

these doors, to carry out the original object of the measure.

After some discussion the motion was lost. Contents, 18; non-contents, 20.

HON. MR. SCOTT then moved that the order be discharged (abandoning the bill.) Carried.

SENATE DEBATES.

HON. MR. DICKEY moved the adoption of the third report of the Select Committee on printing and publishing the debates of the Senate. Carried.

ELEVENTH REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

HON. MR. SIMPSON moved the adoption of the eleventh report of the Joint Committee on Printing. Carried.

GATINEAU BOOMS AND WORKS.

HON. MR. READ, in moving the consideration of the third report of the Select Committee on Gatineau Booms and Works, said it will be in the recollection of the members of the House, that in moving for a Committee to enquire into the construction of the booms, piers and other works on the Gatineau River in the spring of 1874, I did so without making any remark or giving any explanation, as I had agreed with the leader of the Government in this House on the names that were to be moved as the members to compose that Committee. As the Government have repeatedly complained against any interference of this House in the Executive Administration of the Departments, I for one feel it is our duty, as well as our privilege, to enquire into any Administrative Act where in our opinion an injustice has been done to any of Her Majesty's subjects, and I think before I take my seat I will show conclusively that this is a case demanding a Parliamentary investigation and interference, as in the Committee they were unanimous that justice had been meted out to the complainant. Booms and piers were to be built on the Gatineau River. Tenders were asked for, and advertised only in one paper, and that for only five days (a very strange circumstance.) This is the notice:—

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

"Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned

and endorsed 'Tenders for Works' will be received at this office until Saturday next, the 7th instant at noon for the following works:—

"The construction of a new boom, one mooring pier, four anchor piers and the enlargement of the present upper mooring pier at the Gatineau, about three-quarters of a mile above the mouth of that river.

"Plans and specifications for the above works can be seen on and after Wednesday, the 4th instant, at the office of the Superintendent of Ottawa River Works, where printed forms of tender and all other necessary information can be obtained.

"There will be required the actual signatures, occupations and residence of the parties tendering as well as of two responsible persons willing to become sureties for the due fulfilment of the works.

"The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

"By order,

"SECRETARY.

"Department of Public Works,

"Ottawa, 2nd February, 1874."

In response to that notice were received the following tenders:—

Schedule of Tenders received for the Gatineau Boom Extension.

No. 1—W. Palen.....	\$15,863 86
" 2—J. Harvey.....	16,059 18
" 3—Murphy & Braden.....	16,550 50
" 4—Pidgeon.....	17,193 90
" 5—Robert Stanley.....	19,131 79
" 6—J. Lyons.....	19,415 01
" 7—F. McKenna (drawing chains only).....	

By this it will be seen Wm. Palen's was the lowest, but what comes next the following letters will show, and the results by evidence fully explain that John Lyons was to be rewarded for some service, and was so rewarded at the expense of the tax-payers of the country, and the work and money beside of Wm. Palen.

"OTTAWA, January 14th, 1874.

"We, the undersigned, are acquainted with the bearer, Mr. John Lyons, of Ottawa, contractor, and know him to be a good and competent person to fulfill whatever undertaking he tenders for. We have confidence in his sobriety and honesty of purpose and industry, and he has our earnest wishes for the success in whatever undertaking he enters upon.

(Signed,) W. H. WALLER,
JOHN P. FEATHERSTONE,
WM. FINDLAND,
DR. P. ST. JEAN,
FRANCIS McDougall,
CHARLES BATE.

"The Hon. R. W. Scott."

Here commences the bargain. John Lyons is an active political canvasser, and not in accord with the present Government; the signers to this are all of the purest of Grits, one the now sitting member. We know them all except