

son." The law will be violated; they will go on and hold their secret tribunals, but perhaps if the law was less sweeping in its character they would be more likely to observe it.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I observe that in the report of the Chinese Commission they quote the opinion of judges and others on this subject.

HON. MR. KAULBACH — There seems to have been a lot of unsubstantial vague evidence brought before that Commission. The effect of this law may be to render their secret societies more secret. If they violate the law now, they are liable to be punished by the law of the country.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that the Committee rise and report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The motion was agreed to.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

AFTER RECESS.

MANITOBA CLAIMS BILL.

THIRD READING.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (155) "An Act for the final settlement of the claims made by the Province of Manitoba on the Dominion."

HON. MR. BELLEROSE, from the Committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The bill was then read the third time and passed.

THE FRANCHISE BILL.

THIRD READING.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the third reading of Bill (103), "An Act respecting the Electoral Franchise."

HON MR. HAYTHORNE—It is not necessary that I should speak at any length on the third reading of this Bill, as I had the honor of addressing the House on the second reading; but I said then that I

should move an amendment on the third reading, with a view to the perpetuation of the Electoral Franchise in Prince Edward Island, in the manner in which it is at present. Hon. gentlemen may readily conceive that this is a task which to me takes the form of a duty. The amendment which I am about to move is one that I can recommend to this House with the greater confidence, because ten years ago the Senate interfered to preserve the existing franchise of Prince Edward Island. I referred to the circumstances of that occasion the other day, and perhaps it is unnecessary for me to repeat them at length now; but this I will say that the action then taken by this House has been most kindly remembered in our Province from that day to this. It is generally the case that when a number of the freemen of that Province meet together for the discussion of public affairs, they are very apt to remember the part the Senate of Canada took on that occasion. Although the seats are not very full this evening, there are not a few gentleman listening to me now who took part in the debate, although ten years make a sad inroad upon a body constituted as this Senate is, and during that period we have to regret the passing away of a quite a number of gentlemen who then took an active part in the proceedings of this body. Still, unless I am greatly mistaken, there are more than a few members present to-day who assisted in preserving the franchise of Prince Edward Island on that occasion. I appeal to those gentlemen, especially, to once more preserve this franchise, and I appeal to other gentlemen who occupy the seats of those who have passed away from us to take the same action this evening as their predecessors did upon the former occasion. I think, myself, that this can be done without any great breach of party fealty. It seems to me an action worthy of the Senate, that without any break, or decided interference with a Government measure, we can say to the people of that province "We sympathize with your apprehensions, and we are willing to maintain for you, as much as in us lies, all the rights and privileges which are part of your inheritance." The Government having already conceded so far as to allow existing voters in Prince Edward Island to retain their suffrages during the term of