proceedings to-day. It contains a report of the Sub-Committee in which is recommended the payment of a small gratuity of \$100 for services rendered last year by Mr. Romaine and his assistant in the stationery office, for special work performed in making indexes and work of that kind, the amount to be divided between those two officers. It also contains the printing accounts of the Printing Committee, and although they had been audited by Mr. McDougall, the Auditor-General, the Committee considered that it would be well to continue the practice of auditing the accounts which they had adopted in the past, and they caused them to be audited again, and now submit them to the House. The report also recommends the granting, in answer to applications made by Mr. Romaine and Mr. Sloane, of \$300 to one and \$200 to the other, for special services rendered by them in the stationery office. The duties of that office are set forth in the report which is presented, and I need not here specially refer to them. I may mention, however, Mr. Speaker, that up to within the last three years the proof-reading of all Parliamentary documents has been done by persons outside that office, with the exception of two documents, the list of bank shareholders and the penitentiary returns, which were read in the office of the Clerk of Stationery. The proofs of all the other documents were read by persons outside, and at one time there were as many as four persons engaged outside the office in the work of proof-reading which is now done entirely within the stationery office. Then, Sir, the practice has also been recently adopted—and it is one of the services which it is proposed to reward in this report—of going carefully through all the documents and excluding from them duplicate matter and matter which is really not at all necessary

to be printed; and when I tell the House that during the last year no less than 1,159 pages of manuscript were thrown out, without reference at all to the great care which had been exercised in condensing the matter which was put in, it will be admitted that a very substantial service has been rendered by that department in this connection. I may also say that the preparation of the index with the Sessional Papers and Journals of the Session, is done now in the office, though it had always been done previously by clerks outside the office. In addition to that those members who are familiar with the work in the office itself as to the manner in which the stationery is now kept, and as to the economy which has been effected in the purchase of a cheaper class of envelopes and a cheaper class of paper for the translators' office and the *Hansard*, will, I think, all admit what was testified to by a Committee of the last Parliament on the subject, that very much more than the salary paid in that office has been saved by the officers who are now in charge of it, by the skill and industry which they have displayed in conducting it. The proposal is that, in accordance with what has always been the practice of the Printing Committee, they shall receive a small gratuity in addition to their salaries, for special services rendered to the Committee itself.

Mr. MACKENZIE. When was the stationery office placed in charge of the Joint Committee on Printing?

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). The stationery office, I think, is not under the Committee; but this is work done in the stationery office—such work as proof-reading. The work of going through manuscript and excluding all unnecessary matter, and the work of preparing indexes for the Journals and appendices is certainly within the control of the Printing Committee.

Mr. MACKENZIE. No.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). The work is done in that office.

Mr. MACKENZIE. The position is this: The Printing Committee appear to have assumed the charge of certain offices in the building which are in connection with the House of Commons. The Printing Committee have nothing to do with the stationery office or with the Journals; they have simply to do with the printing of documents referred to them by both Houses. I object to the motion for the adoption of the report on a point of order: the Committee's report deals with matters which were never committed to them. I ask that the report and appendix be read.

The motion was allowed to stand.

MEGANTIC CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Mr. SPEAKER informed the House that he had received from the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Canada, a certified copy of the judgment and decision of the said Court in the Election Appeal relating to the Electoral District of Megantic, in the Province of Quebec, wherein Louis Israel Côté, alias Fréchette, Appellant, and Jacques François Goulet, et al, Respondents, by which the said election was declared void.

Mr. SPEAKER also informed the House, that in conformity with the Act 37 Victoria, Chapter 5, Section 36, he had issued his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ of Election for the said Electoral District.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

The following Reports were laid upon the Table:—

Report on Weights and Measures, being Supplement No. 2 to the Report of Inland Revenue, 1883,—and Report on Adulteration of Food, being Supplement No. 3 to the