

Hon. Mr. McMASTER said these societies were creditable to the sections in which they existed and had done good service; and numerous as they were and extensive as was their business, not a dollar had been lost by them. They ought to be spoken of with respect.

The amendments and third reading were agreed to.

THIRD READINGS.

Act to incorporate the Maritime Warehousing and Dock Company.

Act respecting the Desjardins Canal.

Act to incorporate the Dominion Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

CONTINGENCIES.

Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR presented the second report of the Contingencies Committee, and after explanations, moved its adoption. Carried.

Hon. Mr. BOTS-FORD moved the third reading of the Maritime Railway Equipment Company Bill. Carried.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the Pictou Harbour Bill, Nova Scotia, was referred to Committee of the Whole, from which it was reported without amendment.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the bill from the Commons respecting wreck and salvage. He explained that after wrecks somebody should be on the spot to look after the vessels, and the protection of all property exposed. In addition to provisions to meet this want, he proposed to lay restriction on dealers in marine stores, as had been done in England. Carried.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL next moved the second reading of the bill from the Commons, for the improvement of the St. Lawrence between Quebec and Montreal. It was thereby designed to raise by loan a sum not exceeding a million and a half, to deepen Lake St. Peter to twenty-two feet at low water. The work was to be under the charge of the Commissioner of Public Works, and the supervision of the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal.

Hon. Mr. RYAN directed notice to a mistake in the bill, by which payments to the sinking fund were to commence in July 1873, instead of July 1878.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said he would enquire into the matter, and correct the error, if such it was.

The following bills were read a second time:

[Bill from Commons] Montreal Telegraph Company's powers extension Bill.— [Hon. Mr. Ferrier.]

[Bill from Commons] Buffalo and Lake

Huron Railway Company's Bond Debt Bill.— [Hon. Mr. Ferrier.]

Several bills from the House of Commons were read a first time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 8.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

After routine,

Hon. Mr. WILMOT asked whether it was the intention of the Government to appropriate any money for the purpose of deepening the channel of the River St. John at the Oromocto shoals, in accordance with the recommendation of Henry F. Perley, Esq., C. E., in his report to the Department of Public Works?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL replied that means would be appropriated for dredging, and he would be willing, in company with the honorable gentleman, to meet the Minister of Public Works to discuss the question of constructing booms and further improvements.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT said these works would not be very expensive.

Hon. Mr. ODELL urged these improvements as much wanted, and not likely to prove costly.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills were reported from committee and read a third time:

To extend the powers of the Montreal Telegraph Company.

To change the name of the Superior Bank of Canada to that of the Imperial Bank.

Date's Patent Steel Company Bill—Hon. Mr. DICKSON.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved the second reading of the bill to make further provision for the Government of the North West Territories. He briefly explained its purpose to be the empowering of the Governor in Council, in conjunction with the Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, to extend new laws passed by this Parliament to the North West Territories. The laws necessary to enforce there, might perhaps safely be left to the discretion of the Governor General here and Lieut.-Governor there. By way of offering additional or necessary protection in this matter, a schedule was attached to the bill, suggesting the acts which should be extended, but the Governor General was not limited thereto, having a proper discretion in the matter; provided always that nothing be done inconsistent with any act expressly